

NEOPOD

ULTRALIGHT BIPODS



« The quick attachable spigot mount set into the forend gives you a low centre of gravity

« Universal adapter

Bipods have become universally accepted as the best field rest for hunting any time you're shooting prone

With a bipod up front and your off-hand or a little pouch or similar under the butt, they provide the most stable shooting platform in the most portable shooting system.

On expedition wilderness trips where we weigh every ounce, at times we've left the bipod behind to save a little more weight. The average 9 - 13 inch swivel bipod weighs around 400gms, the lighter non-swivels we have been using for hunting are around 300gms, but we've just been sent a quality bipod that weighs just 80gms, or 114gms including its mounting adapter!

Steinert Systems are a Norwegian company that also make an acoustic chronograph and an acoustic target, and now they have entered the ultralight



bipod market. The NeoPod is made of a carbon fibre reinforced PEEK polymer that is half the weight of aluminium but as strong as stainless steel! With such a low weight, you'd have expected the NeoPod to have lost some of the other features necessary in a bipod, but that is not the case. **The legs are extendable from 6.5 to 9 inches, with notches every .25 inches for fine tuning your level and height.** They fold forward up under the barrel with a nifty locking system - no springs. The bipod attaches by pushing over a 1.5"/40mm long spigot on the front of the universal mounting bracket. This bracket can either attach to the rifle's front swivel stud, or there is a range of other adapters for rifles with flush mounted removable swivel studs like Sauers and some Blaslers etc. This push on fitting is super quick, and far less fiddly than most bipod fittings, allowing

you to only clip it on when you need it. This system gives you a lower centre of gravity as the pivot point is higher up than the common bipods, and this is also an advantage.

There is about 15 degrees of swivel available built into bipod/spigot connector, although it is not lockable. I personally don't believe it needs any swivel at all, as the notched legs are so quick to adjust to get your rifle set up level anyway. The legs spring out till they hit the ground when you push the leg release which is ideal. Some others spring back in and you have to pull them out, which is quite the wrong direction when you're trying to level the rifle in a hurry before an animal walks off. I actually prefer a non-swivel as it's more solid and doesn't torque under recoil the same as a swivel sometimes can.

Of course, space age materials and design doesn't come cheap, but if weight saving is your number one selection criteria, then have a good look at the NeoPod at your local hunting shop.

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