

MINOLTA RIVA 35

1992



Serial Nr.6483217
Minolta Code 2454

Characteristics and functions

The Minolta Riva 35 came on the market in 1992. This is a fixed focus, motorized camera with built-in electronic flash. The lens is a 35mm Minolta. f./4.5 with a minimum shooting distance of 1.5m. The mechanical shutter works at 1/125". The film sensitivity range allowed is 100 and 400 ISO with DX-coded magazines. With magazines without DX decoding the camera always sets 100 ISO. The upper side of the camera is smooth, we find on the left the wording Riva 35, in white; proceeding to the right we meet the large window of the additive frame counter with automatic reset when the back is opened. A small red arrow placed on the right side of the numbering turns green if the film is correctly attached. On the far right is the red shutter button, ovoid in shape, located in a special recess. The left side of the Riva 35 is smooth; while on the right side we find a black plastic ring formed in the fusion of the shell that serves to attach the wrist strap for transporting the camera. 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 slight bulge in vertical orientation that serves to better grip the camera with the right hand only. The central bulge, just mentioned, contains the lens with the slider cap controlled by the black plastic selector placed on the lower edge of this central protuberance. With the lens covered, the camera is blocked and does not shoot. Just below the lens is "Riva 35" silk-screened in white. Next to the lens, the indications "Focus Free" and DX Auto "are silk-screened in red on two lines. On the far 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 back side we find the "ready flash" lamp which turns orange when the condenser is charged, the eyepiece window and, in the upper left corner of the viewfinder, the red LED which lights up to indicate "insufficient light - activate flash". The plastic door of the film compartment is hinged to the right and has a window for viewing the inserted magazine which is placed in a slight depression that serves to position the thumb of the right hand for a firmer grip. On the underside of the Riva 35 we find the words "Minolta Camera Co. Ltd." and "Made in Malaysia", on the right. Always on the right, but in the most advanced position, is the symbol of intentional film recovery with the respective cursor that can only be moved using a pointed object (after the last useful shot the camera automatically recovers the exposed film. On the left it is positioned the battery compartment cap (2 x 1.5v AA batteries) with slide release. The serial number is engraved in the back position towards the center of the rear side.

Weight 200g. batteries excluded.

Length 127mm. Height 73mm. Depth 49mm.