

MINOLTA FS 35

1989



Serial Nr.3538244
Minolta Code 0495-101

Characteristics and functions

The Minolta FS 35 came on the market in 1989. The FS 35 is a fixed focus, motorized camera with a built-in electronic flash. The lens is a 38mm Minolta. f./4.5 with minimum shooting distance at 1.3m. The mechanical shutter works at 1/125". The range of film sensitivities allowed is 100 and 400 ISO with DX-coded magazines. In the center of the upper side is the initials FS-35, in white. The upper side of the camera is smooth, slightly sloping to the right, where the red shutter button is located and, further back, the additive frame counter with automatic reset when the back is opened. The actual frame counter is contained in an elongated window and refers to the white dash in the center. The frame counter also acts as a signal for the smooth

running of the film: if the film is not correctly hooked, it does not advance and the numbering is not increased. The left side of the FS 35 is smooth; while on the right side we find a black plastic ring formed in the fusion of the front shell that serves to hook the wrist strap for transporting the camera, and the plastic hinge of the back door. At the front we find a transparent window that contains, from left to right, the electronic flash, the light meter cell and the viewfinder window. Continuing to the right we meet the white writing "Minolta" surmounted by the "Rising Sun" Minolta. The right side of the front has a bulge with vertical orientation that serves to better grip the camera with the right hand only. The central protuberance contains the lens with the slider cap controlled by the black plastic selector located on the lower edge, (with the lens covered, the camera is blocked and does not shoot). Just below the lens is screen-printed, in white "FS-35"; while along the left side of the lens the words "Focus Free" and "DX Auto" are silk-screened in red, on two lines. Further to the left we find the black plastic slider in vertical orientation, located in a special recess, which is used to activate the flash. To activate the flash, move the cursor itself down in the direction of the flash printed in white (be careful after use, to turn off the flash you must bring the cursor back up). On the rear side we find the "ready flash" lamp which turns orange when the condenser is charged, the viewfinder window and, to the right of the latter, the red LED which lights up and signals "insufficient light - activate flash". The plastic door of the film compartment has a window for viewing the inserted magazine and two protrusions between which to place the thumb of the right hand. On the underside of the FS 35 we find the writing "Made in Malaysia", the symbol of the film recovery with the respective cursor, on the right; while on the left are the battery compartment cap (2x AA 1.5v batteries) with slider release and engraved serial number.

Weight 200g. batteries excluded. Length 127mm. Height 73mm. Depth 49mm.