MINOLTA RIVA AF 35c 1992



Serial Nr.94220820 Minolta Code 2405

Characteristics and functions

The Minolta Riva AF35c was presented in 1992. It is the evolution of the previous Riva AF 35 model. This is a motorized camera with active infrared autofocus and built-in automatic electronic flash. The lens is a 35mm Minolta. f./4.5 with minimum focusing distance of 0.95m. The automatic programmed exposure meter with center weighted metering works from EV 9.6 to EV 16.2 with 100 Iso films. The range of film sensitivities allowed is from 100 to 400 ISO with DX decoded magazines; with magazines without DX decoding the camera sets the sensitivity to 100 Iso. The camera comes with rounded edges. On the upper side we find the window of the additive frame counter which is also used to check the smooth running of the film: if the film is not correctly hooked, the numbering does not increase. During the recovery of the film, the frame counter counts down: when it returns to "0" the film

has been completely rewound. To the right of the frame counter we find the red shutter button, placed in a cantilevered mount, with double function: in the first part of its stroke it locks the focus (AF) and exposure (AE), when pressed fully it triggers the shutter. In the rearmost position is the small black plastic button for activating the self-timer, placed in a recess with the relative "Self-Timer" symbol on its left side. The left side of the Riva AF35 is smooth. On the right side a plastic structure is screwed under which the shoulder strap for carrying the camera slides. On the back side, in the center, at the top, the overhanging window of the eyepiece is positioned. In the viewfinder you can see the bright frame with the central area of the autofocus, with cancelable memory. A green led (OK light) is positioned along the underside of the viewfinder. If the light does not turn on, it means that the flash is not charged or that the focus is not correct and the shutter locks. To the left of the eyepiece window is the cursor for choosing the type of flash: moving the cursor to the right (large flash symbol) the flash works automatically; moving the cursor to the left (small flash and large flash symbol) the flash works automatically with a pre-flash system to reduce the "red-eye" effect (Red-Eye Reduction). The asymmetrically shaped film compartment door is hinged to the right. The slider for unlocking the film compartment door is positioned on the far left of the rear of the camera. To unlock the back, bring the black plastic slider down by 3mm.; to close it again, bring the parts together and exert sufficient pressure to trigger the lock again. On the front of the Riva AF35c we find an asymmetrical window that contains the electronic flash, the autofocus system with the viewfinder window in the center, the light meter cell and, on the far right, the red self-timer LED that lights up during shutter delay (10 seconds). Continuing to the right you will find the words "Minolta" surmounted by the "Rising Sun" Minolta, both silk-screened in white. Just below the flash is the stylized red abbreviation "AF". The central part, placed between two recesses to better grip the camera, contains the lens with the sliding cap controlled by the slider at the bottom (opens on the left, closes on the right) which also serves as a general switch: when the lens is covered, the shutter is blocked. Between the lens and the cap control slider is the Riva AF35c initials, silk-screened in white. The underside of the camera is 4/5 machined with horizontal orientation grooves. In an advanced position we find the word "Malaysia" and the serial number silk-screened in white on a black plastic sticker drowned flush with the caseback. The thread for the use of the stand is placed further back. On the far left is the system for the intentional recovery of the partially exposed film with the relative symbol (press into the small hole with a pointed object). On the far right is the battery compartment cap (2x AA 1.5v batteries) with slider opening.

The version with date back (QD) is available.

Weight 235g. batteries excluded.

Length 136mm. Height 73mm. Depth 47.5mm.