

Nikon F3 Specifications (Standard Version, Applicable to HP as well)

| Type of camera: | 35mm single-lens reflex (SLR) |
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| Picture format: | 24mm x 36mm standard 35mm film format. |
| Lens mount: | Nikon F bayonet type. |
| Lenses: | Virtually all lenses with Nikon F mount (some with limitations); AF lenses. |
| Shutter: | Electro magnetically controlled, horizontal-travel, titanium focal-plane shutter. |
| Shutter release button: | Will switch meter on when lightly depressed halfway (after shutter release lock is released), meter remains on for 16 sec before turning off; standard cable release threaded in the center. |
| Exposure: Automatic exposure control: | Aperture-priority automatic exposure control; stepless shutter speeds from 8 sec to 1/2000 sec. |
| Exposure: Manual exposure control: | Quartz digital control for 16 shutter speeds from 8sec to 1/2000 sec, including X (1/80 sec); B and T are also provided. |
| Backup mechanical release lever: | Shutter realease at approx 1/60 sec, regardless of shutter speed dial setting (except T); used when batteries become weak or exhausted, or none are installed in the camera (Power supported by MD-4 when mounted). |
| Exposure metering: | Modified with previsous Nikon standard 60/40 TTL center-weighted and changed to (80/20) full-aperture metering; aperture stop-down metering for older non AI or certain close up accessories; silicon photodiode (SPD) and metering circuits incorporated into camera body; meter works with all interchangeble viewfinders. |
| Metering range: | EV 1 to 18 (ie f/1.4 at 1 sec to f/11 at 1/2000 sec with 50 mm f/1.4 lens and ISO 100 film). |

| | ISO 12 to 6400 (can work in combination with exposure |
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| Film speed setting: | compensation). |
| Exposure memory lock: | Via button next to lens mount. |
| Exposure compensation: | Via dial; +2 to -2 EV in 1/3 increments. |
| Film advance lever: | Single stroke type; 30 degrees stand-off angle and 140 degrees winding angle; automatic film advance and rewinding is possible when motor drive MD-4 is used. |
| Self-timer: | Quartz-controlled approx 10 sec delayed exposure; LED blinks at 2 Hz for first 8 sec, then at 8 Hz for last 2 sec; setting user cancellable. |
| Viewfinder: | Nikon F3; Eyelevel finder DE-2 as standard; Nikon F3 High-Eyepoint; eyelevel High-Eyepoint finder DE-3 as standard; both equipped with eyepice shutter; each interchangeable with 4 other types. |
| Viewfinder display: | Liquid crystal display (LCD) shows shutter speed; on Auto, +2000 indicates over-exposure, - 8 underexposure; on Manual, M appears with + indicating overexpousre, - underexposure, and -+ correct exposure; LED ready-light glows when dedicated Nikon Speedlight SB12, SB-16A and SB-17, SB-11 and SB-14 with TTL Sencor cord SC-12, is completely recycled; aperture in use also show through aperture direct-readout (ADR) window. |
| Focusing screen: | Split-image microprism Type K provided as standard; interchangeable with 22 other types of screens. |
| Finder coverage: | Virtuelly 100%. |
| Finder magnification: | 0.8 X for Nikon F3 Nikon F3HP: 0.75x (both with 50 mm lens set at infinity). |
| Viewfinder illuminator: | Via button; illuminates LCD readout |
| Multiple exposure control: | Via lever next to winding crank. |
| Reflex mirror: | Automatic instant-return type with mirror lock-up facility; enhanced with air damper and brake mechanism for reduced vibration and noise. |
| Depth-of-field preview: | Via button at same position of mirror Lock up lever. |
| Frame counter: | Additive type; frame numbers from 0 to 40; automatically reset back to S when camera back is opened. |
| Film rewind: | By crank provided after film rewind button is pressed. Automatic film rewind when MD-4 is attached. |
| Accessory shoe: | Located at base of rewind knob; accepts Speedlight SB12, SB11, SB-16A, SB-17 or TTL sensor cord SC-12 from SB-11 or SB-14 for TTL direct flock control: three types of |

| Flash synchronisation: | Possible at all speeds up to 1/80 sec with electronic flash; with all dedicated Nikon flash from SB-12, and later models of SB-16A and SB-17, SB-11 and SB-14 with TTL sensor cord SC-12, sync speed is automatically set to 1/80 sec with dial at A or 1/125 sec an above. PC socket is also provided. |
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| Accessory shoe: | Located at base of rewind knob; accepts Speedlight SB12, SB11, SB-16A, SB-17 or TTL sensor cord SC-12 from SB-11 or SB-14 for TTL direct flash control; three types of flash couplers available for mounting ISO-type or F2-type flash units. |
| Power source: | Choice of one 3V lithium battery CR-1/3N type, two 1.55V silver-oxide batteries SR-44 type, or two 1.5V alkaline batteries LR-44 type; optional Anti-Cold Battery Holder DB-2 accepts two AA alkaline, Ni-Cd or manganese batteries. Note: Unless otherwise stated, do not use lithiums batteries cells - at your own risk. |
| Motor drive coupling: | Electrical contacts and mechanical couplers provided for operation with motor drive MD-4. |
| Camera back: | Hinged; opened by pushing safety lock while pulling up rewind knob; memo holder provided; interchangeable with camera back MF-6, data back MF-14, or 250 exposure magazine back MF-4. |
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| Body dimensions: | Nikon F3: approx 148.5 x 96.5 x 65.5 mm; Nikon F3HP: |
| (W x H x D) | approx 148.5 x 101.5 x 69 mm. |
| Body weight: | Nikon F3: 715g approx |
| | Nikon F3HP: 760g approx. |

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