

# TrekPod™ .vs Cullman Tripod-Monopod

Although both the Cullman and the TrekPod are combination tools, their approach is significantly different.

The Cullman is a full sized tripod with a clever pull-out center post that doubles as a monopod. It also includes a 3-way head and one quick release mounting plate.

The combined bulk and weight (5 pounds/2.27 kg), and the two-piece design of the Cullman, make it less than ideal for field use, but where weight and ease of transport are not primary considerations, the Cullman Tripod-Monopod provides a useful, dual-function photographers tool. It appears, however, that the Cullman has no practical use as a hiking staff.

In comparison the TrekPod combines in one integrated, lightweight (30 oz/.85kg) unit, a tripod, monopod, hiking/wading staff, and unique ball head with magnetic instant mount and demount system.

The TrekPod's integrated MagMount™ system also includes 2 Mag Adapters (equivalent to mounting plates), one for lightweight devices and one for heavier devices.

The TrekPod will be somewhat less rigid and/or stable under some conditions, and doesn't collapse to quite as short an overall length as the Cullman, but it is much more portable and ideally suited for field and casual use. TrekPod also adds the functionality of a walking and wading staff, making it not only easy to carry, but, in fact, helpful to take along.

Please visit [www.trek-tech.com/products](http://www.trek-tech.com/products) for more information.



Maximum Height - Tripod mode	60.0" / 152.4 cm	58.0" / 147.3 cm
Maximum Height - Monopod mode	64.9" / 165 cm	62.5" / 159 cm
Minimum Height - Tripod mode	48" / 121.9 cm	43" / 109 cm
Minimum Height - Monopod mode	N/A	46.5" / 118 cm
Folded Length	24" / 61.0 cm	35.5" / 90 cm*
Load Capacity - Tripod Mode	7.72 lb / 3.50 kg	9 lbs / 4 kg**
Load Capacity - Hiking Staff Mode	N/A	100 lbs / 45.4 kg**
Leg Sections	3	3
Leg Lock Type	Flip levers (tripod) & Twist	Twist
Independent Leg Spread	No	Yes
Center Column Sections	1	1
Center Column Type	Sliding	Sliding
Center Brace	Yes	No
Spiked Feet	No	No***
Head Type	3-Way Panhead with QR	Ballhead with QR
Head Mount Thread Size	3/8"-16	1/4"-20
Weight	5.00 lb / 2.27 kg	1.9 lb / .85 kg
Internet Price Range (US \$'s)	\$144.95 - \$169.95	\$139.95 - \$155.55

\*Disassembled into two sections - \*\*See [www.trek-tech.com/faq](http://www.trek-tech.com/faq) for more load & rating info - \*\*\*Optional 2007

All comparison data was compiled from the internet mid-2005, and is accurate to the best of our knowledge.