How to Use the

KODAK RECOMAR

NOS. 18 AND 33

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KODAK ANASTIGMAT LENS f/4.5

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THE KODAK RECOMAR

The Kodak Recmar is the complete camera. All the various types of sheet film and plates can be used with it, as well as the convenient film packs in the popular emulsions.

Besides its use for black-and-white photography it can be used for making transparencies in full color on Kodachrome and this, either in full size, or the 35 mm. (1 x 1½ inch) size, with the aid of the Miniature Kodachrome Adapter (available as an accessory). These miniature transparencies are then returned to you, ready for projection in one of the Kodaslide Projectors.

The double extension bellows, rising and falling front and ground glass screen of the Kodak Recmar are great advantages in composing the picture. The Kodak Recmar is ideally suited for making copies.

IMPORTANT

Before loading your Kodak with film, and before taking any pictures with it, read these instructions carefully. Take especial care to learn how to operate the shutter, see page 5.
**OPENING THE FRONT**

Press the button behind the carrying handle, and draw down the bed until it locks. Press the left finger grip towards the grip on the right and draw out the lens standard until the focusing pointer strikes the catch at Inf on the focusing scale.

**TO FOCUS THE KODAK**

The focusing scale is marked for Infinity, 50, 25, 15, 10, 8, 6, 5 and 4 feet.

When the lens standard is drawn out to the Infinity line, the Kodak is in focus for anything about 100 feet or beyond. To adjust the focus for subjects at distances nearer than 100 feet, move the focusing scale to the right by pulling the focusing scale knob out and away from the camera, and turn the focusing screw forward until the focusing pointer is exactly at the line marked with the figure corresponding nearest to the distance in feet, between the camera and the principal object to be photographed.

The distance between the subject and Kodak...
can be estimated without focusing on the ground glass or measuring, when the subject is fifteen feet and beyond.

For ordinary street pictures the focus may be kept at 25 feet, but where the principal object is nearer or farther away, the focus should be changed accordingly.

For distant views set the focus at Infinity.

**FOCUSING ON THE GROUND GLASS**

Push the latch holding the focusing hood to the right, and open the hood. Turn the collar A of the shutter until "T" is above the pointer E, then press the lever B to open the shutter. The stop opening lever D should be at f/4.5. Focus the Kodak moving the lens back and forth by means of the focusing screw, page 3, until the image appears sharp on the ground glass. The eyes should be at the ordinary reading distance, from the ground glass. When focusing on a subject which has considerable depth, or on a group of people in several rows, focus on the middle distance, and then stop down the lens to about f/11. This will make the entire picture sharp. See Depth of Field Tables, pages 10 and 11. Close the shutter.

Push the catch away from the camera, and slide out the focusing panel. When inserting a combination plate and film holder or the film pack adapter hold back the catch.

**THE SHUTTER**

The Comprur Shutter is marked for making exposures of 1 second and 1/2, 1/5, 1/10, 1/25, 1/50, 1/100 and 1/250 second on the No. 18 Recomar (1/200 second on the No. 33 Recomar), also Time and "Bulb" Exposures.
Exposures of intermediate speeds can be made from 1 second to 1/100 (except between 1/10 and 1/25) by setting the shutter between the exposure numbers on the shutter, thus an exposure of 1/75 second is made by turning the knurled collar so that the white pointer E is midway between 1/50 and 1/100. Intermediate exposures cannot be made between 1/100 and the highest speed.

Revolve the knurled collar A on the front of the shutter until the figure representing the time of exposure desired is at the white pointer E.

For all exposures from 1 second to 1/200 or 1/250 second the shutter must be set by pressing the lever F towards the top of the shutter. The exposure is made by pressing the exposure lever B or by the cable release which can be screwed into the opening C. Time and “Bulb” Exposures do not require setting the shutter.

**THE SELF-TIMER**

There is a release built into the shutter, for those who wish to be included in the picture.

To use the “Self-Timer,” push the setting lever F, as far as it will go, then push the knob G, towards the back of the camera, now push the setting lever F, to the end of the slot. Push the exposure lever B or the push-pin of the cable release. Get into the picture. After about twelve seconds the exposure will be made.

This self-acting release cannot be used with speeds of 1/200 or 1/250 second, nor with Time or “Bulb” Exposures.

**TIME AND “BULB” EXPOSURES**

To make a Time Exposure the letter “T” engraved on the shutter must be at the white pointer E, and the exposure lever B or cable release C pressed twice, once to open the shutter, and again to close it.

For “Bulb” Exposures the letter “B” engraved on the shutter must be at pointer E, and the exposure lever B or release C pressed...
down; the shutter remains open as long as the lever B or release C is held down.

Automatic exposures of 1 second, 1/2, 1/5, or 1/10 second must not be made with the camera held in the hands. The Kodak has two tripod sockets for use with a tripod, or an Optipod.

**STOP OPENINGS**

Stop openings regulate the amount of light passing through the lens. These openings are enlarged or reduced by moving the lever D, see page 6.

A knowledge of the comparative values of the stop openings is necessary for correctly timing exposures.

The largest stop opening is f/4.5. This opening allows approximately fifty per cent more light to enter than f/5.6. From f/5.6 to f/16 each smaller opening (larger number), admits half the light of the preceding larger stop opening.

Thus if the correct exposure is 1/100 second at f/5.6, then for the other stop openings the exposure should be approximately: f/8 and 1/50; f/11 and 1/25; f/16 and 1/10; f/22 and 1/5; and f/32 and 1/2.

The smaller the stop opening the greater is the depth of field or range of sharpness, see the tables on pages 10 and 11.
THE DEPTH OF FIELD FOR DIFFERENT STOP OPENINGS

By “depth of field” is meant the distance or range of sharpness in front of and behind the subject focused on, within which details in the picture will be sharp and distinct.

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<td>18 ft. to 41 ft.</td>
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<td>50 ft.</td>
<td>33 ft. to 95 ft.</td>
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DEPTH OF FIELD

Depth of field is the distance or range of sharpness from the nearest to the farthest objects that will appear reasonably sharp in the negative or print. It depends upon the distance between the subject and lens, the focal length of the lens, (the shorter the focal length of a lens, the greater its depth of field,) and the size of the stop opening used—the smaller the opening the greater the depth of field or range of sharpness, see the tables on pages 10 and 11.

USE OF THE DOUBLE EXTENSION BED

After having drawn the focusing scale to the right with the focusing scale knob (page 3), the full extension is obtained by drawing out the lens standard by the finger grips as far as it will come, that is, to the end of the track. Then extend the bellows by racking out the extension bed by means of the focusing screw.

Focusing must be done on the ground glass. The long bellows draw when used with the regular lens permits photographing small objects in almost their actual size. This is shown by the photograph of the ruler, which was made with a No. 33 Kodak Recomar with the bellows drawn out to its full extension. The double extension bed also permits the making of large head and shoulder portraits. When making use of the double extension bed for copies or close-
ups, there is a change in the effective f/ marking on your lens. The table on page 14 gives the changes in the effective aperture at several closeup distances. It also gives you the number of times you should increase the exposure.

**THE VIEW FINDER**

The View Finder (page 18) shows what will appear in the picture, but on a much reduced scale.

Look into the finder from directly over the center of it and include what is wanted by turning to the right or left.

Only what is seen in that part of the finder within the dotted lines, will appear in a vertical picture.

To make a horizontal picture, turn the finder and hold the Kodak in the horizontal position. Only what is seen in that part of the finder within the dotted lines in the lower illustration, will appear in a horizontal picture.

**THE WIRE FRAME FINDER**

In addition to the brilliant View Finder (page 18) the camera is equipped with a Wire Frame Finder. This consists of a folding peep sight
attached to the side of the camera and the wire frame. To use this finder raise the sight and swing out the wire frame as shown on page 18. Hold the camera with the sight as close to the eye as possible and frame your picture within the wire frame of the finder. All vertical lines in the subject should be kept parallel with the vertical wires of the finder, when holding the camera either in the vertical or horizontal position.

**HOLD THE KODAK LEVEL**

The Kodak must be held level. If all the subject cannot be included in the finder without tilting the lens upwards, move backwards until it is all included with the camera held level. The spirit level attached to the view finder is a great help for holding the camera level.

If the subject is below the normal height, like a small child or a dog, the Kodak should be held down level with the center of the subject.

When making instantaneous exposures or snapshots, hold the Kodak firmly against the body (or hold it very steady with the hands if using the wire frame finder), and when pressing the push-pin of the cable release (if it is attached to camera) or the exposure lever, hold the breath for the instant. If Kodak is moved during the exposure, the picture will be blurred.

**RISING AND SLIDING FRONT**

The rising front (page 18) is used to cut out undesirable foreground or to include the top of a high building when making a vertical picture. The sliding front is for this same purpose when making a horizontal picture.

To raise or lower the front, turn the milled screw marked RISING FRONT shown on page 18. To slide the front, turn the milled screw marked SLIDING FRONT. After using either the rising or sliding front be sure to return the lens to its original position before closing the camera. The two white dots located below the milled screw marked RISING FRONT must be in line and also the red and white dots on the LENS STANDARD directly below the shutter.

To make the entire picture sharp, when using the rising front, use a small stop opening (f/22 or f/32) and as this necessitates a comparatively long exposure, a tripod or some other firm support must be used.

When using the rising or sliding front the view finder does not show exactly the same view that is registered on the film or plate by the lens of the camera. It is advisable to focus and compose your picture on the GROUND GLASS, see page 4. A dark cloth over the back of the camera will be a help, when focusing.
position and the wire frame finder folded over to its closed position.

If the rising or sliding front has been used, the lens must be centered. The two white dots on the front standard near the rising front milled screw must be in line, and the red and white dots on the bottom of the lens standard must also be in line.

Press the left finger grip towards the grip on the right and slide the lens standard back as far as it will go.

**Important:** The cable release must be in position below the catch used for locking the bed of the camera. If the cable release should be between the catch and top of the Kodak, when the camera is closed, it will be impossible to open the camera. On the No. 33 Kodak Recomar the cable release should be slipped under the hook on the bar at the top of the wire frame finder.

Press the bed braces on each side of the case and raise the bed.

**Closing the Kodak**

Before closing the Kodak make sure that the extension bed is racked entirely back; and that the focusing scale knob is pushed back so that it does not extend beyond the edge of the bed; that the view finder is in the upright
THE FILM

Each camera has three Kodak Combination Plate and Film Holders for use with either films or plates. These must be loaded in a darkroom. A Film Pack Adapter is also provided.

With the No. 18 Kodak Recomar, use Eastman Sheet Film or Plates, size 6.5 x 9 cm.

With the No. 33 Kodak Recomar, use Eastman Sheet Film or Plates, size 9 x 12 cm. or 3¼ x 4½ in., using a Holder of the proper size.

When the Film Pack Adapter is used with the No. 18 Kodak Recomar, use Kodak Film Pack (Verichrome, Super-XX Panchromatic, or Panatomic-X): V 520, XX 520 or FX 520, size 2¼ x 3½ inches or 6 x 9 cm. When using the kit in the Film Pack Adapter for the No. 33 Recomar, use Kodak Film Pack V 518, XX 518 or FX 518, size 3¼ x 4½ inches or 8 x 10.5 cm.; if the kit is not used Kodak Film Pack V 541, XX 541 or FX 541, size 9 x 12 cm. or 3½ x 4¾ inches should be used.

The Kodak Eye-Level Tripod is—

Light—weighs only two pounds
versatile—legs instantly adjustable;
closed length less than two feet;
extended length over five feet.

THE Kodak Turn-Tilt Tripod Head has been specially designed as an accessory to be used with the Kodak Eye-Level Tripod. The Tripod Head may be panaredm 360° horizontally and from straight up to straight down. The special felt-to-polished-metal clutches may be adjusted to the weight of the individual camera to give a new smoothness of operation—with no locking necessary.

The camera may also be locked in any selected position by tightening the adjustment knobs.