Mamiya 645E
Instructions
Finder LED Indicators

- Blinks to indicate over-exposure.
- Lights to indicate shutter speed that matches aperture setting. When shutter speed is between values, both value light blink to indicate exposure is between the shutter speeds.
- Lights to indicate a shutter speed greater than one second
- Lights to indicate Bulb

Metering LEDs also blink to indicate low battery power, completion of winding and completion of shutter cocking.

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Loading the Battery (The camera will not operate unless battery is loaded.)

With your fingernail, slide the Battery Chamber Cover, on the bottom of the camera body, as indicated by the arrows in the illustration. Open the Battery Cover. The camera requires a 6V alkaline, silver oxide or lithium battery. It is a good idea to wipe the battery terminals before insertion to assure proper contact. Observe polarity.

$\oplus$ position is marked in battery cavity. Insert the $\ominus$ side first at a steep angle and then push entire battery into place, making sure that the lift ribbon wraps around battery. Close cover by pushing it down.

$\star$ Be particularly careful not to let the lift ribbon cover the $\ominus$ terminal.

$\star$ Replacement battery is 4LR44, 4SR44 or 2CR1/3.

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Battery Check

Press the shutter Release Button on lower front of the camera. Finder LED Indicators should light. Bright light indicates good condition. Blinking light means replace battery. No light means battery is dead or improperly inserted.

Important:
1. The sealed, new battery which is supplied with this camera may have been subject to storage conditions which have reduced its service life. Therefore it is desirable to replace it with a fresh battery as soon as possible.

2. Carefully wipe the battery contacts before inserting into the chamber. Failure to do so may result in poor electrical contact and consequent malfunctioning of the camera.

3. Always remove battery when camera is not used for a while. Always carry spare batteries.

4. Battery life differs, depending on type, age, storage condition, ambient temperature, frequency of use etc.

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Battery strength will be indicated by whether the Finder LED Indicators:

- Glows ... Battery strength is sufficient.
- Blinks ... Battery capacity has dropped below the allowable level. (Replace the battery.)
- Does not light The camera will not work. (Replace the battery.)
Shutter Release Selector

Operating the Shutter Release Button
1. The Shutter Release Button functions in two steps. Gentle pressure will light the metering information display. Continued pressure will release the electromagnetic shutter.

2. If the film is not completely advanced or if the battery is dead, the shutter will not function, even when the Shutter Release Button is pressed.

3. After releasing the shutter, the Film Advance Crank will automatically unlock and be ready to advance the film.

For normal operation set the White Dot of the Shutter Release Selector against the White Dot. When set to the Red Dot, the Release Button is locked.

* Select this mode if the camera will be idle for a period and to prevent accidental shutter release.

Removing and Attaching the Film Advance Crank

Removing the Crank

Push the Lock Lever on its bottom in a forward direction as far as it will go (see illustration) and turn counter-clockwise.

Attaching the Crank

With the flat part, having a White Index Line on top, line the Crank up against its mounting plate on the side of the body and turn clockwise and then counter-clockwise.
**Attaching the Lens**

Line up red Lens Alignment Dot ⑤ against red Camera Alignment Dot ② and gently insert the lens into the camera body. Then turn the lens clockwise, as indicated by arrow, until it clicks into place. Make sure that the Aperture Ring Coupler Pin ③ is engaged with the Exposure Meter Coupling Pin, which sticks out under the Mamiya name plate of the camera.

**Removing the Lens**

While pushing Lens Release Button ① backwards, turn lens counterclockwise. (Same procedure as removing body cap.)

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**Film Loading**

1. While pushing the Back Cover Opening Button ⑤ downward, press the Back Cover Lock Release Button ⑥ in, and the back cover will open.

2. While squeezing in on both sides of the Release Latch ⑦, pull the Roll Film Insert out of the camera body. At that time, move the empty spool in the upper part down to the lower spool compartment.

3. Align the right-hand side of this empty spool with the lower Spool Stud ③ (convex). Slide the spool into position making sure that the left-side of the spool is properly held by the Spool Clip.

When you load film for the first time, remove and discard the protective paper cover which is the film rails in the against camera body.
4. In the same manner, insert a roll of film in the upper compartment. At that time, check that the film leader paper is set as shown in the illustration above. (The leader paper inside is facing outward on the pressure plate. Note that the film direction is wrong if the leader paper is facing inward.)

5. Pull some of the leader paper out and around the insert as shown above. Insert the tip into the slot on the lower Take-up Spool.

6. Gently rotate the take-up spool as shown in the illustration on the right until the start mark on the leader paper is aligned with the start mark (✓) on the spool clip.

   *Correctly align the start marks with each other, making sure that the film feeds properly. When improper feeding occurs, the proper number of exposures may not be taken.
   *Avoid exposing the film to direct sunlight when inserting or removing film.

   Do not use the dotted line for a start mark.

**220 Film Loading Caution:**
220 films have two types of Start Mark Lines across the paper leader. Always use the second one, a solid line with the legend “Start Mark for standard cameras”, located about 14cm (5 1/2”), behind the first, dotted Mark line.

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**Advancing the Film to the First Frame**

7. Insert the loaded Roll Film Insert into the camera body, the film roll on top, while squeezing on both sides of the Release Latch as shown in illustration. Make sure that it is properly seated and locked in place. Then close cover by firmly pressing its top against the camera body.

   *To close the Back Cover, firmly press the top of the back cover on both sides.

1. Set the multiple exposure switching lever to the white dot (normal mode).

2. Wind up. Wind the crank handle forward until it stops. In the Film Counter Window, the number 1 appears, and the film and shutter are set.
1. To switch to the AE mode, align "A" on the Shutter Speed Dial to the camera body at the index mark.

2. Make sure that you have properly set the speed of the film which you have loaded, on the ISO Dial of your camera body.

3. Before metering, make sure that the lens A-M Lever is set at "A".

★ When set at "M", correct exposure cannot be obtained. Also make sure that the Exposure Meter Coupler engages properly with the Aperture Ring coupling Pin. If they are not engaged properly, correct exposures cannot be obtained.

4. Set the desired f/stop on the Aperture Ring by aligning the f/number with the Red Reference Dot in the center of the Scale Ring. The Aperture Ring has a click stop for each f/stop. In-between settings can also be used.

5. After selecting the aperture, depress the Shutter Release Button halfway and LEDs will illuminate in the viewfinder, and the correct shutter speed for the preselected aperture.

★ If during AE photography, two shutter speeds illuminate simultaneously in the viewfinder the shutter will make an exposure at an intermediate speed. For example, when speeds 1/60 and 1/125 sec. illuminate simultaneously, the shutter will expose at a speed between 1/60 and 1/125 sec.
The AEL position is very useful when making selective exposure measurements of important subject areas which are not in the center of the screen.

1. Set the Shutter Speed Dial on the camera body to the AEL position.

2. While looking through the viewfinder, center the most important part of the subject in the center circle while keeping the Shutter Release Button depressed halfway. In this state, the exposure reading is memorized. After adjusting for composition as desired, release the shutter by pressing the button all the way.

1. Set the Shutter Speed Dial to a position other "AE" or "AEL". When pressing the Shutter Release Button halfway, the correct shutter speed for a preselected aperture will blink in the viewfinder (when two speeds blink, an intermediate speed is selected), and the shutter speed set on the body will illuminate.

2. In order to obtain a correct exposure, adjust the lens Aperture Ring or turn the Shutter Speed Dial until there is only one shutter speed illuminating in the viewfinder.

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**Please NOTE:**
10 seconds after activation, the LEDs will go out. If they do so during metering, press the Shutter Release Button halfway again.

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**Display in the View Finder**

**Manual Photography**
- Set speed illuminates
- Proper speed
- Set speed illuminates
- Proper speed

**AE Photography**
- Proper speed illuminates

**AEL Photography**
- locked speed illuminates

Adjust the Lens Aperture Ring or turn the Shutter Speed Dial until there is only one shutter speed which is illuminated - now the shutter can be released.
Long Time Photography

LT (Long time) illuminates

In the manual mode the shutter operates at the speed selected by the shutter speed dial. In AE mode the shutter is set automatically to give correct exposure at speeds between 4 and 1sec.

Overexposure

Blinks Quickly

Underexposure

Blinks Quickly

Battery Low

Blinks Slowly

* Proper value blinks in the AE mode

* Preset value blinks in the manual mode

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Exposure Compensation

Exposure Compensation Dial

While pressing the Lock Release Button in the center of the Exposure Compensation Dial, turn the dial to select the desired compensation value. Within ±2 EV the dial stops at 1/3 clickstop intervals. Turning the dial in the "+" direction increases exposure (OVER), while turning it in the "−" direction decreases exposure (UNDER). The Exposure Compensation Dial can be used not merely for exposure compensation under special shooting conditions, but also for special lighting techniques. (high key, low key, etc.)

Mirror Lock-up Photography in the AEL Mode

Set the Shutter Speed Dial to the "AEL" position. While pressing down on the Shutter Release Button half way, raise the Mirror Lock-up Lever and then release the shutter.

NOTE:

* Only "AEL" in the Mirror Lock-up mode is possible.

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Diopter Adjustment

How to adjust the diopter to your eye in order to obtain critical focusing, adjust the diopter setting for your eye sight.

1. Rotate the diopter adjustment ring until you can clearly see the lines on the camera's focusing screen.
2. Turn the lens Focusing Ring until a target appears sharp and clear and then make fine adjustment of the eyepiece diopter by rotating the diopter adjustment ring slightly.
3. Read the diopter scale and write down or remember the number for future use.
Focusing

While looking through the viewfinder, turn the lens Focusing Ring until the most important subject part appears sharp and clear.

1. The camera comes equipped with a bright, Rangefinder/Micro-prism Focusing Screen. It features a center, split-image rangefinder spot and the subject is in sharp focus when the split images combine into one.

2. The microprism ring around the split-image center further facilitates focusing. The microprisms disappear only when the subject is in sharp focus.

3. The rest of the ground glass area can also be used for focusing.

Depth of Field

Depth of field is defined as the zone of sharpness before and behind the plane of focus. It depends on camera / subject distance, focal length of lens, aperture setting and distance the lens is focused at.

Reading the Depth of Field Scale

In addition to visual observation, the Depth of Field can be determined by using the Depth of Field Scale on each lens. F/stop numbers appear on both the right and left side of the red index mark in the center of the scale ring. Simply read the figures which appear above the f/stop numbers on the Distance Scale of the lens.

For example, with the 80mm f/2.8N lens focused at 3m and the aperture set at f/22, the Depth of Field Scale indicates that the zone of sharp focus will extend from about 2m to 6m.
Film Advance

1. Giving the Film Advance Crank one complete turn, will cock the shutter and mirror and ready the camera for the next exposure.

2. When the film is completely exposed (15 exposures on 120, 30 on 220 film), the crank stop will disengage. Continue turning until the paper trailer is completely wound onto the take-up spool. (About five turns after the last exposure.)

Unloading Exposed Film

3. Open the Back Cover, and remove the Roll Film Insert. The Exposure Counter will return to S (start) automatically.

4. Pull the Spool Clip on the roll film insert out to remove the film.

5. Remove the film from the roll film insert; make sure that the film on the roll does not loosen, and seal immediately.

Mirror Lock-up Photography

* Move the empty spool from the top to the lower (take-up) compartment, ready for loading the next film roll.

* Never load, unload or handle film in direct sunlight.

For AE photography, set the Shutter Speed Dial to "AEL". Press the shutter release halfway and then lock the mirror up. If set to "A" and the mirror is locked up, "LT" (long time) will appear in the finder display and correct exposure cannot be obtained.

This is an important feature when the tripod mounted camera is used at slow or long exposure times and particularly also with use of long telephoto lenses. It eliminates the possibility of even the slightest "mirror bounce" which may affect image sharpness.

Move the Mirror Look-up Lever to the white "M.UP" square, after you have composed and focused your picture. This will raise the mirror and the viewfinder image will be blacked out. After use, return lever to normal (white circle) position.

⚠️ CAUTION

*When the mirror is locked in the up position.

The Focal Plane Shutter Curtain may be damaged if the camera faces strong light sources, especially the sun. Return mirror to normal position or use lens cap to prevent such damage.
Multiple Exposures

Aligning the pointer of the Multiple Exposure Lever with the "MULTI" square, disengages the multiple exposure prevention mechanism, and the film will not advance after an exposure is made and the Film Advance Crank is turned. However, the shutter will be recocked, thus making multiple exposures possible. In this mode the Exposure Counter will not advance.

★ To override the multiple exposure mode or to return to normal operation, be sure to return the pointer against the white circle and then advance the film. (If you forget you will continue to make multiple exposures on the same frame.)

Infrared Photography

Infrared light rays - being of longer wavelength - focus at a slightly different plane and require the following adjustment:

1. Note the Red Index Mark against which you read your distance scale. The red infrared index mark is slightly to its right.

2. After focusing in the usual manner, read the distance scale and move it to the right to line up with the infrared index mark.

The 300mm and 500mm APO lenses for Mamiya 645 cameras, being also corrected for infrared light rays, do not need an index mark for infrared.

★ For proper filter and exposure information be sure to consult the instructions enclosed with infrared film.

Using a Tripod

The Mamiya 645E Tripod Socket accepts a standard 1/4" tripod mounting screw. For use with tripods having 3/8" mounting screws, first unscrew the small black phillips head retaining screw in the center of the tripod socket. Then remove the 1/4" bushing with a thin coin. To re-install the 1/4" bushing, reverse the process.
Flash Photography

The bracket of a handle-mount flash unit can be attached to the camera's tripod socket. A shoe-mount flash can be attached to the camera's Hot-shoe.

★ The Mamiya 645E has an X-sync terminal.

1. When using an electronic flash, plug the synchronization cord into the sync terminal and set the Shutter Speed Dial to 1/60 sec. or longer.

2. For M bulbs, set the Shutter Speed Dial to 1/15 sec. or longer.

★ If the flash duration of an electronic flash is longer than 1/1000 sec., set the Shutter Speed Dial to 1/30 sec. or longer.

★ When using flash, carefully read the instructions packed with the flash bulbs or flash unit to avoid making errors.

CAUTION

When using the Hot-shoe, be sure to insert the appropriate safety cover into the X-sync terminal. This procedure will prevent the possibility of receiving an electric shock while an electronic flash is attached if the terminal not being used is accidentally touched.

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Attaching and Removing the Neck Strap

Attaching the Strap to the Camera

1. While pushing down, pull out the Neck Strap Fastener of the attaching clip.

Removing the Strap

2. Place the hole of the strap fastener over the Neck Strap on the camera body as illustrated, and pull until it clicks and locks into place.

With your fingers, pull the Neck Strap Fastener of the attaching clip upward and push part in the direction of the arrow. The strap can now be removed.
Holding the Camera Steadily and Securely

Eye-level Operation

Hold the camera as shown in the illustration, with its base resting on your left hand, the right hand supporting it from the side and top. Press both elbows against your body and activate the shutter release with a smooth, steady pressure.

Trouble Shooting

★ If the camera should fail to function properly, please check the following:

1. The Shutter Release Button cannot be depressed.

   Push the Shutter Release Button. If the LED does not light, check:
   Is a Battery in the camera?
   If yes, is it correctly inserted? (Polarity)
   Is it dead?

2. The finder is black or very dark.

   Has the Lens Cap been removed?
   Is the Mirror Lock-up Lever in the "M.UP" position?
   If so, turn the lever to the White Dot.
   Is the "AM" setting on the lens at "M" (Depth of Field Preview)?
   If so, move it to "A".

3. The developed film has fewer exposures than specified. Most likely the Start Mark had not been aligned properly when the film was loaded. (See loading instructions page)

4. The Film Advance Crank continues to turn and does not stop.

   Was the Roll Film Insert placed in the camera?
   Was the empty film spool left in the upper compartment?
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*This information is based on a linear (horizontal/vertical) measurement. Specifications and features are subject to change without notice.*