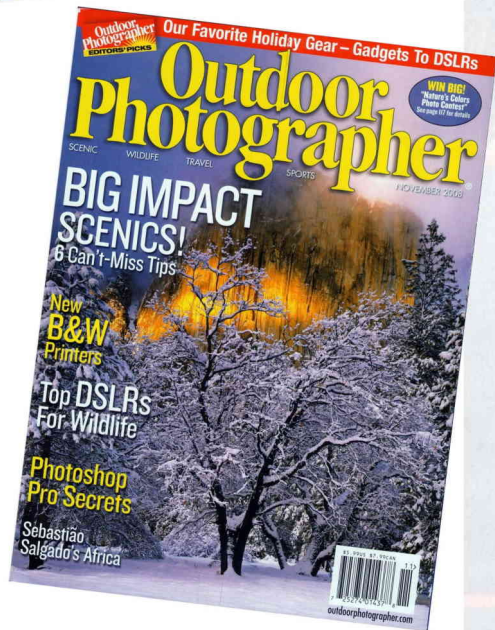


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Monostat-RS Monopod ▶

Sometimes photographers prefer not to cart around a tripod, so they have to shoot handheld with stabilized lenses, but that's not steady enough for close-ups and really long-lens work. The Monostat-RS monopod is easy to carry, provides a lot more stability than handholding (it can be used with the lens stabilizer on for added stability) and features a cool Swivel Toe Stabilizer that lets you shoot at up to a 60-degree angle from horizontal—something conventional monopods don't allow. The toe also provides a good grip on slippery surfaces. Units are available in aluminum and carbon fiber, and can support up to 30 pounds. A favorite is the RS16K aluminum model with ART (Anti Rotation Tubing), which is especially quick and easy to set up. Estimated Street Price: \$175. **Contact:** Monostat Of Switzerland (Accurate Sales, Inc.), (718) 302-7063, www.monostat.us.

