

MINOLTA VECTIS 260 IX-DATE

1999



Serial Nr.D2801675

Characteristics and functions

The Minolta Vectis 260 was introduced in 1999. This APS (Advanced Photo System) type camera uses IX-240 type film with sensitivity from 25 to 3200iso. The 25-65mm zoom lens. f.1/4.3-10.4 is the equivalent of a 31-81 in the 35mm format. It is made up of 4 lenses placed in 4 groups; two elements are aspherical. Focus is ensured by an active infrared AF system that works on 200 points. with a range of work, in sizes C and H that goes from 50cm. endlessly; while in the P format the minimum shooting distances are respectively 50cm. on the 25mm focal length. and 1.4mt. on the 65mm focal length. The lens, the viewfinder, the illuminator/self-timer signal and the AF sensor are located under the sliding cover that acts as a cap and main switch.

The moving part has an end-of-stroke lock which also serves to activate the camera's ignition contact. To the left of this large sliding door is the flash with NG 14 for 200iso films. There are six flash programs: Automatic, Forced Arming, Bypass, Night Portraits, Night Landscapes, Anti-Red Eyes. Also on the front of the Vectis 260 all the identifying inscriptions appear: IX-Date, Minolta (with the Rising Sun in the "O"), Vectis 260 and the APS symbol. On the upper side we find, on the far left, the small button for intentional recovery of the film with the relative symbol, the Self-timer, Remote Control (RC-3 optional), Lightning, Anti-Red-Eye pre-flash symbols with on their right the [SEL] and [ADJ] buttons used to activate various functions and adjust calendar data. Continuing to the right we find the display window where the indications of the date window, the state of charge of the batteries, the activated self-timer signal, the inserted film and the frame counter are located, which is of the subtractive type, that is, which highlights the number of missing shots. at the end of the film. Proceeding to the right you will find two small round black buttons: one with the symbols of the flag/pencil for choosing the titles and one with the wording Date. Lastly, you will find the chrome-plated shutter button, with dual function, located in a special recess: if pressed partially, it locks the focus (AF) and exposure (AE), if pressed all the way down, it releases the shutter and advance the motor preparing the film and shutter for the next shot. On the right side there is the housing for the zipper of the carrying strap. On the rear side there is the circular selector for setting the P, H, C formats; which return prints of dimensions 10x15, 10x18 and 10x24cm. respectively. Rotating this selector you can see how the image in the viewfinder is masked differently in order to present the actual area that will be recorded on the print. This system is certainly more comfortable than the one that simultaneously shows the three bright frames of the frame limits. With reference to the choice of the frame, it is good to remember that the negative is always impressed in the maximum format (H) and that the settings C, H, P determine only the choice of the first print. In the upper part of the viewfinder there are references for close-up shooting while in the center the AF / AE system area is delimited by two []. The green "OK" LED is located to the right of the viewfinder window. Continuing to the right you will find the [W - T] selector for choosing the focal length. A curved ridge is embossed underneath to position the thumb of the right hand for a better grip. The battery and film compartment doors are partially visible at the bottom of the spine. On the back there are, from left to right: the black plastic door with the wording "Battery - Open with coin", the thread for using the tripod, the opening system of the film compartment with the wording "Film" underlined by a curved arrow and at the right end, the real door, in black plastic with the inscription "Minolta Co. Ltd - Osawa, Japan - Made in China" and the engraved serial number. The left side of the Vectis 260 is smooth. Powered by a 3v lithium battery. type CR2.
Weight 170g. batteries and strap excluded.
Length 104mm. Height 65mm. Depth 38mm.