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M2R

A limited edition model of the famous **LEICA® M2** incorporating the rapid loading system of the **LEICA M4**

Leica M2R

...the fast-handling '35' acclaimed for precision performance by leading amateur and professional photographers

The superb range-viewfinder of the LEICA M2R captures every scene swiftly and surely. Focusing is fast, easy, and accurate, regardless of lighting conditions. Brightly illuminated frames are built in for 35-, 50-, and 90mm LEICA lenses, with fully automatic parallax compensation over the full focusing range. The 135mm ELMARIT f/2.8 with integral viewfinder magnifier provides a life-sized M2R finder image. Accurately aimed exposure readings are made through the viewfinder with the accessory LEICAMETER MR4.

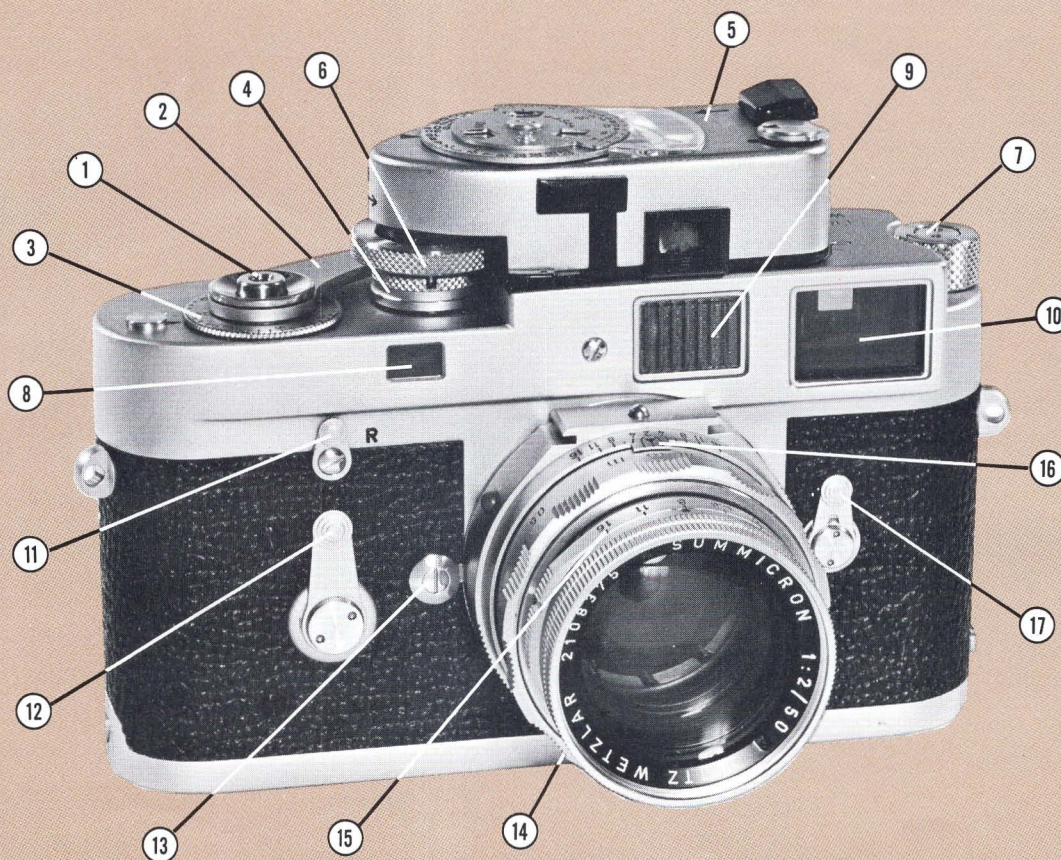
Precision-built, and a pleasure to use, the LEICA M2R combines traditional LEITZ quality, ruggedness and reliability, with almost unbelievable versatility. Rangefinder-coupled lenses range from the 21mm superwideangle to the 135mm long focus lenses. The VISOFLEX III, a key part of the LEICA system, converts the M2R into a compactly efficient single-lens reflex camera with instant-return mirror, and works with lenses from 65- to 560mm in focus.

1. Release-button.
2. Single-stroke advance lever
3. Film counter.
4. Shutter-speed dial, coupled with
5. the mounted LEICAMETER MR4 by the
6. milled ring
7. Pull-up rewind knob

8. Rangefinder window
9. Illuminating window for the finder frames
10. Viewfinder window
11. Film reversing lever
12. Built-in self-timer
13. Bayonet catch for lens changing
14. Lens focusing ring

15. Aperture setting ring
16. Distance and depth-of-field scales
17. Finder frame preselector lever

LEICA M2R with 50mm Dual-Range SUMMICRON f/2 and LEICAMETER MR4



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

- 1. The direct-vision universal range-viewfinder** makes for rapid, accurate focusing and framing, lets you concentrate upon the picture right through the decisive moment of exposure. Illuminated parallax-compensated finder frames appear automatically, when a 35-, 50-, or 90mm LEICA lens is inserted into the M2R's quick-change bayonet mount. Simultaneous, single-eye focusing and framing is also possible with the 135mm ELMARIT f/2.8, which has an integral viewfinder magnifier that produces a life-sized image.
- 2. The precision LEITZ focal-plane shutter** is superbly accurate and permits the use of all lens focal lengths and apertures with full efficiency, thus providing the technical basis for the highly versatile LEICA system. Unusually quiet, this ruggedly reliable mechanism is automatically self-compensated for acceleration, has speeds from 1 to $\frac{1}{4000}$ sec (plus Bulb), and is synchronized for normal flashbulbs at all speeds, and electronic-flash at $\frac{1}{50}$ sec. The built-in self-timer provides an adjustable delay of up to approximately 10 seconds.
- 3. High-quality interchangeable LEICA lenses** are provided in a logical progression from 21- to 560mm in focal length. Their outstanding performance is based upon more than a century of optical experience, combined with the most modern scientific design and production methods, including the development of special rare-earth optical glasses in LEITZ' own research laboratories. LEITZ quality control begins with the raw glass, follows through with optical and electronic testing at all manufacturing stages, and ends only after film resolving-power tests are made with each lens at full aperture.

The LEICA M2R range-viewfinder shows you:

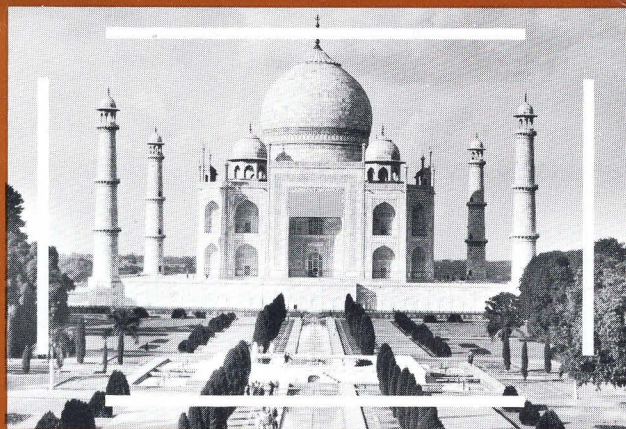
The subject: present at all times, nearly life-sized, always bright and sharp.

The correct image frame: appears automatically as soon as any 35-, 50-, or 90mm LEICA lens, or the 135mm ELMARIT f/2.8, is inserted in the quick-change bayonet lensmount. Automatic parallax compensation is provided over the full focusing ranges of these LEITZ lenses.

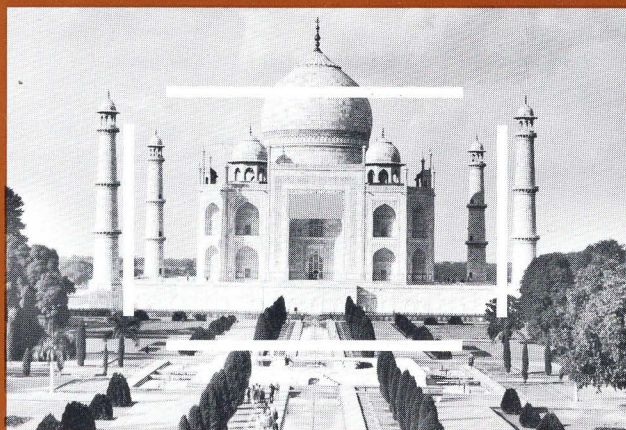
The rangefinder field: sharply outlined, and exceptionally bright, this is the quickest, most accurate, and easiest focusing mechanism ever devised.

The surrounding picture-area: lets you follow and anticipate action, even before it enters the lens field of view.

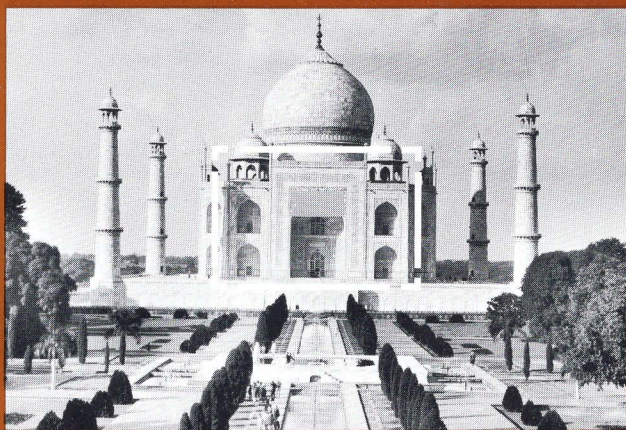
Regardless of subject or lighting conditions, even beginners focus rapidly and accurately with the precision LEICA M2R range-viewfinder.



35 mm



50 mm



90 mm

For unsurpassed optical quality and mechanical precision, there is nothing like a LEICA!

Whether your photography is for pleasure or for profit, there is no finer companion than the fast-handling LEICA M2R!

Operational features of the **LEICA M2R**

Loading

You've never loaded a 35mm film so quickly, or so easily. Just push the cartridge with extended film-end into the M2R, and the new LEITZ speed loading system takes over. Close the camera, stroke the transport lever, and three prongs—which replace the conventional take-up spool—pull the film into shooting position, frame after frame. And this in less time than it took to read this paragraph!

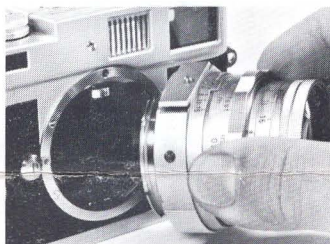


The precision focal-plane shutter

permits the unrestricted use of Interchangeable lenses from the shortest wideangle lenses to extreme longfocus telephotos with full accuracy and efficiency, even with high-speed lenses. Shutter speeds from 1 to $\frac{1}{4000}$ sec and bulb are provided, and the shutter is synchronized for standard flash at all speeds and electronic-flash at $\frac{1}{50}$ 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 rigidly precise seating for all Interchangeable LEICA lenses, and reduces the task of lens changing to a matter of seconds. In addition to the 35-, 50-, and 90mm lenses for which built-in finder frames are provided, the LEICA M2R offers coupled rangefinder focusing for lenses from 21- to 135mm. The VISOFLEX III, which attaches as quickly and easily as a LEICA lens, extends the range from 65- to 560mm for reflex groundglass focusing and viewing.



LEICA M2R specifications

All-metal die-cast body with strap eyelets, black-grained rubberoid covering and chromium-plated metal parts. Brilliant-frame long-base range-view-finder with built-in parallax compensated frames appearing automatically when 35-, 50- or 90mm lenses are inserted into the quick-change bayonet lens mount. Accepts lenses from 21- to 135mm with rangefinder focusing, 65- to 560mm with VISOFLEX III reflex groundglass focusing. Focal-plane shutter speeded from 1 to $\frac{1}{4000}$ sec plus Bulb, with non-spinning speed selector dial coupling to LEICAMETER. Synchronization for flash bulbs at all speeds; for electronic-flash at $\frac{1}{50}$ 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. Standard accessory shoe.

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 M2R bayonet mount automatically activates the corresponding parallax-compensated frame.



The film-transport lever and release button

are ideally positioned for rapid-action sports and sequence photography.



The LEICAMETER MR4

couples directly to the speed selector dial and works hand-in-glove with the M2R viewfinder to give accurately aimed exposure readings. You measure what you want, and you know what you're measuring because the sensitive cadmium sulphide cell of the battery-powered LEICAMETER MR4 sees eye-to-eye with a 90mm LEICA lens. The built-in 90mm lens frame, activated by the preselector lever (17) when 35- or 50mm lenses are used, frames your exposure reading with LEICA accuracy.



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