

MINOLTA POCKET AUTOPAK 430E 1976



Serial Nr.486615
Minolta Code 0266

Characteristics and functions

The Minolta Pocket Autopak 430E, presented in 1976, is part of a series of four cameras (430E, 440E, 450E, 460T), among which this is the only one with an "All Black" body.

The shape is the typical one, squared and flat of the Pocket. The finish is in black plastic. The flash occupies the far left of the camera body and is moved outwards by about 1cm. when activated to take a flash shot, even outdoors. The activation of the flash is automatic when you move the cursor to the "Flash" position. The upper side of the camera is occupied by the indication of the model "Minolta Autopak 430E" silk-screened in white and by the circular shutter button placed in a rear position along the right side. On the upper side of the device there are also two orange cursors; the one on the left is used to adjust the exposure.

In the window below you can see: the lightning symbol used to use the flash and the sun symbol for shooting scenes in bright light. The orange cursor on the right is used to adjust the focus distance according to three symbols, contained in a window under the cursor: mountains from 10m. (33ft.) to infinity; whole person at 3m. (10ft.); half length at 1,5m. (5ft.). The front side of the camera is occupied by the electronic surfacing flash followed by the words "minolta pocket" silk-screened in white on two lines; from the lens with its sliding cover, from the light meter cell and finally, along the right side, the viewfinder is placed. On the back we find: the red ready-flash signal; the battery compartment sliding door (1.5v AA); the door of the film compartment with the transparent part that allows you to view the inserted magazine and the frame counter (the covering paper of the film, which runs with it, has the marking of the poses used).

The back opening system is formed by a slider in striped black plastic that must be moved by 3-4mm. to the right; the back opens by overturning as it is hinged along the lower edge. Finally, we find the viewfinder window, located on the far right. The viewfinder is devoid of any information except for the presence of the red LED for signaling the risk of underexposure, placed along the right side.

On the right side of the 430E there is a chrome ring for the use of the strap. The underside of the camera shows the table of the flash range according to the film used and the shooting distances according to the three focus symbols. On the far right is the cursor for the advancement of the film and, immediately in front of it, the engraving of the serial number.; The fixed exposure time is 1/200 of a second.

Weight 230g. excluding shoulder strap, battery and film.

Dimensions: length 159.5mm., Height 28.5mm., Depth 57mm.

