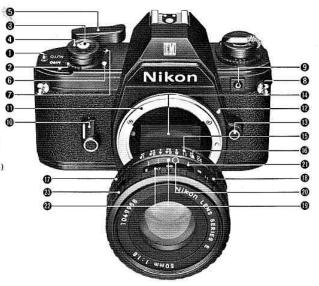


#### **NOMENCLATURE**

Frame counter
Shutter operation mode selector (p. 23)
Shutter release button (p. 21)
Shutter release fingerguard (p. 19)
Film winding lever (p. 21)
Fattery power check button (p. 12)
Fattery power check button (p. 12)
Fattery power LED lamp
Fattery power check button (p. 12)
Fattery power LED lamp

m plane indicator (p. 24) positioned below tot used with the EM; for Nikon cameras with ADR facility



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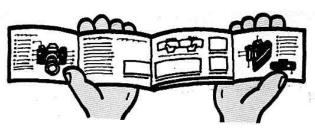
### II. BASIC OPERATION

This section provides a concise sur mary of all the other sections of th manual. After you have thorough read the rest of the manual, use th section as a quick reference sourc



Insert two batteries into battery c





Spread out the manual for ready reference to the numbered nomenclature terms. Details are explained on pages indicated by the numbers in parentheses.



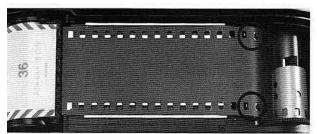
3. Mount lens after closing battery chamber (13).



1. (11-12).



4. Pull out film rewind knob ( to open camera back ( (14



Load film (14-15). To ensure proper film winding, make sure that both edges of the film engage the film sprockets .



Rotate film rewind crank **3** to **6** take up film slack (14-15). Be careful that you do not wind film back into the cassette.



7. Snap camera back closed, then set ASA with ASA film speed selector ring ( 16).



8. Set shutter operation mode selecto to AUTO.



Press shutter release button (3 all the way (21).

Note: Do not attempt to take pictures prior to frame 1, the start of AUTO operation.



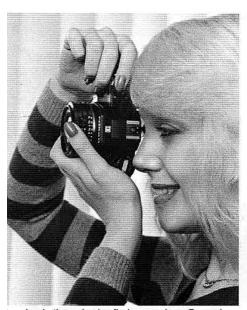
10 Stroke film winding lever 5 to advance



Confirm film advance: film rewind knob (3) turns opposite engraved arrow as winding lever is stroked (14-15).



**12.** Repeat Steps 9 and 1 until frame counter **0** ind cates 1. Camera is then ready t take first picture.



3. Look through viewfinder eyepiece 19, and focus on subject (17-18).



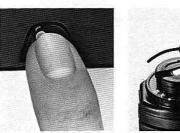
Switch meter on, lightly pressing shutter release button 3. Turn lens aperture ring 10 until "beep-beep" sound, if any, stops (20).



16. Advance film to the next frame. (p. 21).

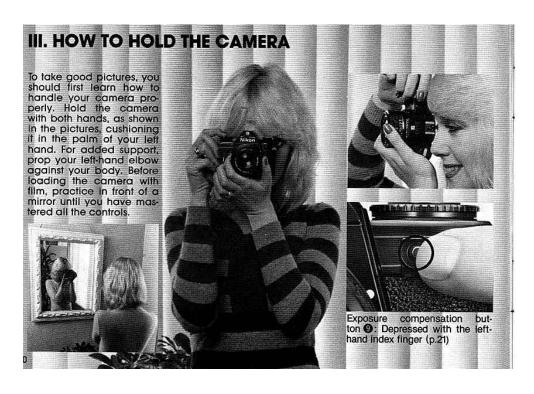


You are now ready to shoot: depress shutter release button until you hear the click of the shutter (21).

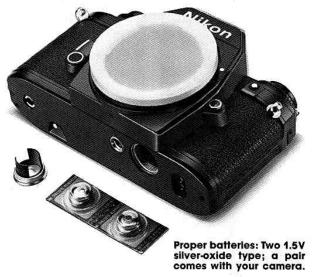


After completing the roll, rewind and unload film (22).





# IV. SETTING UP THE CAMERA BODY AND THE LENS A. Install the Batteries





1. lid with a coin.



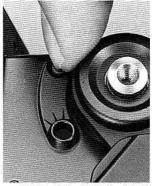
2. Remove the battery clip which is integral with the lid.



Insert the batteries, handling them at the edges, one on op of the other, with the + narks facing up, into battery tilio.

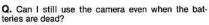


4. Replace the battery chamber clip/lid, and close the chamber securely.



Push the battery power check button **6**. If the adjacent lamp does not light up (or is too dim), check battery orientation or put in a new set of batteries.





A. Yes. In this case, reset the shutter operation mode selector from AUTO to M90 which will provide a shutter speed of 1/90sec.

#### **B. Mount the Lens**



Remove the camera body 1. cap.

To remove the lens: Press the camera's lens release button (B), and twist the lens by its mounting ring until it becomes loose.



Remove the rear lens cap.



Proper lenses: Nikon Series E lenses, Al-type Nikkor lenses and others (p. 30).



Seat the lens on top of the camera body's lens mounting flange (1), making sure the lens mounting index (2) is aligned with the aperture/distance scale index (9). Then twist the lens by its mounting ring (3) until it clicks into place.





#### V. PREPARING TO SHOOT AND ACTUAL SHOOTING

#### A. Load the Film

roper film: Any commercially ivaliable, color or black-andvhite, 35mm film negative prints) or transparency slides) in cassettes of 12, 20, 4 or 36 exposures.





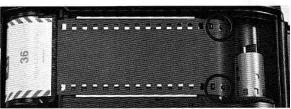
Open the camera back by pulling up the film rewind knob .



Place the cassette in the film cassette chamber .



**3.** film rewind fork **4** by pressing the knob back.



Insert the film leader into any of the film takeup spool's size. slots. Be sure the film's perforations engage the film sprock ets. Press the shutter release button and stroke the film wincing lever to advance the film.



**5.** back, press the shutter release button **3**.



To take up film slack, turn the film rewind crank (a) in the direction of the engraved arrow, until you feel a slight resistance. Be careful not to wind the film back into the cassette.



Advance the film, press the shutter release button, and advance the film again until the frame counter **1** indicates **1** to start **AUTO** operation.



Q. How can I be sure the film

has been properly loaded and i being advanced?

A. If, as you advance the filr

winding lever, the film rewind knob rotates in the opposite direction of the arrow engraved on it, you can be sure the film is being properly advanced.

Note: If you release the shutter during "AUTO" oper ation with the cap mounted on the lens or in an extra dark place, the reflex mirror (a) will remain in the "up position. To return the mirror to its original position, se the shutter operation mode selector (2) to M90 or B.

#### 3. Set ASA



Pull up the ASA film speed selector ring .



2. Turn it until the ASA film speed setting index is aligned with your film's ASA rating.



Note: Don't forget to reset ASA when you use film with different ASA ratings; otherwise, the film will not be correctly exposed.

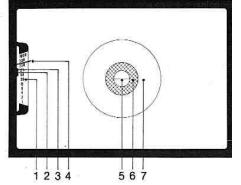
#### C. Focus



**1.** Aim your camera at your subject, then compose the picture through the viewfinder.



2. Rotate the lens focusing ring the until your subject appears sharp. There are three focusing aids you can use.



1. Shutter speed scale

2. Flash ready-light (p. 28)

3. Flash photography bracket (p. 28)

4. Shutter speed needle

5. Split-image rangefinder spot

6. Microprism ring

7. Fine matte outer field

# QΑ

#### . What is ASA?

. ASA is a number assigned to your film by the Amerian Standards Association. This number indicates the retive sensitivity of your film to light. Your camera must ave this information to be able to give your film the oper exposure.

# QA

Q. What should I do to remember the ASA rating of the film loaded in the camera?

A. As a reminder, insert the film carton tab which indicates the ASA rating, into the camera back's memo holder •



plit-image rangefinder spot: Suitable for subjects with well-defined itlines. Turn the focusing ring @ until the two halves of the spot pincide, forming a single image.

icroprism ring: For subjects without definite contours, or for rapid cusing. Turn the focusing ring until the image in the ring appears

ne matte outer field: Ideal for close-ups or when shooting with teleioto lenses. Turn the focusing ring until the image in the field pears sharp.



To " prefocus" the lens (i.e., when time does not permit focusing through the viewfinder), turn the focusing ring until the estimated distance is aligned with the lens aperture/distance scale index (9). With this technique, however, the focus may not be as sharp as you expect.

Note: When you're using lenses with small maximum apertures (e.g., f/5.6, f/8) or taking closeups, you may find it difficult to focus with the split-image spot or microprism ring (i.e., they become "dark"); in this case, focus with the fine matte outer field.

#### **D. Determine Exposure**



Set the shutter operation 1 mode selector 2 to AUTO.





2. Select an aperture by turning the lens aperture ring 0.

Press the shutter release button 6 halfway (i.e., cushion you 3. finger with the shutter release fingerguard (a) to switch the camera's meter on. The shutter speed indicated by the needle in the viewfinder will depend on both the selected aperture and scene brightness.

Note: The meter remains switched on for a brief period even after your finger is lifted off the shutter release button.

Exposure warning signal: Should a "beep-beep" sound be emitted, note the position of the needle in the shutter speed scale. If it swings past 1/1000 sec. and stays within the red zone, overexposure will result. In his case, reset lens aperture until the sound stops or the needle "drops" from the red zone; despite the sound, correct exposure is possible. If the needle is around 1/30 sec. or below, the sound merely warns ou that camera shake may affect image sharpness because of the slow shutter speed. You either readust aperture until the sound stops, or, if the needles is below 1/30sec., use a tripod to prevent picture olur. The meter remains switched on for a brief period even after your finger is lifted off the shutter elease button.

lotes: 1. At approximately 1/1000sec. or 1/30sec., a shrill sound may be emitted; it becomes regular when the needle goes beyond these points.

2. It is possible you won't hear the warning sound in noisy shooting situations



Overexposed (Above 1/1000 sec.)



Tripod recommended to prevent camera shake (Below 1/30 sec.) Q. What shutter speed is best to use?



Correctly exposed

don't take hand-held pictures at shutter speeds A. The shutter speed should be fast enough to preslower than 1/50sec., and with a 135mm, try to use vent camera shake, especially in hand-held shoota minimum speed of 1/135sec. Remember, this ing. In dim light, you may not be able to get a high presumes your subject is not moving. If it does, speed. As a rule of thumb, use a tripod if the shutter you'll need faster speeds-in which case you just speed is slower than a number equal to the focal open the lens aperture. length of the lens. For example, with a 50mm lens,

#### E. Shoot



Depress the shutter release 1 . button 6 with steady, even pressure.



Advance the film to the next 2. frame by stroking the film winding lever 6.



You can move the grooved filn winding lever with your right hand thumb in one sweep or a series of short strokes.



Q. When is the exposure compensation button 9 used? A. To obtain a correct exposure when the main subject is side-

lit or backlit. In this case, keep the button depressed as you depress the shutter release button 3, the shutter speed needle "drops" by about 2 steps (i.e., from 1/250 sec. to approx. 1/60 sec.).



Self-timer: This provides an ag prox. 10-sec. exposure dela Slide the lever away from th lens as far as it will go, cover th finder eyepiece with the pair of your hand to prevent stra light from entering, then depres the shutter release button. Not

that the timer is designed not to cock accidentally an requires slight pressure when you start to stroke i After use, gently nudge the lever back into place sinc it always stops just before the starting position.



#### F. Unload the Film



When you can no longer stroke the film winding lever and the frame counter indicates that the last exposure has been made, press the film rewind button . Don't force the lever, or you may tear the film out of he cassette.



2. Turn the film rewind crank **20**. in the direction of the engraved arrow with even pressure until rewind "tension" gets lighter.



3. knob 3 to open the camera back, and remove the cassette.



Notes: 1. Do not push the film rewind button before all the frames are exposed; otherwise, there will be a slight frame overlap. If the button is inadvertently depressed, make a blank exposure in a dark place.

When carrying the camera, it is recommended that you eset the shutter operation mode selector of from AUTO or B to prevent battery power drainage caused by the hutter release button being inadvertently depressed.

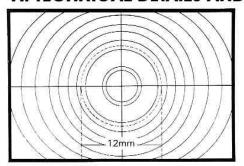


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**Q.** What should I do if I make the mistake of opening the camera back before the film is fully rewound?

A. Quickly snap the camera back closed. You may be able to save a few frames, but this is not guaranteed, especially if the back is opened in bright light.

#### VI. TECHNICAL DETAILS AND OTHER INFORMATION



### A. Exposure Measurement

The Nikon EM's built-in exposure meter use Nikon's through-the-lens (TTL) center-weighted exposure metering system. The meter "reads" the light over the entire focusing screen, but favors the central 12mm-diameter area outlined on the screen. This is where the main subject is likely to be positioned, and allows the photographer to make precise exposure readings of the selected subject area, as well as provides for overa balanced exposures.



#### B. Shutter Operation Mode Selection

The shutter operation mode selector has tw mechanical override settings. M90 provides shutter speed of 1/90 sec.; it is also used for flas photography with an electronic flash unit othe than the Nikon SB-E or SB-10 (p. 28). B is for lon exposures—the shutter curtains remain open fc as long as the shutter release button ❸ is kep depressed. A tripod is essential for B exposures.

#### C. Film Plane Indicator

his is mainly used in close-up photography to letermine the exact subject-to-film plane distance. It is visible when the film winding lever is pulled but, and positioned precisely on the film plane—16.5mm from the front surface of the lens mounting flange.



## D. Infrared Photography

Both Nikon Series E and Nikkor lenses have an infrared photography focusing index for shooting with black-and-white infrared film. The image is first focused through the viewfinder; then the lens focusing ring is turned until the point focused is aligned with the infrared index.



# E. Depth of Field

When you focus on your subject, you will find that objects both in front of and behind it also appear to be in focus. This "zone" of focus is called depth of field. In general, to control depth of field, use the lens aperture ring @ selectively, remembering that the lower the number of the aperture set (i.e., the wider the lens aperture), the "shallower" the depth of field, and vice versa. You can also use the color-coded depth-of-field indicators @ of Nikon Series E and Nikkor lenses. The wider the gap between two identical colors (which match the color of the lens aperture number in use), the deeper the depth of field, and vice versa. Remember, when selecting an aperture based on depth of field, the shutter speed will change accordingly. Be careful that you don't use a shutter speed which is too slow for hand-held shooting or for moving subjects.



Lens set at f/1.8



Lens set at f/8

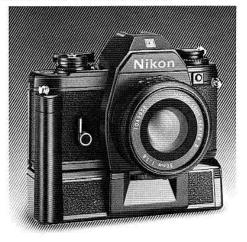


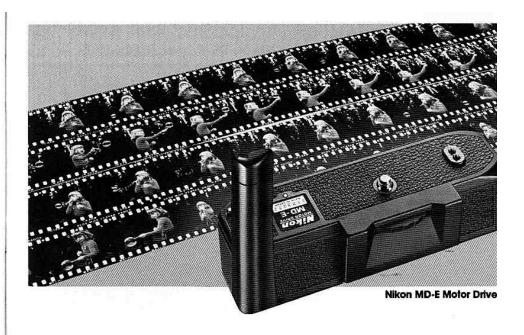
Lens set at f/16

# **111. SPECIAL ACCESSORIES FOR THE NIKON EM**

#### 1. Motorized Shooting with the Nikon MD-E Motor Drive

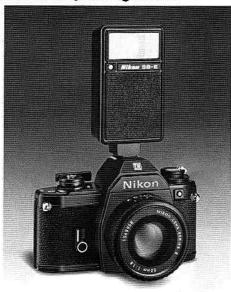
bu don't have to be a pro to discover the exciteent of motor-drive photography. The EM's
becial, equally compact and handsome accessothe MD-E, makes motorized shooting easy for
reryone. You have a choice of single-frame shootg or continuous shooting of up to about two
ames per second. A red LED (light emitting diode)
mp at the back of the MD-E flashes to indicate
iat motorized shooting is in progress. And the
otor automatically stops when all the frames
ave been exposed. It's that simple! Once you put
the motor you probably won't want to take it
ff! It's a natural accessory for all-around use.





## B. Flash Photography with the Nikon SB-E Speedlight Unit

Slip the compact Nikon SB-E into your camera's ecessed ISO-type flash unit hot-shoe . and take great flash pictures automatically-at a predeternined shutter speed of 1/90 sec., with the shutter operation mode selector @ on AUTO. It's so easy anyone can do it. A "ready-light" inside the amera's viewfinder lets you know when you're eady to shoot. Note that the flash photography pracket inside the viewfinder indicates a flash synthronization speed of 1/90 sec., no matter where the hutter speed needle is positioned. The SB-E proides features that no other flash can. It's the natural choice. It's compact enough to fit in a shirt locket and really efficient. See it at your Nikon lealer. For flash photography with other electronic lash units, the shutter operation mode selector 2 is et to M90.



# VIII. OTHER EM ACCESSORIES AND USABLE LENSES Other Accessories



The CF-11 Camera Case is recommended for storing the Nikon EM with a Nikon Series E 50mm f/1.8 mounted. It has an attractive, durable finish.



#### Eyepiece Adapter

Simply slide this adapter onto the EM's rectangular viewfinder eyepiece , and you can use various Nikon viewfinder accessories.

such as eyepiece correction lenses, rubber eyecup, etc., to meet the requirements of various shooting situations



#### Lens Hoods

The HR-4 and HR-1 Lens Hoods perfectly complement the Nikor Series E lenses. They prevent extraneous ligh from striking the lens surface and causing flare and ghost in the picture. Also useful for protecting the lens.

#### Compartment Case

The FB-E Compartment Case has been specially designed to accommodate the Nikon EM with a Nikon Series E 50mm f/1.8 lens attached and other EM accessories such as Nikon Speedlight SB-E, Nikon Motor Drive MD-E, Nikon Series E 35mm f/2.5 100mm f/2.8 and sundry items.

#### likon and Nikkor Lenses for the Nikon EM

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ideangle)

Nikkor 13mm f/5.6 Nikkor 15mm f/5.6 Nikkor 18mm f/4 Nikkor 20mm f/3.5 Nikkor 24mm f/2 Nikkor 24mm f/2.8

Nikkor 28mm f/2 Nikkor 28mm f/2.8 Nikkor 28mm f/3,5 Nikkor 35mm f/1.4

Nikkor 35mm f/2 Nikkor 35mm f/2.8

Nikkor 50mm f/1.2 Nikkor 50mm f/1.4 Nikkor 50mm f/1.8 Nikkor 50mm f/2 ephoto)

Nikkor 85mm f/2 Nikkor 105mm f/2.5 Nikkor 135mm f/2 Nikkor 135mm 1/2 8

Nikkor 135mm f/3.5 Nikkor 180mm f/2.8 Nikkor 200mm f/4

Nikkor 300mm f/2.8 IF-ED Nikkor 300mm f/4.5 IF-ED

M Nikkor 300mm f/4.5

Nikkor 400mm f/3.5 IF-ED

Nikkor 400mm f/5.6 IF-ED Nikkor 400mm f/5.6 ED

Nikkor 600mm f/5.6 IF-ED Nikkor 800mm f/8 IF-ED Nikkor 1200mm f/11 IF-ED

(Reflex)

Reflex-Nikkor 500mm f/8 Reflex-Nikkor 1000mm f/11 Reflex-Nikkor 2000mm f/11 (Zoom)

Zoom-Nikkor 28-45mm f/4.5 

☑ Zoom-Nikkor 43-86mm f/3.5 

☑ Zoom-Nikkor 50-300mm f/4.5 ED (Fisheye)

Tisheye-Nikkor 6mm f/2.8

Fisheye-Nikkor 8mm f/2.8

Fisheye-Nikkor 16mm f/3.5 (Special) PC-Nikkor 28mm f/4

PC-Nikkor 35mm f/2.8 M Noct-Nikkor 58mm f/1.2

Micro-Nikkor 55mm f/3.5

Micro-Nikkor 105mm f/4 Micro-Nikkor 200mm f/4 IF (Televonverter)

Nikon Teleconverter TC-14 Nikon Teleconverter TC-200 Nikon Teleconverter TC-300

1) When using PC-Nikkor lenses, it is important to note that exposure meter-ing must be performed before the lens is shifted; should metering be performed after shifting, it may result in erroneous metering indication. First, note the shutter speed needle's position inside the viewfinder before shifting the lens. After shifting the lens, reset the ASA film speed scale @ until the same shutter speed appears inside the viewfinder. For details, refer to the instruction manual of the lens.

2) Older Nikkor lenses which have been modified for Al operation and Al lenses of other than Nikon manufacture do not provide full performance with the Nikon EM, when used with the SB-E.

Nor can most Al-modified 55mm f/1.2 and 28mm f/3.5 lenses be mounted on the Nikon EM; therefore, to prevent damage, don't attempt it.

3) If you mount the EM on a tripod with a large head, contact between the lens barrel and the head may make it impossible to operate the lens. In this case, use Nikon's special adapter between the camera body and the tripod head.

Caution: Auto Nikkor lenses and lenses of other manufacture which do not have the Al feature must not be mounted on the EM. Attempts to mount such lenses will damage the camera's Al indexing mechanism.

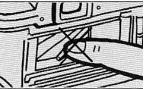
#### IX. TIPS ON CAMERA CARE



· Don't force your camera's controls-they are designed to work with a minimum of pres-



Clean all lens and prism surfaces periodically with a blowertype brush or lens tissue moistened with an approved photo lens cleaning liquid.



 Avoid touching the camera's interior surfaces, especially the shutter curtains 6 and film pressure plate .



 If you drop the camera accidentally, take it to a Nikon authorized dealer or service center for immediate servicing.



Store your camera, lenses, accessories in a cool, dry place. Remove the batteries when the camera or accessories are not to be used for an extended period.



 Dispose of used batteries properly-never throw them into fire. For battery performance by brand, refer to manu facturer's literature.

#### X. SPECIFICATIONS

icture format ens mount .enses usable

type of camera 35mm single-lens reflex (SLR), aperture-priority automatic 35mm (24mm x 36mm film size)

Nikon bayonet type Nikon Series E 50mm f/1.8 as Standard; other Series E lenses; Al-type Nikkor lenses and others

(p. 30)hutter

Electronically controlled, verticaltravel, metal focal-plane shutter; stepless speeds from 1 sec. to 1/ 1000 sec. when shutter operation mode selector is set to AUTO: 1/90 sec. mechanical shutter speed when set to M90; B setting also provided for long exposures Film winding lever provided; completed stroke of 144° simultaneously advances film, cocks shutter and operates frame counter; choice of one continuous stroke or series of shorter

/iewfinder

ilm advance

strokes Fixed eyelevel pentaprism fullaperture viewing type with builtin TTL exposure meter: shutter speed scale and exposure needle visible inside; ready-light lights up when SB-E or SB-10

Speedlight is in use; center of scale's bracket indicates 1/90 sec.; finder coverage approx. 92% of picture field; 0.86X magnification with 50mm lens set at infinity (∞)

Focusing screen Fixed-type Nikon "K" screen; comprises matte fresnel field with central split-image rangefinder spot surrounded by microprism ring and 12mm-dia. reference circle which denotes area of center-weighted metering

Reflex mirror Self-timer

Exposure

Instant-return, non-lockable type Lever provided can be set for up to approx. 10-sec, exposure delay; setting cancellable before shutter release button is pressed TTL center-weighted exposure metering at full aperture; meter incorporates one silicon photo-

measurement

Metering range EV 2 to EV 18 (i.e., f/2 at 1 sec. to f/16 at 1/1000 sec. at ASA 100 and with 50mm f/1.8 lens)

diode (SPD)

Exposure signal "Beep-beep" warning sound activated when shutter release button is pressed to fingerguard position if matching shutter



approx. 1/30 sec. and below, or approx. 1/1000 sec. and above xposure Approx. + 2EV when exposure compensation button is kept deompensation pressed as shutter release button is pressed leter power Two 1.5V silver-oxide batteries ource (S-76 type) feter ON/OFF Meter switched on when shutter witch release button is pressed; stays switched on for several seconds after finger is lifted off button attery power LED lamp lights up to indicate hecker sufficient power availability when power check button is pressed Im speed ASA 25~ 1600 inge

depressed

Im rewind

rame counter Shows number of frames exposed; automatically resets to "S" when camera back is opened; automatic operation starts from frame 1 Manual; film rewind crank rotated after film rewind button is

speed for lens aperture set is

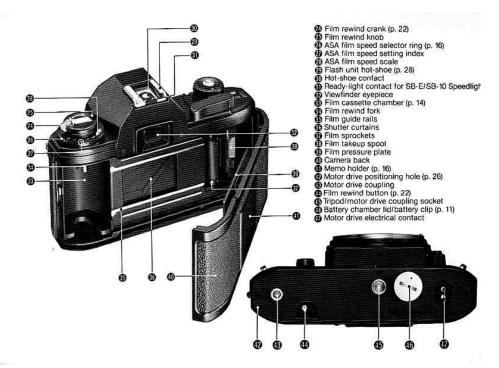
Flash Built-in ISO-type hot-shoe; autosynchronization matic flash sync at 1/90 sec. with SB-E Speedlight Unit which activates camera's ready-light when flash operation is ready; ready-light "blinks" to signal incorrect ASA/aperture combination; M90 shutter operation mode selector setting used with other electronic flash units, providing flash sync at 1/90 sec.; bulb-type units not usable Motor drive Electrical contact and coupler coupling built-in for operation with MD-E

Motor Drive Camera back Swings open when film rewind knob is pulled up; memo holder

provided Body finish Black Accessories Camera body cap, triangular provided grommets for neckstrap and two 1.5V silver-oxide batteries 135mm(W)x86mm(H)x54mm(D) Dimensions

460g (body only) · All specifications are subject to change without notice.

Weight



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