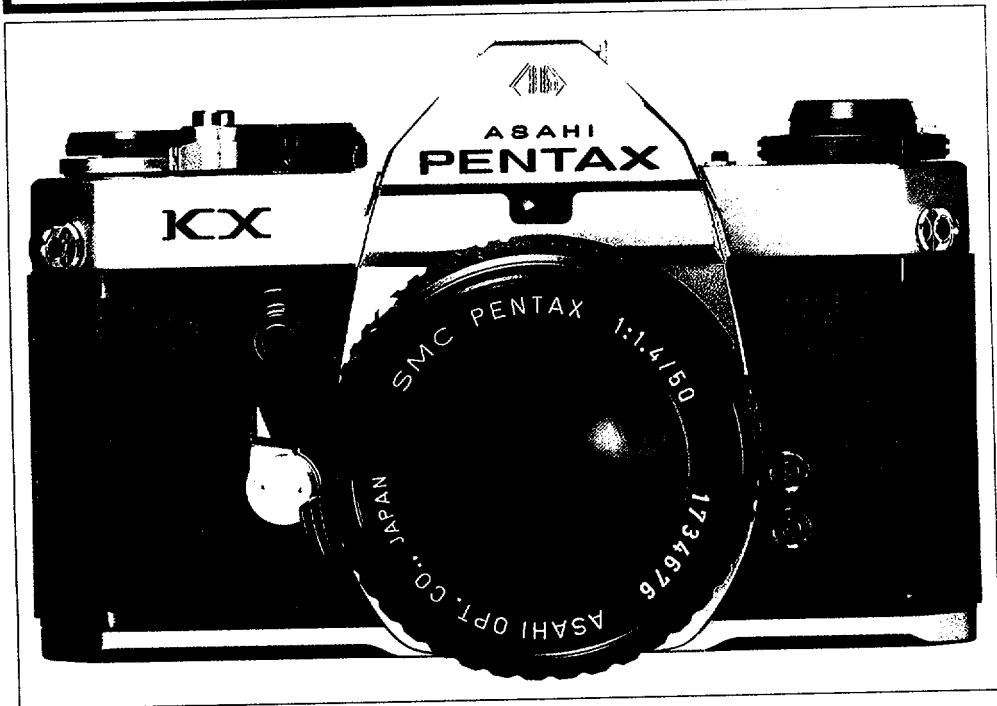


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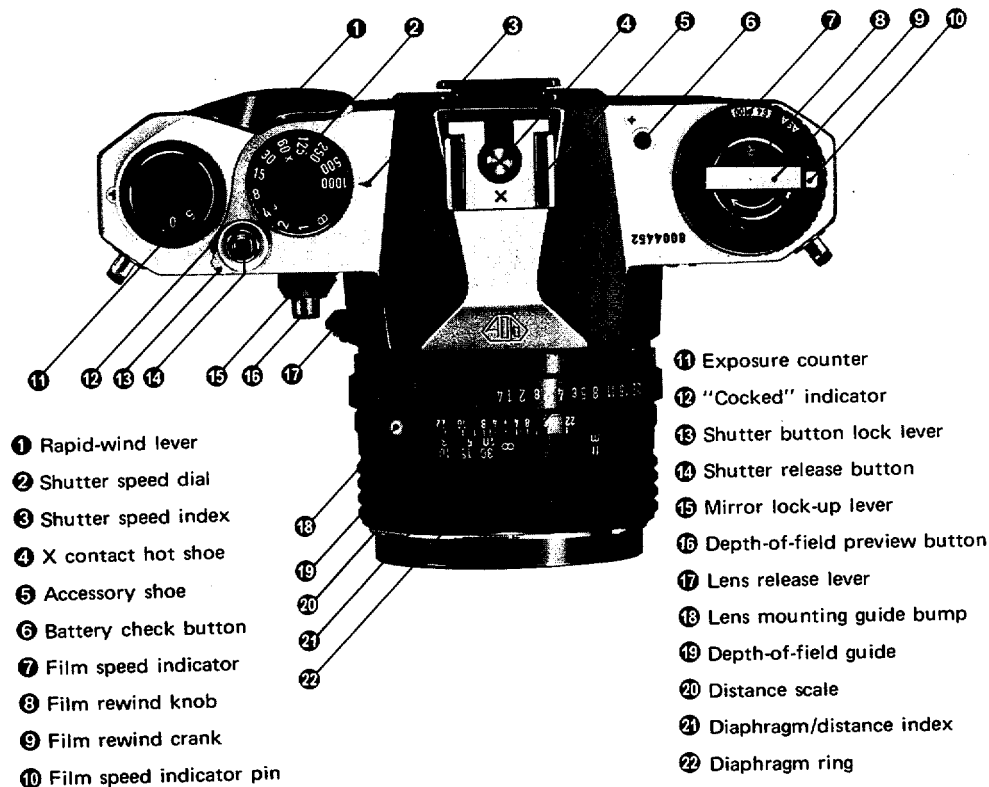


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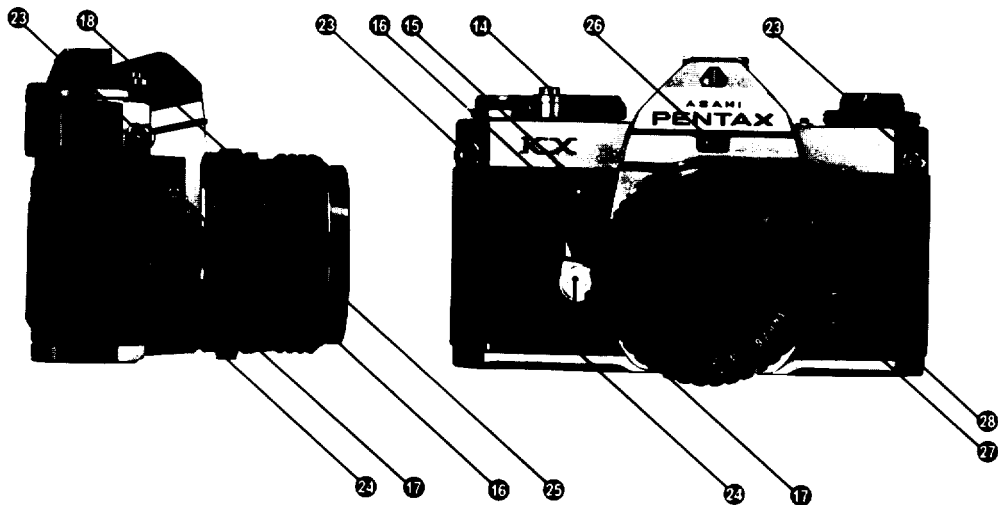
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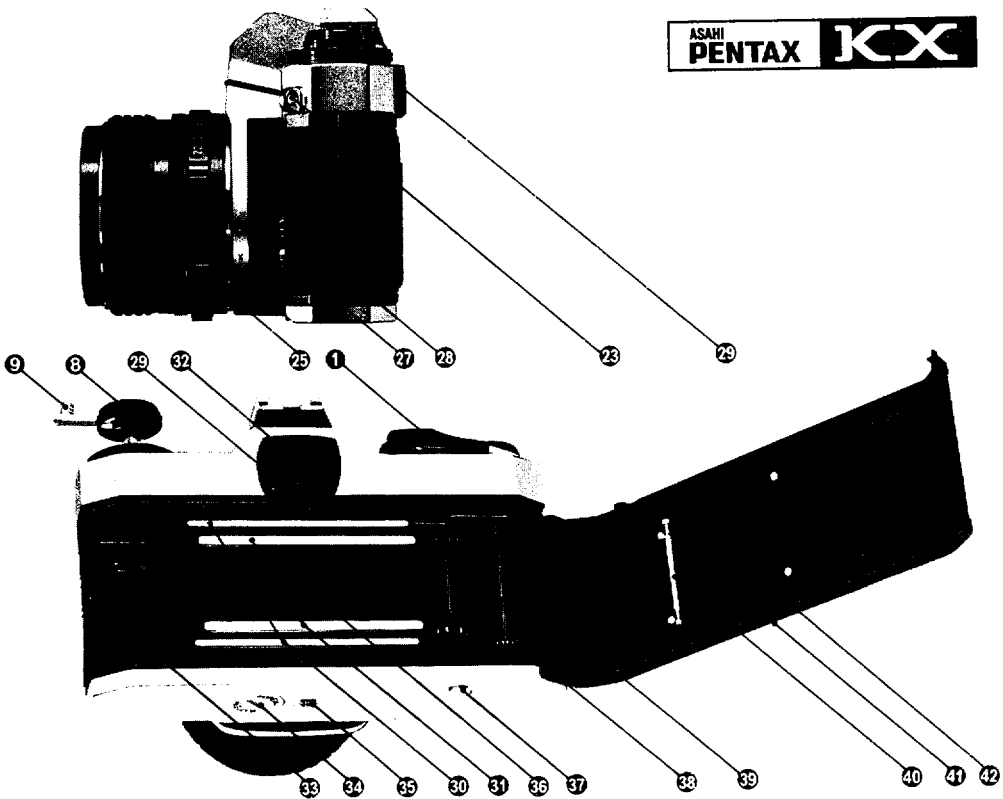


- 1 Rapid-wind lever
- 2 Shutter speed dial
- 3 Shutter speed index
- 4 X contact hot shoe
- 5 Accessory shoe
- 6 Battery check button
- 7 Film speed indicator
- 8 Film rewind knob
- 9 Film rewind crank
- 10 Film speed indicator pin

- 11 Exposure counter
- 12 "Cocked" indicator
- 13 Shutter button lock lever
- 14 Shutter release button
- 15 Mirror lock-up lever
- 16 Depth-of-field preview button
- 17 Lens release lever
- 18 Lens mounting guide bump
- 19 Depth-of-field guide
- 20 Distance scale
- 21 Diaphragm/distance index
- 22 Diaphragm ring



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|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| 23 Strap ring lug | 30 Film guide rails | 37 Film rewind button |
| 24 Self-timer lever (Start lever underneath) | 31 Film rails | 38 Sprocket |
| 25 Focusing ring | 32 Viewfinder eyepiece | 39 Film take-up spool |
| 26 Aperture-reader window | 33 Film chamber | 40 Film roller |
| 27 X flash terminal | 34 Battery chamber | 41 Back cover |
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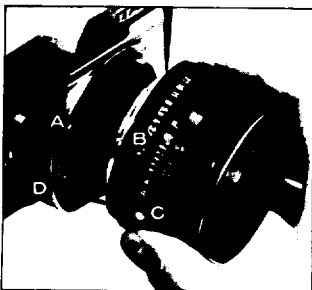


SPECIFICATIONS

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| Type | 35mm SLR with built-in through-the-lens light meter. |
| Film and Picture Size | 35mm film, 24mm x 36mm. |
| Standard lenses | SMC Pentax 50mm f/1.2, 50mm f/1.4 and 55mm f/1.8 with fully-automatic diaphragm. Filter size: 52mm. Minimum aperture: f/22. Focusing: 0.45m (1.5 ft.) to infinity. |
| Shutter | Horizontal run, focal-plane shutter of rubberized silk curtains. Speeds: B, 1 — 1/1000 sec. Shutter button lock provided. |
| Self-timer | Built-in self-timer with interrupt function. Releases shutter in 5 — 13 sec. |
| Viewfinder | Pentaprism finder with cross-microprism or split-image focusing screen. Aperture setting on lens visible in viewfinder. Shutter speed setting indicated by blue needle. 0.88x magnification with 50mm lenses (life-size with 55mm lens). Dioptry —0.8. 93% field of view. |
| Focusing | Microprism and split-image screens standard plus custom screens. |
| Reflex Mirror | Instant-return type with mirror lock-up device and special shock absorbers for minimum vibration. |

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| Lens Mount | Pentax bayonet-mount. |
| Film Advance | Ratchet-type rapid-wind lever. 20° pre-advance and 160° advance angle. "Cocked" indicator alongside shutter release button. |
| Exposure Counter | Automatic re-set. |
| Film Rewind | Rapid-rewind crank for speedy film take-up. |
| Flash Synchronization | X contact hot shoe for cordless flash connection. FP + X contacts for conventional flash cord connection. X synchronization at 1/60 sec. |
| Exposure Meter | Silicon-Photo-Diode meter measures the entire area of ground glass with emphasis on central portion at full aperture. Couples directly to shutter, aperture and film speed settings. Mach needles for correct exposure. EV 1 – 18 for ASA 100 film with 50mm lens. Film speed from 8 to 6400 ASA. Powered by two 1.5 V silver oxide batteries. |
| Memo Holder | Square metal sleeve for holding type/speed tab from top of film box. |
| Dimensions | With 50mm f/1.4 lens: width 143mm (5.6") x height 91.4mm (3.6") x depth 94mm (3.7"). |
| Weight | 896g (31.4 ozs.) with 50mm f/1.4 lens. 631g (22.1 ozs) with no lens. |

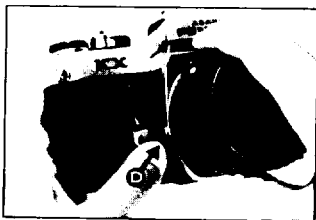
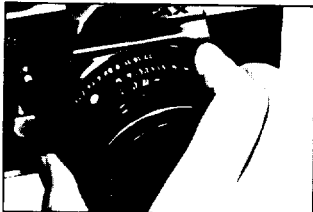
LENS MOUNTING



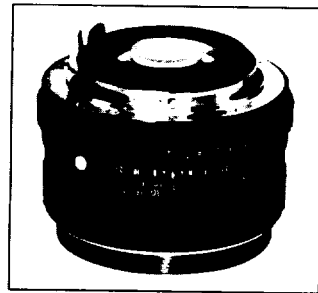
1. Remove the rear lens and body caps.

2. Match the red dot **A** on the camera body with the red dot **B** on the lens. Insert the lens into the body and turn it clockwise until the lens locks with a click.

3. In the dark, when the red dots are difficult to see, align the white plastic bump **C** on the lens barrel with the lens release lever **D** by touch. Then turn and lock as above.



4. To detach, hold the camera with your left hand. Depress the lens release lever **D** while turning the lens counter clockwise with your right hand.



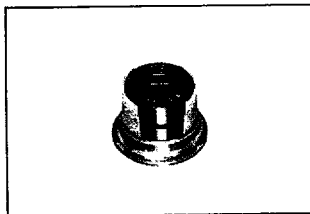
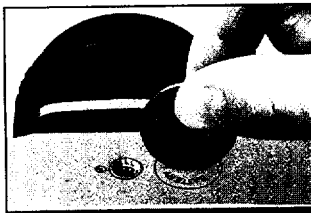
CAUTION

If you have to put the lens down without the rear lens cap, place it only on its front end, never on the rear.

When changing lenses outdoors with film in the camera, avoid direct sunlight.

BATTERY

Two silver oxide batteries are packed separately. Be sure to insert them into the battery chamber before operating the camera.



INSERTION

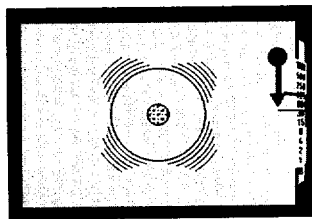
Open the battery chamber cover with a coin. Insert the two batteries into the battery holder of the cover as shown above, each with (+) side facing up. For replacement, use Eveready S76E or Mallory MS76H or equivalent.

CHECK

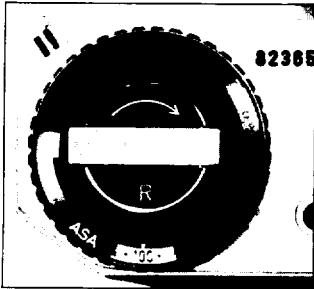
Under normal conditions, one set of batteries will last about one year, or permit about 10,000 shutter releases. To check the life, push the battery check button next to the pentaprism, while viewing through the viewfinder. If the black meter needle drops to 125 or lower, the batteries have sufficient capacity. If it does not, replace the two batteries.

CAUTION

Do not push the check button too often, as it will exhaust the batteries. The battery is like a phonograph record. It can be damaged by skin acids. Handle by the edges with a dry cloth before insertion into the camera. The battery is not rechargeable. Do not throw a dead battery into fire, as it may explode. Also, keep it beyond the reach of small children.

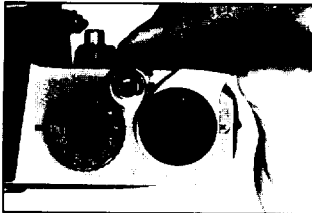


BASIC OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



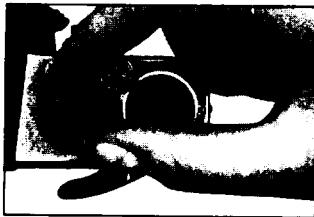
1. SET FILM SPEED

While depressing the pin alongside the film rewind knob, turn the outer ring of the film speed indicator until the ASA number of the film you're using matches the index mark.



2. COCK RAPID-WIND LEVER

Cock the rapid-wind lever all the way until it stops. The "Cocked" indicator will turn red, showing that the shutter is cocked.



3. SET SHUTTER SPEED

Turn the shutter speed dial until the speed you want to use is opposite the index mark. The blue needle in the viewfinder indicates the shutter speed you have selected. Generally, you should use the fastest possible shutter speed to avoid blurred pictures caused by camera movement. Try starting with 1/125 sec. outdoors in daylight and 1/30 sec. indoors.

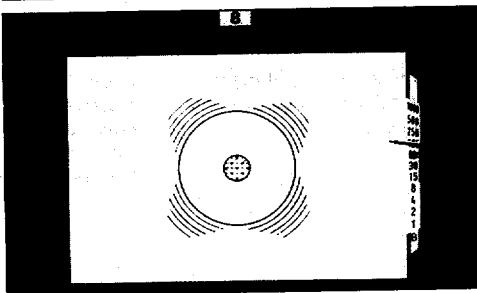
4. COMPOSE AND FOCUS

While viewing through the finder, turn the focusing ring until your subject comes into sharp focus.



5. TURN ON LIGHT METER AND ROTATE DIAPHRAGM RING

Make sure that the rapid-wind lever is at its pre-advance angle, not at its completely closed position. As you depress the shutter button halfway, the light meter turns on, and the black meter needle matches the blue one. When the needles match, you have the correct exposure. (The f-stop you have selected is also visible in the small window above the viewfinder.) If the black needle does not match the blue one no matter how far you turn the diaphragm ring, change the shutter speed.

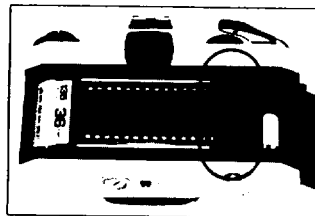
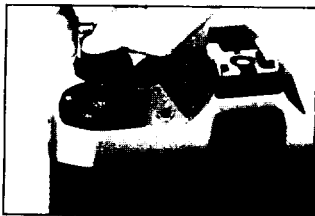


6. RELEASE SHUTTER

Hold your camera firmly and trip the shutter. Then cock the rapid-wind lever for the next picture. (As long as the lever is at its pre-advance angle, the light meter stays ON. If you push it back to the completely closed position, the meter is turned OFF.)



FILM LOADING AND WINDING



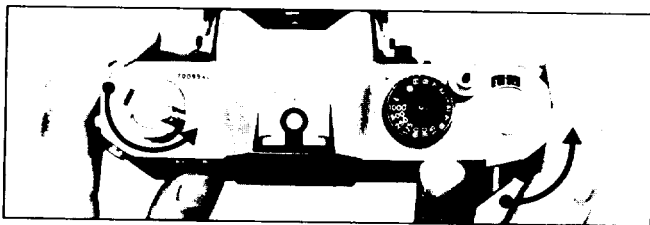
Avoid direct light when loading your film.

1. Open the back by pulling up the rewind knob until the back opens.

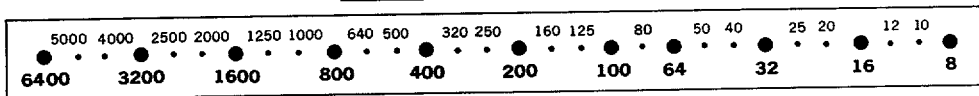
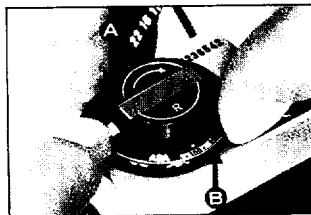
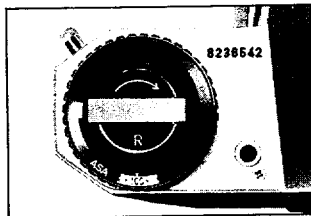
2. Place the film cassette in the cassette chamber, and push down the rewind knob. Insert the film leader into the slot of the take-up spool.

3. Advance the film by alternately turning the rapid wind lever and depressing the shutter button until both sprockets engage the film perforations, top and bottom. Close the back by pressing it firmly.

4. Cock the rapid-wind lever, and confirm that the film rewind knob turns counter-clockwise, indicating that the film is properly loaded and is moving from cassette to take-up spool. Trip the shutter. Advance the film until the exposure counter turns to "1", indicating that the first picture is ready to be taken.



SETTING ASA FILM SPEED



The ASA film speed rating of all 35mm films is given in the data sheet packed with each roll of film. The higher the ASA number, the more sensitive the film is to light. While depressing the film speed indicator pin **A**, turn the outer ring **E** of the film speed indicator until the ASA number of your film matches the index mark.

Be sure to set your speed on the camera because it is connected to the exposure meter system.

MEMO HOLDER

As a reminder of what type of film is in your camera, tear off the top of the film box and insert it into the Memo Holder on the back cover of the camera.



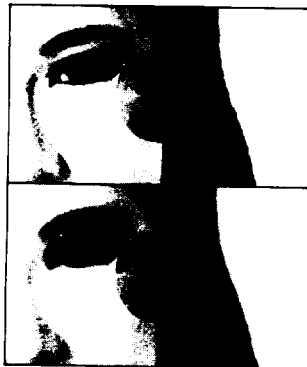
COMPOSE AND FOCUS

While viewing through the viewfinder, turn the focusing ring until your subject comes into sharp focus. Depending on the type of focusing screen you have, there are two ways of doing this.

Cross-microprism focusing system



A cross-microprism focusing system consists of a Fresnel lens, made up of many concentric rings, with a microprism center underneath the ground glass. With this system, when your subject is in focus, the image in the microprism center will be sharp. If your subject is not in focus, the microprism will break the image up into many small dots.



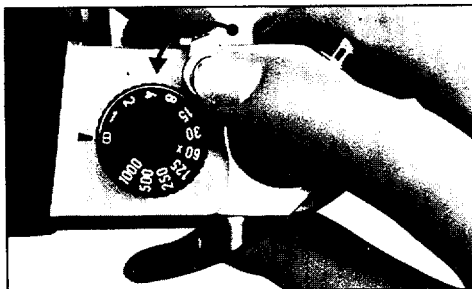
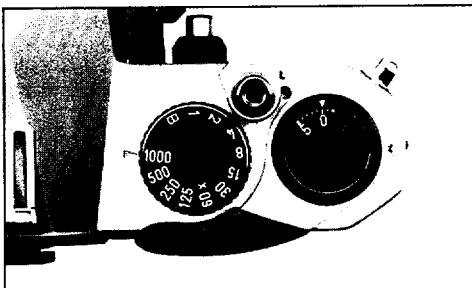
Split-image focusing system

A split-image focusing system consists of a Fresnel lens with a horizontally divided screen under the ground glass. With this system, when your camera is held horizontally and the image is not in sharp focus, all vertical lines seen through the viewfinder will appear to be divided into upper and lower portions. To focus, simply adjust the focusing ring until the upper and lower portions are in perfect alignment.

SHUTTER

Turn the shutter speed dial clockwise or counter-clockwise to the shutter speed desired. The shutter speed may be set either before or after cocking the rapid-wind lever. As you cock the shutter by turning the rapid-wind lever, the "cocked" indicator turns to red showing that the shutter is cocked. The indicator blacks out as you trip the shutter button. For use of the X setting on the shutter speed dial, refer to page 16.

With the shutter speed dial set on B (bulb), the shutter will stay open as long as you depress the shutter button. As you release your finger from the shutter button, the shutter closes. When a long exposure is desired while using the B setting, set the shutter button lock by moving the lever to the left (an "L" becomes visible) while depressing the shutter button. Alternately, use a cable release with a locking device for a time exposure.



CAUTION

At slow speeds — slower than 1/30 — support your camera rigidly to prevent camera movement. To protect the shutter mechanism, trip the shutter release before putting the camera away for any extended period.

CAMERA HOLDING

As a general rule, your camera should be held more firmly in the left hand, which does not release the shutter. If you hold your camera with the right hand — the hand that releases the shutter — it may cause camera movement. Often, blurred pictures are due to camera movement.

Horizontal position A

Hold the camera firmly with your left hand, and draw your arms close to your body.



Vertical position B.

Hold your camera tightly to your forehead with your left hand, and draw your right arm close to your body.



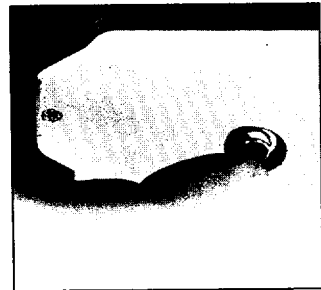
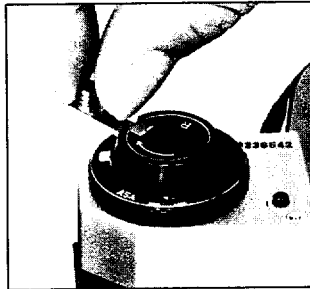
Vertical position C.

Hold your camera tightly to your forehead with your left hand, raise your right arm and draw your left arm to your body.

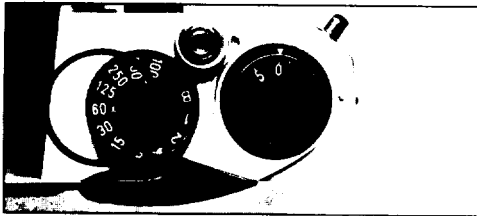
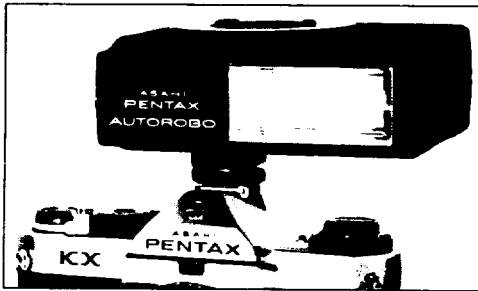


FILM UNLOADING

After the final picture on the roll has been taken, the rapid-wind lever will not turn (Caution: do not try to force the lever), indicating that the film must be rewound. Lift up the rewind crank. Depress the film rewind release button and turn the rewind crank as indicated to rewind the film into its cassette. Rewind until the tension on the crank lessens, indicating that the leader end of the film has been released from the take-up spool. Pull out the film rewind knob (the back will open automatically), and remove the film cassette. **AVOID DIRECT LIGHT WHEN LOADING THE FILM.**



FLASH SYNCHRONIZATION

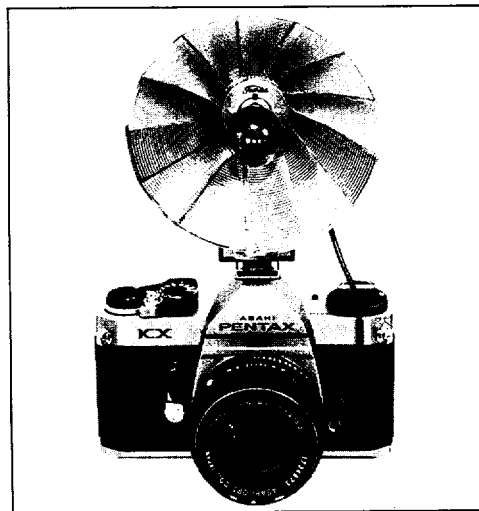


The KX has FP and X terminals on the front of the camera body, and a separate X contact on the built-in hot shoe. The table on the next page shows which flash contact, which shutter speed and which flash bulb may be combined for maximum lamp efficiency. Unless these combinations are rigidly followed, there will be a failure in flash synchronization. Note the "X" setting is exactly at the 60 mark on the speed dial. This indicates the highest shutter speed at which electronic flash units may be used.

Use the hot shoe flash contact when using a shoe-mount electronic flash like the Pentax Autorobo which has a flash contact on the shoe bracket. When using the hot shoe, there is no need to plug the flash cord into the X terminal on the body front. The hot shoe flash contact turns to "hot" (switched on) only when you insert a shoe-mount electronic flash. It remains "cold" (disconnected) even when using an electronic flash with its cord plugged into the X terminal on the body front. This eliminates the danger of electric shocks.

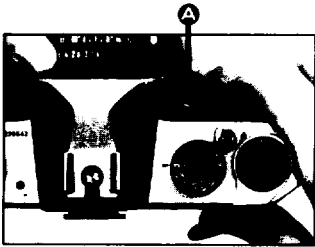
There are basically two types of flash bulb attachments on the market: clip-on types and bracket types. Either can be used with your camera. The clip-on types are attached to the hot shoe and the bracket types are screwed into the tripod screw hole.

Use one of these three bulb types: M, MF or FP. The correct terminal and the correct shutter speed to use for each of these three types are outlined in the table below. Before attaching the flash unit to the camera, you must remove the protective plug from the proper terminal. When not using the terminals, keep the plugs inserted.



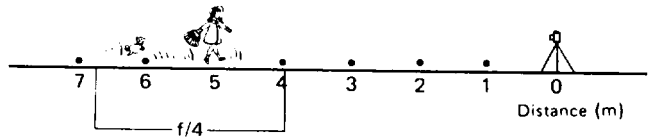
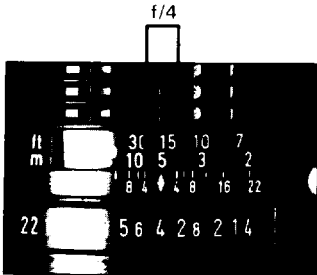
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|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|---|
| SHUTTER SPEED | $\frac{1}{1000}$ | $\frac{1}{500}$ | $\frac{1}{250}$ | $\frac{1}{125}$ | $\frac{1}{60}$ | $\frac{1}{30}$ | $\frac{1}{15}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | B |
| ELECTRONIC FLASH | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FLASH BULB | FP | FP CLASS | | | | | | | | | | |
| | X | M · MF · FP CLASS | | | | | | | | | | |

DEPTH-OF-FIELD PREVIEW BUTTON AND GUIDE



Depth of field is the range between the nearest and farthest distances which are in focus at a given lens aperture.

If you want to know how great the depth of field is at a certain aperture, focus on a subject and see through the viewfinder while depressing the depth-of-field preview button **A**. Or, after focusing, look at the depth-of-field guide on the lens. In the photograph below, the distance scale is set at 5 meters . . . the lens is focused on a subject 5 meters away. The calibrations on each side of the distance index correspond to the diaphragm setting and indicate the range of in-focus distance for different lens apertures. For example, if a lens opening of $f/4$ is to be used, the range on the distance scale ring covered within the figure 4 on the depth-of-field guide indicates the area in focus at that lens opening. You will note from the depth-of-field guide in the photograph that the range from approximately 4 to 7 m is in focus. Note that as the lens apertures change, the effective depth of field also changes. For the depths of field at different apertures and distances, refer to the next page.



DEPTH-OF-FIELD TABLE: SMC PENTAX 50mm LENS

| Distance scale | 0.45m | 0.6m | 1m | 1.5m | 2m | 5m | 10m | ∞ |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| f/1.2 | 0.448 ~ 0.452 | 0.596 ~ 0.604 | 0.987 ~ 1.014 | 1.469 ~ 1.533 | 1.943 ~ 2.060 | 4.646 ~ 5.413 | 8.661 ~ 11.832 | 63.799 ~ ∞ |
| (f/1.4) | 0.447 ~ 0.453 | 0.595 ~ 0.605 | 0.984 ~ 1.016 | 1.463 ~ 1.538 | 1.934 ~ 2.071 | 4.591 ~ 5.489 | 8.472 ~ 12.205 | 54.691 ~ ∞ |
| f/2 | 0.446 ~ 0.454 | 0.593 ~ 0.607 | 0.978 ~ 1.023 | 1.448 ~ 1.556 | 1.907 ~ 2.103 | 4.436 ~ 5.730 | 7.951 ~ 13.480 | 38.296 ~ ∞ |
| f/2.8 | 0.445 ~ 0.455 | 0.590 ~ 0.610 | 0.969 ~ 1.033 | 1.429 ~ 1.579 | 1.872 ~ 2.147 | 4.245 ~ 6.085 | 7.350 ~ 15.664 | 27.366 ~ ∞ |
| f/4 | 0.443 ~ 0.457 | 0.586 ~ 1.047 | 0.957 ~ 1.047 | 1.400 ~ 1.618 | 1.823 ~ 2.217 | 3.988 ~ 6.711 | 6.602 ~ 20.700 | 19.169 ~ ∞ |
| f/5.6 | 0.440 ~ 0.461 | 0.580 ~ 0.621 | 0.941 ~ 1.068 | 1.364 ~ 1.667 | 1.760 ~ 2.317 | 3.690 ~ 7.779 | 5.814 ~ 36.271 | 13.703 ~ ∞ |
| f/8 | 0.436 ~ 0.465 | 0.572 ~ 0.631 | 0.917 ~ 1.100 | 1.313 ~ 1.751 | 1.675 ~ 2.487 | 3.319 ~ 10.224 | 4.933 ~ ∞ | 9.603 ~ ∞ |
| f/11 | 0.431 ~ 0.471 | 0.563 ~ 0.643 | 0.890 ~ 1.143 | 1.255 ~ 1.869 | 1.579 ~ 2.739 | 2.949 ~ 18.876 | 4.149 ~ ∞ | 6.996 ~ ∞ |
| f/16 | 0.423 ~ 0.482 | 0.547 ~ 0.665 | 0.848 ~ 1.223 | 1.169 ~ 2.106 | 1.442 ~ 3.297 | 2.489 ~ ∞ | 3.283 ~ ∞ | 4.823 ~ ∞ |
| f/22 | 0.413 ~ 0.495 | 0.530 ~ 0.693 | 0.803 ~ 1.336 | 1.081 ~ 2.488 | 1.307 ~ 4.374 | 2.098 ~ ∞ | 2.629 ~ ∞ | 3.519 ~ ∞ |

| Distance scale | 1.5' | 2' | 3' | 5' | 10' | 15' | 30' | ∞ |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| f/1.2 | 1.493' ~ 1.508' | 1.985' ~ 2.015' | 2.964' ~ 3.037' | 4.893' ~ 5.111' | 9.563' ~ 10.479' | 14.024' ~ 16.123' | 26.288' ~ 34.941' | 209.320' ~ ∞ |
| (f/1.4) | 1.491' ~ 1.509' | 1.983' ~ 2.017' | 2.958' ~ 3.043' | 4.876' ~ 5.131' | 9.494' ~ 10.564' | 13.874' ~ 16.327' | 25.757' ~ 35.928' | 179.436' ~ ∞ |
| f/2 | 1.488' ~ 1.513' | 1.976' ~ 2.025' | 2.940' ~ 3.062' | 4.825' ~ 5.189' | 9.293' ~ 10.825' | 13.442' ~ 16.971' | 24.286' ~ 39.255' | 125.646' ~ ∞ |
| f/2.8 | 1.483' ~ 1.518' | 1.966' ~ 2.035' | 2.917' ~ 3.088' | 4.758' ~ 5.268' | 9.038' ~ 11.196' | 12.907' ~ 17.914' | 22.869' ~ 44.791' | 89.785' ~ ∞ |
| f/4 | 1.475' ~ 1.526' | 1.952' ~ 2.051' | 2.883' ~ 3.128' | 4.662' ~ 5.392' | 8.680' ~ 11.802' | 12.180' ~ 15.544' | 20.408' ~ 56.824' | 62.990' ~ ∞ |
| f/5.6 | 1.466' ~ 1.536' | 1.933' ~ 2.072' | 2.839' ~ 3.182' | 4.540' ~ 5.568' | 8.247' ~ 12.721' | 11.331' ~ 22.248' | 18.100' ~ 88.611' | 44.960' ~ ∞ |
| f/8 | 1.452' ~ 1.552' | 1.906' ~ 2.104' | 2.775' ~ 3.267' | 4.368' ~ 5.854' | 7.672' ~ 14.408' | 10.259' ~ 28.091' | 15.479' ~ 556.932' | 31.512' ~ ∞ |
| f/11 | 1.435' ~ 1.579' | 1.873' ~ 2.147' | 2.699' ~ 3.381' | 4.172' ~ 6.257' | 7.060' ~ 17.282' | 9.178' ~ 41.876' | 13.113' ~ ∞ | 22.955' ~ ∞ |
| f/16 | 1.407' ~ 1.608' | 1.821' ~ 2.221' | 2.583' ~ 3.589' | 3.882' ~ 7.072' | 6.234' ~ 25.943' | 7.812' ~ 234.484' | 10.459' ~ ∞ | 15.823' ~ ∞ |
| f/22 | 1.375' ~ 1.653' | 1.763' ~ 2.319' | 2.456' ~ 3.879' | 3.585' ~ 8.391' | 5.470' ~ 65.667' | 6.633' ~ ∞ | 8.425' ~ ∞ | 11.545' ~ ∞ |

HELPFUL HINTS ON EXPOSURE PROBLEMS

The light meter built into your KX correctly reads the average of the light reflected from the entire scene as seen through the viewfinder — with a little extra importance, or weight, given to what is in the center. Sometimes, however, there is a great difference between the light reflected from the background and the light reflected from the subject. In such a case, to achieve a really good photo, you must compensate for the difference by opening or closing down the aperture 1 or 2 steps.

As a general rule, when the subject is darker than the background, you compensate by opening your aperture 1 or 2 steps further. For example: on a bright day, when your subject has his back to the sun and you are shooting directly toward the sun . . . or when you are shooting a subject against snow or light-colored sand . . . or when you are copying a page of black letters on white paper, increase the size of the aperture somewhat.

When your subject is brighter than the background — if he is standing in a spotlight, for example — you make the aperture 1 or 2 steps smaller to compensate.

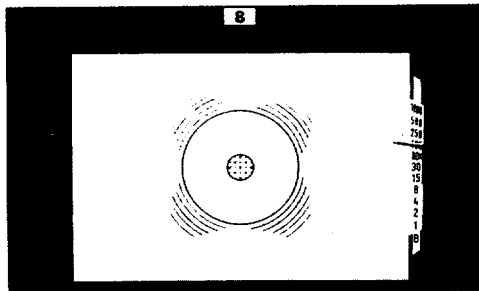


DUAL PREFERENCE EXPOSURE SYSTEM

The exposure system built into the KX is called a "needle-matching system" because the correct exposure for any given situation is determined by matching the two needles — blue and black — seen in the viewfinder. This system is most convenient because it allows you to give preference to either aperture or shutter speed.

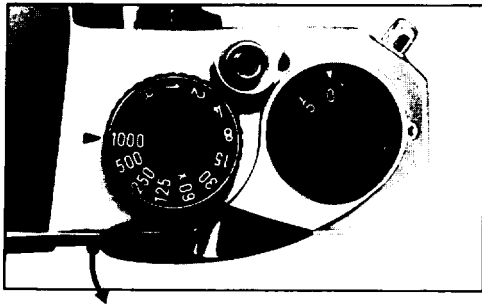
When the aperture size is the most important factor, set the aperture desired by turning the diaphragm ring. Then adjust the shutter speed dial until the blue needle in the viewfinder matches up with the black needle.

When shutter speed is the more important factor, turn the dial till the blue needle reaches the speed you desire. Then adjust the diaphragm ring to align the black needle with the blue one.



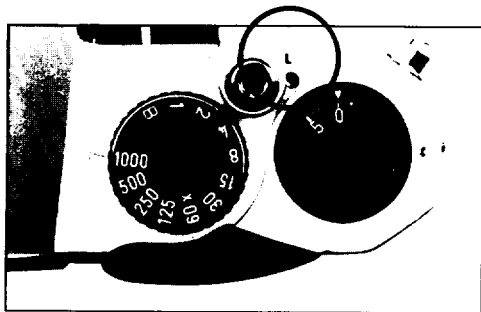
ACTIVATING EXPOSURE METER

The exposure meter of the KX is switched on by moving the rapid-wind lever from its closed position to a slightly open position, which is called the pre-advance angle. With the rapid-wind lever at the pre-advance angle, as soon as the shutter release button is depressed slightly, the black needle in the viewfinder will move according to the amount of light coming in through the lens. The exposure meter will remain switched on until the rapid-wind lever has been returned to its fully-closed position.



SHUTTER BUTTON LOCK

The shutter button lock lever is for your convenience while you are making a particularly long exposure using the B shutter speed setting. After depressing the shutter button, turn the lock lever (which is on the collar at the base of the shutter button) so that the letter "L" is visible. When the exposure time is up, move the lock lever back to its original position. This automatically releases the shutter button. Use of the shutter button lock lever also saves your battery as the exposure meter is switched off as soon as this lever is locked-in.



RANGE OF LIGHT MEASUREMENT

The exposure meter of the KX measures the brightness of the ground glass. Therefore, the meter needles should be matched after you have focused your subject on the ground glass. The area (A) in the table indicates the reading range of the meter, and should not be interpreted as the camera's total range of f/stop-shutter speed combinations. As you will note from the table, with an ASA 100 film, you may use any shutter speed from 1 sec. to 1/1000 sec. in combination with any aperture that will match the two needles in the viewfinder.

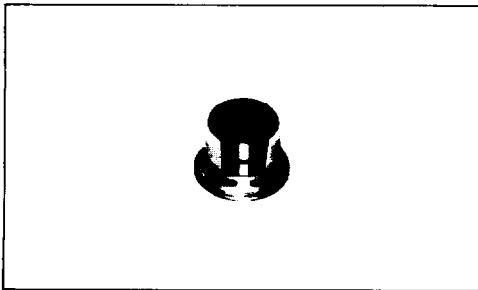
The total range of aperture settings is, of course, determined by the minimum and maximum apertures of the lens being used. For example, with the 50mm f/1.4 lens and ASA 100 film, any aperture from f/1.4 (the maximum aperture of this lens) to f/16 may be used with any shutter speed from 1 sec. to 1/1000 sec. However, the combination of f/22 (minimum aperture) and 1/1000 sec. is beyond the measurability range (B), as shown in the table. As the ASA film speed changes, the measurability range varies.

| f | 1.4 | 2 | 2.8 | 4 | 5.6 | 8 | 11 | 16 | 22 |
|------------------|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|----|----|----|
| Sec. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | | | | | | | |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ | | | | | | | | | |
| $\frac{1}{8}$ | | | | | | | | | |
| $\frac{1}{15}$ | | | | | | | | | |
| $\frac{1}{30}$ | A | | | | | | | | |
| $\frac{1}{60}$ | | | | | | | | | |
| $\frac{1}{125}$ | | | | | | | | | |
| $\frac{1}{250}$ | | | | | | | | | |
| $\frac{1}{500}$ | | | | | | | | | |
| $\frac{1}{1000}$ | B | | | | | | | | |

MANUAL SHUTTER OPERATION

The two silver oxide batteries in your KX are used only for powering the exposure meter; the shutter mechanism is a totally manual operation. Therefore, your camera can still be operated even if the batteries have worn out. (A good sign of worn-out batteries is that the black meter needle does not respond when you depress the shutter button slightly.)

If the batteries have worn out and the exposure meter is no longer functioning, you must determine the correct combination of shutter speed and aperture size yourself, from your own experience. Also, packed in with most types of 35mm film is a data sheet with suggestions for determining the correct exposure in a variety of situations.



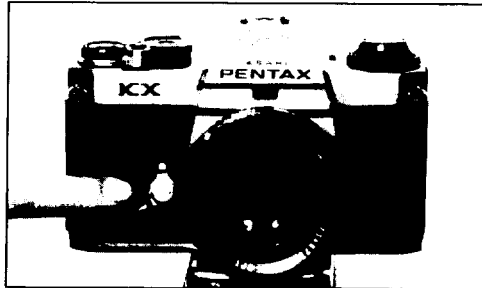
SELF-TIMER

The self-timer delays shutter release between 5 and 13 seconds, depending upon how far counter-clockwise you have turned the cocking lever. **When using the self-timer, do not depress the shutter release button . . . it will immediately release the shutter without delayed action.**

Turn the cocking lever down 90° – 180°. Move the small light-colored self-timer start lever as indicated . . . the self-timer will start.

This self-timer also has an interrupt function. Even after the self-timer has started to run, you can stop it by moving the start lever back to normal position, as long as the cocking lever has not been moved back past the 90° position. You can re-start the self-timer by pushing the cocking lever down again and moving the start lever again.

Do not leave the cocking lever in "interrupt" position for an extended period, as this may weaken the spring.

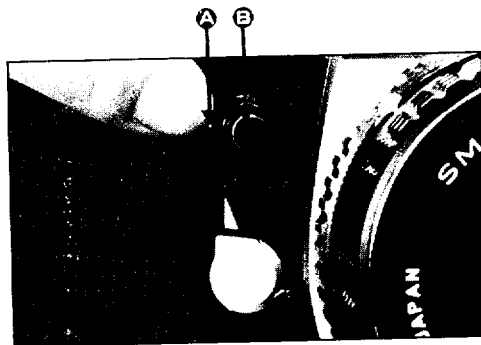


MIRROR LOCK-UP

In normal picture-taking situations, when you trip the shutter, the reflex mirror swings up out of the way. It then automatically drops back down into place. Inevitably, this causes a small amount of vibration — and the longer the lens you use, the more noticeable the vibration will be.

To avoid this vibration, it is possible to lock the mirror up after you have completely finished focusing. (Because you will not be able to see anything through the viewfinder once the mirror is up, you must finish focusing before locking it up. And because light will not reach the light meter, it is necessary to have proper exposure set before lock-up. Also, it is essential to use a tripod for this kind of shooting.)

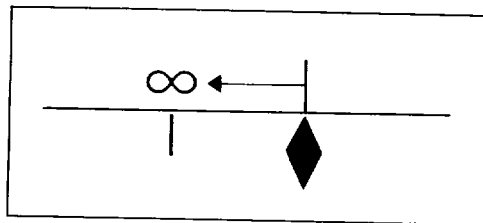
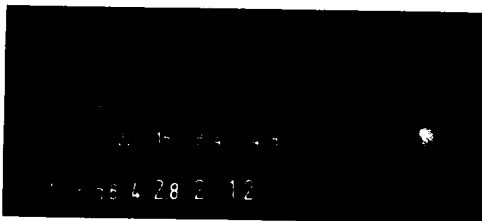
Once everything is in focus, simply turn the lock-up lever **A** clockwise as far as it will go and depress the depth-of-field preview lever **B**. The mirror will now stay up even after you trip the shutter. To release the mirror, return the mirror lock-up lever to its original position. The reflex mirror can be locked up either before or after you advance the film.



When locking up the mirror, do not keep the camera facing directly into the sun for a long time. Direct sunlight through the lens might damage the shutter curtain.

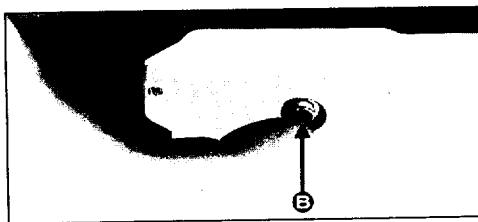
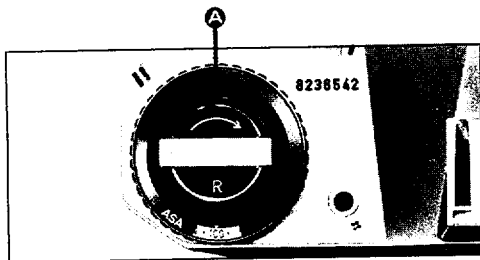
INFRA-RED PHOTOGRAPHY

If you intend to take infra-red photographs, remember to use the infra-red index marked with an orange line on the depth-of-field guide. First, bring your subject into clear focus. Then determine the lens-to-subject distance from the distance scale on the lens. Then match your lens-to-subject distance to the infra-red index by turning the distance scale accordingly. For instance, if your subject is in focus at infinity, turn the distance ring and move the infinity (∞) mark to the index.

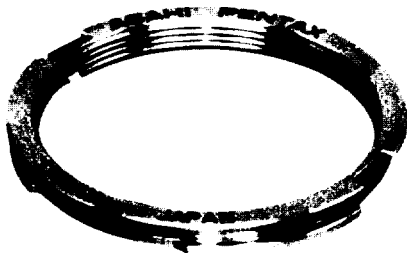


MULTIPLE EXPOSURE

For deliberate multiple exposures, make the first exposure in the normal way. Then tighten the film by turning the rewind knob **A**, and keep hold of the rewind knob. Depress the film rewind release button **B** and cock the rapid-wind lever. This cocks the shutter without advancing the film. Finally release the shutter to make the second exposure. Then make one blank exposure, before taking the next picture, to avoid overlapping as registration may not be exact.



USING CONVENTIONAL SCREW-MOUNT TAKUMAR LENSES

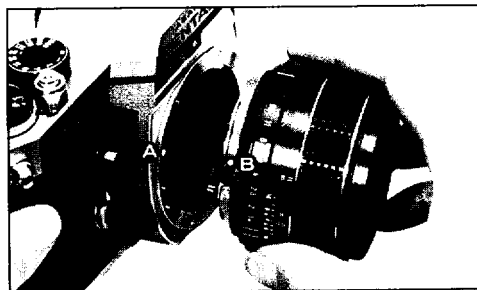


Conventional screw-mount Takumar lenses (both Super-Takumar and SMC Takumar) can be easily mounted onto your camera by attaching them first to a Mount Adaptor K. Use of the Mount Adaptor K does not affect any aspect of normal lens function except as regards the following two points:

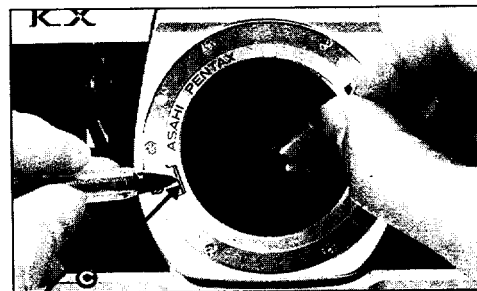
1. Due to the difference in coupling systems, the automatic diaphragm will not function.
2. Full-aperture metering lenses will function as stop-down metering lenses.

HOW TO USE MOUNT ADAPTOR K

1. Screw the conventional Takumar lens into the Mount Adaptor K.
2. Attach the Adaptor/lens unit to the camera body by aligning the red dots **A** and **B**, and turning the lens clockwise until it locks with a click. (This takes slightly less than a quarter of a revolution.)
3. To remove the lens, leaving the Mount Adaptor K attached to the camera body, simply unscrew the lens counter-clockwise. Other screw-mount Takumar lenses can then be attached in the normal way.



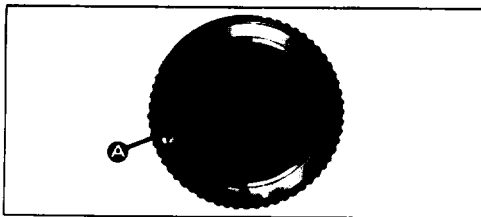
1. To remove the Mount Adaptor K from the camera body, first remove the screw-mount lens. Then press, with your thumbnail or a pointed object such as a ballpoint pen, against the spring pin **C**.
2. Turn the Mount Adaptor K counter-clockwise until you feel it release, and take it out.



3. Since the mechanism for locking in the Mount Adaptor K is totally different from that which locks in an SMC Pentax bayonet-mount lens, the lock lever **D** on the camera body plays no part at all.

OPEN-APERTURE OR STOP-DOWN METERING

Open-aperture SMC Pentax lenses have a diaphragm coupling lever **A** on the back of the lens which locks into the camera body to permit open-aperture metering. The super telephotos do not have a diaphragm coupler, so they must be used with the stop-down metering system. Use of the Auto-Extension Tube Set K permits open-aperture metering. It can also be set to stop down the diaphragm automatically. Use of other K Series accessories — standard Extension Tube Set K, Helicoid Extension Tube K, Auto-Bellows K and Bellows Unit K — requires stop-down metering. Whenever any one of these is used between the camera body and an SMC Pentax lens, the stop-down metering system must be used.



OPEN-APERTURE METERING LENSES

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|-------|
| SMC Pentax Fish-eye | 17mm | f/4 |
| SMC Pentax | 15mm | f/3.5 |
| SMC Pentax | 20mm | f/4 |
| SMC Pentax | 24mm | f/3.5 |
| SMC Pentax | 28mm | f/3.5 |
| SMC Pentax | 35mm | f/2 |
| SMC Pentax | 35mm | f/3.5 |
| SMC Pentax | 50mm | f/1.2 |
| SMC Pentax | 50mm | f/1.4 |
| SMC Pentax | 55mm | f/1.8 |
| SMC Pentax | 85mm | f/1.8 |
| SMC Pentax | 105mm | f/2.8 |
| SMC Pentax | 120mm | f/2.8 |
| SMC Pentax | 135mm | f/2.5 |
| SMC Pentax | 135mm | f/3.5 |
| SMC Pentax | 150mm | f/4 |
| SMC Pentax | 200mm | f/4 |
| SMC Pentax | 300mm | f/4 |
| SMC Pentax Zoom | 45 ~ 125mm | f/4 |
| SMC Pentax Zoom | 85 ~ 210mm | f/4.5 |
| SMC Pentax Macro | 50mm | f/4 |
| SMC Pentax Macro | 100mm | f/4 |

STOP-DOWN METERING LENSES

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------|
| SMC Pentax | 400mm | f/5.6 |
| SMC Pentax | 500mm | f/4.5 |
| SMC Pentax | 1000mm | f/8 |
| SMC Pentax Zoom | 135 ~ 600mm | f/6.7 |

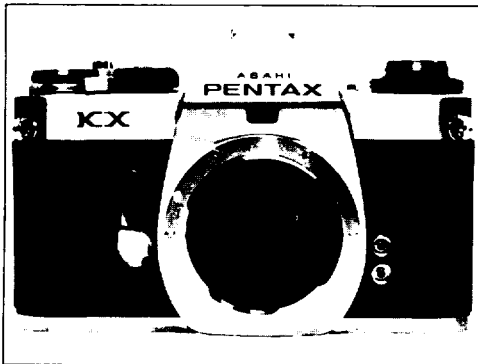
RESISTANCE TO TEMPERATURE EXTREMES AND CHANGES

The temperature range at which your camera will continue to function properly stretches from 50°C to -20°C. However, resistance to cold could be hampered by oil which has become dirty. Therefore, if the camera is to operate at full efficiency in very cold conditions, it must be overhauled and all oil must be replaced.

Sudden changes in temperature will often cause moisture to condense inside or outside your camera. This is a possible source of rust, which may be extremely damaging to the mechanism. Furthermore, if the camera goes from a warm temperature to a sub-freezing one, and if tiny drops of moisture freeze, further damage may be done by their expansion.

Thus, sudden temperature changes should be avoided as much as possible. As a guide, a temperature change of 10°C should be allowed to take place gradually over a period of at least 30 minutes. If this is not possible, keeping the camera in its case or bag will help somewhat in minimizing the effects of a rapid temperature change.

Extremely low temperature reduces the efficiency of the battery. Therefore, the camera should be protected against low temperature. Put the batteries into the camera right before shooting. For extremely low temperature, use new batteries.



1.
Always keep the viewfinder eyepiece, lens and filters as clean as possible. To remove loose dust and dirt, first use the blower and then the brush of a lens brush. Do not try to wipe off granular dirt or dust — it's an excellent way of scratching the glass. Smudges, such as fingerprints, should be carefully wiped away with either a lens tissue or a clean, soft cloth. Clean, plain cotton handkerchiefs that have already been washed a few times are particularly good for this. Breathing on the lens before wiping is effective; but be sure to wipe away all moisture completely. Commercial lens cleaners are also effective.

2.
Never touch the mirror or the shutter curtains. Minor dirt or spots on the mirror will not affect the clarity of your pictures.

3.
Take care not to drop the camera or knock it against anything solid. Accidents or rough handling can easily damage the internal mechanism, even though externally nothing seems to have been hurt.

4.

Your camera is **not** waterproof. There are several places where water can get inside and do a great deal of damage. Take care to protect both body and lens from rain or splashing water. If your camera should get wet, dry it off immediately with a clean, soft cloth.

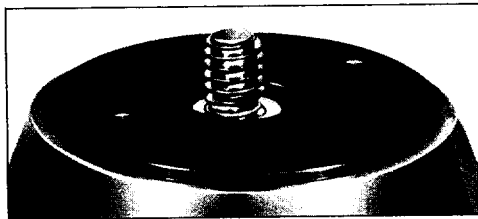
Once a camera has become completely soaked, there is often nothing that can be done to make it right again. However, in such a case, take your camera as soon as possible to an authorized Asahi Pentax Service Center.

5.

Where to keep your camera while you are not using it is an important point. The best storage place is cool, dry, clean and well-ventilated. Because of the possible build-up of humidity, it is risky to store your camera in a cabinet or closet. It's also a good idea to keep your camera in its bag or case while you are not using it.

6.

When mounting your camera on a tripod, be sure the tripod screw is no longer than 5.5mm. This is the depth of the tripod screw hole on your camera. If you use a longer screw, you will probably puncture the bottom of the hole, after which the camera will not function properly.



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