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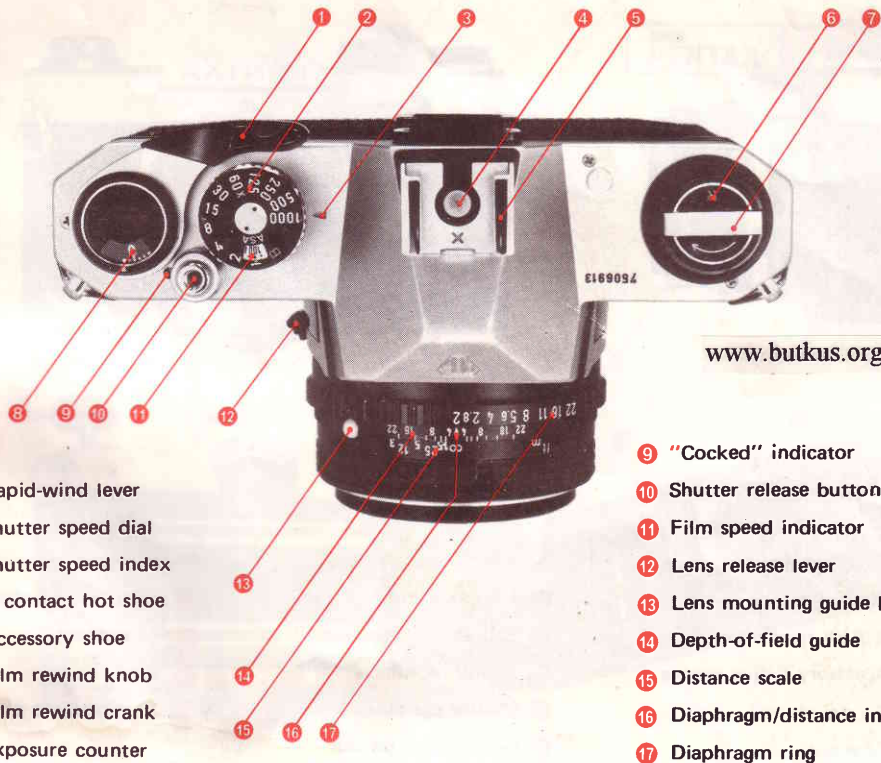
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- 1 Rapid-wind lever
- 2 Shutter speed dial
- 3 Shutter speed index
- 4 X contact hot shoe
- 5 Accessory shoe
- 6 Film rewind knob
- 7 Film rewind crank
- 8 Exposure counter

- 9 "Cocked" indicator
- 10 Shutter release button
- 11 Film speed indicator
- 12 Lens release lever
- 13 Lens mounting guide bump
- 14 Depth-of-field guide
- 15 Distance scale
- 16 Diaphragm/distance index
- 17 Diaphragm ring

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 18 Focusing ring | 24 Viewfinder eyepiece | 30 Sprocket |
| 19 Strap ring lug | 25 Film chamber | 31 Film take-up spool |
| 20 X flash terminal | 26 Battery chamber | 32 Film roller |
| 21 Accessory fitting groove | 27 Tripod receptacle | 33 Back cover |
| 22 Film guide rail | 28 Shutter curtains | 34 Film pressure plate |
| 23 Film rail | 29 Film rewind button | |

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SPECIFICATIONS

Type	35mm SLR with built-in through-the-lens exposure meter.
Film and Negative Size	35mm film. 24mm x 36mm.
Standard Lens	SMC Pentax-M 50mm f/2 with fully-automatic diaphragm. Filter size: 49mm. Minimum focusing distance: 45cm.
Shutter	Rubberized silk focal plane shutter. Speeds: B, 1 to 1/1000 sec.
Viewfinder	Pentaprism finder with cross-microprism or split-image focusing screen. 0.88x magnification with 50mm standard lens focused at infinity. Dioptry -1.0.
Reflex Mirror	Instant-return type with special shock absorbers for minimum vibration.
Lens Mount	Pentax bayonet mount.
Film Advance	Ratchet-type rapid-wind lever. 160° throw and 10° play. "Cocked" indicator alongside shutter release button.
Exposure Counter	Automatic reset.
Film Rewind	Rapid-rewind crank for speedy film take-up.

Flash Synchronization

X contact hot shoe for cordless flash connection.

Exposure Meter

X synchronization at 1/60 sec.
CdS meter measures the average brightness of the ground glass at full aperture, and couples directly to aperture, shutter and film speed settings. Zero-method exposure control. Film speed from 20 to 3200 ASA. EV 3 – 18 with ASA 100 film.

Powered with one 1.5V alkaline (LR44) or silver oxide (G13) battery. Built-in photoswitch.

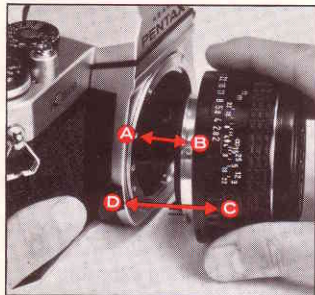
Dimensions

With 50mm f/2 lens: width 143mm (5.6") x height 91.4mm (3.6") x 83mm (3.3").

Weight

790g (27.7 ozs.) with 50mm f/2 lens.
620g (21.7 ozs.) without lens.

LENS MOUNTING



1. Remove the rear lens and body mount covers

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.

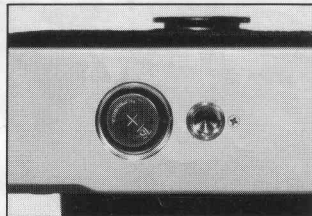
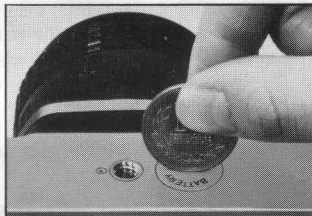


CAUTION

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.

An alkaline battery is packed separately. Be sure to insert it into the battery chamber before operating the camera.

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BATTERY INSERTION

Open the battery chamber cover with a coin. Insert the battery with (+) side facing out. For replacement, use alkaline (LR44) or silver-oxide (G13) or equivalent.

CAUTION

The battery is like a phonograph record. It can be damaged by skin acids. Handle by the edges with a dry cloth only. Be sure the battery is cleaned with the 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. When not actually measuring the light, be sure that the lens is covered at all times. Leaving the lens cap off for an extended period will exhaust the battery.

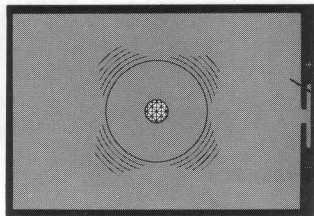
BATTERY CHECK

Set the shutter speed dial to B (bulb) position.

Turn the ASA dial to ASA 100.

Look at the meter needle through the viewfinder. If the needle is in "up" position and remains steady, the battery is good: if it does not, replace the battery. Check the battery frequently.

And take spares with you when traveling.

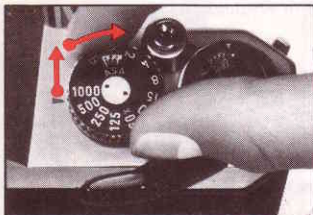


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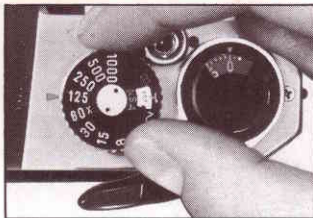
1. TURN ON LIGHT METER

Remove the lens cap and the meter circuit is on. The CdS cells measure the light coming through the lens for correct exposure.



2. SET FILM SPEED

Lift the outer ring of the shutter speed dial and turn it until the same number as the ASA number of the film you're using appears next to the small orange index alongside the figure 1.



3. SET SHUTTER SPEED

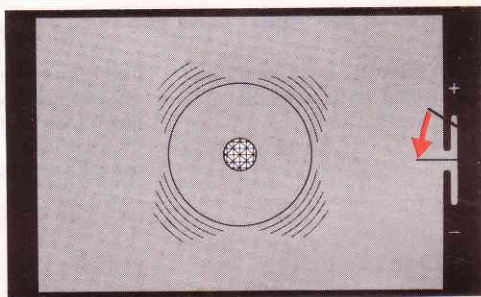
Turn the shutter speed dial and set the speed you wish to use to the index. Generally, you should use the fastest possible shutter speed to avoid blurred pictures caused by camera movement. Try starting with 1/125 sec. outdoors in daylight and 1/60 sec. indoors.

4. COMPOSE AND FOCUS

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

5. ROTATE DIAPHRAGM RING

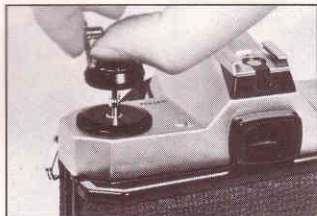
The needle moves as you turn the diaphragm ring. When the needle on the right side of the viewfinder image is at the center, you will get correct exposure. If the needle does not come to the center no matter how far you turn the diaphragm ring, change the shutter speed. When the needle is close to the (+) mark, you will get an over-exposure; change the shutter speed to a faster setting. If the needle is closer to the (—) mark, you will get an under-exposure; change the shutter speed to a slower setting.



6. RELEASE SHUTTER

Cock the rapid-wind lever. Hold your camera firmly and trip the shutter. Then cock the rapid-wind lever for the next picture. (When taking a series of pictures under the same lighting conditions, it is not necessary to repeat instruction 5.)

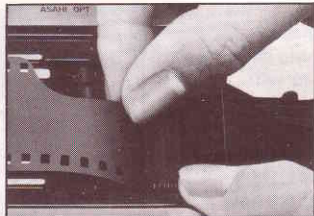
FILM LOADING AND WINDING



Avoid direct light when loading your film.

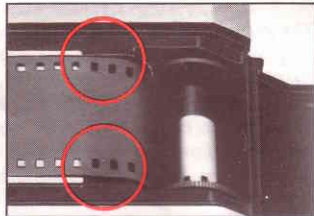
1.

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.

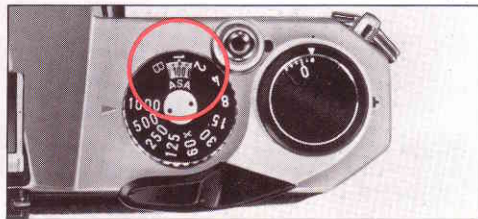
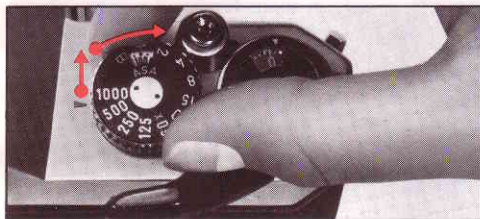
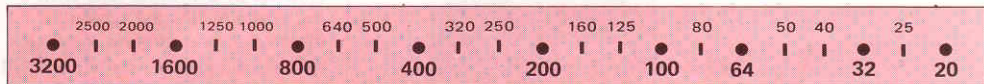
4.

Cock the rapid-wind lever, and confirm that the film rewind knob turns counter-clockwise, indicating that the film is being 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.



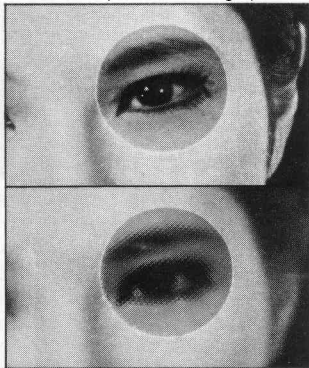
The ASA film speed rating of all 35mm films is given in the data sheet packed with each roll of film. The higher the ASA number, the more sensitive the film is to light. Lift the outer ring of the shutter speed dial and rotate it until the ASA number of your film is opposite the orange dot alongside the figure 1.

Be sure to set your film speed on the shutter speed dial because the dial is connected to the exposure meter.

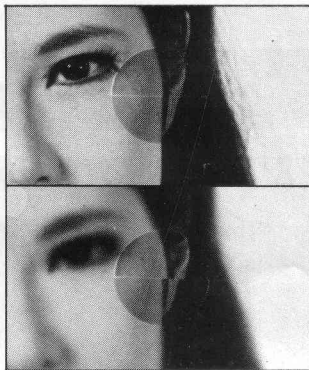


While viewing through the viewfinder, turn the focusing ring until your subject comes into sharp focus. Depending on the type of focusing screen you have, there are two ways of doing this.

Cross-microprism focusing system



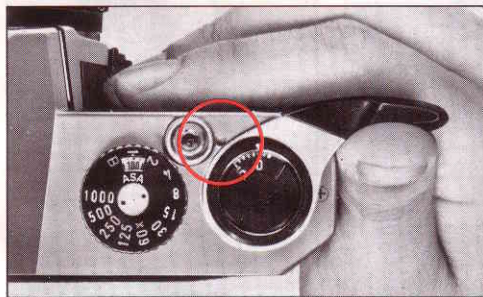
A cross-microprism focusing system consists of a Fresnel lens, made up of many concentric rings, with a microprism center underneath the ground glass. With this system, when your subject is in focus, the image in the microprism center will be sharp. If your subject is not in focus, the microprism will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

Turn the shutter speed dial clockwise or counter-clockwise to the shutter speed desired. The shutter speed can 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. For use of the X setting (next to the 60) on the shutter speed dial, refer to page 19. With the shutter speed dial set on B (bulb), the shutter will stay open as long as you keep the shutter button depressed. As you release your finger from the shutter button, the shutter closes. For particularly long exposures ("time exposure"), use a cable release with a locking device.



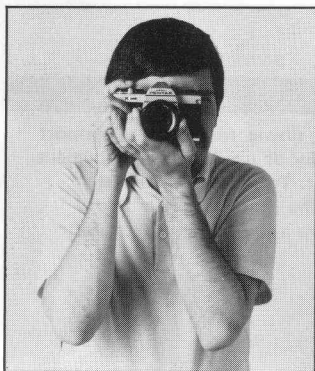
CAUTION

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

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.

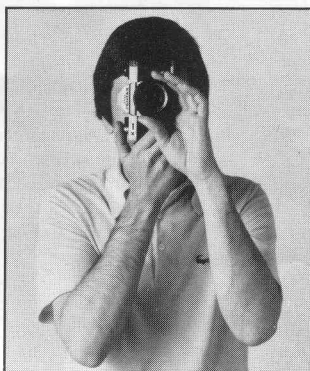
Horizontal position A.

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



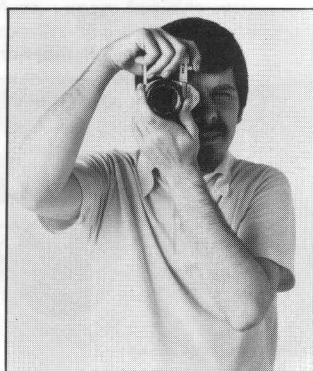
Vertical position B.

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



Vertical position C.

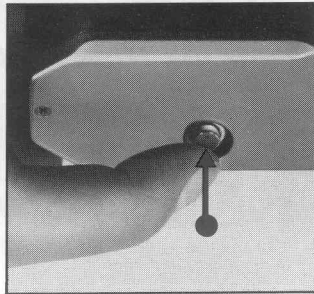
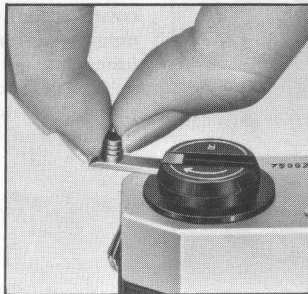
Hold your camera tightly to your forehead with your left hand, raise your right arm and draw your left arm to your body.



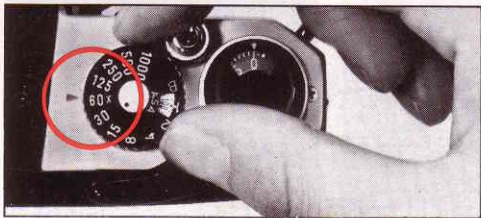
After the final picture on the roll has been taken, the rapid-wind lever will not turn (Caution: do not try to force the lever), indicating that the film must be rewound.

Lift the rewind crank up. 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.



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The K1000 has an X terminal 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 marked on the speed dial. This indicates the highest shutter speed at which electronic flash units may be used.

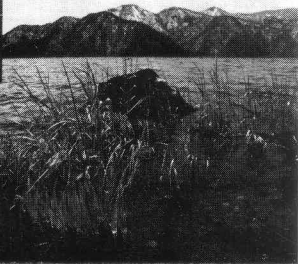
Use the hot shoe flash contact when using a shoe-mount electronic flash which has a flash contact on the shoe bracket.

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.



★ Electronic flash unit used



Not used ★

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

M · MF · FP CLASS

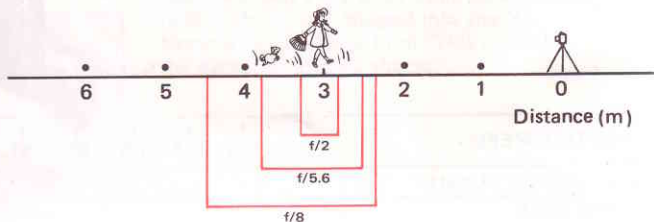
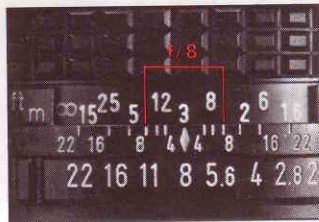
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DEPTH-OF-FIELD GUIDE

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 look at the depth-of-field guide on the lens. In the photograph below, the distance scale is set at 3 meters . . . the lens is focused on a subject 3 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 $f/8$ is to be used, the range on the distance scale ring covered within the figure 8 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 2.3 to 4.5 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: SMOKE PAPER CAM 505.607/2 LENS

Distance scale	0.45m	0.6m	1m	1.6m	2m	3m	5m	15m	∞
f/2	~ 0.446 ~ 0.454	~ 0.593 ~ 0.608	~ 0.977 ~ 1.024	~ 1.539 ~ 1.666	~ 1.904 ~ 2.106	~ 2.785 ~ 3.252	~ 4.420 ~ 5.757	~ 10.707 ~ 25.077	37.070 ~ ∞
f/2.8	~ 0.445 ~ 0.455	~ 0.590 ~ 0.611	~ 0.969 ~ 1.034	~ 1.516 ~ 1.694	~ 1.869 ~ 2.152	~ 2.708 ~ 3.365	~ 4.225 ~ 6.128	~ 9.609 ~ 34.313	26.491 ~ ∞
f/4	~ 0.443 ~ 0.458	~ 0.586 ~ 0.615	~ 0.956 ~ 1.049	~ 1.483 ~ 1.737	~ 1.818 ~ 2.224	~ 2.599 ~ 3.550	~ 3.962 ~ 6.786	~ 8.329 ~ 76.783	18.557 ~ ∞
f/5.6	~ 0.440 ~ 0.461	~ 0.580 ~ 0.622	~ 0.939 ~ 1.070	~ 1.441 ~ 1.799	~ 1.754 ~ 2.329	~ 2.468 ~ 3.832	~ 3.659 ~ 7.922	~ 7.075 ~ ∞	13.268 ~ ∞
f/8	~ 0.436 ~ 0.466	~ 0.572 ~ 0.631	~ 0.915 ~ 1.103	~ 1.383 ~ 1.901	~ 1.667 ~ 2.506	~ 2.294 ~ 4.351	~ 3.284 ~ 10.585	~ 5.774 ~ ∞	9.300 ~ ∞
f/11	~ 0.430 ~ 0.472	~ 0.562 ~ 0.644	~ 0.887 ~ 1.148	~ 1.316 ~ 2.047	~ 1.569 ~ 2.771	~ 2.109 ~ 5.242	~ 2.911 ~ 18.301	~ 4.697 ~ ∞	6.776 ~ ∞
f/16	~ 0.422 ~ 0.482	~ 0.546 ~ 0.667	~ 0.844 ~ 1.231	~ 1.219 ~ 2.348	~ 1.430 ~ 3.366	~ 1.861 ~ 7.978	~ 2.450 ~ ∞	~ 3.588 ~ ∞	4.672 ~ ∞
f/22	~ 0.413 ~ 0.496	~ 0.529 ~ 0.696	~ 0.798 ~ 1.349	~ 1.120 ~ 2.855	~ 1.294 ~ 4.545	~ 1.631 ~ 21.588	~ 2.061 ~ ∞	~ 2.799 ~ ∞	3.410 ~ ∞

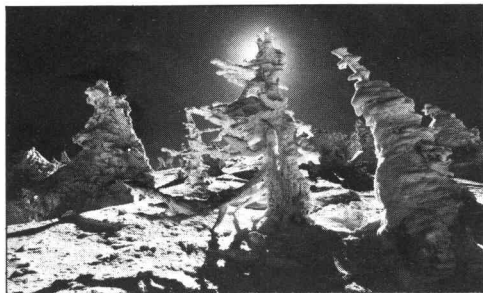
Distance scale	1.55'	1.9'	2.5'	3'	6'	8'	12'	25'	∞
f/2	~ 1.536' ~ 1.564'	~ 1.878' ~ 1.923'	~ 2.459' ~ 2.543'	~ 2.939' ~ 3.064'	~ 5.738' ~ 6.287'	~ 7.533' ~ 8.530'	~ 10.960' ~ 13.262'	~ 20.802' ~ 31.339'	121.623' ~ ∞
f/2.8	~ 1.531' ~ 1.570'	~ 1.869' ~ 1.932'	~ 2.443' ~ 2.560'	~ 2.915' ~ 3.091'	~ 5.640' ~ 6.410'	~ 7.361' ~ 8.763'	~ 10.593' ~ 13.845'	~ 19.495' ~ 34.884'	86.915' ~ ∞
f/4	~ 1.523' ~ 1.573'	~ 1.856' ~ 1.946'	~ 2.419' ~ 2.587'	~ 2.880' ~ 3.131'	~ 5.499' ~ 6.604'	~ 7.118' ~ 9.137'	~ 10.087' ~ 14.824'	~ 17.817' ~ 42.020'	60.884' ~ ∞
f/5.6	~ 1.512' ~ 1.590'	~ 1.839' ~ 1.965'	~ 2.388' ~ 2.624'	~ 2.835' ~ 3.187'	~ 5.322' ~ 6.882'	~ 6.818' ~ 9.690'	~ 9.485' ~ 16.370'	~ 15.986' ~ 57.817'	43.530' ~ ∞
f/8	~ 1.497' ~ 1.608'	~ 1.815' ~ 1.995'	~ 2.343' ~ 2.681'	~ 2.769' ~ 3.275'	~ 5.078' ~ 7.347'	~ 6.414' ~ 10.660'	~ 8.706' ~ 19.414'	~ 13.855' ~ 132.990'	30.514' ~ ∞
f/11	~ 1.478' ~ 1.631'	~ 1.785' ~ 2.033'	~ 2.290' ~ 2.756'	~ 2.692' ~ 3.393'	~ 4.802' ~ 8.027'	~ 5.973' ~ 12.190'	~ 7.898' ~ 25.319'	~ 11.882' ~ ∞	22.231' ~ ∞
f/16	~ 1.447' ~ 1.670'	~ 2.101' ~ 1.737'	~ 2.206' ~ 2.892'	~ 2.573' ~ 3.609'	~ 4.406' ~ 9.500'	~ 5.361' ~ 16.047'	~ 6.845' ~ 51.597'	~ 9.611' ~ ∞	15.329' ~ ∞
f/22	~ 1.413' ~ 1.721'	~ 1.684' ~ 2.188'	~ 2.114' ~ 3.075'	~ 2.445' ~ 3.911'	~ 4.012' ~ 12.205'	~ 4.778' ~ 25.969'	~ 5.906' ~ ∞	~ 7.827' ~ ∞	11.188' ~ ∞

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The light meter built into your K1000 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.

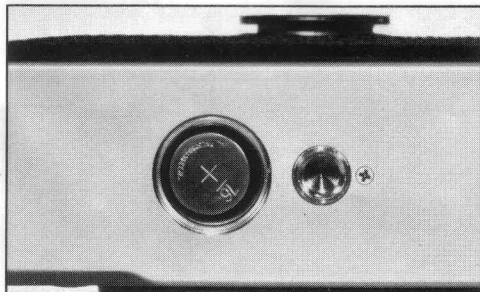
As a general rule, when the subject is darker than the background, you compensate by opening your aperture 1 or 2 steps further. For example: on a bright day, when your subject has his back to the sun and you are shooting directly toward the sun . . . or when you are shooting a subject against snow or 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.



An alkaline battery or the silver oxide battery in your K1000 is 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 battery is worn out. (A good sign of a worn-out battery is that the black meter needle does not move when you remove the lens cap.)

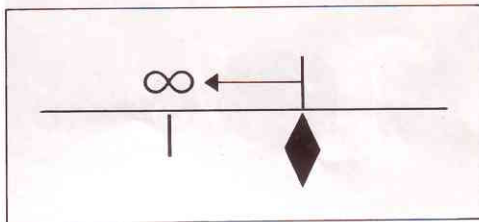
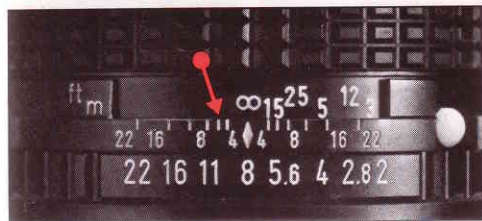
If the battery is worn out and the exposure meter is no longer functioning, you must determine the correct combination of shutter speed and aperture size yourself, from your own experience. Also, packed in with most types of 35mm film is a data sheet of suggestions for determining the correct exposure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



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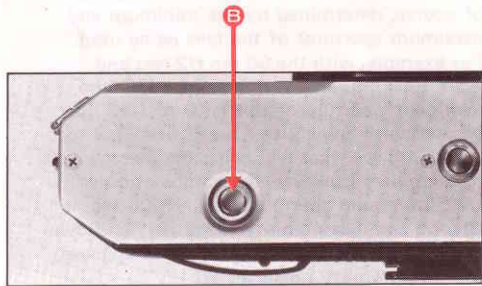
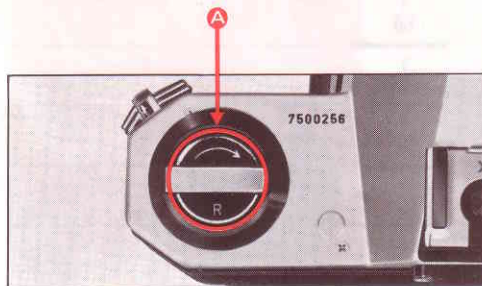
INFRA-RED PHOTOGRAPHY

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 infrared 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.



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.



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RANGE OF LIGHT MEASUREMENT

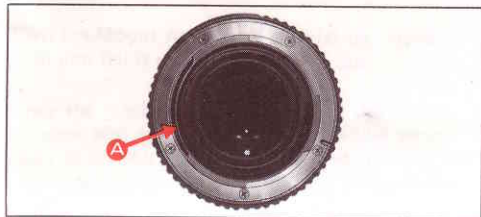
The exposure meter of the K1000 measures the brightness of the ground glass. Therefore, the meter needle should be centered after you have focused your subject on the ground glass. The area (A) in the table indicates the reading range of the meter, and should not be interpreted as the camera's total 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 1/2 sec. to 1/1000 sec. in combination with any aperture that will bring the meter needle to the midpoint in the viewfinder.

The total range of the aperture settings is, of course, determined by the minimum and maximum apertures of the lens being used. For example, with the 50mm f/2 lens and ASA 100 film, any aperture from f/2 (the maximum aperture of this lens) to f/16 may be used with any shutter speed from 1/2 sec. to 1/1000 sec. that will bring the meter needle to midpoint. 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	2	2.8	4	5.6	8	11	16	22
Sec.										
1	B									
1/2										
1/4										
1/8										
1/15										
1/30								A		
1/60										
1/125										
1/250										
1/500										
1/1000										B

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 M and Bellows Unit III — 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.



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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.

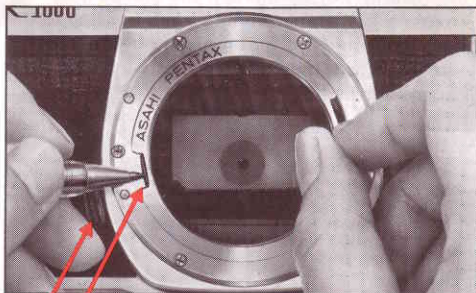
To remove the Mount Adaptor K from the camera body, first remove the screw-mount lens. Then press, with your thumbnail or a pointed object such as a ballpoint pen, against the spring pin **C**.

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.



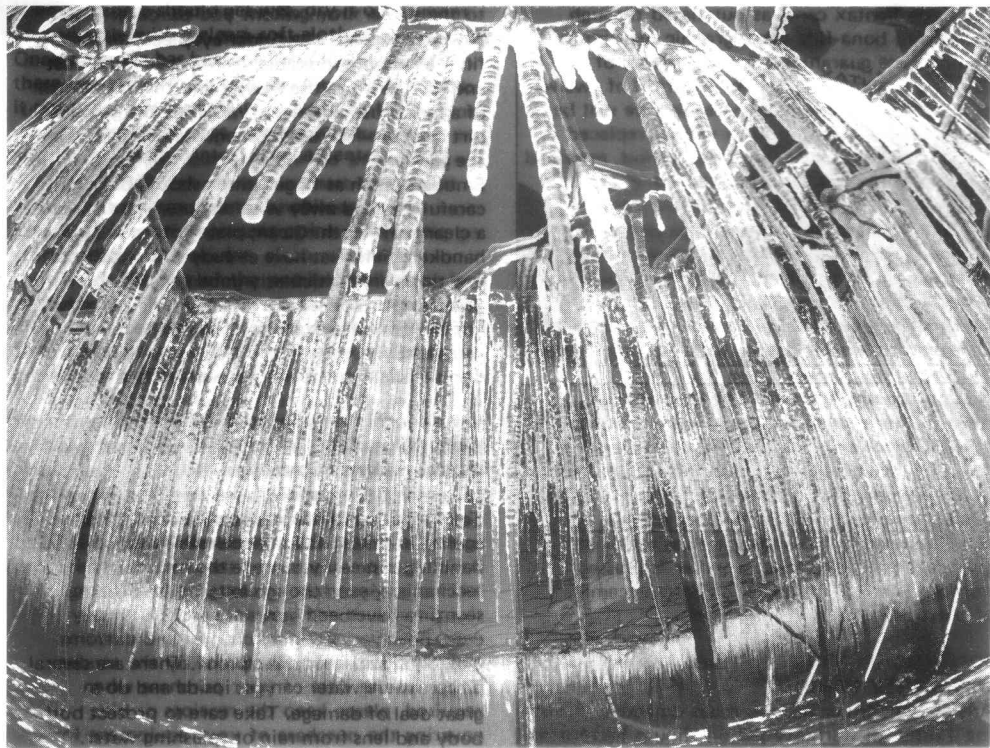
RESISTANCE TO TEMPERATURE EXTREMES AND CHANGES

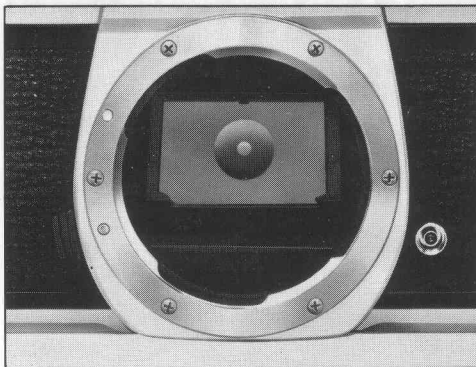
The temperature range at which your camera will continue to function properly stretches from 50°C to -20°C. However, resistance to cold could be hampered by oil which has become dirty. Therefore, if the camera is to operate at full efficiency in very cold conditions, it must be overhauled and all oil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

