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Strap Foils Thieves

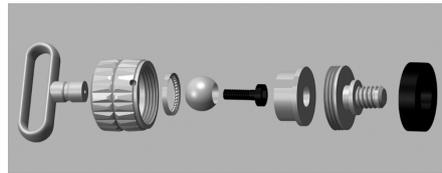
Your camera hangs securely on a Sun-Sniper Rotaball Pro

When you see the Sun-Sniper lying on a table, you might think it is a leash or bridle for a large dog or very small pony – or maybe even a bondage prop. But the black harness is actually a camera strap that keeps the photographer's hands free and prevents the camera from being snatched away. Or more specifically: It prevents the camera from being lost when the first slash with a sharp knife would be enough to sever the strap. The straps that camera suppliers usually offer mostly fall within the range of unimaginative primitive belts to designer frills.

Although the name and the English on the package may lead one to believe otherwise, the Sun-Sniper was developed in



Germany. It has been on the market for quite a while – and it is not cheap – always maintaining the diagonal principle but continuously adding improvements and enhancements. The newest feature is the Rotaball connector with its connector blocker. As the illustration shows, it is passed over the rotating ring of the screw that is inserted in the camera's tripod thread, where a soft rubber insert secures it firmly. The new connector moves freely in all directions



because the eyelet that slides along the strap ends in a stainless steel ball held in the connector in a bearing made of 24 little balls. There is another new feature to keep the camera from swinging back too far: the Limiter, an adjustable clamp that stops the eyelet along the strap. What has not been changed on the Sun-Sniper Rotaball Pro (around 90 Eur) is the shock absorber made of durable rubber and the steel cable hidden in the strap to prevent the strap from being cut.

We recommend the strap with the wide shoulder pad and an underarm strap that keeps it in place for cameras up to 5 kilos. Manufacturer testing reveals that the strap actually resists much greater loads: It does not fail until about twenty times that load is applied. The price includes an insurance policy covering up to 1000 Eur in the event that a thief manages to slash the strap. Having the camera right at your hip, ready for



the next shot, has proven useful again and again when hiking or visiting trade fairs. Assuming it is screwed in properly, the new camera fastener can be trusted implicitly. The strap is designed for use by left-handers and right-handers, men and women, and persons of every size. Sun-Sniper



also offers models that can be used to carry multiple cameras.

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