

VZ-FPB Balancing/Docking Plate for the FlowPod

The VZ-FPB consists of the mounting plate and c-clamp

Using the VZ-FPB is simple. The FlowPod grip handle has a machined groove near its top that enables you to slip the handle into the u-shaped slot of the VZ-FPB plate, securing the FlowPod for the balancing procedure.

First you must secure the VZ-FPB to a sturdy, flat, level surface (e.g., table or workbench) with the supplied clamp. Note that the top of the plate has a recessed circle to accommodate the fixed contact pad of the c-clamp. See the picture above.

Once you have secured the VZ-FPB, slide the FlowPod handle into the u-shaped slot of the plate. The handle should drop into the sunken round section at the back of the slot, locking the FlowPod into position. Make sure your FlowPod handle is unlocked and adjust the X-Y assembly so the camera becomes level (horizontal balance).

SPECIAL NOTE: For vertical balancing, the FPB is a good place to attach and adjust your weights. You can do the 'drop test' from the FPB, but the range of motion will be limited and you should exercise caution so neither FlowPod nor camera strike the table. For final testing, you'll need to be holding the FlowPod to check the side-to-side stability, so plan on approximating the vertical balance on the FPB and doing the final tweak after the handheld test.

You may find that you'll want to tweak the overall balance after handling the unit for a few minutes. Although the simple guidelines in the instructions explain how to balance the unit, the art of balancing the FlowPod is really in acquiring a feel for correct balance. After balancing your camera properly one time, it's a simple matter to do it again.

The FPB is a major help in balancing, but it will also provide a docking stand to hold the FlowPod while you're not using it. www.varizoom.com

