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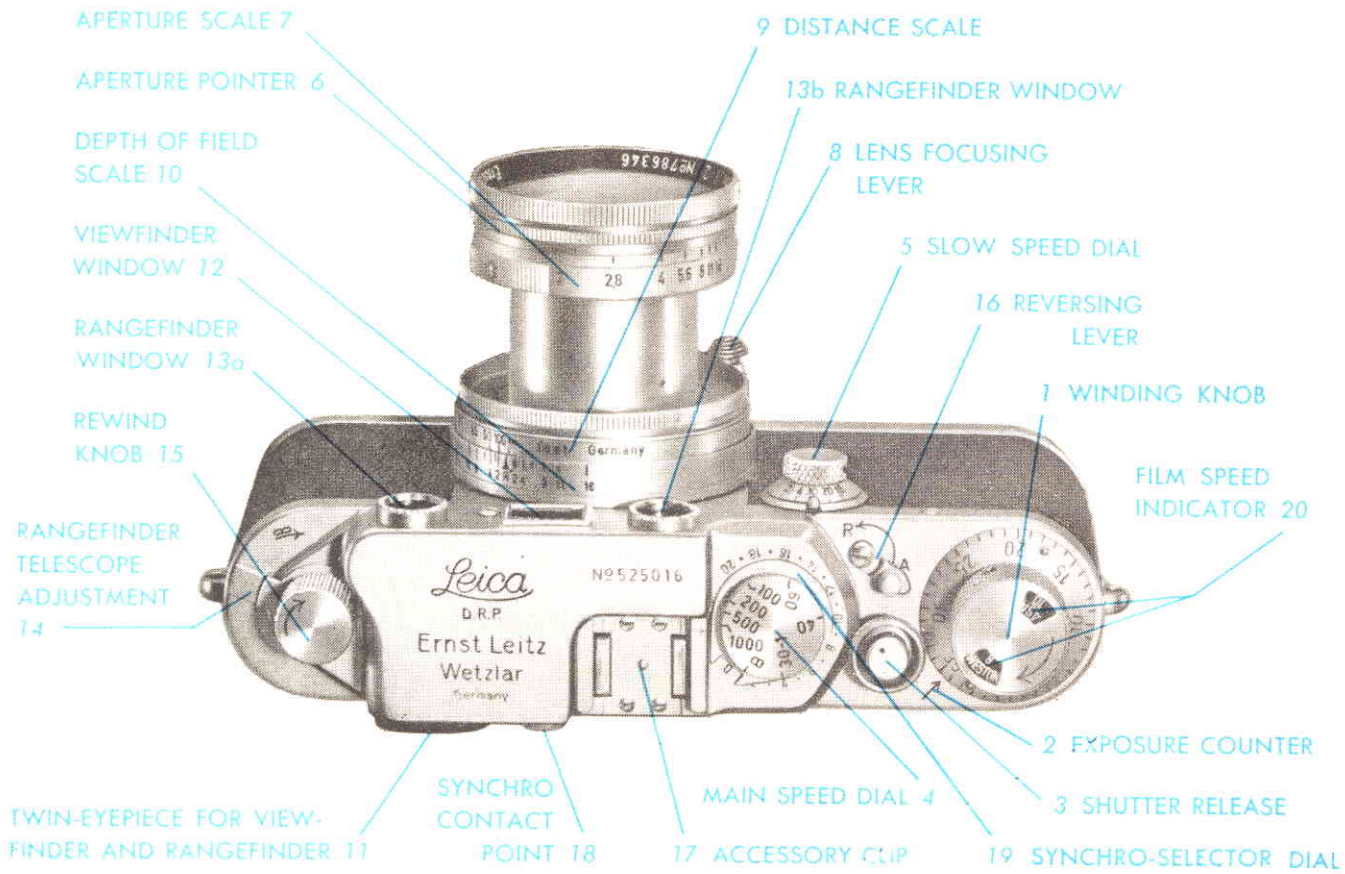
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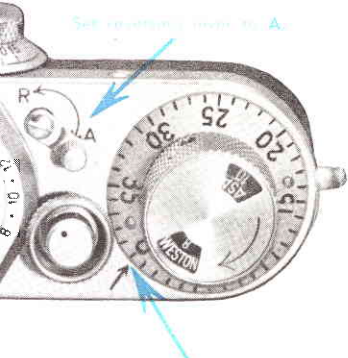
## *Introduction*

While this instruction booklet is written primarily for use with the Model IIIf Leica camera with built-in synchronization, information in it is applicable to all other Leica cameras. Every Leica, from the very first Model A to the latest Model IIIf Leica camera has the same basic general design. The main differences between the various models are the additional, unusual Leica features added to each succeeding model. A brief description of each model of the Leica camera is given on pages 44 to 47. This will enable you to identify the model designation of your camera, so that you can easily apply the information in this booklet to it.

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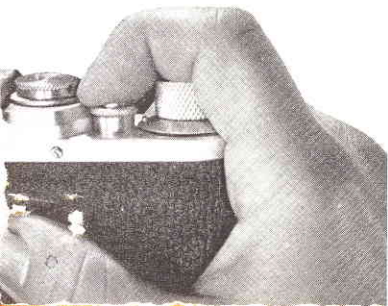


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Turn counting disc to 0 position after inserting a new film. It will automatically record the number of exposures.



1. Turn **WINDING KNOB** (as indicated by arrow) as far as it goes to a stop. This simultaneously winds the shutter and advances the film for the next exposure. Double exposures are not possible.

2. **AUTOMATIC EXPOSURE COUNTER.** The counting disc is turned counter-clockwise by means of two lugs. (i.e. in the opposite direction of the arrow on the winding knob).

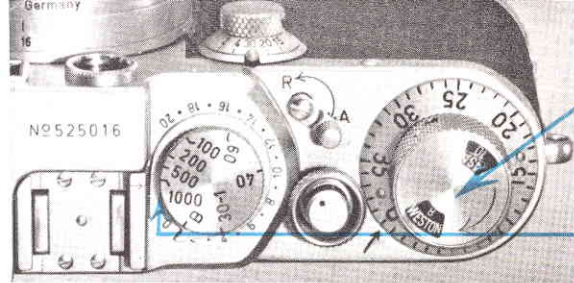
The Leica film magazines or daylight loading cartridges can hold a strip of film, 5¼ feet long, which is sufficient for 36 pictures (24x36 mm in size).

3. **SHUTTER RELEASE BUTTON** The exposure is made by gently pressing the release button.

The next picture can be taken only after again turning the Winding Knob (1) as far as it goes. Accidental double exposures are impossible. A special cable release can be screwed over the release button, between the button and the outer collar.

4. The **FAST SHUTTER-SPEED DIAL** shows exposure-figures from 30 to 1000 ( $\frac{1}{30}$  to  $\frac{1}{1000}$ ). Intermediate speeds





FIRST turn the Winding Knob until it stops.

THEN set Shutter-Speed Dial to the exposure time desired.

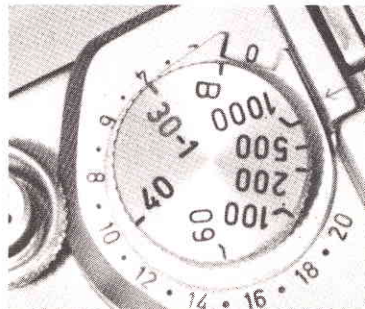


cannot be set. Set to **B (Z)**, the shutter remains open while the release button is pressed down. When set to the red figure 30-1, the additional slow speed dial (5) is put in action (next page).

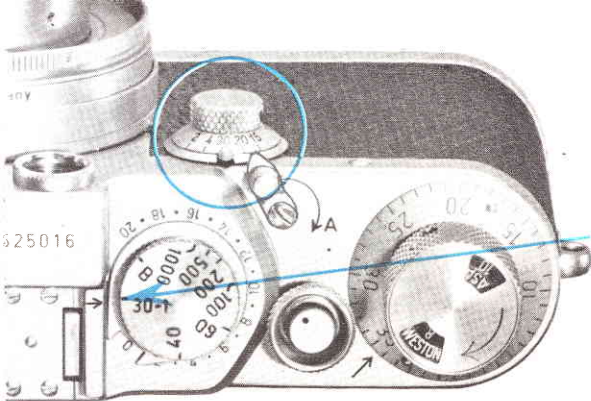
The Main Shutter-Speed Dial can be adjusted only after the shutter has been wound. Re-winding the shutter brings the speed dial back to its original position.

The required scale settings of the Synchro-Dial depend on the type of flash bulb used and on the shutter speed required. They are read off from the table enclosed with every synchronized LEICA and can be slipped into the back of the eveready case.

Lift and set Dial so that the index arrow points to the desired speed.







5. SLOW SHUTTER-SPEED DIAL for the slow instantaneous speeds 1/30 — 1 sec.

To operate this dial set main shutter speed dial—after shutter has been wound—to the red figure 30—1.

It provides exposure times of  $1/30$ ,  $1/20$ ,  $1/15$ ,  $1/10$ ,  $1/4$ ,  $1/2$ , and 1 second. The figures can conveniently be read from above. Intermediate speeds can also be set (e.g.  $3/4$  sec. being half way between  $1/2$  and 1 sec.)

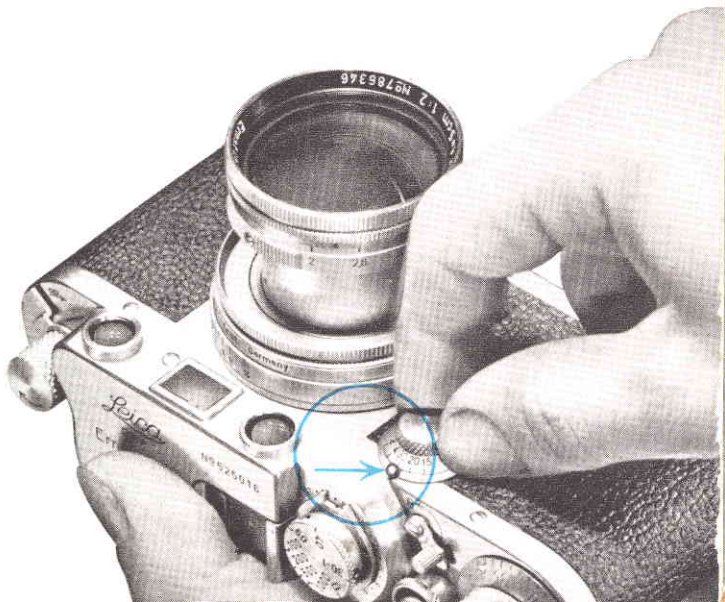
When set to **T**, the shutter opens on being released, and remains open. To close it, do not press the release button again, but merely turn the slow speed dial back a little (to 1 or farther) and the shutter will close immediately.\*

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\* The shutter also closes when the film is advanced. This is important for photo-micrography and other special purposes.

When changing from the slow speeds of the Front Dial to the high speeds of the Main Dial, the Front Dial must be set to the red figure **30**. Consequently both dials are set to **30** when  $\frac{1}{30}$  sec. is required.

The Front Dial can be turned either way between stops. A safety spring holds the Front Dial at 30 and must be pushed back with the finger when changing to slow speeds. This can be done conveniently by pressing down the spring with the right hand thumb-nail.



The mounts of the Leica standard 50mm. lenses ELMAR f/3.5, SUMMAR f/2 and SUMMITAR f/2 are of a collapsible type.

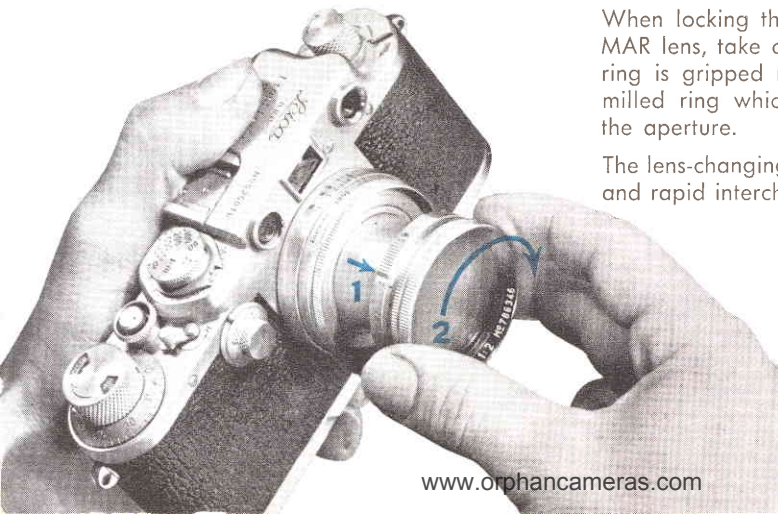
For photographing

1. pull out lens.
2. lock it by turning it clockwise to the stop.

To push lens back into the camera body, unlock it counter-clockwise.

When locking the SUMMITAR or SUMMAR lens, take care that only the front ring is gripped not touching the other milled ring which serves for adjusting the aperture.

The lens-changing flange allows an easy and rapid interchange of lenses of vari-



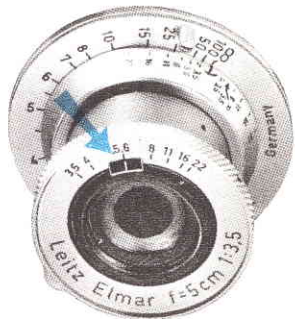
ous focal lengths. Lenses are simply screwed firmly into the changing flange. The helical focusing mount of the lens will automatically couple with the rangefinder mechanism.

When changing lenses, hold the camera with the left hand, grip the lens with the right hand close to the camera body, and loosen it in the flange with a slight jerk. Then unscrew the lens with the camera held flat in your left hand, the lens turned upwards to avoid dropping it. In the same way the lens is screwed into the changing flange, first feeling the entrance of the precision thread by turning slightly counter-clockwise, and then turning clockwise firmly into the changing flange. Lenses in collapsible mounts must be pulled out and locked in the bayonet catch, their focusing lever in the infinity position, before being screwed into the changing flange.

The opening in the camera body should not be exposed to strong light, and it is best to hold the opening of the camera against the body while another lens is taken from its case.



Take special care of this precision coupling mount. Use dust cap when carrying lens separately.



**6. APERTURE DIAPHRAGM ADJUSTMENT.** The light transmitting capacity of a photographic lens is controlled by its diaphragm. This has the same function as the iris of the human eye which widens or narrows the diameter of the pupil according to the intensity of the light reaching the eye.

The diaphragm of the ELMAR 50mm. is adjusted by a small lug with index line. The diaphragm of all other lenses is operated by a milled ring.

**7. APERTURE SCALE.** The figures indicate the relative aperture of the lens. The relation between lens aperture and relative time of exposure is as follows:

Lens aperture (scale figures*) ..	1.4	1.5	2	2.2	2.8	3.2	3.5	4	4.5	5.6	6.3	8	9	11	12.5	16	18	22
Relative exposure time ..	0.5	0.6	1	1.2	2	2.5	3	4	5	8	10	16	20	32	40	64	80	128

The table shows that small diaphragm openings, which naturally necessitate longer times of exposure, are indicated by higher scale figures, and vice versa.

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\*The blue figures represent the international (ASA) scale of aperture values, which has been adopted for all Leica lenses of recent production.

When stopping down to the next higher scale figure, the time of exposure has to be doubled.

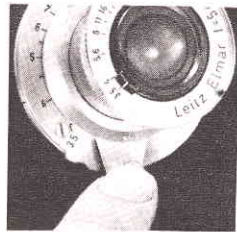
If, for example, the exposure meter indicates an exposure time  $1/60$  sec. for a diaphragm setting of 5.6, the time of exposure must be doubled with the diaphragm stopped down to 8 i.e.  $1/30$  sec. Or, if the correct exposure is  $1/60$  sec. at 6.3, the speed should be changed to  $1/30$  when the diaphragm is stopped down to 9. (When using lenses engraved with the former European System.)

The diaphragm setting 2 on the other hand would require an exposure time of  $1/480$  sec. In practice you set the shutter to  $1/500$  sec. as you would set it to  $1/20$  when your exposure meter reads  $1/25$  such little differences being of no importance owing to the great latitude in the sensitivity of modern films.

**8. LENS FOCUSING.** When not in use, the helical mount of the lens is locked at the infinity position ( $\infty$ ). Pressing the knob on the end of the focusing lever releases the catch, and the lens can then be rotated for focusing up to 3.5 ft. (1 m). The locking device is found only on lenses of 50mm. focal length or less.

When using the ELMAR, SUMMAR or SUMMITAR 50mm. lenses do not forget to pull out the tubular lens barrel, and lock it in its bayonet catch.

Long-focus lenses are focused by means of a knurled ring.



9. **DISTANCE SCALE.** The distance may be read off the figure of the distance scale which lies nearest the index mark.

In addition to the main index, Leica lenses have a second index denoted by **R** which serves for focusing when taking **INFRA-RED** photographs (with the exception of the 28 mm and 35 mm wide angle lenses with which maximum sharpness in the case of infra-red exposures always lies within the depth of field). The lens is first focused in the usual manner, then the helical mount moved until the index **R** points to that position on the distance scale which was first indicated by the main index.

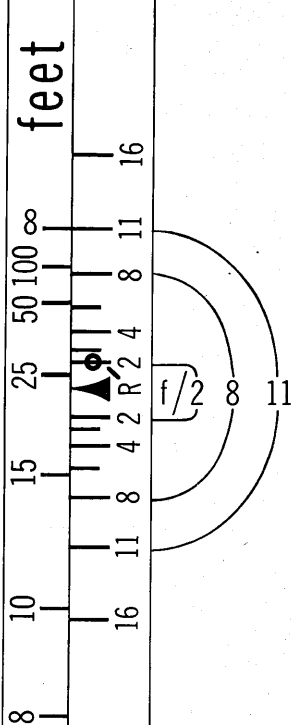
10. **DEPTH OF FIELD SCALE.** The maximum sharpness obtainable by a photographic lens lies in a plane at the distance to which the lens has been set. From this plane decreasing sharpness extends to the foreground as well as to the background. This range of sharpness is called the "depth of field" or less accurately "depth of focus" and depends, for a given lens, on the relative aperture and the distance to the subject focused on. The smaller the aperture (by stopping down the lens diaphragm) the greater will be (for a given distance) the depth of field. The nearer the distance, the smaller the depth of field for a given aperture.



To enable one to read the depth of field range at any lens aperture and distance, direct from the Leica camera, a special scale is provided on the base of the lens mount. It bears the aperture figures on either side of the index mark, and shows the distances in front of and behind the actual focusing distance at which sufficiently sharp focus is obtained.

In the case of a lens aperture of 2 and a distance of 24 feet the scale shows a depth of field ranging from about 20 feet to 27 feet to 10 m, and when the lens is stopped down to 11 this depth of field extends from about 12 feet to  $\infty$  (infinity) without any alteration to the lens focusing being necessary. This latter adjustment is particularly useful when as large a foreground as possible is to be included in a landscape photograph.

NOTE: For lens calibrated in meters, calculate one meter = approximately  $39\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

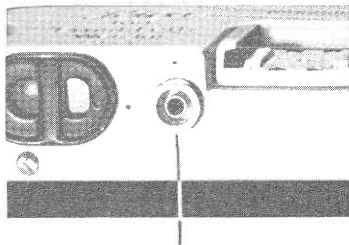


However, it should always be borne in mind that the maximum sharpness lies at the distance to which the focusing scale has been set. Therefore, for distance views, with a foreground which can be neglected, the focusing scale should always be set at  $\infty$  (infinity).

The reading of the depth of field scale is sufficiently accurate for all practical purposes. If desired, further data may be obtained from our special DEPTH OF FIELD TABLES.

The beginner will find it advisable not to worry about the depth of field scale. His first aim will be to obtain his results with the following settings of the focusing scale: For landscapes and similar objects at long distances stop down to 5.6 or 8, (6.3 or 9) and set lens to infinity. For snapshots stop down to 5.6 (6.3), and focus

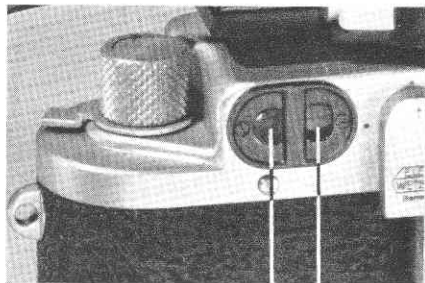
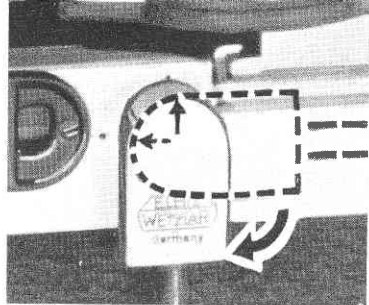
to the most important part of the subject. For portraits, use full lens aperture, and focus accurately on the eyes of the person.



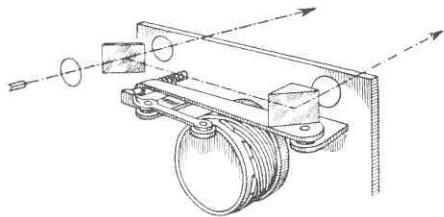
Push the flash unit plug into the socket of the LEICA in a horizontal position; the engraved arrow should point towards the twin eyepiece. When the plug is correctly pushed in, turn it downwards so that the arrow now points to the top. To remove the plug, turn it so that the arrow is horizontal again and points to the twin eyepiece.

The \_\_\_\_\_ combines the eye-lenses of the viewfinder and the rangefinder.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is a direct-vision finder, and shows the field covered by the lenses of the 50 mm standard focal length. It is to be held centrally to the eye. Bring your eye to the twin-eyepieces as close as possible. A slight movement of the eye is sufficient to change from viewfinder to rangefinder.



The rangefinder is coupled to the helical focusing mount of the lens so that when the lens is turned the rangefinder is automatically put into operation. Correct focus is obtained when the two images appearing in the rangefinder are fused into one by turning the focusing mount of the lens (coincidence principle).



The automatic coupling of the Leica camera embodies a micrometer-movement mechanism with two compensating devices of a degree of precision such as is found only in very high priced microscopes.

It should be especially noted that all interchangeable Leica lenses are suitable for use on any Leica camera with built-in rangefinder.

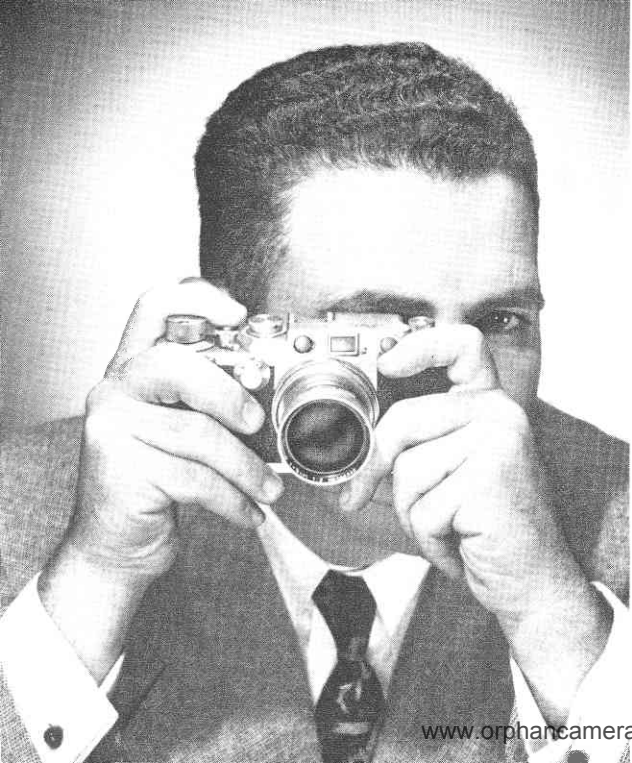
14. RANGEFINDER TELESCOPE ADJUSTMENT. In order to increase the accuracy and ease of focusing, the viewing aperture of the rangefinder is fitted with a telescope having a magnification of 1.5 times. The rangefinder eyepiece is adjusted by turning the small lever fitted under the rewind knob. This permits focusing on near or distant objects to the greatest possible sharpness, compensating for slight deficiencies of the eye.

Correction lenses are available for owners of Models IIIb, IIc, IIIc, IIe and IIIe (only) who wear eyeglasses.

#### FOR BEGINNERS WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING PRACTICING METHOD:

Sight a distinct object about 12 to 15 ft. away, and cover the left rangefinder window **13 a** with the middle finger. Only a small circular field with the object at which you are aiming will be visible. See to it that your eye is centered behind the rangefinder eyepiece so that you can get a completely circular field of the image. Adjust the lever **14** to obtain the greatest possible sharpness. Keep the object in the center of the field, and uncover the left window of the Rangefinder. Now you will see a double image of the object in a larger circular field. Always keep your eye in a central position so that the smaller field is in the middle of the larger field. Turn the focusing mount of the lens until the two images fuse into one, and thus obtain correct focus.

After practicing this method several times, you will have no difficulty in focusing any object correctly without covering the left window of the rangefinder.



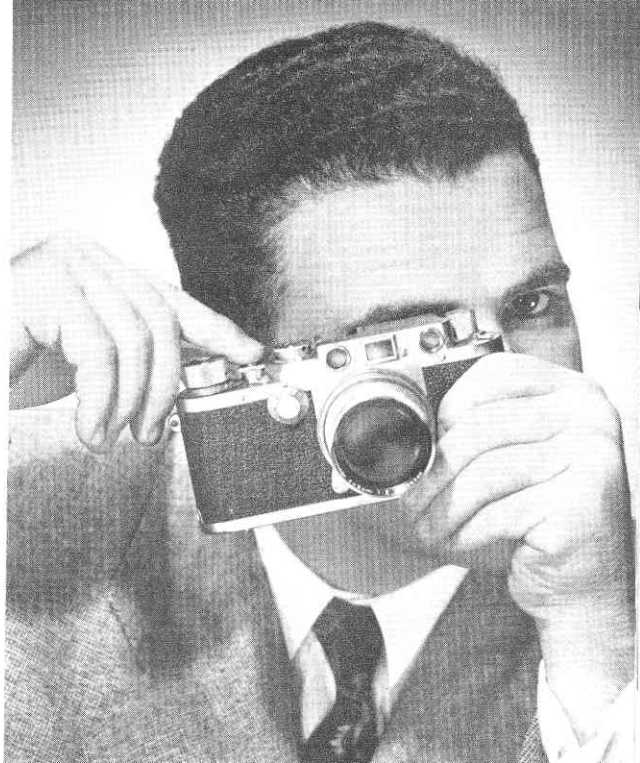
It is strongly advised — not only for slow exposures but also for fast shutter speeds — to hold the camera steady in both hands:

Rest camera against cheek — both hands grasping the camera — the right index finger ready on the release button — the left index finger on the knob of the focusing lever.

Squeeze the release button gently without jerking. Avoid shaking the camera which is the main cause for unsharp negatives. Move the finger only and not the entire arm.

resulting in shaking the camera while releasing the shutter is illustrated at the right. Instead:

Place the hollow of the right hand under the base-plate to counteract the downward action of the forefinger. Give the camera a good support by pressing your elbows to your body, and bring the eye used for sighting or focusing close to the eye-lens of the viewfinder or rangefinder.



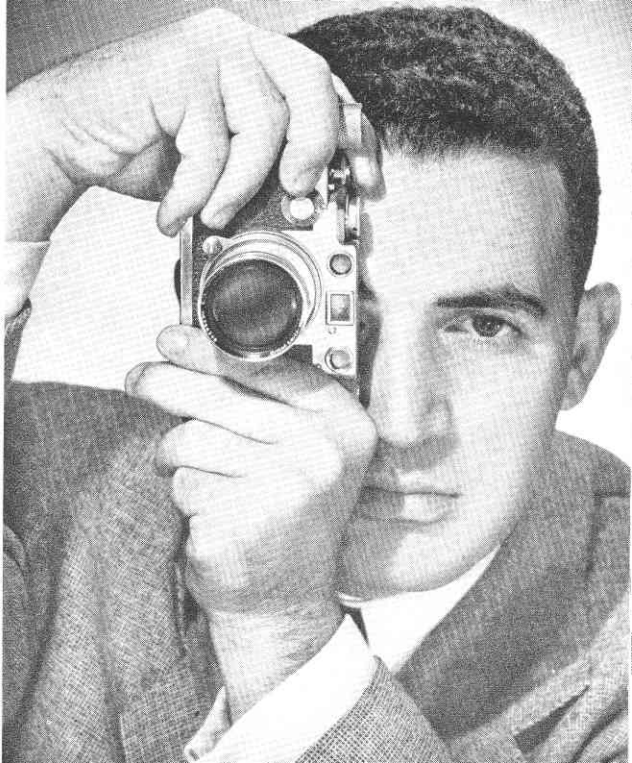




## FOR VERTICAL PICTURES

Hold camera in right hand from underneath — right thumb stretched over winding knob, and resting on release button. The thumb must not touch speed dial. The right elbow is against body. Operate the focusing lever with index or middle finger of left hand, with the left thumb steadying the camera against the forehead.

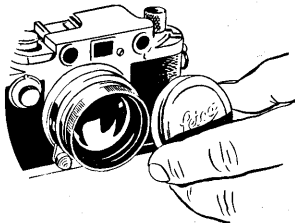
Hold camera as described on page 20. Change over to vertical position, right hand on top, right index finger on release button, and left hand supporting camera and operating focusing lever.



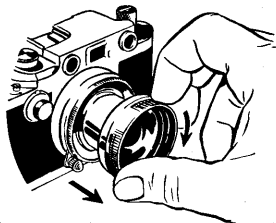
## ROUTINE FOR LEICA PICTURE-TAKING

Now that the various Leica camera controls have been explained, a routine or system of operating these controls to make pictures should be established. After a short time this will become habit, and picture making will be simple. Recommended procedure for photographing with the Leica is:

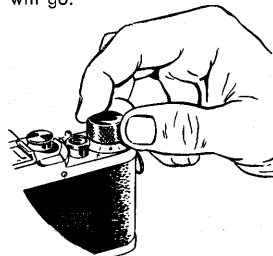
1. Remove the lens cap from the lens . . . a simple step which is often overlooked.

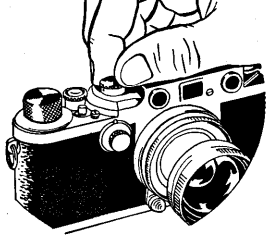


2. Pull out the lens and lock it in position. Make sure it is firmly locked.

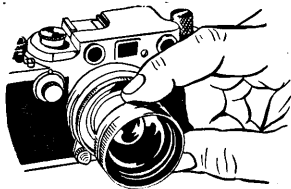


3. Turn the winding knob (in the direction of the arrow) as far as it will go.





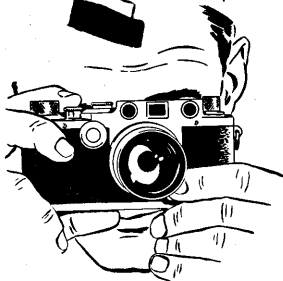
4. Set the shutter speed dial according to exposure meter readings or exposure table recommendations.



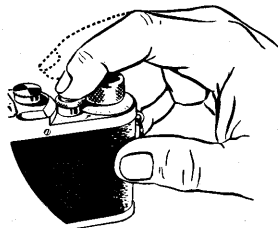
5. Set the lens diaphragm to the aperture indicated by the exposure meter or table.



6. Compose the subject in the viewfinder. Do it carefully. Good composition is important.



7. Focus the lens with the rangefinder. Both images should overlap so that a single image is seen.



8. Squeeze the shutter release button to expose the film. Move only the finger on the button, not the entire arm.

## *The different types of film containers.*

Film manufacturers supply perforated 35 mm film for the Leica camera in the following ways:

1. **DAYLIGHT LOADING CARTRIDGES.** The cartridge is used once only. It is opened in the darkroom when the film is to be developed. Special warning is given against the re-loading and the repeated use of these cartridges. Such a practice involves the risk of damage both to the film and to the shutter.

The insertion of the daylight loading cartridges into the camera, and also their removal, is done in the same way as with the all-metal Leica magazine. For further details see page 28

2. Containers having 27½ ft. of film — Five Leica magazine loadings. Each loading — sufficient for 36 exposures — is tongued on one end and notched on the other end, simplifying insertion into the Leica magazine. page 35

3. Containers of bulk film having 50, 100 or more feet of film. The film is a single length without any notching, etc. It is necessary to cut and trim the film correctly when inserting into Leica magazines. page 41

The loading of the camera should be done in subdued daylight. Film Magazines and especially Daylight Loading Cartridges should not be exposed to daylight any longer than is necessary for loading the camera.

**BEFORE OPENING THE CAMERA** after the film has been exposed make sure that the film has been wound back into its magazine or cartridge. To do this, pull out the rewind knob 15, and try to turn it in the direction of the arrow. If you feel a resistance, the camera is still loaded. Check the counting disc. If the whole film is exposed (36 photographs), wind it back completely into the magazine or cartridge and unload the camera.

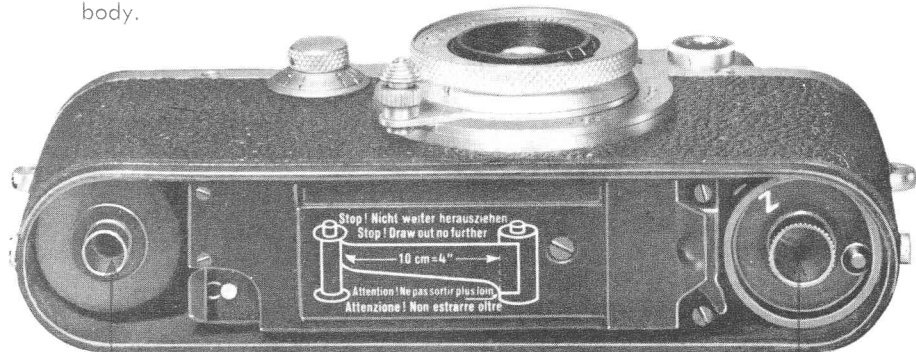
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TO OPEN THE LEICA CAMERA, pick up the lock lever on the baseplate and turn from CLOSED to OPEN, up to the stop, and lift the baseplate off. Some baseplates are marked AUF (open) and ZU (closed).

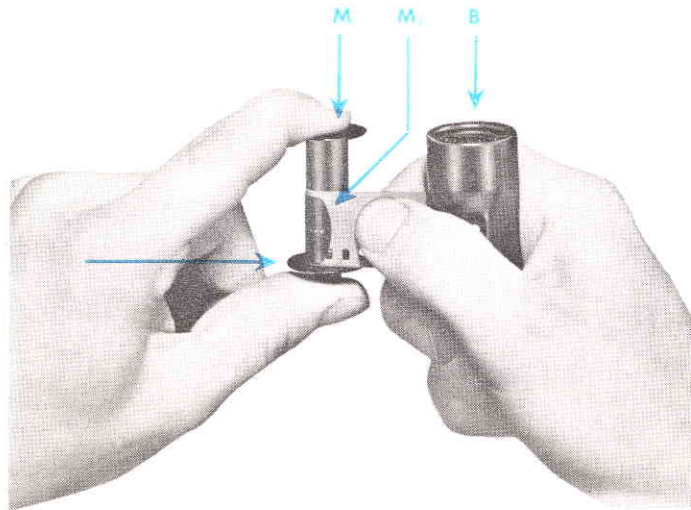
### TO LOAD THE CAMERA

1. Set the reversing lever 16 to **A** (**A**dvance).
2. Withdraw the take-up spool from the open camera **M** (counter spool).
3. Place the open camera in front of you with the camera back facing your body.

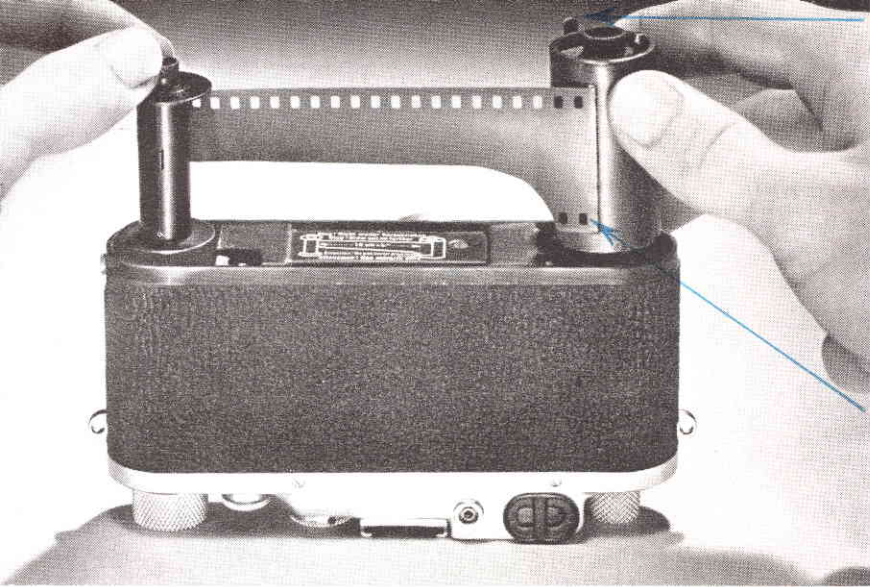




4. Hold take-up spool **M** with left hand and the loaded film magazine or cartridge **B** in the right, the knurled heads of take-up spool and the magazine or cartridge pointing in the same direction (down), as shown in the illustration. Push the trimmed film end under the spring **M 1** of the take-up spool. Push the film in as far as it will go — about  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch. (The perforated edge of the film should lie flush with the flange adjoining the knob). Do not wind film around the spindle of the spool.



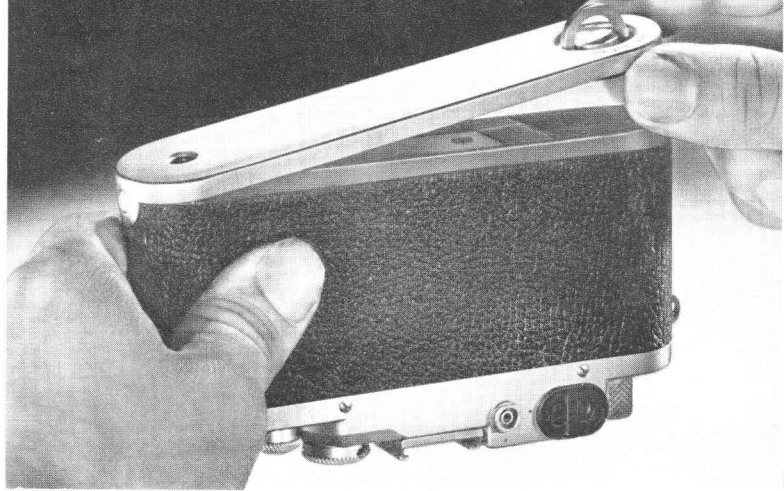
5. After thus securing the beginning of the film to the take-up spool, the film should be drawn out of the magazine or cartridge no further than shown on page 30. Our Leica film magazines are engraved with a curved mark up to which the leader (trimmed) strip is pulled. Thus the danger of pulling out the film further than necessary is eliminated, provided the film is trimmed correctly (page 41 and 42).



Using the all-metal Leica film magazine, take care that the safety spring lies in this position.

Don't pull out more than two perforation holes.

6. Hold the film magazine or cartridge in the right hand, and the take-up spool in the left hand, and slide the film into the slot along the camera back with the trimmed side downwards. Care must be taken that no force is used in doing so. If the magazine or cartridge does not drop right down, give a

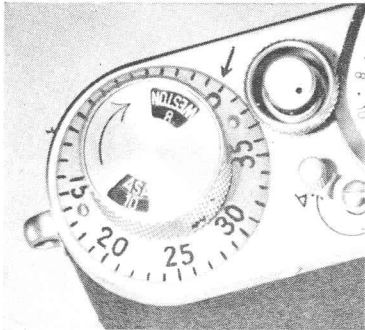


small turn to rewind knob 15.

7. Hook the baseplate (lock set to OPEN) over the pin, close it, and . . .
8. Turn lock over to CLOSED, up to the stop.

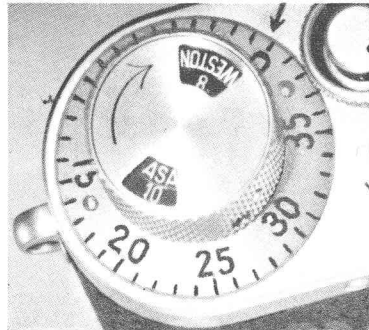
9. Turn the winding knob once to the stop. Pull out the rewind knob and turn it clockwise until you feel a slight resistance. Then press down the release button. (This is done in order to dispose of the useless trimmed beginning of the film which was exposed to light while loading, and to tighten same).

Turn the winding knob again and watch the rewind knob, which must rotate counter-clockwise — opposite to the direction of the arrow on it.

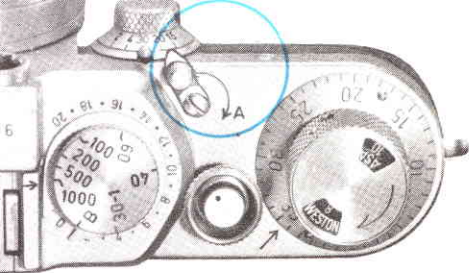


The **FILM SPEED INDICATOR** on the winding knob of the synchronized LEICA is set to the speed of the film in the camera. This is best done immediately after loading, when setting the film counter to zero. The film marker shows the film speed in ASA and Weston ratings.

To set the \_\_\_\_\_ lift the milled edge of the winding knob. For black-and-white film, turn it in the direction of the engraved arrow and let it drop into place at the correct setting. The lettering will then be in white on black. For color film, lift the milled edge and turn as far as required against the direction of the arrow. The letters ASA and Weston are then in white on red, which shows that the camera is loaded with color film. The speed figure itself is always white on black.



10. Turn the exposure counter (2) by means of the two lugs, counter-clockwise to 0 position, and release the shutter. The camera is now ready for use.



## *Unloading the camera.*

When the end of the film is reached, the shutter winding knob will not revolve any more. Do not force it, but rewind the film back into its cartridge or magazine. Before doing so, take care that the slow speed dial (5) is not set to **T** otherwise the shutter might be open, and the film spoiled.

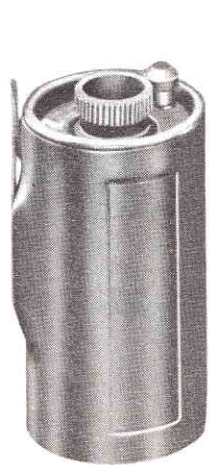
1. Set the reversing lever 16 from **A** to **R** in order to disengage the automatic coupling of the film advance and shutter mechanism.
2. Pull out rewind knob 15, and rewind the film by turning the knob in the direction of the arrow until a slight resistance is felt; then wind past this resistance.\* After two more turns, the film is completely wound back into the magazine or cartridge.
3. Turn lock on the baseplate from CLOSED to OPEN and remove the baseplate.
4. Pull out the closed film magazine or cartridge by means of the central knurled head.

The removing of the film from the magazine or cartridge must be done only in a darkroom. Protect loaded magazines or cartridges from actinic light by storing them in the containers usually supplied with them.

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\* This means that the end of the film comes off the spring of the take-up spool. See also page 32.

## The all-metal Leica Film Magazine.



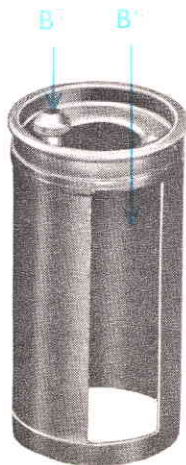
**B**

Complete Film Magazine



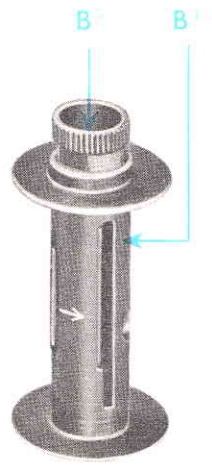
**B<sup>1</sup>**

Outer Shell



**B<sup>2</sup>**

Inner Shell

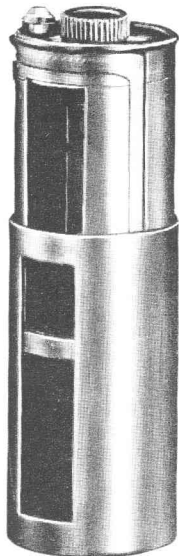


**B<sup>3</sup>**

Center Spool

**B<sup>4</sup>** = Slot of center spool    **B<sup>5</sup>** = Knurled head of center spool    **B<sup>6</sup>** = Slots of film chamber  
**B<sup>7</sup>** = Knob for turning inner shell when opening or closing the film magazine    **B<sup>8</sup>** = Safety spring

The Leica magazine contains about  $5\frac{1}{4}$  feet of 35 mm. film, sufficient to make up to 36 exposures.



A guide-groove on the inner shell and a pin inside the outer shell insure proper opening and closing of the magazine.

As will be seen in the illustration, the groove first runs along the inner shell and then terminates in a semi-circle at the upper rim of the shell. The guide-pin of the outer shell then causes the inner shell to be moved along the slot in the required manner.

The magazine, therefore, can only be opened by first slightly lifting the safety spring **B<sup>s</sup>** with the index finger of the left hand, turning the inner shell with right hand at the knob **B<sup>t</sup>**, clockwise to the end of the movement, and then withdrawing it (see illustration on page 37).

To close the magazine:

1. Place the inner shell, with spool, into the outer shell until its rim comes to a stop, the slot openings being one above the other.
2. Turn inner shell counter-clockwise up to the stop, when the safety spring will then engage.

If this is done properly, the magazine is closed and light-tight.



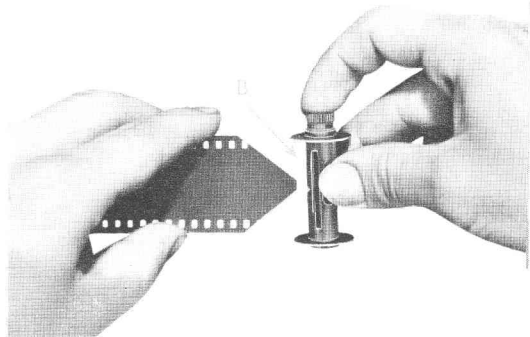


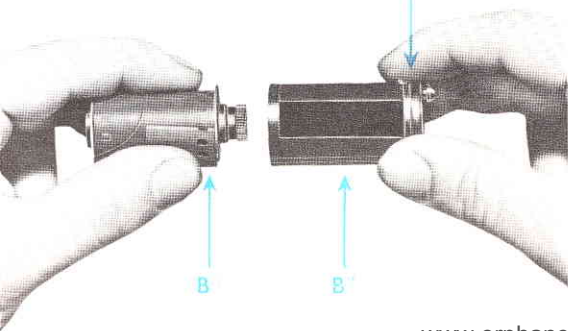
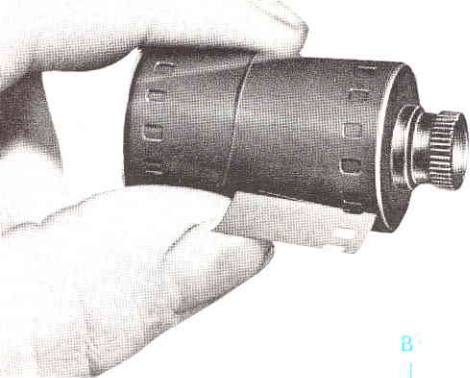
LOADING THE FILM MAGAZINE IN THE DARKROOM. The loading of the magazine should be practiced in daylight with the aid of a piece of blank film until all the manipulations can be carried out with closed eyes.

1. Open the film magazine and withdraw inner shell.
2. Remove the center spool from the inner shell.

When using center spools of earlier type which have no slot, but a holding spring, push the short tapered end of the film under this spring, and fold it back sharply so as to secure it well.

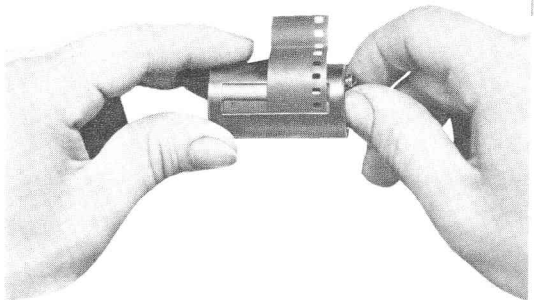
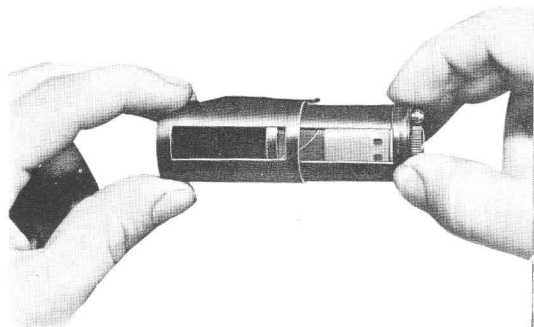
3. Hold the spool in the right hand as shown below, index finger on the knurled head, thumb in the hollow opposite the engraved arrow. Insert the short tapered end of the film, in the direction of the arrow, into the slot **B**<sup>4</sup> (emulsion side downward i.e. next to arrow).





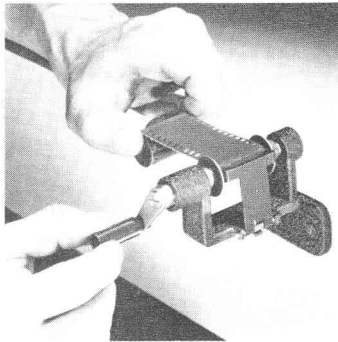
4. Wind film on the center spool moderately tight, emulsion side inward. If possible use mechanical film winder (page 40).
5. Bend the beginning of the film back sharply in order to get the film out in the dark and to prevent the tapered beginning from slipping back into the magazine (see illustration).
6. Introduce the center spool — knurled head first — into the inner shell, the beginning of the film lying in the rectangular opening.

7. Put both together into the outer shell, the two rectangular openings of the magazine superimposed. Pull out the bent beginning of the film (about 2 inches) through the open slots.
8. Close film magazine by giving the inner shell half a turn counter-clockwise until the safety spring clicks into the locked position.
9. Pull out the beginning of the film about 2 to 3 inches from the closed film magazine. The outer shell of the film chamber bears an engraved curved line near the slot with which the beginning of the cut-away portion of the film should coincide.



## SPOOLING THE FILM IN THE DARKROOM.

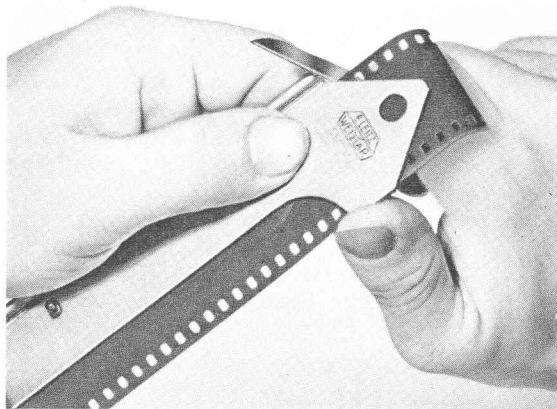
Winding of the film on the center spool of the magazine is made easier by using our Mechanical Film Winder.



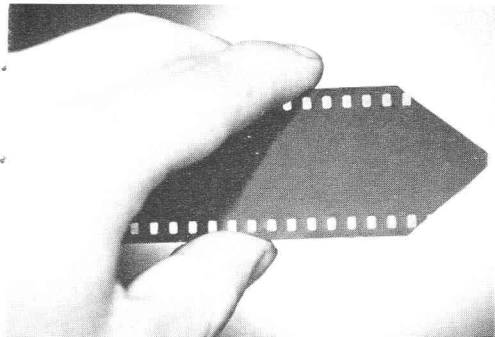
Mechanical Film Winder

The mechanical film winder is best attached to the edge of a table in the darkroom. To use it, first withdraw the handle of the Winder to its fullest extent, then slip out the spring pressure roller. Now insert the center spool, with the head of the spool opposite to the handle. When the handle is again inserted as far as possible, it engages in the center spool, which turns with it. The spring pressure roller is adjustable in the direction of the spool axis, so that it can be slipped into the various spools. The beginning of the film is now fixed in the slit of the center spool. On turning the handle, the film winds itself on to the spool, the spring pressure roll ensuring a uniformly tight winding.

The cutting of film may be done with a pair of scissors. The beginner will probably find it advisable to use our Trimming Template because it guarantees well tapered and correctly notched film ends by cutting along the curve of the closed Template with a sharp knife.



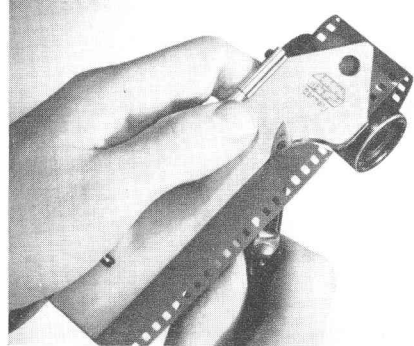
Tapering the film for the center spool with a Trimming Template.



Correctly tapered for the center spool.  
(See also page 37.)

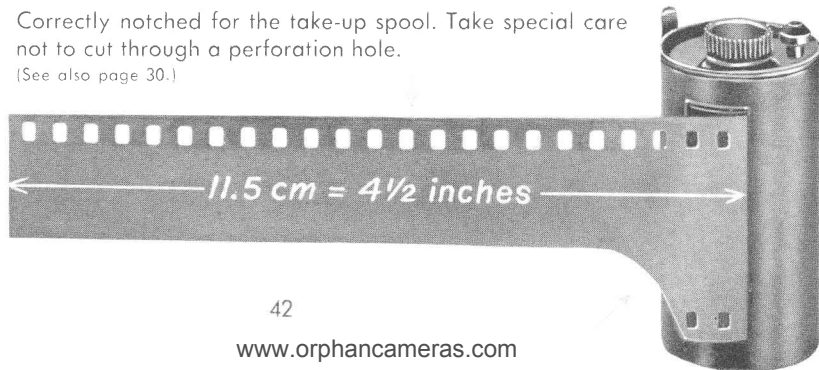
The film must be held by the edge only and any touching of the emulsion must be avoided.

**TRIMMING THE FILM.** When the required length of film is cut from a large roll, or when the exposed part of a film has been cut off and the rest is to be reloaded into the camera, remember that the film has to be trimmed correctly. Careless trimming leads to trouble in the film winding mechanism, as the perforations may be torn and small pieces of film get into and jam the mechanism. As the film winding mechanism is coupled with the shutter, this may also be affected. The damage can only be remedied by a careful cleaning of the camera mechanism.



Correctly notched for the take-up spool. Take special care not to cut through a perforation hole.

(See also page 30.)



## *Some additional hints.*

CHOOSING YOUR FILM: There are three general types of film that can be obtained for use with the Leica. These are classed as: 1. slow films; 2. medium speed films; 3. high speed films. Examples of each type are:

*Slow films:* (Weston 24-ASA 32) Eastman Panatomic X, DuPont Superior No. 1.

*Medium Speed Films:* (Weston 50-ASA 64) Eastman Plus X, Ansco Superpan Supreme, DuPont Superior No. 2.

*High Speed Films:* (Weston 100-ASA125) Eastman Super XX, Ansco Ultra Speed Pan, DuPont Superior No. 3.

It would seem that it is best to use a high speed film continually since it permits pictures to be made in a wide range of lighting conditions, from very dim to bright. Under ordinary lighting conditions the lens diaphragm could be stopped down considerably for a large depth of field, and fast shutter speeds could be used. However, high speed in films is obtained at the sacrifice of fine grain. The faster the film, generally, the coarser the grain, which limits the amount of detail that can be reproduced and the degree of enlargement of the negative. *For average outdoor pictures we recommend the use of a slow speed film.* It has sufficient sensitivity for practically every type of outdoor picture and produces very fine grain negatives.

## CORRECT EXPOSURE:

A good exposure meter markedly simplifies exposure problems, but even without a meter, it is possible to acquire a facility for estimating exposures based on previous experience. From the start, make two different exposures on each subject and compare the result after development. The accompanying table applies to average subjects.

When estimating exposures bear in mind that in a photograph bright objects appear relatively brighter, while dark objects appear darker than they do to the eye. This is because the eye adapts itself to the prevailing light. When making a visual estimate of an exposure, therefore, until extensive experience has been gained in bright light, take a second picture giving one third of the estimated exposure. In dull light make a duplicate exposure giving 3 to 5 times the estimated time.

The above applies to black-and-white film. Color film has little exposure latitude and the use of a Leica-Meter is recommended.

Snapshots, Groups, Street Scenes, Houses:	f/5.6	$\frac{1}{60}$ — $\frac{1}{100}$
Rapidly Moving Objects, Sports Pictures:	f/4	$\frac{1}{200}$ — $\frac{1}{500}$
	f/2.8	$\frac{1}{500}$ — $\frac{1}{1000}$
Landscapes with foreground:	f/8	$\frac{1}{30}$ — $\frac{1}{60}$
Open Landscapes:	f/8	$\frac{1}{60}$ — $\frac{1}{100}$
Open Sea, Snow Scenes:	f/8-f/11	$\frac{1}{60}$ — $\frac{1}{200}$
Outdoor Portraits in the shade:	f/3.5	$\frac{1}{20}$ — $\frac{1}{40}$
Indoor Portraits near window:	f/2	$\frac{1}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{40}$
	F/3.5	$\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{20}$

The exposures quoted above are for medium speed films and a clear sky during the summer months between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. During the spring and autumn double these exposures and in the winter months multiply by four. High-speed films will require only half the exposures indicated.

Bear in mind that geographic latitude also influences exposure. Those shown apply to the temperate zones.



## MODELS OF THE LEICA CAMERA

The brief descriptions, given below of each model of the Leica camera will enable one to determine the model of his camera. This booklet is written primarily for the Model IIIf Leica camera. However, all Leica cameras have the same basic design, and the information in this booklet can be applied to any Leica. The only thing to take into consideration is the differences between the models.

### CURRENT MODELS

Model IIIf Leica Camera. The features of this model are described in this booklet.

Model IIc Leica Camera has the same features as the IIIf except for the slow-speed mechanism. Shutter speeds range from  $\frac{1}{30}$  to  $\frac{1}{500}$  second and "Bulb".

Model Ic Leica Camera has the same basic body design as the above two cameras, but does not have the built-in rangefinder. Two accessory clips are provided; one for a new type detachable viewfinder and one for the separate rangefinder. Shutter speeds range from  $\frac{1}{30}$  to  $\frac{1}{500}$  second, including "Bulb."

### DISCONTINUED MODELS

Model IIIc has the same features as the Model IIIf except for the built-in synchronization (synchro-contact point; synchro-selector dial). The film speed indicator can be purchased for this model. One important difference of the Model IIIf and

C's, should be noted: it is  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch longer than other models. Therefore, accessories which attach to the baseplate of the camera, in place of the regular baseplate, and which are designed for the other models, cannot be used on these late models. Another main distinguishing feature of the Model IIIf or IIIc is the arrangement of shutter speeds on the two speed dials. The top dial is calibrated from  $\frac{1}{30}$  to  $\frac{1}{1000}$  sec., and Z (Bulb). The slow speed dial, on front of the camera, is calibrated from 1 to  $\frac{1}{30}$  sec.

Model IIc Leica Camera has the same features as the IIIc, with the exception of the slow-speed shutter mechanism. Shutter speeds range from  $\frac{1}{30}$  to  $\frac{1}{500}$  second, and "Bulb."

Model IIIb Leica Camera (also known as the Model G — 1938): It has the rangefinder and viewfinder eyepieces close together (as the Model IIIc). It also has two shutter speed dials, but in this model the top dial is calibrated from  $\frac{1}{20}$  to  $\frac{1}{1000}$  sec. and Z (Bulb). The slow speed dial has calibrations from 1 to  $\frac{1}{20}$  sec. The rangefinder telescope is at the base of the rewind knob. Top and bottom plates finished in satin chrome.

Model IIIa Leica Camera (also known as the Model G): Has the same shutter speed arrangements as the Model IIIb. The eyepieces of the rangefinder and viewfinder, however, are separated ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch apart). The rangefinder telescope lever is on the eyepiece of the rangefinder instead of below the rewind knob. Top and bottom plates finished in satin chrome.

Model III Leica Camera (also known as the Model F): It is basically the same as the Model IIIa but it does not have the  $1/1000$  sec. shutter speed. Maximum speed is  $1/500$  sec. Made with the top and bottom metal plates finished either in satin chrome or black lacquer.

Model II Leica Camera (also known as the Model D): This model has only one shutter speed dial on top of the camera, with speeds from  $1/20$  to  $1/500$  sec. and Z (Bulb). It was supplied with both bottom and top plates in either satin chrome or black lacquer finish. It does not have eyelets, for carrying strap on either side of the body as have all of the models described above.

Standard Model Leica Camera (also known as the Model E): Does not have a built-in rangefinder. A separate detachable rangefinder was supplied which fitted into the accessories clip. It has one top shutter speed dial providing speeds from  $1/20$  to  $1/500$  sec. and Z (Bulb). The rewind knob can be lifted up as in the other models described above. Both satin chrome and black finishes were supplied.

Leica Camera 250 (also known as the Model FF): Same as the Model III but with extra large magazines holding sufficient film for 250 exposures. Supplied in black finish.

Model I Leica (also known as the Model C): Similar to Standard Model, but rewind knob does not lift up. No rangefinder. Some cameras have the letter "O" engraved on the lens flange (visible when the lens is removed from the camera.) This indicates that the lens flange is standardized and any of the interchangeable lenses can be used. Leica cameras Model I that do not have the "O" mark on the lens flange have to be sent to the Leica Service Department if the use of additional interchangeable lenses is intended.

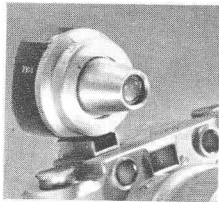
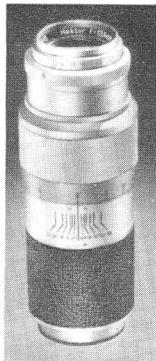
Model B Leica Camera: This is the only model of the Leica camera which was provided with a between-the-lens shutter. It can easily be recognized by this shutter around the lens. The 50mm. f/3.5 Elmar Lens on this camera is not interchangeable.

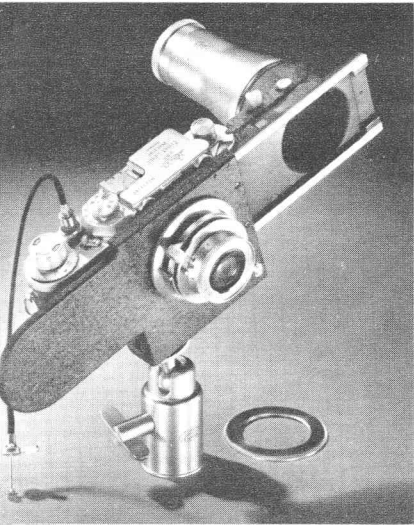
Model A Leica Camera: This is the first model of the Leica camera. No rangefinder. Has one top shutter speed dial with speeds from  $1/20$  to  $1/500$  sec. and Z (Bulb). The lens cannot be unscrewed. There is a flat nickel plated spring at the left hand side, in front of the camera, which locks the lens at infinity. Most Model A Leica cameras have 50mm. f/3.5 Elmar lenses; a few have 50mm. f/2.5 Hektor lenses. These lenses cannot be removed from the camera and are therefore not interchangeable.

Being a Leica camera owner gives you the great advantage of having the most versatile camera. The Leica has this singular property because there are many unique accessories available for it. If there is some special type of picture you want to make there is a Leica accessory which will permit you to do so. A few of the more popular Leica accessories are described below:

Did you ever want to make a closeup of a distant object, yet you could not get close enough to it? A fence or a stream may have been in the way; or it was just not advisable to get closer. You can overcome these obstacles by using a Leica long focus lens, such as the 90mm. or the 135mm. lens. These lenses bring the subject right up to you permitting a close-up to be made from a distance. The Imarect Finder shows the field of view of all lenses from 35mm. to 135mm.\*

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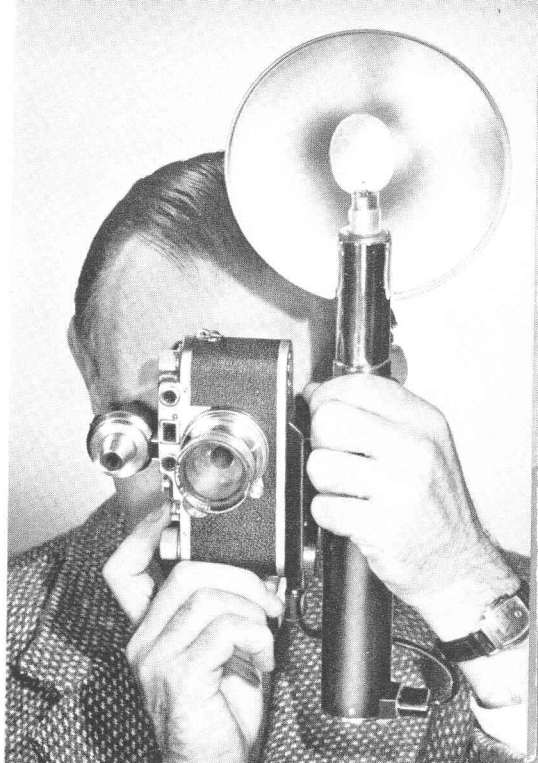


Copies of letters, books, documents; close-ups of flowers and insects . . . even pictures of the head of a pin can be made with the Leica camera and the Focalslide. More detail than can normally be seen is revealed. This accessory permits very close working distances between the lens and the subject.

Leica filters should be used to have skies reproduce in a definite tone with white clouds standing out. Yellow filters are for general use. Orange-red and red filters cause skies to reproduce dark for dramatic effects. Panchromatic green filters are good for outdoor scenes with blue skies and green vegetation. There are also special Leica filters for Kodachrome color film. Leica lens sunshades give full protection against stray light. There are specially designed lens shades for the different Leica lenses.

for Leica cameras allow synchronized flash pictures to be made at all speeds from  $\frac{1}{20}$  to  $\frac{1}{1000}$  second. The VIIIa is for all Model "C" Leica cameras; the VIII is for Leica cameras having Serial No's above 111,450 except "C" Models.

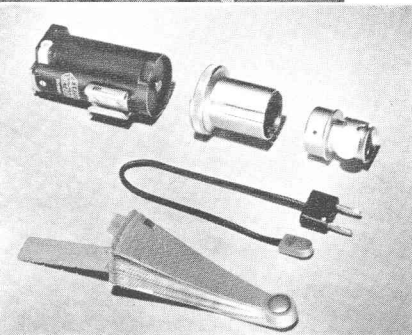
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is for Model IIIf cameras only (525,000 and above). Powered by four pencil-type batteries (6V); weighs 9½ oz. (including batteries); fan-type folding reflector with dull matte finish for even illumination; midget bulb adaptor with spring clip ejector; polarized non-slip connecting plugs on cord.

Synchronizes at *all* shutter speeds and strobe for *all* flash bulbs.



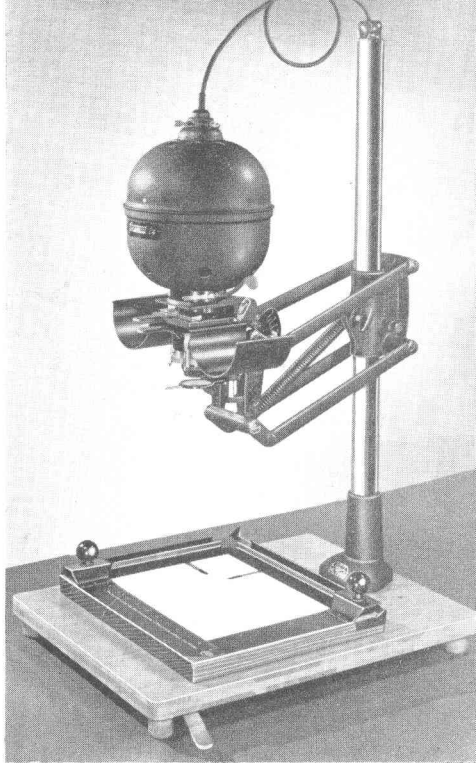
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The craftsmen in charge of the Leica Repair Service have been factory trained. They know how the Leica is built and are intimately familiar with every one of its hundreds of parts. Every Leica camera is thoroughly checked and tested for accuracy by Leica Repair Service technicians before it is returned to its owner. If your Leica camera needs repair or checking send it to the Leica Repair Service, E. Leitz, Inc., 304 Hudson St., New York 13, N.Y.

## *Is Your Leica Camera Registered?*

As a Leica camera owner you are entitled to the many services offered by E. Leitz, Inc. One of these is the free registration of your equipment. Send us the serial numbers of your Leica camera and lens (or lenses) and other Leica equipment bearing serial numbers. This information, in our files, serves as a permanent record of your equipment should it become lost or stolen. It also insures your receiving all booklets and the big quarterly magazine *LEICA PHOTOGRAPHY* that is mailed free of charge to registered Leica owners in the U.S. and its possessions. All Leica camera owners, whether their equipment has been obtained in the United States or abroad, are entitled to this free service. The record of your equipment is used only for extending service to you, and for no other purpose.

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