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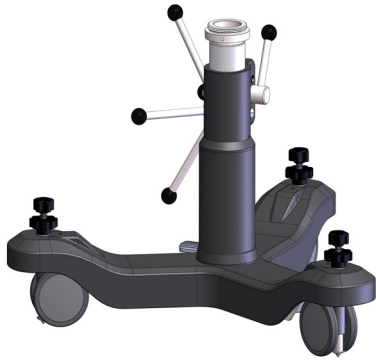
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*Thank you for purchasing  
a Brunson Rock Steady  
or 232 Heavy-Duty Stand.*

*Remember that our customer  
support does not stop after  
shipment of a product—we  
are here to help you with any  
measurement challenges that  
you may have.*

# Rock Steady Adjustable Stands

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*RS-231-MOD Extra Short*



*RS-231 Rock Steady Short*



*RS-233 Rock Steady Medium*



*RS-230 Rock Steady Tall*

# Rock Steady Fixed-Height Stands

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*RS-F-6*



*RS-F-24*



*RS-F-36*



*RS-F-48*

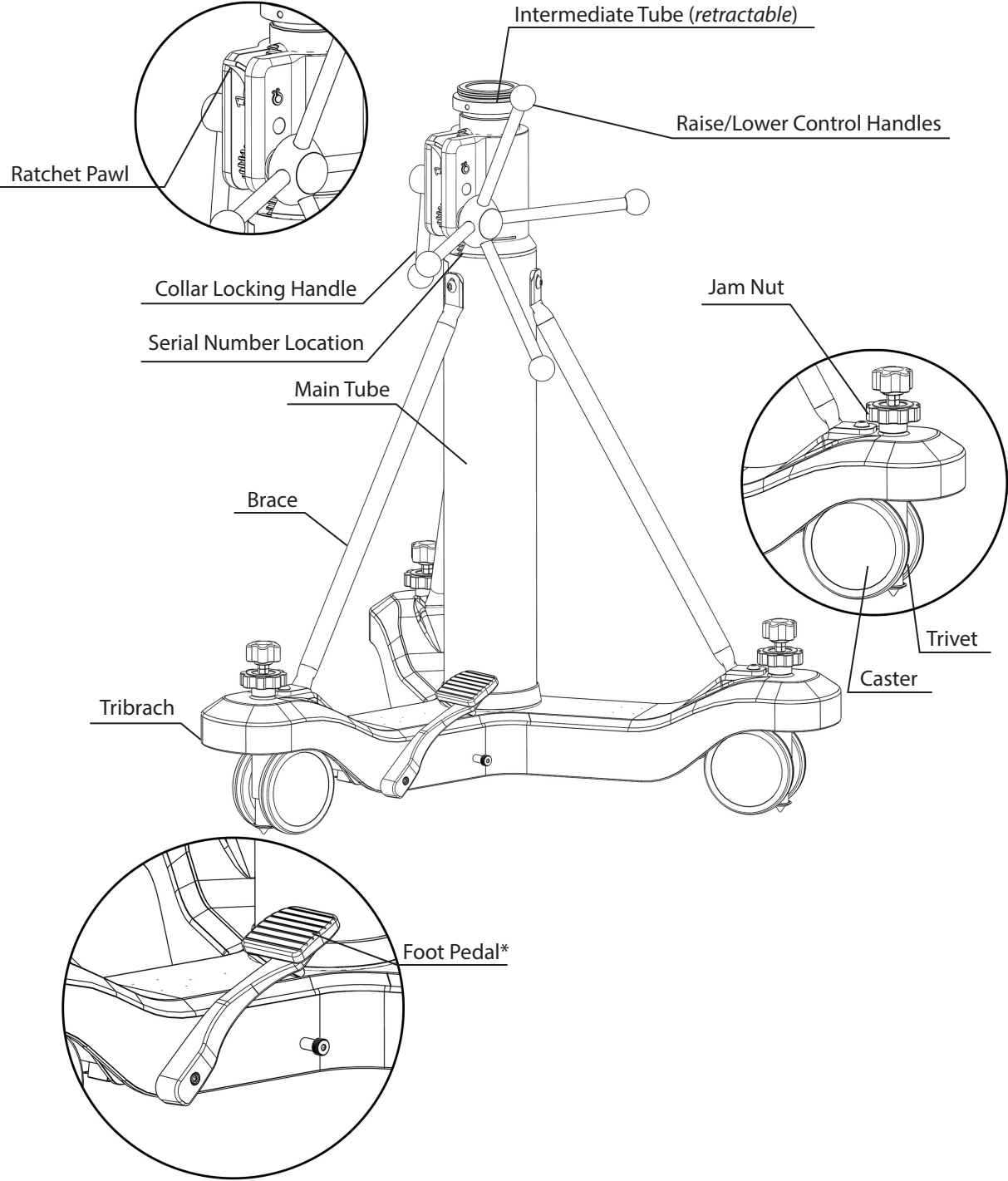
# The 232 Series Heavy Duty Mobile Stand

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*232 Series Heavy Duty Mobile Stands*

Figure 1



\*232 Series models have a handwheel instead of a foot pedal.

# General Information

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Congratulations and thank you for purchasing a Brunson Rock Steady metrology stand. At Brunson, we recognize the importance of a stable, rugged and durable metrology platform, and the Rock Steady stand line reflects our passion for supporting accurate, tight-tolerance measurement.

Please take a moment to review this manual. It contains important safety and operational information for the stand. Refer to Figure 1 on page 5 for part names referenced in the instructions. Finally, for future reference, please record the model and serial number for the stand in the space provided below.

Model Number \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Safety Precautions

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Static (non-moving) stability:

1. These stands are designed for use on level surfaces. Operating a stand on non-level surfaces increases the tipping hazard.
2. Instrumentation / equipment used with the stand should be centered over the axis of the Intermediate Tube. Extending unbalanced loads from the centerline axis increases the tipping hazard.

Dynamic (moving) stability:

1. Stands should be moved only when no instrumentation / equipment is attached and the Intermediate Tube is in its fully retracted (lowest) position.
2. Stands should be moved by manually pushing or pulling no faster than a normal walking pace over smooth, level surfaces. Do not move a stand by pushing or pulling with a powered vehicle.
3. Avoid sudden starts and stops.

These stands are designed for indoor use only. Wind (or other external) loading was not considered when determining stability. Do not exceed the load capacity of the stand for any attached instrumentation / equipment. The maximum load capacity is listed in Table 1.



*It is the responsibility of the end user to ensure that any instrumentation/equipment attached to the stand is safely secured.*

Table 1

Model	Stand Weight	Max Load Capacity
RS-230	205 lbs (93 kg)	150 lbs (68 kg)
RS-231	174 lbs (79 kg)	150 lbs (68 kg)
232 Series	587 lbs (267 kg)	150 lbs (68 kg)
RS-233	191 lbs (86.6 kg)	150 lbs (68 kg)
RS-231-MOD	152 lbs (69 kg)	150 lbs (68 kg)
RS-F-6	96 lbs (43.5 kg)	150 lbs (68 kg)
RS-F-24	140 lbs (63.5 kg)	150 lbs (68 kg)
RS-F-36	156 lbs (70.8 kg)	150 lbs (68 kg)
RS-F-48	173 lbs (78.5 kg)	150 lbs (68 kg)



**CAUTION!** This is the safety alert symbol. This symbol alerts you to hazards that can hurt you and others, and/or cause damage to equipment. Additional information specific to the hazard will be included with this warning.

## Unpacking and Setup

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Take off the top and sides of the crate by removing the screws. Cut the three band clamps holding the tribrach legs down. With an overhead crane (or suitable alternative), lift the stand off the crate and place on a level surface (*refer to Table 1 for stand weights*). If a foot pedal is present ensure it is not engaged—the foot pedal should be “up” and free to move.

Tighten the lower (jam) knob on each trivet.

## Moving/Positioning Your Stand

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Ensure that the intermediate tube is in its lowest position and no instrumentation / equipment is attached to the stand.

A foot pedal is used to extend the casters on the RS Series stands. The 232 Series uses a handwheel. To extend the casters using the foot pedal, use your body weight and step on the pedal. The locking latch is spring-loaded and will “click” into place when the stand is locked onto the casters. For 232 Series Models, turn the hand wheel until the casters extend to the ground.

Manually push or pull the stand into the desired position. The stand should be positioned so that the tribrach leg on which the foot pedal (or handwheel) is mounted points toward the midpoint of the work.



**TIPPING HAZARD!** Move the stand over smooth, level surfaces only, with the intermediate tube in its lowest position and no instrumentation / equipment attached. Move the stand by manually pushing or pulling (no faster than a walking pace). Do not tow or push the stand with a powered vehicle.

Lower the stand onto the three trivets. If the floor is something other than concrete (e.g. wood, tiled, etc.), you may wish to use pads under the trivets to provide protection for the floor. Lower the stand by stepping down on the foot pedal to take the weight of the stand and rock your foot downward using the ball of your foot to release the spring-loaded latch.

**MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT PRESSURE ON THE FOOT PEDAL TO PREVENT THE STAND FROM SUDDENLY DROPPING ONTO THE FLOOR WHEN THE LATCH IS RELEASED.**



**CRUSHING HAZARD!** Stands are very heavy! Prior to lowering the stand, ensure area below Tribach is clear of all obstacles.



**TRIPPING HAZARD!** Due to the size of the footprint necessary for stand stability, the legs of the stand can create a tripping hazard.

## Stand Operation

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With the intermediate tube fully retracted, attach the instrument / measuring equipment to the stand. Raise the collar locking handle until the intermediate tube can be raised easily by rotating the control handles.

To raise the intermediate tube, rotate the control handle counter-clockwise (when looking at the hub).



**ROTATING HAZARD!** The stands are equipped with an air-check mechanism to prevent rapid descent of the intermediate tube. However, until sufficient air pressure has built up to slow the descent of the intermediate tube, considerable force can be exerted by the free spinning control handle. Therefore, always lower the intermediate tube by applying a resistive force to the control handle.

To lower the intermediate tube, release pressure from the ratchet pawl by slightly raising the intermediate tube, and then retracting and holding the ratchet pawl away from the rack. Rotate the control handle clockwise to lower the intermediate tube.

When the desired height has been reached, lock the intermediate tube in place by rotating the collar locking handle down as tightly as you are able by hand.

Ensure that the trivets fully support the stand by checking to see that each caster rotates freely. If this is not the case, loosen the jam nut and adjust the trivet. After adjusting, ensure that each jam nut is tight against the tribrach.

The stand is positioned and ready to use.

Upon completion of the job, remove the instrument from the stand, raise the collar locking handle, and lower the intermediate tube to the bottom of its travel.

## Maintenance

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Although the stands were designed for minimal maintenance, two items will help maximize service life:

1. A small amount of Neats Foot oil injected through the collar opening on a yearly basis will keep the air cushion leather in good condition. This should be done with the intermediate tube in the fully extended position.
2. A periodic wiping of the intermediate tube with a lightly oiled rag followed by wiping with a dry cloth will preserve the chrome finish.

# Parts List and Diagram

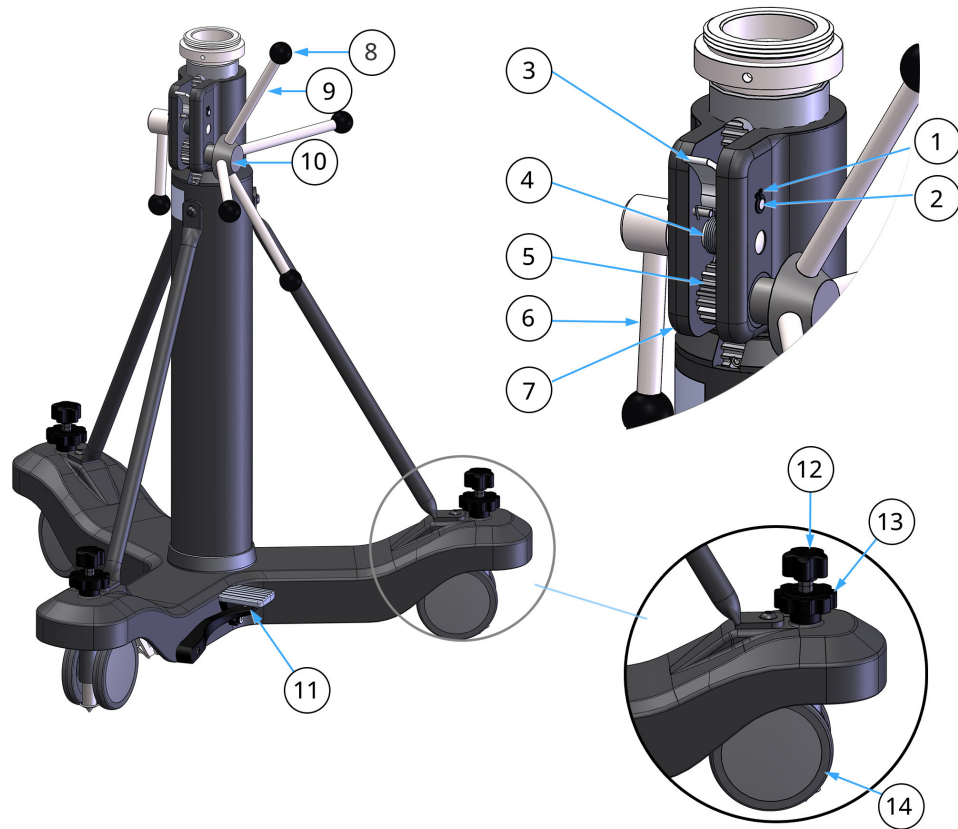


Table 2

Item	Description	Models RS-230, RS-231, RS-233 Part Number	Model 232 Part Number
1	Retaining Ring	12938	12938
2	Ratchet Shaft	3646	3646
3	Ratchet Pawl	3625	3625
4	Pawl Spring	3655	3655
5	Pinion	3610	3610
6	Clamping Spoke	3608	3608
7	Hub Screw ( <i>not shown</i> )	3611	3611
8	Knob	3566	3566
9	Handwheel Spoke	3568	3568
10	Handwheel Hub	1926	3653-G3
11	Foot Pedal Assembly	20530	N/A
12	Trivet	20787	3840
13	Hex Jam Nut	21013	Comm. 1" - 8
14	Caster	20512	3690

Note: The Model 232 has a handwheel (part number 4065-G1) rather than a foot pedal to engage the casters

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WITH COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2006/42/EC**

<i>Date of Issue:</i>	3 June, 2015
<i>Document Ref:</i>	15190 Rev 3
<i>Directive:</i>	Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC
<i>Conforming Machinery:</i>	Manually Operated Lifting Stands - Models: RS Series: up to 48" 232 Series: up to 112" 232-SP Series: up to 40' (480") 331 Series: up to 37" 333 Series: up to 50" 330 Series: up to 62" 332 Series: up to 112" M-Series Adjustable: up to 75" M-Series Fixed: up to 51" TetraLock: 400S and 400L Series 810-Series: up to 56" 801-1 Series: up to 51" 5030 Series: up to 52" 5035 Series: up to 17" 237 Series 'Groundhog'
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<i>Harmonised Standards Referenced or Applied:</i>	EN ISO 12100:2010, EN ISO 13857:2008, ISO/TR 14121-2:2012
<i>Specifications with which Conformity is Declared:</i>	Essential Health and Safety Requirements of Annex 1 of the Machinery Directive
We hereby certify that the machinery described above conforms with the essential health and safety requirements of Council Directive 2006/42/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the safety of machinery.	
<i>Signed:</i>	<i>Deighton E. Brunson</i>
<i>Signatory:</i>	Deighton E. Brunson, CEO

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