

Quick Start Guide

CEM70™ Center-balanced GoTo Equatorial Mount

Models: CEM70, CEM70G, CEM70W, CEM70EC, CEM70EC2 & CEM70-NUC



PACKAGE CONTENTS¹

- CEM70 mount with internal iPolar™ electronic Polar Scope
- Hand Controller (HC) – Go2Nova® 8410
- Counterweight – 21 lbs (9.5 kg)
- Stainless steel counterweight shaft
- Built-in GPS module
- Hand controller coiled cables
- USB cable
- AC adapter – 100/240V (DC output 12V/5A, indoor use only)
- Hard case
- Quick Start Guide (this document)

ONLINE RESOURCES (at www.iOptron.com, under **Support**)

- User's Manual
- Hand controller and mount firmware upgrades (check online for the latest version)
- ASCOM and Commander for computer control
- Discount coupon code for TheSky™ Imaging Edition

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¹ The design, contents and packaging may change from time to time without notice. Tri-pier not included

STOP!!! Carefully read this Guide BEFORE setting up and using the equipment!
Worm/gear damages due to improper uses are not covered by warranty.

WARNING: Never disengage Gear Switches without holding the mount firmly! Fail to do so may result in personal injuries and/or equipment damages.

1. **Remove mount head from package:** The RA axle is locked by an Allen wrench. Make sure it is inserted all the way in. Check the R.A. and DEC Gear Switches and make sure they are at the unlock position before removing it from the box.



2. **Attach the mount:** The mount has a 152mm base, which can be mounted onto an iOptron tri-pier, LiteRoc tripod, or your own tripod/pier with two M8 threaded mounting holes separated 130mm in diameter



Hold mount head while remove the Allen wrench from the RA yoke. Turn the RA gear switch to locking position to prevent RA free swing.

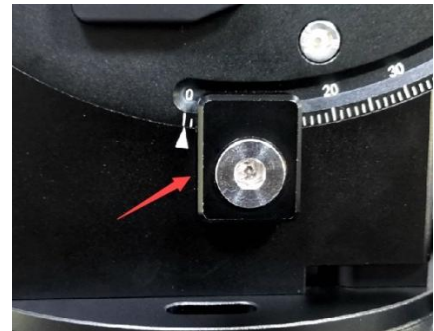
Two mounting screws are installed on the base. Rotate the mount to align the screws to the tripod mounting holes. Insert the wrench into the holes on the base where azimuth locking screws are located.



Store the wrench inside the base. The wrench size is 6mm.

Level the mount by adjusting the tripod legs. Use the build-in Bubble Level Indicator or an external level for this purpose.

3. **Adjust latitude:** Without any payload, loosen the Latitude Locking Clamps about a quarter (1/4) turn with the Allen wrench.

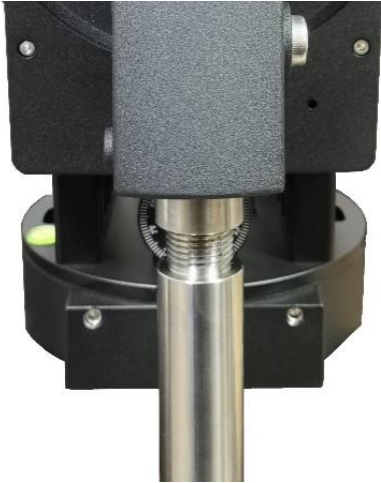


Turn the Latitude Adjustment Knob until the arrow points to your current latitude on the Latitude Scale. There are fine scales on the Knob, as shown in the photo. Tighten the Latitude Locking Clamps when done.



4. **Install counterweight (CW) shaft:** The CW shaft system is a two part configuration. It comes with preinstalled top part of the shaft. Just simply thread the CW shaft onto it.

[**TIP:** If you latitudes is lower than 10°, please refer to the full online manual to adjust the counterweight shaft position to avoid CW bumping into tripod leg.]



5. **Install counterweight(s):** Before putting on CW, make sure the mount is at its zero position, i.e., CW shaft points to the ground. **Disengage the R.A. Gear Switch to set the R.A. axis free before loading the CW.** Remove the CW Safety Cap at the end of CW Shaft. Glide the CW over the shaft with the larger hole opening facing down. Place the Safety Cap back onto the shaft. Move the CW to the bottom of the shaft and tighten the CW locking Screw.



You may need more CW for heavier payloads, or a smaller CW for lighter scopes.

6. **Install telescope:** CEM70 is equipped with a Vixen/Losmandy-D dual saddle. It can receive either a Vixen or a Losmandy-D plate. Release the dovetail saddle locking knobs and slide the telescope dovetail plate into the saddle. Tighten the saddle locking knobs.

7. **Balancing the payload:** After attaching the scope and accessories, the mount head assembly must be balanced in both DEC and RA axes to ensure minimum stresses on the mount driving mechanism.

CAUTION: The telescope may swing freely when the R.A. or DEC Gear Switch is disengaged. Always hold on to the mount and/or telescope assembly before releasing the Gear Switches to prevent it from swinging, which can cause personal injuries and/or equipment damages.

Set the mount at Zero Position. Disengage both RA and DEC gear switches and move the mount to horizontal position to check balance. Return to Zero Position for balance adjustment. Balance the DEC axis by moving the scope with accessories back and forth in the mount saddle or within the scope mounting rings. Balance the assembly in R.A. axis by moving CW along its shaft. Repeat the process until both DEC and RA axes are balanced.

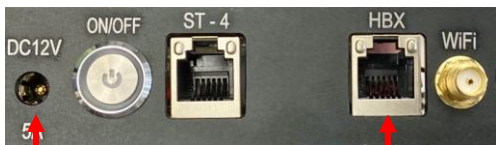


CAUTION: The balancing process MUST be done with Gear Switch at the total disengaged position! Otherwise it might damage the worm system.

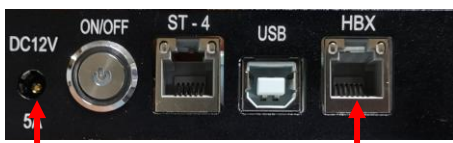
Return the mount to Zero Position after balancing and engage gear switches.

8. **Connecting cables:** Plug in a 12V DC power supply to the DC12V power socket (size 5.5mm/2.5mm).

Connect the Go2Nova[®] 8407 Hand Controller to the HBX port on the mount base panel.



CEM70G/CEM70W/CEM70-NUC Power and HC connection



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Refer to the full User's Manual on how to use the cable management system.

9. **Polar alignment:** CEM70 mounts are equipped with an iPolar[™] electronic polar scope. To perform polar alignment, please refer to CEM70 User's Manual, or iPolar Operation Manual from iOptron's website, or follow steps briefly outlined below:

- Download and install iPolar Software (first time use);
- Connect a USB cable between the iPolar port on the mount or the USB 3.0 port and a computer, depending on a model;



- Run iPolar Software and start polar alignment by following on screen instructions.

For the mount without polar scope, please refer to full manual for **Bright Star Alignment**, or use software to assist alignment.

10. **Manual operation:** The mount can now be used to observe astronomical objects with the HC. Use arrow keys (▶, ◀, ▼, and ▲) to point the telescope to desired objects. Use the number keys to change the slewing speed. Press the **STOP/O** button to start or stop tracking.
11. **Set controller:** Press the **MENU** button; then **Settings => Set Time and Site.**



Before GPS picks up signals (before displaying GPS OK), check for **Daylight Saving Time** using arrow key to toggle between **Y** and **N**. Enter the time zone offset to the UTC; for examples:

- Boston is "UTC -300 minutes"
- Los Angeles is "UTC -480 minutes"
- Rome is "UTC +060 minutes"
- Sydney is "UTC +600 minutes"

Waiting for the mount to pick up the GPS (you'll hear beep). If the GPS is "OK'd" during setup, just power cycle the mount. Double check the HC display and it should show correct local time.

[**TIPS:** All time zones in N. America are "UTC -XXX minutes". Latitude and longitude coordinates can be obtained from GPS-equipped devices (navigator, phone), or from internet and entered manually, in case GPS cannot receive enough satellites signals (unplug the GPS module) or GPS malfunctions. "W/E" = western/eastern hemisphere; "N/S" = northern/southern hemisphere. Use arrow and number keys to enter location and time information.]

12. **Set Zero Position:** The **Set Zero Position** command registers the current position as zero position. So before registering, the mount should be physically set at Zero Position either manually or slewed by hand controller. The Zero Position is defined as the

telescope being on top of the mount head and pointing to North Pole, with CW shaft pointing to the ground. To register, press **MENU => Zero Position => Set Zero Position**. Press **ENTER** to confirm. One can also use **MENU => Zero Position => Search Zero Position** to set the Zero Position.

13. Go to an object: The mount is now ready for GOTO and tracking targets. Press **MENU**, select and **ENTER Select and Slew**. Select a category (e.g., **Solar System**), then select an object of interest (e.g., **Moon**). Press **ENTER** and the telescope will slew to the object and automatically start tracking.

14. Sync to target: If the object is not in the center of the eyepiece, use this function to center and synchronize the object to improve local GOTO accuracy. Press **MENU** and select and **ENTER Sync to Target**. Follow the on-screen instruction to perform the sync.

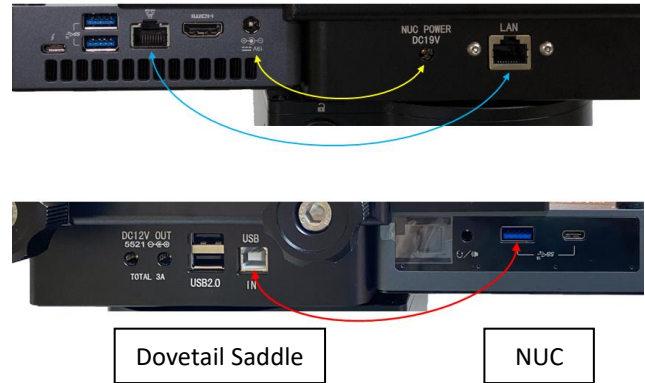
[**TIP:** After slewing to an object, a list of nearby bright object(s) can be displayed by pressing the ? button.]

15. Computer connection and autoguiding: Please refer to CEM70 product page for mount computer control.

16. Put the mount back into the package/carrying case: It is recommended to return the mount to Zero Position at the end of the observing session. Lay the mount into the carrying case. Disengage the gear system for transportation and insert the Allen wrench into RA yoke to lock the RA axis.

CEM70-NUC and Cable Connection:

For a CEM70-NUC, the thickness of a NUC should be less than 38mm, such as an Intel Frost Canyon with “Slim” K chassis BXNUC10i3FNKN1.



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