

# Umbrella-Mount Brackets INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for purchasing the Impact Standard or Deluxe Umbrella-Mount Bracket. These versatile brackets allow you to mount an umbrella and/or a portable flash\* on almost any light stand, tripod, or boom. The bracket can tilt 180,° allowing you to aim your light in any direction. Tricky or tight positions are not a problem as you can mount your flash anywhere from vertical to horizontal orientations. Both models include two removable, reversible brass stud adapters which will allow you to mount the bracket not only to stands with the standard 5/8" stud, but also to stands or tripods with a 3/8" or 1/4" screw fitting.

The Standard model features a floating lever for easy adjustments. It locks securely with a non-slip geared tooth mechanism. The Deluxe model is a sturdy metal bracket and features an adjustable shoe that accepts almost every standard shoe-mount flash.

We trust that our umbrella-mount brackets will serve your creative inspirations reliably for years to come. Please read these instructions carefully on how to set up and use your Impact Umbrella-Mount Bracket.

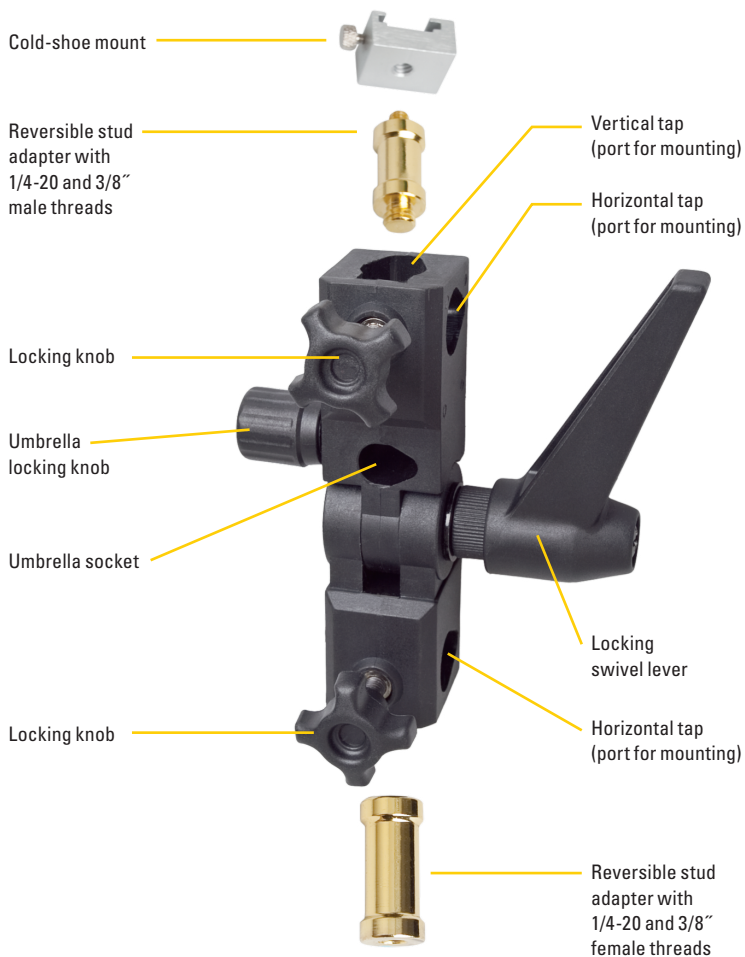
### **Caution**

These brackets are not intended for use with umbrellas larger than 45". For safety, and to protect your equipment, use weighted sand bags to stabilize your light stand.

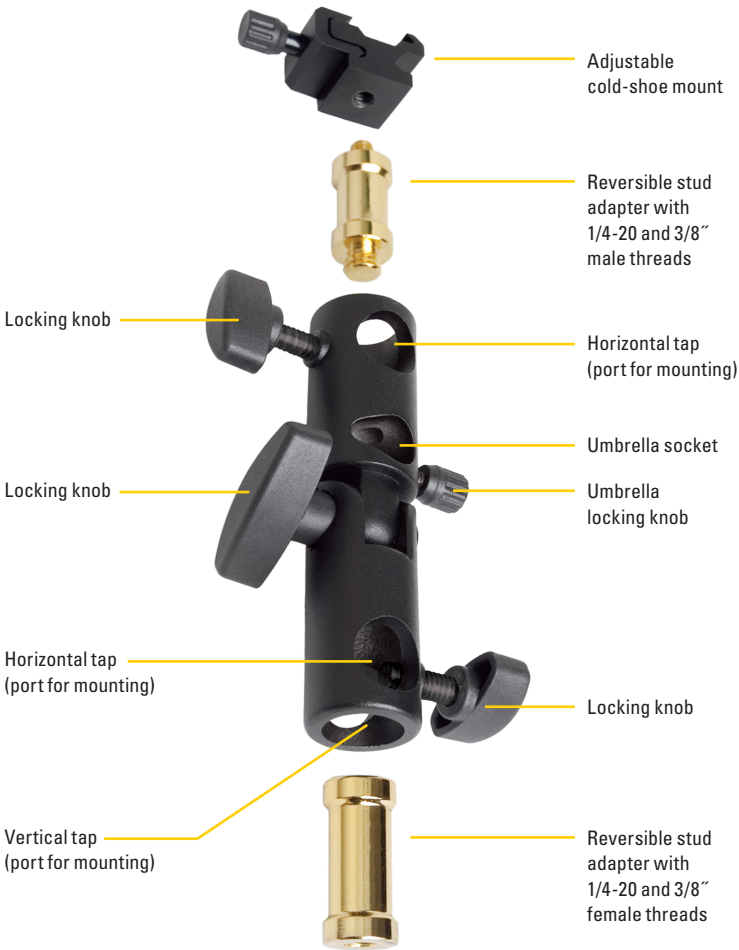
**\*Impact Standard Umbrella Mount is not compatible with Nikon® SD-900 flashes.**

*All images in this manual are for illustrative purposes only. Your umbrella-mount bracket may differ slightly from the one pictured. Light stands, floodlights, umbrellas, and portable flash units are not included with this bracket unless it was purchased as part of a kit.*

# Standard Umbrella-Mount Bracket



# Deluxe Umbrella-Mount Bracket





# Setting Up Your Umbrella-Mount Bracket



The Standard and Deluxe Umbrella-Mount brackets are very similar, but we'll show how to set up both models in this guide. Begin by loosening the locking knob. Remove the brass mounting stud adapter. Even if you don't need this stud adapter for your current setup, don't lose it. You may need it in the future.



If your light stand has a standard 5/8" stud on top, mount your bracket on the stud and tighten the locking knob.



Some light stands have a threaded screw on top. If the stud is  $5/8"$  in diameter below the threads, you may wish to mount your bracket directly to this stud. If the screw is  $3/8"$  or  $1/4"$ , use the removable brass mounting stud adapter. Screw the brass adapter onto the threads of your light stand and mount the umbrella bracket as shown in step 2.



Your Impact Umbrella-Mount bracket can also be mounted in a horizontal position. The horizontal taps (mounting holes) are also useful for mounting the bracket onto boom arms.



The cold-shoe mount on the Standard Umbrella-Mount Bracket will fit any model of flash with a standard shoe (except Nikon® SB-900 flashes). The Deluxe Umbrella-Mount Bracket features an adjustable cold shoe that will fit any portable flash. Loosen the tension screw to expand the cold shoe. Mount your flash and retighten the tension screw.



Your Umbrella-Mount Bracket can also be used to mount a small lighting fixture. Because of its ability to tilt and swivel, the bracket will give you more options for aiming your light than by using the light stand alone. Plus, you can mount an umbrella with lights that don't feature an umbrella mount.



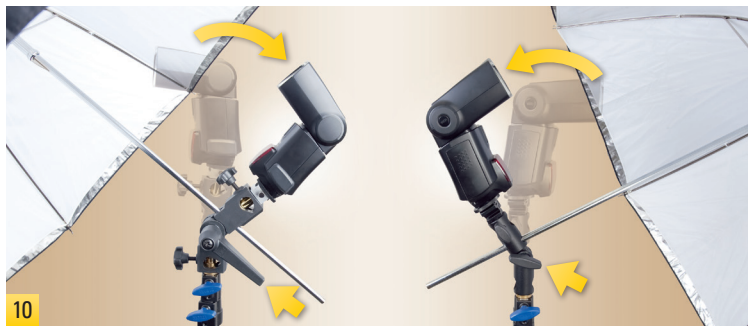
To mount a small light fixture, unscrew and remove the cold shoe. Mount the light using the exposed 1/4" screw. Or turn this fitting around for the 3/8" screw. If you need a 5/8" stud fitting, connect the two brass fitting adapters. This gives you a standard 5/8" stud fitting that most lights use.



The umbrella socket slopes upwards slightly to give your flash better beam spread into your umbrella. Insert the umbrella shaft into the high end of the umbrella socket and tighten the thumbscrew. Don't over-tighten, to avoid pinching the umbrella shaft. Umbrellas larger than 45" are not recommended for use with these brackets.



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Make your adjustments to point the flash into your umbrella. Release the locking knob underneath the cold shoe to rotate the flash. Retighten the knob.



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Release the locking lever (standard model) or the large locking knob (deluxe model) to tilt the flash. Retighten. If your flash can tilt, adjust that also, if necessary.



It's a good practice to stabilize your setup with a sand bag or weight bag. This will protect you and your equipment from injury and damage.



You are ready to start shooting.

## Accessories



### Impact Super Clamp

This is a great complement to the Impact Umbrella-Mount Bracket. Used together, the combination allows you to mount a portable flash to tubes 1/2" to 2-1/8" in diameter or practically any rigid surface. The Super Clamp is a versatile tool for which you'll discover dozens of uses.



### Impact Sand Bags & Shot Bags (Full)

Impact Sand Bags and Shot Bags come in a variety of shapes and weights, and are either black or orange. They are used for anchoring the bases of light stands and set walls. The saddle-style bags have two wings so they can be draped over light stand legs. Each side of the bag has a hand strap for easy handling and hanging on hooks. The outer shell is water resistant, heavy-duty cordura nylon.



### Impact Sand Bags (Empty)

Impact Sand Bags also come in an empty version with a double-zippered closure. They can be filled with sand, small rocks, or anything heavy, and emptied at the end of the shoot. They come in a variety of sizes and capacities.

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