

MINOLTA VECTIS GX-2

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Minolta Code 2282-103

Characteristics and functions

The Minolta Vectis GX-2 was introduced in 1996. This camera uses IX240 APS (Advanced Photo System) type film and is part of a series of 4 Vectis "GX" cameras. The Vectis GX-1, GX-2 and GX-3 are three waterproof cameras with identical performance and differing only in the appearance of the "body", while the Vectis GX-4 is an underwater camera up to 5m., Color yellow. The lens is a 27mm. f.1/6.4 and is the equivalent of a 34 in the 35mm format. The focus is fixed from 1mt. endlessly. The exhibition is programmed AE. The lens is located inside a protective glass and there is no cap covering the lens itself. The body of the Vectis GX-2 is green with

black rubber parts. On the upper side we find, in the center a protuberance that contains the viewfinder, then the oval window of the display where the indications of the flash appear (which flashes when the capacitor is not fully charged and which blocks the shutter release of the camera), the frame counter which is subtractive type, that is, which highlights the number of missing shots at the end and the indication of the battery charge status. Continuing to the right we find the yellow shutter button located inside a black circular frame that serves to avoid accidental shots. The left side of the camera is occupied by a rubberized black part which serves to improve its grip. On the right side of the GX-2 are located the release switch of the film compartment cover (move the yellow part upwards, then rotate the entire mount to the left in the direction of the FILM indication as indicated by the arrow) and the notch to insert the wrist strap mount or one of the other shoulder straps available as optional accessories. On the rear side of the GX-2 we find the eyepiece window where the three bright frames appear with the references to the 3 formats C, H, and P. It should be remembered that the choice of format only concerns the return of the first print (format 10x15, 10x18, 10x24, respectively), but that the negative is always impressed in the maximum format (H). In the lower part of the back there is the attachment for accessories such as the mini tripod or the bands for carrying the camera by arm or waist. On the right side there is a black rubber part with a hollow where to place the thumb of the right hand for a stable grip even with one hand. On the front of the camera we find: a black rubberized frame along the right side, the viewfinder window in the center, at the top, the porthole that contains the lens and the light meter cell; proceeding to the left we meet the flash at the top and the yellow format selector / main switch at the bottom. At the front there is all the information for identifying the camera and its components: to the right of the lens we find the word MINOLTA with the Rising Sun in the "O", silk-screened in white, while on the left there is the initials VECTIS GX- 2 yellow and arranged on two lines, further down the indications P, H, C, OFF and the symbol of the Self-Timer which are the references of the selector/switch of the camera. The bottom of the GX-2 is occupied by two large doors: the one for the film compartment on the left and the one for the battery compartment on the right, with a common hinge. On the film compartment lid we find the APS symbol engraved and the instructions on how to load/unload the film without causing flooding. On the cover of the battery side there is a small black plastic label located in a special compartment, which shows the serial number and the indications: "Minolta Co. Ltd, Osaka Japan, Made in China", the release mechanism with the indications OPEN - CLOSE and the words "Battery open with coin". On the far right, in a slightly hollow area, the "CE" symbol of European Conformity is located. Available as optional accessories are 4 types of carrying straps, a camera attachment system on the backpack and an adjustable strap for storing the camera on the waist or arm.

Powered by a 3v lithium battery. type CR2.

Weight 215g. batteries and strap excluded.

Length 126mm. Height 75.5mm. Depth 44mm.