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Leica **M2**

for photographic perfection



The LEICA M 2 captures every photographic situation swiftly and surely. Its unsurpassed range-viewfinder enables even the beginner to focus easily, rapidly, and with unerring accuracy, regardless of the existing lighting conditions. The brilliantly illuminated focal frames for the 35-, 50- and 90 mm lenses are automatically parallax-compensated at all focusing distances. Inserting any one of these three prime picture-makers into the LEICA M 2's quick-change bayonet lens-mount automatically brings the correct frame into the viewfinder, and a preselector lever is provided so that the user can determine the effect of these three focal lengths without actually changing lenses. Accurate exposure setting is ensured by the accessory LEICAMETER MC which couples to the camera's non-spinning shutter-speed selector dial.

Sturdily constructed and easy to use, the LEICA M 2 combines traditional LEITZ precision, ruggedness and reliability with almost unbelievable versatility. The VISOFLEX II, a key part of the LEICA SYSTEM offers the additional possibility of reflex groundglass focusing and viewing with focal lengths from 65- through 400 mm, and a number of LEICA lenses may actually be used with both rangefinder and reflex focusing. For further details please request our brochure No. 11-40 describing the VISOFLEX II and No. 11-34 about the full range of Leica lenses.



LEICA M 2
with 50 mm SUMMICRON f/2
and LEICAMETER

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- ❶ Release-button ❷ Single-stroke advance lever ❸ Film counter ❹ Shutter-speed dial, coupled with ❺ the mounted LEICAMETER MC by the ❻ milled ring ❼ Pull-up rewind knob
 ❽ Rangefinder window ❾ Illuminating window for the finder frames ❿ Viewfinder window
 ⓫ Built-in self-timer ⓬ Bayonet catch for lens changing ⓭ Lens focusing lever ⓮ Aperture setting ring ⓯ Distance and depth-of-field scales ⓰ finder frame preselector lever.

Operational Features of the LEICA M 2

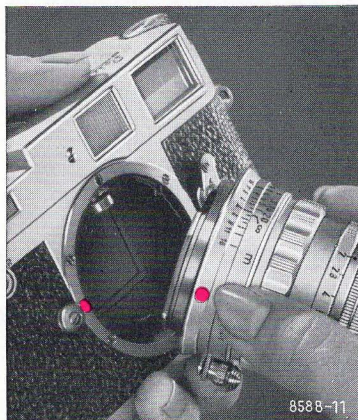


The finder frame preselector

brings the 35-, 50-, or 90mm frames into the viewfinder at will, thus enabling you to judge the effect of the different focal lengths without actually having to change the lens. Once you've chosen the lens you want, inserting it into the M 2's bayonet mount automatically activates the corresponding frame.

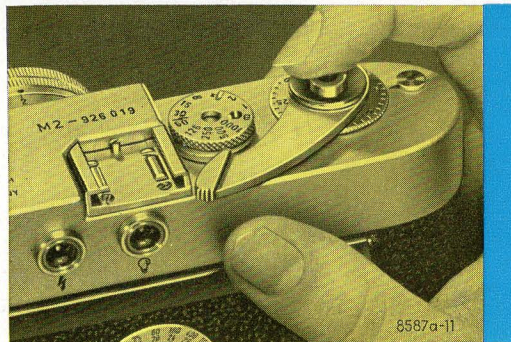
The focal-plane shutter

permits the unrestricted use of interchangeable lenses from the shortest wideangle lenses to extremely longfocus telephotos with full accuracy and efficiency, even with high-speed lenses. Shutter speeds from 1 to $1/1000$ sec and Bulb are provided, and the shutter is synchronized for standard flash at all speeds and electronic-flash at $1/50$ th sec. Virtually unaffected by temperature changes, the world-renowned LEICA focal-plane shutter is particularly quiet and smooth-running.



The quick-change bayonet mount

provides extreme strength and rigidity for the precise seating of all interchangeable LEICA lenses and its rapid action reduces the task of changing lenses to a matter of seconds. In addition to the 35-, 50-, and 90mm lenses for which built-in finder frames are provided, the LEICA M 2 provides rangefinder coupling for all lenses from 21- through 135mm, and with the VISOFLEX II (which bayonets into the mount like a lens) focal-lengths from 65- through 400mm may be used with reflex ground-glass focusing and viewing.

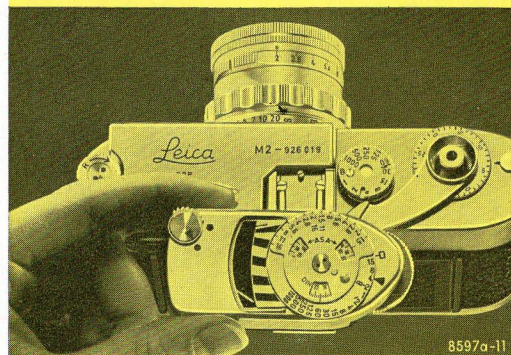


The film-transport lever and release button

are ideally positioned for the rapid shooting of picture sequences without camera-shake and without removing the eye from the camera, an important advantage when photographing action subjects. An internal mechanism absolutely prevents accidental double exposures (although intentional double-exposures are possible), and when you advance to the next frame this is automatically recorded on the counter-dial.

The LEICAMETER MC

attaches to the LEICA M 2 and couples directly with the shutter-speed selector dial. A milled wheel is turned until the aperture in use lines up with the meter needle, and the correct exposure is set automatically! The LEICA-METER MC has three measuring ranges with a total of 18 steps, a booster-cell providing the third high-sensitivity range for exposures from 2 to 120 seconds.



LEICA M 2

From its pioneering beginning the LEICA has logically pursued and perfected three important design attributes:

1. The Direct-Vision Optical Viewfinder

The optical finder system, developed to its present high level in the LEICA M2, permits the photographer to concentrate completely upon his picture up to and through the decisive moment of exposure. The built-in focal frames for the 35-, 50- and 90 mm lenses permit simultaneous focusing and framing without changing the eye position, and these frames are automatically parallax compensated over the full focusing range to eliminate the possibility of accidentally chopped-off heads or feet.

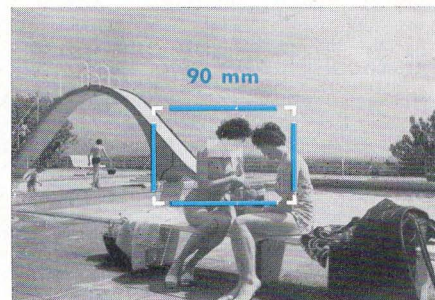
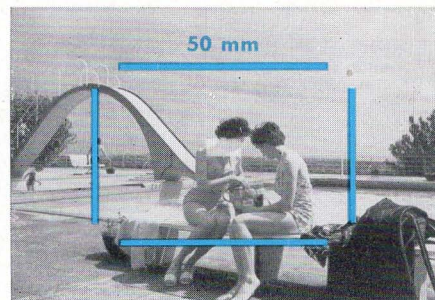
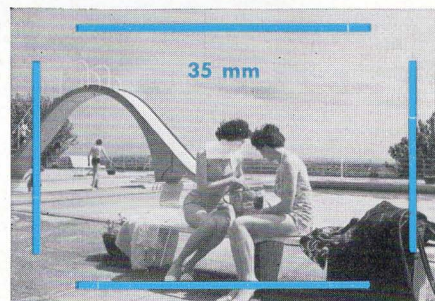
2. The Precision Focal-Plane Shutter

The LEICA's superbly accurate focal-plane shutter permits the use of all interchangeable lens focal lengths and lens apertures without any loss of efficiency, thus providing the fundamental basis for the extremely versatile LEICA SYSTEM. It is speeded from 1 to $1/1000$ sec, plus Bulb, and is provided with a delayed action self-timer plus full flash synchronization. Its rugged reliability and extreme quietness are the result of its excellent design and the tradition of LEITZ precision that goes into its careful construction.

3. Interchangeable Lenses of the Highest Quality

The exceptional image quality of interchangeable LEICA lenses is proverbial. This outstanding performance is based upon over a century of scientific optical experience combined with the most modern design and production methods which include the development of special rare-earth optical glasses in LEITZ' own research laboratories. LEICA quality control requires a testing procedure which begins with the raw glass and continues throughout the production stages until film resolving-power tests are made with each lens before shipment.

For unsurpassed optical quality and mechanical perfection there is nothing like a LEICA. Whether your photography is for pleasure or for profit, the LEICA M 2 provides everything that modern science can build into a camera.



What You see in the LEICA M 2 Range-Viewfinder:

The subject: present at all times nearly life-size, and always bright and sharp inside a brilliantly illuminated focal frame.

The sharply outlined and exceptionally bright rangefinder field: the quickest, most accurate and easiest focusing method ever devised.

The correct image frame: appearing in the viewfinder automatically when a 35-, 50- or 90 mm lens is fitted, and providing continuously automatic parallax compensation over the full focusing ranges of these lenses.

A large surrounding picture area with the 50- and 90 mm lenses: permitting you to follow fast-moving subjects even before they enter the lens-field of view.

Even a beginner can focus rapidly, easily and with precise accuracy using the long-base LEICA M 2 rangefinder, regardless of the poorest lighting conditions.

The Interchangeable Lenses for the LEICA M 2



Summaron f/2.8



Summicron f/2



Summilux f/1.4



Elmar f/2.8



Summicron f/2



Summilux f/1.4



Elmar f/4



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Summicron f/2

35 mm

50 mm

90 mm

LEICA M 2 specifications

All-metal die-cast body with strap eyelets, black-grained rubberoid covering and chromium-plated metal parts. Brilliant-frame long-base range-viewfinder with parallax compensated built-in frames appearing automatically when 35-, 50- or 90 mm lenses are inserted into the quick-change bayonet lens mount. Accepts lenses from 21- to 135 mm with rangefinder focusing, 65- to 400 mm with VISO-FLEX II reflex groundglass focusing. Focal-plane shutter speeded from 1 to $\frac{1}{1000}$ sec. plus Bulb, with non-spinning speed selector dial coupling to LEICA-METER MC. Synchronization for flash bulbs at all speeds; for electronic-flash at $\frac{1}{500}$ th sec. Delayed-action self timer. Single-stroke rapid-advance lever for rapid film transport coupled to shutter re-set mechanism and frame-counter. Hinged flip-open back for easy film loading. Removeable baseplate interchangeable with LEICAVIT rapid-sequence device. Standard accessory shoe. (Note: LEICA cameras are usually supplied with $\frac{1}{4}$ " English tripod sockets; on special order they may also be obtained with the $\frac{3}{8}$ " Continental bushing.)

LEICA M 2 body, less lens $\frac{1}{4}$ " tripod bushing	10 308 M
LEICA M 2 with 50 mm ELMAR f/2.8 + lens in feet	10 335 X
LEICA M 2 with 50 mm SUMMICRON f/2 + lenses with feet and meters	10 336 Y
LEICA M 2 with 50 mm SUMMILUX f/1.4 with near focusing range	10 338 A
LEICA M 2 with 50 mm SUMMILUX f/1.4 + lenses with feet and meters	10 337 Z
LEICAMETER MC	14 200 D
Eveready case (for camera with or without LEICAMETER MC) case with $\frac{1}{4}$ " screw	14 528 R

35- and 90 mm LEICA lenses:

35 mm SUMMARON f/2.8 (M 2)	11 306 Y
35 mm SUMMICRON f/2 (M 2)	11 308 A
35 mm SUMMILUX f/1.4 (M 2)	11 870 Z
90 mm ELMAR f/4	11 830 R
90 mm ELMAR f/4, with collapsible mount	11 631 M
90 mm ELMARIT f/2.8	11 129 N
90 mm SUMMICRON f/2	11 123 G

For further details concerning LEICA lenses, lens-hoods and related accessories please request our brochure No. 11-34.

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