



CAMERABUDDY™ TETHERED CAMERA BAG FOR HIKERS & CLIMBERS



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NOTE: Read this manual in its entirety before using your new camera bag. Always inspect your camera bag before each use to ensure its structural integrity. Climbing and hiking can be inherently dangerous, and although this camera bag can lessen the risk of camera droppage, it cannot eliminate this risk or any other risk associated with these sports. As always, use proper diligence when participating in any outdoor activity. Ensure proper training has been obtained and understood, follow all safety guidelines for all devices you will use (including this camera bag) and consult your physician before beginning any intense endeavor.

INTRODUCTION

From all of us at Danger Buddies, thank you for your purchase of this camera bag! We're thrilled to be your Partner in Adventure™ and hope you enjoy using this product as much as we do! The CameraBuddy™ is a camera carrier designed for all-day comfort while hiking, climbing or participating in other adventure sports. It is designed to make sure you never leave your digital SLR camera behind on an adventure again, and it's compatible with existing backpacks, harnesses and more to ensure you remain comfortable and in control while operating your camera. The camera tethers directly to the bag to reduce the risk of injury from camera droppage.

PRECAUTIONS

When used properly, the CameraBuddy™ can reduce the risk of accidental droppage of your camera. NOTE: The CameraBuddy™ cannot completely eliminate droppage risks; using a camera at height is an inherently risky activity, and other precautions should always be taken, such as clearing the area below from all people within the expected drop radius, inspecting your equipment often, tethering your accessories, using redundant systems in conjunction with the CameraBuddy™ and obtaining proper training from a certified training instructor before beginning your climbing or hiking photography program. If you need a training program, consult your local climbing gym. Their instructors can point you in the right direction. If you don't have a local gym, you can contact one of the many organizations that provide training, like the American Mountain Guides Association (amga.com).

Like with any gear you own, it is always your responsibility to inspect this product before each use and retire it when it shows signs of wear and tear (see the *Periodic Inspection* section of this manual). Never use this product if it is showing signs of wear and tear. Although we have used high quality materials and designed this product to last as long as possible, like all sporting gear, it will NOT last your lifetime. It will deteriorate with age, sun exposure, constant use and abuse, and, much like a climbing rope, should be replaced as often as needed. If in doubt, send us a picture of your camera bag (feedback@dangerbuddies.com), and we'll do our best to help you evaluate it.

WARRANTY

We offer a 1-year manufacturer's limited warranty on this camera bag. The warranty covers repair and/or replacement of the product only (at our discretion) and does not cover normal wear and tear, abuse, neglect, mis-use or ancillary damage to any component contained inside the bag or connected to the bag, or any accessories used in conjunction with the bag. It is your responsibility to inspect the bag before each use, know its limitations and safe operation, and to replace it when it is no longer able to perform its intended function. To obtain warranty service, email us at feedback@dangerbuddies.com.

KEY FEATURES & COMPONENTS



ATTACHING THE CAMERA

To attach the camera to the bag, thread the camera clip into the camera's tripod thread. It should be snug, but do not force it. The rubber gasket should compress slightly to reduce the chances of the camera clip coming unthreaded during use. In high-activity sports, check this connection periodically to ensure it's remaining tight. To attach the camera clip to the tether, a girth hitch may be used. Pass the tether loop through the camera clip (*Figure 1, left*), then pass the buckle through the tether loop (*Figure 1, center*) and finally pull the assembly tight to complete the hitch (*Figure 1, right*).



FIGURE 1: Create a girth hitch by passing the tether loop through the camera clip (left), passing the buckle through the loop (center) and finally pulling the buckle tight to secure the hitch.

SECURING THE TETHER

The tether features a locking buckle to secure it to the bag. To secure the tether, insert the male portion of the buckle into the female portion of the buckle until it clicks into place. Then, slide the red locking tab to the LOCK position, as shown below.



FIGURE 2: To lock the buckle, slide the red locking tab to the LOCK position. To unlock the buckle, slide the red locking tab to the UNLOCK position.

ATTACHING THE CAMERABUDDY™ TO YOUR PACK, HARNESS OR CLIMBING SLING

The CameraBuddy™ is a very flexible camera bag. It can be used (1) with the included belt on its own, (2) above your climbing harness, (3) as a clip-on camera bag with the use of a climbing sling (not included) for over-shoulder use, (4) clipped directly to your hiking pack or even (5) clipped to your climbing harness directly.

Carabiner attachment points simplify this process. For direct harness attachment, use either of the two sets of carabiner loops, as shown in *Figure 3*, and attach to your harness gear loops as shown. The chosen loops will affect the height of the bag against your harness; choose whichever is more comfortable.



FIGURE 3: LEFT: The bag can be clipped to your harness or pack. To situate the pack higher, insert carabiners through the lower carabiner loops (sewn to the belt loops). RIGHT: The waistbelt can be used to either wear the pack over your harness or without a harness.



SECURING THE WAIST BELT

Two waist belts of different lengths are included. Choose the length most appropriate to your height and intended activity. To wear the waist belt, pass the waist belt through the belt loops. Put the belt around your waist and secure the buckle as shown below.



FIGURE 4: Insert the free end of the waistbelt into the buckle from underneath (1), then pass the free end through the front edge (2). Pull the free end to tighten it (3).

ACCESSORY ATTACHMENT

The CameraBuddy™ has multiple accessory loops on the tether to attach carabiners for clipping accessories to the camera bag. Always use redundant methods to secure your camera and accessories. Carabiners can be clipped through any of the accessory loops. The accessory loops on the tether are ideal for storing small objects inside the bag, and the accessory loops on the waist belt are ideal for attaching water bottles and larger objects, such as climbing or hiking gear.

PERIODIC INSPECTION

The CameraBuddy™ should be inspected prior to each use to make sure it is safe to use. It is your responsibility to inspect and replace your gear as needed. Key points to check are:

- Belt and buckle wear, especially the stitching securing the buckle and accessory loops
- Tether bar tacks for wear or degradation
- Camera clip, for wear to the rubber gasket or D-ring.
- Hanging loop, for signs of wear or loosening
- Buckle, to ensure plastic integrity and to ensure it is in the LOCKED position in use
- Outer nylon shell, to check for wear and tear including loose stitching or worn spots
- All carabiner loops for signs of loose or worn stitching
- NEVER use this camera bag if it shows any of the above signs of damage, wear or tear. To do so can be dangerous! If in doubt, send us a picture of your camera bag (feedback@dangerbuddies.com), and we'll do our best to help you evaluate it.