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A precision instrument capable of bringing you some of the finest photographs you have ever taken.

Please read the following pages carefully. Follow the easy, step-by-step recommendations.

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(26) Film Speed Indicator
(27) Film Position Mark
35 mm roll film
20 or 36 exposures per roll
24 × 36 mm size negative
Black and White or Color

(1) To unlock Back Cover of the camera, pull the Slide Lock up and the hinged Back Cover will open.
(2) Place a new roll of 35 mm film in the film chamber, and push the Film Rewind Knob down to set the cassette in place.
(3) Gently draw out the film leader from the cassette. Thread the film leader into the slot of the Take-up Spool. Make sure the
perforations in the film are threaded to the sprocket.

(4) Advance the film with one stroke of the Film Advance Lever. Close the back cover by drawing out the Slide Lock and releasing it after the back cover is in position. Press the Shutter Release Button.

(5) Repeat twice the operation of advancing the film with the Film Advance Lever and pressing the Shutter Release Button.

(6) Turn the Exposure Counter Dial counterclockwise and set it at '0'. Now, advance the film again and the camera is ready to take the first picture.

(7) Set the index number of the Film Speed Indicator which is on the back cover of the camera, to correspond to the emulsion speed of the film in the camera.
(1) Turn the Lens Aperture Control Ring to the desired number and set it opposite the white diamond point.

(2) Turn the click-stop Shutter Speed Ring and set the predetermined shutter speed opposite the white diamond point.

(3) Make sure the red line mark of the Exposure Counter Dial is in position.

(4) Focus the subjects with the Focusing Lever.

(5) Press the Shutter Release Button gently.

The correct combination of lens opening (aperture) and shutter speed (exposure) is imperative to obtain a good picture. For details see Page 9 and 10.

The Shutter Speed Ring, Lens Aperture Control Ring, Focusing Scale, Depth-of-Field, Exposure Counter and ASA Index, are conveniently arranged, permitting you at a glance to check for any possible errors in the settings before cocking the shutter.
The single window combines the view-range finder, which enables you to quickly sight, focus and frame the picture you wish to take. The extra large view-finder window enables you to compose your picture clearly, and you are assured of getting the same picture you are seeing through the view-finder. When looking through the view-finder, the small pink circle appearing in the middle is the range finder of the super-imposed image type of focusing. To focus, sight the small pink circle to the subject and move the Focusing Lever until the two images overlap and form one clear image. The camera is now in focus.
As you become more proficient in taking pictures, you will want to acquire accessories that increase the versatility of your Yashica. One of the first accessories you will want will be a flash unit. Your Yashica YK is ready for it. Synchronization to flash is built-in. A standard PC connector plugs into the flash terminal. Your camera dealer will be glad to supply the proper flash attachment for your camera. Your Yashica YK offers X synchronization for short peak bulbs and for Electronic Flash. Flash unit slips into the Accessory Shoe or attached to the camera with an arm that screws into the tripod socket.

For taking self-portraits or group pictures with you in them, you can attach a self-timer screwing it into the Shutter Release Button. Your camera dealer will gladly supply the proper one for your YK. When using the self-timer, the camera must be mounted on a tripod or braced on a support.
SINGLE STROKE
FILM ADVANCE LEVER

The single-stroke Film Advance Lever has the advantages of transporting the exposed film, cocking the shutter for the next exposure, preventing double exposure, and advancing the Exposure Counter. Rapid sequence pictures are made possible by the quick operation of the Film Advance Lever. The Yashica 35 Film Advance Lever employs a fine, precision mechanism constructed to provide years of trouble-free performance. Like any instrument it should be treated with care and respect. It is important that one complete smooth stroke be given until it stops.

CABLE RELEASE

A standard Cable Release can be fitted to your Yashica. Screw the Cable Release into the Socket provided on the Shutter Release Button. Your camera dealer will supply the proper Cable Release for your camera.
UNLOADING FILM

After taking all the pictures it is necessary to rewind the exposed film back into the cassette before the film is removed from the camera.

(1) Turn the Film Release Dial which is located on the under side of the camera from “A” to “R”.

(2) Flip up the Rewind Crank on the Rewind Knob to a horizontal position and wind in the direction of the arrow.

(3) When the film is completely in the cassette, open the back cover and remove the cassette.
THE LENS OPENING

The Lens Aperture controls the amount of light that will pass through the lens onto the light-sensitive film. Yashica YK, with its Yashinon lens, offers openings at f: 2.8, 4, 5.6, 8, 11 & 16. Notice that the lower the number, the larger the opening. F: 2.8 is the largest opening, and f:16 the smallest. To set the lens opening, move the Aperture Control Ring to set the desired number opposite the white diamond mark.

SHUTTER SPEED

The shutter speed controls the duration of the exposure. Shutter speeds on your Yashica YK with its fine Copal Shutter are 1/25, 1/50, 1/100, 1/300 of a second and 'B'. The 'B' setting is for taking pictures with an exposure longer than 1/25 second. Use a Tripod or Brace when using 'B'. When you press the Shutter Release Button on the 'B' setting, the shutter stays open until you release the pressure on the button. It is advisable to set the shutter speed before you cock the shutter at all times.

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Exposure means finding the right combination of lens-opening (aperture) and shutter speed in relation to the sensitivity (ASA) of your film. (ASA indicates American Standard Association). For example if you are using a film of ASA 100 (XX type) sensitivity your correct exposure will be according to the following table:

**DAYLIGHT EXPOSURE TABLE**

Your shutter speed will be 1/100 with aperture numbers shown below.

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(1) Light Subjects: Distant landscapes, near-by people with sea, beach and snow scenes in the background.

(2) Average Subjects: Near-by people, houses, gardens, buildings and places not in the shade. Advisable to use this class when light and dark objects are in about equal proportions.

(3) Dark Subjects: People in dark clothing; trees, flowers, animals and large buildings.

(4) Open Shade: Subjects shaded from the sun but lighted by a wide area of open sky. The less the open sky the larger the lens opening.

If you are using an ASA 50 film, you will make a larger lens-opening or lower your shutter speed (1/50). When in doubt, follow the film manufacturer's recommendations, and you will be assured of good pictures.
When you focus the camera on a subject there is a certain distance in front and back of the subject within which other objects will also appear sharp. This is known as the "Depth-of-Field", and it varies with the lens aperture, the smaller the aperture the greater the Depth-of-Field: it is much larger at f : 16 than at f : 2.8. The Depth-of-Field scale will be found on the lens mount, under the word "Yashica" in the front part of the camera. You will notice that on either side of the f : 2.8 figure is a similar set of numbers which represent the lens apertures. When the camera is focused on your subject, look for the aperture you are using on either side of the scale to determine the Depth-of-Field. Thus, if the camera is focused at 10 feet and the lens aperture is f : 8 the Depth-of-Field (area in which all objects are sharp) is from about 7 ft. to 18 ft.

You can also use the Depth-of-Field to use your Yashica YK as a fixed-focus camera. In this case set the Distance Scale to 20 ft. (yellow figures) and the lens aperture to f : 8. You will notice on the Depth-of-Field that anything from 11 feet to infinity will be in focus.
Initially, you will find a yellow filter ideal for bringing out clouds in landscape pictures and for general uses. An UV filter is suitable for color photography and also to protect the lens. As you become more advanced, you may want to use various filters, such as orange, green, etc., for different effects. Your camera dealer will give you the complete information.

**Notice**

Be sure to replace the Lens Cap. When your camera is not in use. Keep your camera away from dust and moisture. For cleaning the lens surface, to remove dust or dirt, always wipe very lightly by using clean gauze or lens cleaning cloth. Do not wipe lens with a dirty handkerchief. When you are not using your camera for a long period do not leave the shutter set. In such cases place the Lens Cap over the lens to avoid exposure, and release the shutter.
REVIEW:

1. Select your exposure combination
2. Set the lens opening (Aperture)
3. Set the shutter speed
4. Advance the film
5. Compose your picture through the view-finder
6. Take the picture

As soon as possible after you purchase your Yashica YK, fill in the information required below. Keep this booklet in a safe place. In case of loss or theft this information will prove valuable in recovering the camera.

Yashica YK Serial Number

Yashica YK Lens Number

Purchased at

(Name of Film)

(Address)

Date of Purchase