Scope
This manual is only focusing on the components and the setup of the MAXIMA QL.
The Control Software the so called GUI is available as a separate manual.
You can find this manual on the USB stick or on the ARRI CSS web page in the download area.

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1 For your safety

Before use, please ensure that all users comprehensively read, understand, and follow the instructions in this document.

Risk levels and alert symbols

Safety warnings, safety alert symbols, and signal words in these instructions indicate different risk levels:

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2 System Components

2.1 Functions / Front

2.2 Functions / Rear
2.3 Functions / Top

2.4 Connectors right and left junction box

2.5 Cam Pwr:
The 12V high capacity Camera Power (max 10Amp) can be used with following cables:

- Cam Power / Cine / 12V HiCap / ALEXA
- Cam Power / Cine / 12V HiCap / ALEXA Mini
- Cam Power / Cine / 12V HiCap / ALEXA Mini / 90°
- Cam Power / Cine / 12V HiCap / Red EPIC
2.6 Focus Pwr:
The 12V Focus Power (max 10Amp) socket can be used with:

Focus Power / ARRI & cmotion

K2.0010548

2.7 HD SDI BNC:
The 3GHz HD SDI BNC socket can be used with:

BNC Video Cable / HD SDI / 4.5 GHz

K2.0010476

2.8 Can Bus

**NOTE**
This function will be available through future upgrades.

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| Do not connect any Video Power Cables to this Socket. 
Do not connect any L-Bus Motors, or other LBUS products, to this connector, until your MAXIMA had been updated to LBUS. |

2.9 Control:

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3 Safety Instructions

⚠️ Warning

The MAXIMA QL contains two separate rings, one for Pan and one for Tilt. Both rings can move freely when the MAXIMA is moved out of the hard case and as long the system is not finally setup.

⚠️ DANGER

Ensure that the MAXIMA is switched OFF. Under no circumstances push fingers or other limbs in between the moving parts of the MAXIMA as this can result in injury.

⚠️ DANGER

Pay attention during setup that no fingers or other limbs end up between the outer and inner ring. A high kinetic force can result between the outer and inner ring, depending on the weight and length of the camera. Serious injuries can result through negligence. If this does happen then, cut off the power supply straight away and seek medical attention if necessary.

⚠️ CAUTION

Please check the MAXIMA QL for proper functioning prior to each use and while considering the operating instructions. An operation without problems can only be ensured in this manner.

Only use the lithium batteries provided. Batteries which are not approved can lead to shorts and to damages of the MAXIMA QL. NiMH batteries must not be used.

Place the batteries into the holder provided cautiously and with care. Check the contacts for damage beforehand.

Do not subject the MAXIMA QL to humidity and do not immerse it into water. Do not short any contacts or modify the power supply or the electronics under any circumstances.
4 Camera Preparation

Foreword
The entire balancing procedure of the MAXIMA QL system is based on SYMMETRY and NEUTRAL BALANCE.

NOTE
Only a precisely executed camera preparation will enable you to get the best performance out of the MAXIMA QL. The camera preparation must meet the following requirements:

Compact length
You should keep the COG (center of gravity) of the MAXIMA QL as low as possible and the total length of the camera should be as compact as possible.

If an ALEXA Mini is being used, a Zoom Lens similar to the ARRI/FUJINON Alura 15.5-45/T2.8 will keep the Camera setup at an optimum length.
If the ARRI ALEXA or AMIRA is being used a Prime Lens will be required.

Most box type cameras with a zoom lens are very close to the length of a full bodied camera with a prime lens.

Low COG (center of gravity)
Any accessories mounted to the camera should be attached as low as possible.

Symmetry
Camera components and accessories that are mounted on the camera have to be attached in symmetrically and balanced.

For example:
If two Focus Motors are needed, use two 15mm rods (equal length and same material) and mount them on the base of the camera.

Now place one Focus Motor on each rod. Make sure that the gears are facing the front of the lens and the motor housing of the camera body.

If only one Focus Motor is required then two rods are also required. Place the Focus Motors vertical below the lens. This way you can achieve the need for a low COG and symmetry.
4.1 Secure Component / Accessory Attachment

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<td>Keep in mind the MAXIMA QL head is a fully stabilized Gimbal with a payload capacity of 30kg / 66 lb. The amount of available torque is very high.</td>
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**NOTE**
Make sure that all components of the camera and accessories in the setup are fully tightened.
Ensure that none of the components are loose or have any play to avoid vibration and costly performance issues.

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<td>Please double check all clamps are tight and that all components are fitted correctly.</td>
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4.2 Mounting the Camera Dovetail Plate

The MAXIMA QL comes with a symmetric camera dovetail plate, the so called Quick Lock plate.

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<td>Using only one screw or a short distance between the screws will force sidewise rotation of the camera, as also vibration of the entire system.</td>
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<td>So try to maximize the distance in between the camera screws.</td>
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**NOTE**
Using the SAM1, SAM2 and the SAM3 plates will speed up the later balancing process and guarantee the best performance of the MAXIMA QL.
5 Preparing the Quick Lock Camera Mount

The MAXIMA QL comes with a Quick Lock mounting mechanism. It offers one clamp mechanism for the Camera Dovetail Plate located at the right back of the mount and a side to side adjustment located at the front of the mount.

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5.1 Centering the Quick Lock Camera Mount

**NOTE**
Make sure that the side to side adjustment is in a center position before you start with the balancing procedure. To move the Quick Lock Camera Mount left and right, the clamp leaver at the front Quick Lock Camera Mount has to be open.

**NOTE**
Make sure that the clamp is tightened after the adjustment has been done.

5.2 Opening the Quick Lock Camera Mount

To open the Quick Lock Camera Mount clamp mechanism, open the clamp leaver on the right side at the back of the Quick Lock Camera Mount.

After you opened the clamp mechanism you can slide in the camera dovetail plate inside the ring.

**NOTE**
It may be necessary to detach some accessories to mount the camera inside the MAXIMA QL ring. These can be reattached after the camera is mounted.

**NOTE**
When adding or removing components from the camera, adjust the fore and aft to bring the camera into a neutral and horizontal position.

**NOTE**
To remove the camera dovetail plate, you will need to push the safety lock, to be able to release the plate.

**NOTE**
Make sure that the camera is always level front to back with the COG fully neutral when the camera is horizontally adjusting fore and aft.

**NOTE**
When adding or removing components from the camera adjust the fore and aft to bring the camera into a neutral and horizontal position.
5.3 Balancing the camera

Fore and Aft
To get the entire system in a neutral balance, the COG of the camera has to be positioned right in the center of the main ring. The clamp mechanism allows you to adjust the fore and aft adjustments to move the camera in into its COG (center of gravity).

**NOTE**
Before you finally tighten the camera plate, please move the entire camera fore and aft until the camera stays horizontal.

**NOTE**
Make sure that the clamp mechanism is fully tighten after the fore and aft adjustment. A slightly loose screw will produce vibrations.

Side to Side
At the front of the QL mount, you will find the clamp mechanism for the side to side adjustment. You should always try to keep the camera setup as symmetrical as possible. But if the camera is still too heavy on any side, you should use the side to side adjustment, to get the camera sidewise in perfect COG.

**NOTE**
Make sure that the clamp mechanism is fully tighten after the fore and aft adjustment. A slightly loose clamp will produce vibrations.

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5.4 Powering the MAXIMA QL

The MAXIMA QL is available with Gold Mound and with V-Mount battery mounts.

**NOTE**
Do not use any low quality batteries from unknown manufactures

To power the MAXIMA QL, the camera and accessories, minimum a 150 Watt battery is needed.

5.5 Connect the camera with the required power cable.

**NOTE**
Make sure all power and video cables go through the inner ring.

5.5 Switch on the MAXIMA QL.
6 Controls and adjustments operated directly on the MAXIMA QL

6.1 Changing Profiles
By pressing MODE one time, you will recall profile number ONE.

By pressing MODE twice, you will recall profile number TWO.
And so on.

6.2 Changing the Joystick Direction
Operated directly on the TRINITY
• Press OK until Joystick is displayed
• Press OK
• Select: Normal - Inverted - Off by pressing UP or DOWN
• Press OK to confirm your selection

6.3 Paring the Wireless Remote Control
• First switch Off the Remote Control!
• Press OK
• Press Down until you see Remote Pairing
• Press OK
• Now the MAXIMA will start a 10 sec. count down.
• After 5 sec. the MAXIMA will beep.
• Switch ON the wireless Remote Control.
• Now the Remote will be paired
Default User Presets

The MAXIMA supplied with this five Default User Presets, which are programmed for camera setups up to 10 Kg / 22 lb.

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**NOTE**
To be able to change any of this adjustment, you need to install the FoMa Control software and you need to read the User Manual GUI.

The manual is available on the USB stick and on the ARRI CSS web page in the download area.
8 Troubleshooting

8.1 Service Information

For Service and Remote Access we will need to know the firmware version and serial number.

- Press OK
- Press DOWN until Info is displayed
- Press OK to confirm
- Now you can see the required information

8.2 Restore Sensors

If the MAXIMA is hard to control or having troubles holding its position, it will be helpful to reset the sensors.

- Press OK
- Press DOWN until Restore is displayed
- Press OK to confirm
- Press DOWN until Sensors is displayed
- Press OK to confirm

⚠️ CAUTION
Do not touch or move the MAXIMA while you restore the Setting! Wait until the MAXIMA is back in operation.

8.3 Restore Settings

If you are working with a rental unit, it will make sense to restore the MAXIMA / TRINITY to factory setup.

This will ensure that you will not be confronted with any unknown settings.

- Press OK
- Press DOWN until Restore is displayed
- Press OK to confirm
- Press DOWN until Setting is displayed
- Press OK to confirm

⚠️ CAUTION
Do not touch or move the MAXIMA while you restore the Setting! Wait until the MAXIMA is back in operation.

8.4 Remote Access

The service team can remotely access the MAXIMA or TRINITY. To enable us to access your MAXIMA or TRINITY, you need to install the „TeamViewer“ software on your PC first.

https://www.teamviewer.com

Then you need to contact the ARRI service.

NOTE
You will need a stable internet connection.
9 MAXIMA Accessories

9.1 Mounting the Top Holder (K2.0010336)

NOTE
A 4mm 5/32” hex key is needed.

Open and remove the screw on the top of MAXIMA QL, which secures the top handle.

Remove the Top Handle.

Engage both hooks of the Top Mount with the rod at the back of the MAXIMA QL.

Bring back the screw and tighten it.

⚠️ CAUTION
Make sure that the screw is fully tightened.

9.2 Mounting the Spider (K2.0010425)

NOTE
A 4mm 5/32” hex key is needed.

Open all eight M4 screws and remove all four top covers of the Spider.

Place the bottom of the MAXIMA QL inside the Spider.

Place the four top covers of the Spider onto the bottom rods of the MAXIMA QL and tighten the eight screws.

⚠️ CAUTION
Do not over tighten the 8 screws.

NOTE
You can mount three different adapters at the bottom of the Spider.
9.3 Cone Mount

If you want to use the MAXIMA QL with an artemis spring arm or any other arm using a Ø 5/8" (15.8 mm) arm posts, you need to attached the included Cone Mount.

**NOTE**
For use with a spring arm, the 10" arm post (K2.0010455) is needed, to ensure enough clearance between the frame of the MAXIMA QL and the arm chassis.

9.4 Euro Mount

If you want to use the MAXIMA QL with an Euro Mount (K2.0010426), you need to attach the optional Euro Mount to the bottom of the Spider.

**NOTE**
A 4mm 5/32" hex key is needed.

Place the Euro Mount right in the center of the spider, as shown.

**NOTE**
Place the four screws and ensure that all screws are tightened.

9.5 Mitchell Mount

If you want to use the MAXIMA QL with an Mitchell Mount (K2.0010427), you need to attach the optional Mitchell Mount at the bottom of the Spider.

**NOTE**
A 4mm 5/32" hex key is needed.

Place the Mitchell Mount right in the center of the spider, as shown.

Place the four screws and ensure that all screws are tightened.
9.6 Mounting Plate

If you need to add more accessories to the top of the MAXIMA QL, you need to add the Maxima Mounting Plate (K2.0014909).

Place the plate onto the top right of the MAXIMA QL. The three screws can be reached from the bottom.

9.7 Pan Lock

From time to time you might need a more „handheld“ look. So it will be necessary to lock the pan axis of the MAXIMA QL.

The Maxima Pan Lock (K2.0014908) will allow you to lock the pan axis.

Open both Clamps and place the bracket onto the rods. Move the Bracket under the outer ring and tighten the clamp screws.

NOTE
The lock can also be used for transportation purposes.

⚠️ CAUTION

Before using the Pan Lock, you need to switch OFF the Pan Motors using the GUI!

Using the Pan Lock with an active motor will cause over heating and possible failure of the Pan motors.
10 Pin Out

**Camera Power Out**

Lemo 1B 304
- Pin 1: 12V plus
- Pin 2: Ground
- Pin 3: Ground
- Pin 4: 12V plus

**Focus Power Out**

Lemo 0S 304
- Pin 1: 12V plus
- Pin 2: NC
- Pin 3: Ground
- Pin 4: NC
## Declaration of Conformity

**Product Type**: Camera Stabilizer Systems  
**Brand Name**: MAXIMA  
**Product Name**: SMX20 / SMX30 (maybe followed by suffixes)  
**Address**: Foltyn Industriesystemelektronik GmbH  
Strengenbergstraße 24  
D-90607 Rückersdorf  

The product complies with the requirements of the following European directives:  

**2004/108/EG**  
Compliance was proved by the application of the following standards:  

- EN 55022 : 2010 +AC : 2011  
- EN 61000-6-2 : 2005 +AC : 2005  

**2011/65/EU**  
Compliance was proved by the application of the following standards:  

- EN 50581 : 2012  

Year of the first marking: **2015**  

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