



## Sales Update

**To:** All Photographic Division Representatives/Dealers  
**From:** Marketing Department  
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**Re:** "M-Mate" Baseplate for LEICA M8

A baseplate marketed as "M-Mate Baseplate for LEICA M8" which has a flap to get access to the SD-card without removing the baseplate is now available. This product is manufactured by Touchspan Design, Texas, USA.

Leica Camera AG has checked the quality and safety of this accessory. We **cannot** recommend the use of the "M-Mate Baseplate" because of the following reason:

**The LEICA M8 cameras can be damaged and image files can be damaged or lost, if the SD-card is removed while the camera is in operation.**

The LEICA M8 warranty document under clause 2 states: "Claims under warranty are null and void if the defect has been caused by improper handling – which also include the use of non-Leica accessories."

The table below gives you the differences between the Leica baseplate and the M-Mate baseplate.

	<b>Leica Baseplate</b>	<b>Touchspan Baseplate</b>
Material	Brass	Aluminium
Locking to camera	Silver or black chrome finish	Paint
Tripod thread	Stainless steel. Blind hole (prevents dust entering into the camera).	Aluminium will wear out much faster than steel. Through hole will let dust enter while the bottom plate is mounted.
SD-Card flap	Bottom cover needs to be taken off for SD-card/battery removal. When bottom cover is removed while camera is on, warning will appear on screen and SD card operation will be stopped to avoid damage or loss of data.	Flap is difficult to open. No sealing against dust/dirt. When camera is placed on uneven ground, flap may open unintentionally or SD card can be ejected unintentionally. Danger of camera damage and/or loss of data, when SD-card is removed while it is in operation.
Locking to camera	Axis with flip-out toggle, comfortable.	Lever without toggle, difficult to operate.

We hope that the information we have provided you will help you with any questions that customers may have with regards to the other baseplate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.