

CONTAX AX

with Automatic Back Focusing System



Superior Optical Performance From a 35mm Auto Focus SLR Camera with Carl Zeiss T* lenses

- Another break-through by CONTAX sets the standard for innovation with the introduction of the incredible new CONTAX AX with the Automatic Back Focusing System.
- The CONTAX AX offers Center-weighted Average and Spot Metering Systems to allow flexibility and precision exposure control.
- An electronic, vertical travel, metal focal plane shutter allows high shutter speeds up to 1/6000 second.
- The CONTAX AX is ultra-strong with a titanium top cover and an aluminum diecast chassis.
- Exclusive D-8 Data Back(Optional) prints exposure information along with date information adjacent to the picture area between the frames of the film. Date, aperture, shutter speed, exposure compensation and exposure mode are all recordable.

A New AF System that Allows the Use of Current CONTAX/YASHICA Mount Carl Zeiss T* Lenses with Automatic Back Focusing System

The Automatic Back Focusing system is radically different from the traditional AF lens focusing systems found on other cameras. The superior optical quality of the Carl Zeiss T* lens is preserved while the CONTAX AX adds the innovative Automatic Back Focusing system for superior auto focus performance. The Automatic Back Focusing camera system is made up of two components, one is the rigid camera body and CONTAX/YASHICA lens mount. The other is the moveable chassis consisting of the deflection mirror, pentaprism assembly and film plane. The photographer can choose from auto focusing or manual focusing mode according to the application with no loss of optical quality.

①MF(Manual Focusing)

As on other CONTAX cameras manual focusing is accomplished with the twist of the focusing ring. A quick push of the AF button on the rear of the AX body will engage the Automatic Back Focusing System and achieve focus, instantly.

②SAF(Single Auto Focus)

In the SAF mode, the camera adjusts and locks the focus instantly. Manual adjustments via the lens focusing ring may be made following the initial SAF operation.

③CAF(Continuous Auto Focus)

In the CAF mode the CONTAX AX continuously focuses, updates and predicts the focus point to ensure sharp focus and maximize photographic opportunities.

④MACRO

In the macro mode, the moveable chassis is automatically positioned at the maximum(10mm behind the standard focal plane position) rear position. This allows extreme close range photography beyond the minimum focusing distance of any attached lens. Manual focusing must be employed in the macro mode because changing the lens to film distance changes magnification while film plane to subject changes focus in macro photography.

Notes :

- Make sure the body indicator in the finder shows that moveable chassis is at the base position when the lens with floating elements is attached.
- Perform AF operations with a zoom lens after zooming.

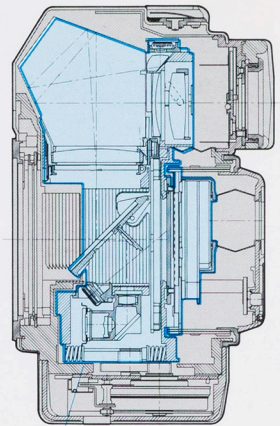
Newly Designed Optional CONTAX D-8 Data Back Records Photographic Data on the film.

Photographic data such as date, exposure compensation, shutter speed, aperture and exposure mode can be imprinted between the frames. The information acts as a reference for professionals and amateur photographers alike who need to organize their work and improve their technique.

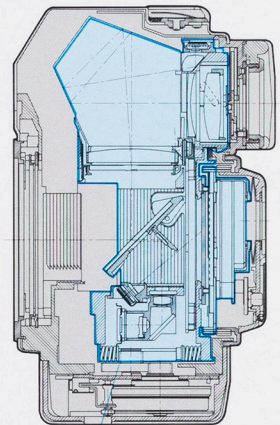
Other Features:

- Maximum shutter speed of 1/6000 second(in auto mode). "A highly reliable, high precision shutter".
- Ease of operation with manual and auto focusing "A bright, easy-to-see viewfinder with built-in diopter adjustment."
- The CONTAX AX emphasizes rigidity and reliability. "A titanium top cover and a rigid diecast aluminum chassis is standard."
- Eight selectable custom functions are available. "Extensive custom functions included."
- Metering modes to compliment your photographic creativity. "Center-weighted average and spot metering offer flexibility and precision."
- Exposures Modes to match a wide variety of photographic conditions. "Aperture priority AE, Shutter Speed Priority AE, Program AE and Manual exposure modes provide a friendly and familiar interface for any photographer".

Automatic Back Focusing System



Base position for the moveable chassis



Maximum rear position for the moveable chassis (at Macro position)



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