

Comparison Between The RUG-ID Aluminum (ALU) and Carbon Fiber (CF) Tripods

Key Characteristic	RUG-ID ALU Aluminum Tripod	RUG-ID CF Carbon-Fiber Tripod	Comments
Heights Available	8.75 Ft (105") or 11.67 Ft (140") 3-Masts or 4-Masts	9.1 Ft (109.5") or 11.6 Ft (139") w/o and w/ a Geared Column	Essentially the same CF Geared Center Column Optional at \$575, ALU Extra mast \$96 ea. and lead screw \$36 ea.
Minimum Height Collapsed	35"	28.7"	CF tripod comes with black fabric carry bags for tripod and geared column
Weight of Tripod	35 lbs	12 lbs	What's best for your application: 12lb is easy to carry, 35 lbs stays in place in strong wind gusts
Weight Capacity	50 lbs	88 lbs	
Material	6061 Aircraft Aluminum	CF and ALU	
Finish	Black Anodize	Unknown	
Assembly	Sections screw together with pins	1/4 Turn Knobs to Extend Legs	ALU is easy to assemble and erect, CF requires no assembly and is faster to erect
Can Mount JPTH-13MPoE	Yes	Yes - (optional)	An adapter plate is optional (\$375) on the CF unit (will not work with geared center column)
Adjustable Leg Angles	No - Fixed at 45 deg.	Yes - 26, 55 and 89 Deg	CF is extremely flexible in this respect
Leveling Feet	Yes	No - Adjust leg length	CF is more adaptable to very rough terrain
Bubble Level	Yes	Yes	
Stability	More Stable than CF	Very Stable	ALU tripod comes standard with (4) stakes and (3) guy ropes & weighs more than CF
Cam/Ant Rotation Ability	Yes	Can Be Done Not As Easy As Alu	If needed, manual rotation of antenna or camera with lens w/o a Pan/Tilt head, ALU is best choice
Warranty	1-Yr	7-yrs US, elsewhere 6-mo.	
Cost	\$1450 (8.75 Ft)	\$1650 (9.1 Ft)	