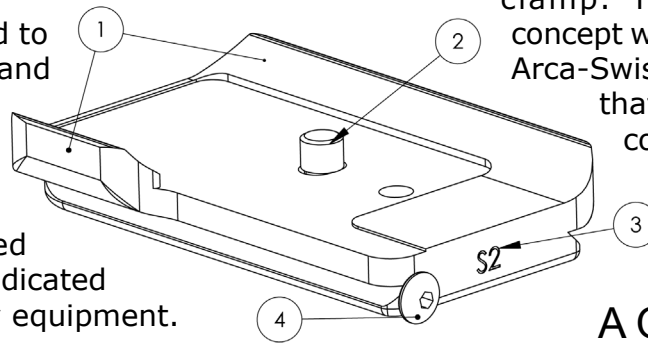




Know your Plate

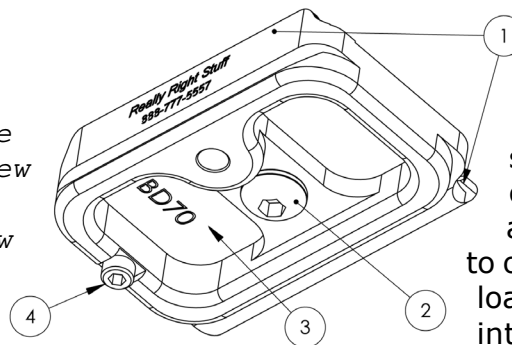
Our customized camera body plates are all Arca-Swiss style quick-release compatible. They are optimized in design, precision machined, and supplied with corrosion resistant, captive-type mounting screws that feature a special high strength head-to-shank cross section.

Our plates are designed to be materially smaller and lighter. All corners are smooth and rounded. Plate features include removable safety stops and precisely contoured anti-twist flanges for dedicated mating with top quality equipment.



S2 plate (Top)
BD70 plate (Bottom)

- 1 • Anti-Twist Flange
- 2 • B101 1/4"-20 screw
- 3 • Plate ID
- 4 • Safety Stop Screw



Mounting your Plate

The mounting surface of your plate is flat and smooth. Wipe the camera base clean before installing your plate so that nothing can mar the finish.

Some Quick Definitions

The "**clamp**" is the quick-release part (with jaws) that stays atop the tripod head.

The "**plate**" is the compatible piece that mounts on the bottom of anything that you want to sit in the clamp.

The "**dovetail**" is the grooved edge portion of the plate that mates with the clamp. This tongue-&-groove concept was initially applied by the Arca-Swiss company. Equipment that meets this standard is commonly known as Arca-style or Arca-Swiss compatible.

A Quick Mounting Tip

If you have one of our Lever Release clamps, you can simply swing the lever fully open and top load the plate (make sure the safety stop screw clears the bed of the clamp). But if you're using a screw-knob clamp, it's too slow to open the jaws wide enough for top loading. It's faster to *slide* a plate into the clamp from the end—but don't do this by fitting both corners of the plate into the clamp simultaneously. Instead, try the following: Tilt the front edge of the plate downward, toward the clamp, and engage the front dovetail so that it rides underneath the front corner of the clamp's jaw. Keep that front edge of the plate anchored against the clamp corner and now level out the plate and swing the plate's rear dovetail into the clamp. As you do this the plate will be naturally forced to "automatically" feed its rear corner underneath the rear jaw. This method of "front-first-feeding" will always work if you maintain contact between the front dovetail of the plate and the front corner of the clamp's jaw. Practice makes it fast and easy!