

# MINOLTA RIVA 35 ST

## 1993



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Minolta Code 2418

### Characteristics and functions

The Minolta Riva 35 ST was introduced in 1993. The Riva 35 ST is a motorized fixed focus camera with automatic exposure, automatic electronic flash and self-timer. The lens is a 35mm Minolta. f./4.5 with a minimum focusing distance of 1.5m. The automatic mechanical shutter works at 1/35" or 1/100" and the automatic exposure system (CdS cell) sets apertures 4.5 or 11.1. The sensitivities allowed with DX decoded magazines are 100 or 400 ISO. The camera sets the sensitivity to 100 ISO for magazines without DX decoding. The range of the flash is 2.8m. with 100 ISO and 5.6m films. with 400 ISO films. On the upper side of the camera we find on the left the writing "Riva 35ST" silk-screened in gold-colored characters. All essential controls are collected on the right side of the top shell. There is the window of the additive frame counter with automatic reset when the complete back of the system is opened to verify the correct insertion of the film: a small red arrow placed above the numbering turns green if the film advances correctly. To the right of the frame counter

there is the self-timer symbol and further to the right the small black button for activating the "Self Timer"; when pressed, a pulsating red light appears on the front; the shutter delay time is about 10". The self-timer setting can be canceled by closing the lens cap using the special slider (which also acts as a main switch). The gray shutter button is located further forward. To the right of the shutter button there is the system for the intentional recovery of the partially exposed film: you have to press with a point in a small hole; below is the film recovery symbol. On the left side of the camera there is the slider for the release of the film compartment door (lower the slider by about 3mm.) On the right side of the Riva 35 ST there is the ring for the hooking of the wrist strap obtained in the fusion of the plastic. The front side, which is slightly rounded, contains: the transparent window where the electronic flash is housed, the viewfinder window, the CdS exposure meter cell and the red self-timer signaling LED. Continuing to the right we meet the writing "Minolta" surmounted by the "Rising Sun" Minolta both silk-screened in gold color. In the center is the lens window with the relative slider control for opening and closing the lens cap. The slider also serves as a master switch and locks the camera. Just below the lens, the writing "Riva 35ST" appears in gold-colored characters. On the left of the lens, the peculiarities of the camera are shown on two lines: "Focus Free" and "DX Auto", silk-screened in red. A gold/black/gold sticker indicates "Automatic", "Self Timer" and "Made in Japan". The rear side is entirely occupied by the back, hinged to the right, with a window for viewing the type of magazine inserted. The rectangular frame of the viewfinder is an integral part of the back. In the upper left corner, in the viewfinder, a green "flash ready" LED lights up when the condenser is fully charged (the camera uses the flash even in daylight to lighten the shadows). On the underside we find the inscriptions "Minolta Camera Co. Ltd." and "Made in Japan" on two lines; proceeding to the right we meet the thread for the use of the stand, in an advanced position and the serial number engraved. On the far right is the battery compartment cap (2x AA 1.5v batteries) with slider release.

Weight 175g. excluding batteries.

Length 121mm. Height 68mm. Depth 49mm.

There is also a version with a date back (QD).