

# BUTEO PHOTO GEAR®

## Manual & safety instructions Buteo Photo Gear Buteo Mark III



### Delivery includes:

- Buteo Photo Gear Buteo Mark III
- Carrying bag
- Small fibreglass poles for roof construction
- 8 pegs, 18 cm. long, black aluminium in a storage bag
- Guy ropes

### Safety first:

- The Buteo Mark III is a single-person hide, so never use it with more than one person!
- Secure the tent properly with the supplied pegs and guy ropes in bad weather conditions.
- Ventilate the tent sufficiently through the windows and door.
- Please ensure that you do not place the tent under trees where branches may fall or trees themselves may fall over.
- Do not use the hide during a storm or thunderstorm.
- Do not use fire in or around the hide, do not smoke.
- Do not take any risks with fire, especially in dry natural surroundings or during drought conditions.
- Do not use this product if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication.
- There is a label with a QR code in the tent. This code will take you to this website, where you can download these instructions again.
- Benel B.V. / Buteo Photo Gear accepts no responsibility for accident or injury caused by improper use of this product, failure to comply with the instructions provided in this manual, or modifications made to this wildlife photography hide.

### Getting started with the Buteo MIII:

#### 1. Removing the tent from its cover:

As soon as you take the tent out of the cover, it will unfold.

Warning: The hide contains spring steel under tension. Use caution when unfolding it. For safety reasons, make sure you have enough space around you before you start. Open the cover, but keep holding the tent firmly with one hand, and then carefully remove the tent from the cover.

2. Next, let the tent unfold in a controlled manner. You will then have a “flat” tent. You can then unfold it and stand it upright. Your tent is now set up!
3. The cover of the hide also contains two thin fibreglass poles (photo 1). These poles are designed to tension the roof and ensure perfect drainage of rainwater. (They are therefore not essential in dry weather). If you wish to assemble them, do so as follows:  
Click the two poles together as one piece and insert them crosswise into the inside of the tent roof. The ends with the rounded caps fit into the bright green tunnels (photo 2). This will tension the roof. Once inserted both poles, you can tie them together at the top of the roof with the strings.



*Photos 1 & 2, The ends with the rounded caps fit into the bright green tunnels.*

4. There is a small canopy at the front of the tent, which is folded up when you first use the tent. By loosening the string that secures it, it comes loose and folds forward. This canopy prevents rain from entering so you can continue taking photographs, but it also prevents sunlight from entering your tent, keeping it darker and keeping you invisible.



*Photo 3, small canopy at the front of the tent*

5. On top of the bag is a small zipped pocket (photo 4) containing 8 black aluminium tent pegs and guy ropes, packed in a small bag. (photo 5)



*Photos 4 & 5, On top of the bag is a small zippered pocket with accessories.*

The tent pegs and guy ropes can be used to secure the tent if desired. Do this at your own discretion when necessary. There are 8 aluminium tent pegs: 4 pegs to secure the tent at each corner, 4 pegs for the guy ropes.

**Using the hide:**

- 6. The entrance has an additional insect net as a second door, which also has a camouflage print (same colour). By opening the door (partially) and zipping the insect net closed, you can improve ventilation when it gets warm, while still be camouflaged and protected against insects. Both doors can be secured with the strings if desired.
- 7. The tent is dark inside because we have coated it black, but we have added a brighter coloured edge to the pockets, storage compartments, etc. so that they are still visible in the dark.
- 8. Windows:  
 Photo windows at 3 alternating heights spread over 3 sides, front, left and right. At the front you'll find 2 shooting windows: eye level and ground level. The windows on the left and right are positioned slightly lower than the eye-level window at the front to offer more options in terms of height.  
 All windows and insectnets are fitted with zips to reduce noise as much as possible, and can be controlled from both inside and outside). We recommend keeping windows that are not in use closed or slightly opened as viewing window; The darker it is inside, the better.

Each window has three zips:

- 1. On the outside to close the window completely.
  - 2. The middle zip controls the insect net.
  - 3. The zip on the inside can be used to attach a snoot/lens cover (accessory).
- The outer fabric of the front window has an extra zip in the middle (photo 6), so in bad weather you can insert your lens through it to seal the tent properly. In that case, it is best to use the insect net only at the top to prevent rain from entering. The extra zip can even be used combined with an additional snoot/lens cover attached, which provides your lens with extra protection against precipitation.



*Photo 6, extra zip in the middle of the outer fabric at the front (in this case, an additional snoot is used)*

The insect nets in every window consist of 2 sections that overlap in the middle, equipped with an elastic band so they securely enclose your lens.

The insect nets are alternately vertical or horizontal:

- Insectnets in the photo windows on the front are vertical positioned.
- Insectnets in the photo windows left and right are horizontal positioned.

Under each photo upper photowindow there is a zip through which you can insert your tripod leg, bringing your lens further forward and bringing the pivot point of your tripod head closer to the window, making it easier to pan left/right without moving the tent fabric.

#### 9. Extras:

On the outside, you will find several loops that can be used to attach additional camouflage such as branches, reeds, leaves, and camouflage nets.

### Accessories

#### Snoot/Lenscover:

The snoot/lenscover has the advantage that it additionally camouflages your lens with the same waterproof fabric and same camouflage pattern as the tent (Polyester 150D), and also protects your lens well from precipitation and dust. Another added benefit is that your hands are less likely to be visible when operating the camera. The snoot fits perfectly in any photo window of the Buteo MIII (and in the Aquila MIII), can be easily zipped in, and has its own viewing window at the top with a fixed insectnet. The larger insect net in the tent can be zipped down when using the snoot, but can also be used as is, as your lens goes through it. Finally, you can also use the outer polyester fabric in bad weather as indicated in point 8 (see above).



*Photos 7 & 8, Snoot/Lenscover with an additional viewing window (with insectnet).*

**Extra Rain Roof:**

This extra rain roof is an accessory for the Buteo Mark III Brown, and can be useful to make the roof of your photohide 100% waterproof. The material is exactly the same as that of the tent itself: Polyester 150D. With this raincover, you'll have a double polyester roof over your head, so also 2 a hydrostatic head of 2,500 mm.

This rain roof fits exactly over the existing roof, and can be easily attached at 4 corners with a hook.



*Photos 8 & 9, Rain Roof with the fixing points at each corner.*

**Ground sheet:**

The Ground Sheet Square Small is a custom made groundsheet for the Buteo MIII series.

It protects you against moist soil, but also against insects and ticks. The ground sheet can be placed on the (forest) floor. After that, place your Buteo photohide.



*Photo 10, Ground Sheet for Buteo Mark III series.*