

Nikonos III

for 35mm underwater and all-weather photography



Nikonos III is a truly amphibious camera. Like its forerunners in the Nikonos system, it is waterproof to a depth of 160 feet — ideal for divers and other water sport enthusiasts — and resists corrosion, mildew and fungus.

Numerous, significant improvements, however, endow this latest Nikonos with better-than-ever performance.

New features include a redesigned sprocket film drive, multi-frame bright-line viewfinder, easier-loading takeup spool, enlarged shutter speed control and top-located exposure counter, among others. The result is faster, more positive and efficient operation.

At the same time, Nikonos III fully maintains the Nikonos tradition as the most rugged camera afloat or ashore. It is unfazed by rain, snow, dust, mud and extremes of cold, heat and humidity. It can be used for close-in shooting of industrial processes where moisture is a problem and cold-sterilized for medical photography in the operating room. The quality of its Nikkor lenses assures best possible pictures even under the worst conditions. A true system camera, Nikonos III accepts all interchangeable Nikonos lenses and all existing Nikonos accessories, except the underwater flash.

Nikonos III Features



Rapid one-lever operation

Swinging the short-stroke, contoured advance lever against the camera body advances film and counter; further pressure on lever releases shutter. Lever then returns automatically to stand-off position, cocking shutter for next shot. Built-in safety lock can be set to prevent accidental exposures.

Extra large shutter speed selector

Large knurled knob with color-coded markings, 1/30th to 1/500th second plus B (and R for rewind). Easy to grip and highly visible under water.

Bright-frame finder

Brilliant Albada-type finder shows fields of 35mm and 80mm lenses in luminous outlines, with parallax-compensation markers. Accessory finders for other lenses are available.

Improved film transport

Combination of sprocket drive and locking pressure plate assures positive film advance with frame-to-frame uniformity, activated by redesigned advance lever. Dual-slotted takeup spool makes loading easy.

Improved rewind controls

Extra-large knob and fold-out crank permit fast rewinding of film.

Film travel/rewind indicator

White dot on frame counter rotates when advance lever is cocked or film is rewound. When the dot stops turning, film is completely rewound.

Positive aperture and focus controls

Large knurled knobs make accurate settings easy. Color-coded rubber caps are supplied for instant identification of each knob.

Rugged dual-body construction

Comfortably held reinforced outer body, sealed with "O" rings, keeps camera water-proof down to 160 feet. Covered with cross-ridged, non-slip vinyl. Inner body contains shutter and film transport. Both exposed and internal parts are corrosion resistant.

Durable stainless steel mount

New improved mount lens accommodates all existing Nikonos lenses.

Waterproof synch socket

Accepts 3-pin Nikonos III flash unit Model P for underwater shooting, or accessory PC adapter for other units (out of water). Screw-in cover seals socket when used without flash.

Stainless-steel tripod socket

Centered in body to facilitate stable attachment to tripod.

Automatic depth-of-field indicator

Adjusting the lens aperture automatically masks off effective depth-of-field on focusing scale of each lens.

Hinged neckstrap lugs

Also serve to open camera for loading and unloading film.

Specifications subject to change without notice.