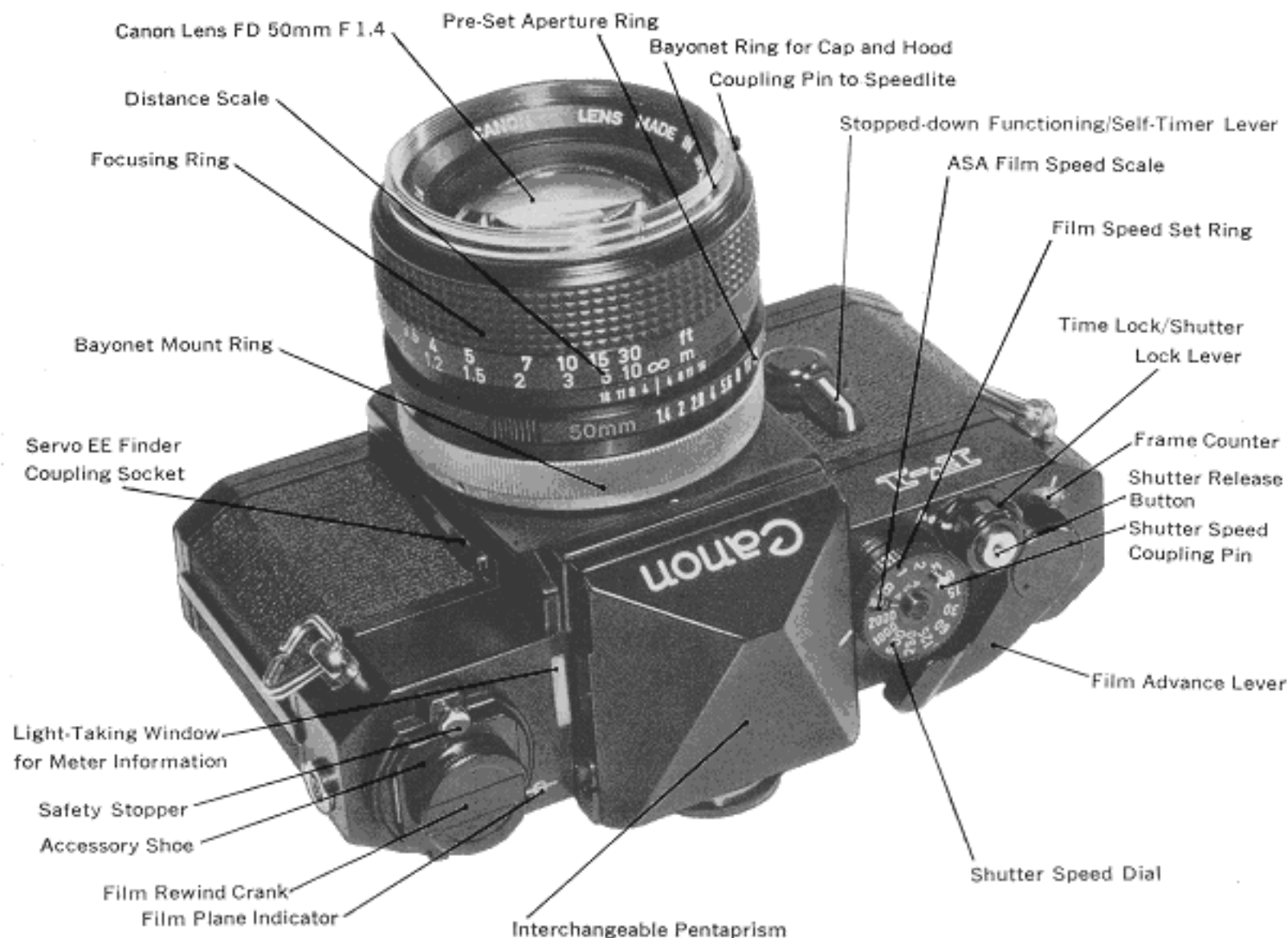




Canon **F-1**

INSTRUCTIONS

English Edition



We are highly gratified that you have selected the Canon F-1—a wise choice that promises you many delightful years of photographic experiences. Canon is recognized the world over as the foremost pioneer in the development of photographic equipment of the highest quality and performance. Whether your new F-1 is for the home, laboratory, or for traveling, make the most of your opportunities!

Before Using . . .

Please read this instruction booklet carefully, and master the manipulations of the various parts of the F-1 completely. Once thoroughly versed in the correct handling of this camera, you can use the Canon F-1 to the fullest extent of its capabilities.



Technical Data

- Type: 35mm single-lens reflex camera with focal plane shutter. Picture size; 24x36mm.
- Interchangeable Lenses: Canon FD series lenses with aperture signal lever.
- Standard Lens: Canon FD 55mm F1.2, FD 50mm F1.4, FD 50mm F1.8.
- Viewfinder: Removable pentagonal prism finder. Interchangeable with Servo EE Finder, Booster T Finder, Speed Finder, Waist-Level Finder.
- Finder Attachments: Angle Finder B, Magnifier, Dioptic Adjustment Lenses, Eyecup.
- Focusing Screen: Using Fresnel lens, standard focusing glass with microprism screen rangefinder and three other interchangeable kinds. With metering beam-splitting condenser.
- Field-of-View: 97% of actual picture area. 0.77x with standard 50mm lens at infinity.
- Finder Information: Meter needle and aperture needle, outside shutter speed coupling range indicator, fixed dot for stopped-down metering use and battery check mark, shutter speed scale, metering limit marks.
- Dioptic Adjustment Lenses: Standard -1.2 diopter (R-1). Interchangeable with R+3, R+2, R+1, R0, R-2, R-3, and R-4.
- Mirror: Quick return mirror with shock-absorbing mechanism. Mirror can be fixed in upper position. Aperture is manually operated when mirror is fixed in upper position.
- Lens Mount: Bayonet type FD mount. FL and R series of lenses mountable.
- Function: FD lenses; Full aperture metering, coupled with automatic diaphragm. FL lenses; Stopped-down metering, coupled with automatic diaphragm. R lenses; Stopped-down metering, manually operated diaphragm.
- Shutter: Focal plane shutter using super thin titanium screen. Designed for elimination of functioning noise. Shutter release button can be locked.
- Shutter Speed Dial: Single shaft non-revolving type with shutter scales and ASA film speed scales. Two coupling pins for setting attachments are provided.
- Shutter Speeds: B, 1-1/2000. Multiple series. Equiinterval index. X contact at "60".
- Film Speed Scale: ASA 25-2000.
- Self-Timer: Built in. Activate with shutter release button. Approx. 10 sec. time lag. Self-timer lever is used in common as stopped-down functioning lever.
- Exposure Adjusting Mechanism: Built in. Using CdS photocell. Coupled to shutter speeds, film speeds and f/stop. Match needle type TTL full aperture measuring mechanism. Semi-

spot metering system, measures 12% of picture area. Stopped-down metering possible. Fixed dot type metering using stopped-down functioning lever. Locking of the lever possible.

- Exposure Meter Coupling Range: With ASA 100 film, EV 2.5 (f/1.2 at 1/4 sec.)-EV 18 (f/11 at 1/2000 sec.). Meter information window turns red when outside of coupling range.
- Meter Battery: One 1.3v M20 (#625) mercury battery used.
- Battery Checker: Built in. Check at ASA 100, shutter speed at 1/2000 sec.
- TTL Full Aperture Metering System EE: Uses exclusive Servo EE Finder and Battery Case in combination. Full aperture metering with FD lens. Shutter priority type EE. Functioning range; with ASA 100 film, EV 2.5 (f/1.2 at 1/4 sec.)-EV 18 (f/11 at 1/2000 sec.).
- Ultra-low Illumination Metering: Metering possible, with ASA 100 film, between EV 15 (f/22 at 1/60 sec.) and EV-3.5 (f/1.2 at 15 sec.) with use of exclusive Booster T Finder.
- Synchronized Flash: FP and X contact. Automatic time lag adjusting type.
- Flash Socket: On side body. Two contacts on film rewind knob for flash circuit for directly connected adapter, and meter circuit.
- Canon Auto Tuning (CAT) System: Diaphragm control by recharge completion signal and focusing distance signal. Proper aperture is established by the meter matching needle system through the connection of the Speedlite 133D, Flash Auto Ring, Flash Coupler L and prescribed FD 50mm F 1.4, FD 50mm F 1.8, or FD 35mm F 2 lens.
- Synchronizing Range: FP class; 1/2000-1/125 sec. and 1/30 or under. Speedlite; 1/60 sec. or under. M, MF class; 1/30 sec. or under.
- Film Loading: With multislit film spool.
- Film Winding: Short-stroke winding possible. Single operation 180° winding lever. Play; 15°.
- Film Rewinding: Performed by rewind button and crank.
- Double Exposure: Possible by operating film rewind button.
- Back Cover: Crank pull-up type. Removable for Film Chamber 250.
- Bottom Cover: Motor Drive Unit can be attached after removing bottom cover.
- Frame Counter: Self-resetting type activated by opening back cover.
- Accessory Shoe: Exclusive. Flash Couplers D, L, and other couplers can be attached.
- Size: 98.7 x 146.7 x 43mm (3⁷/₈" x 5³/₄" x 1¹¹/₁₆").
- Weight: Body; 820 g (1.80 lbs.). With FD 50mm F 1.4 Lens; 1,180 g (2.60 lbs.).

Subject to alterations.

- Canon Booster T Finder with electronic timer for insufficient light photography
 - Canon Servo EE Finder for shutter priority EE photography
 - Canon Motor Drive Unit for timer photography and high speed photography
 - Canon Film Chamber 250 for shooting 250 frames
- Unmanned photography is possible in combination of these accessories.

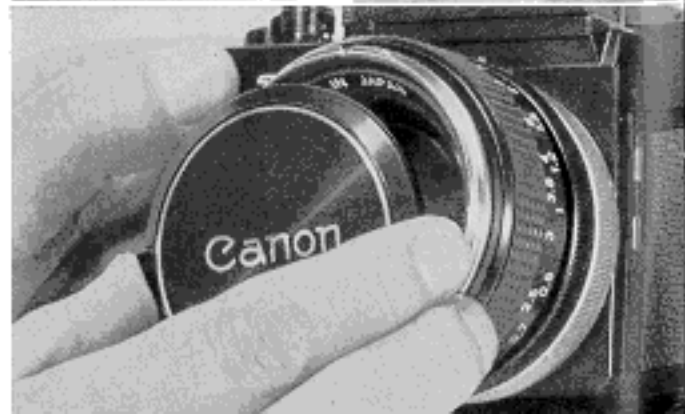
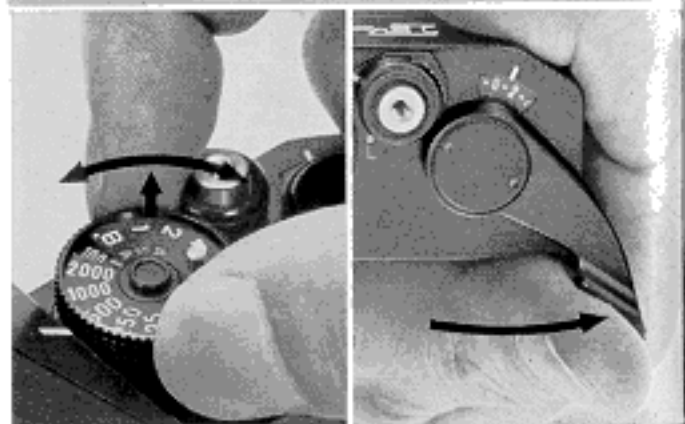
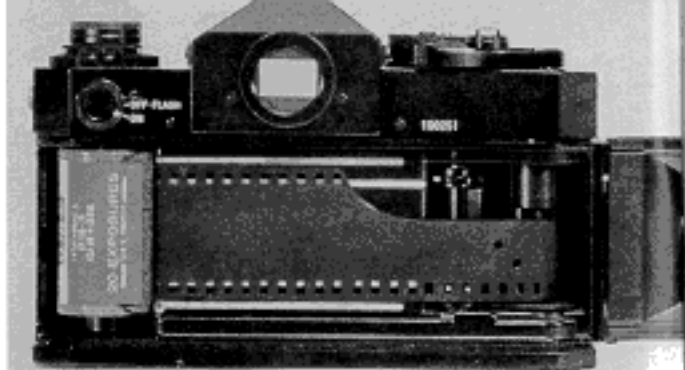


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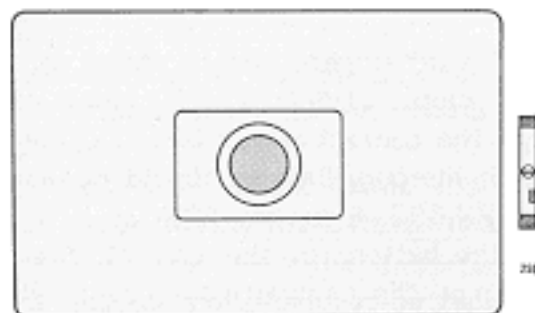
- 1** Load the film. (See pages 31-32.)
- 2** Set the ASA film speed. (See page 21.)
- 3** Wind the film advance lever. (See page 14.)
- 4** Remove the lens cap.





5 Look through the viewfinder and focus. (See page 26.)

6 Compose the picture.



7 Determine the exposure with built-in meter. (See pages 22-24.)



8 Press the shutter release button gently.

Mercury Battery Loading and Checking

The built-in exposure meter of the Canon F-1 functions only when the mercury battery is properly loaded.

- 1 Insert a coin into the groove of the battery compartment cover and turn it to the left to remove.
- 2 Face the central contact of the mercury battery inwards and insert.
- 3 Replace the cover by turning it to the right.

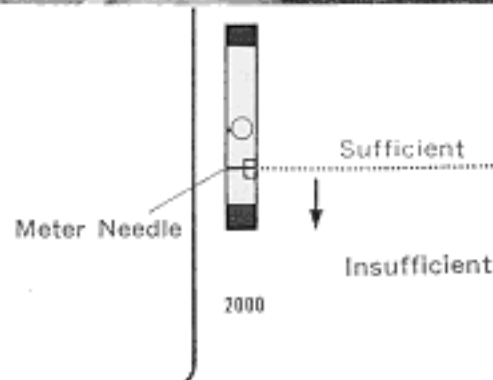
■ Before inserting, wipe off fingerprints or stains on battery poles with a dry cloth. Unclean poles may cause corrosion and damage the contact points of the camera.

■ A 1.3 v M20 (#625) mercury battery should be used—equivalent to Mallory PX-625, Eveready EPX625.

■ Be sure to insert the battery in the correct direction referring to the diagram on the compartment cover. Otherwise, the meter will not function properly and the cover cannot be screwed in.

■ When the camera is not used for a long period, remove the mercury battery and keep it in a dry place.





Battery Check

Check the mercury battery after loading it. Especially when loading a new battery, be sure to check the power level.

1 Set the film speed scale at ASA 100 and the shutter speed dial at "2000". For the film speed setting, lift up the outer ring of the shutter speed dial and turn. See page 21.

■ A correct check cannot be made if other settings are used.

2 Turn the meter switch, situated to the back side of the camera near the film rewind crank, to the "C" index mark.

3 If the meter needle inside the viewfinder swings to the meter index, the battery has sufficient power. If the needle stays below the meter index, voltage is insufficient and the battery must be replaced.

■ Life of the battery in normal use is approximately one year.

4 When using the camera, be sure to turn the meter switch to "ON".

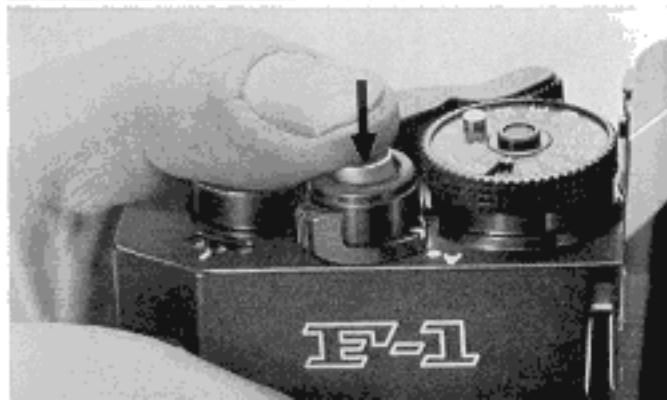
Film Winding

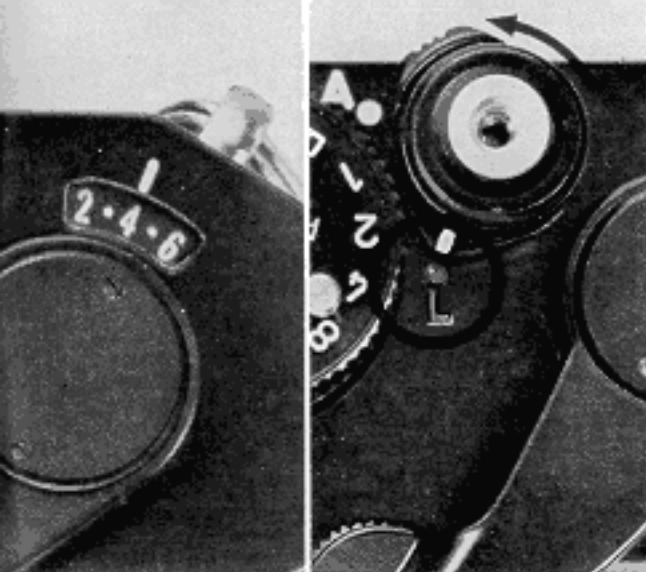
The film advance lever winds the film, cocks the shutter, and prepares the aperture and mirror for the next shutter release all in one motion.

1 Turn the film advance lever until it stops. The film will be advanced one frame and the shutter cocked. The frame counter is simultaneously advanced to the next number.

2 When the shutter release button is pressed, the mirror flips up, the diaphragm simultaneously closes down to the pre-set f/stop and the shutter operates. After the shutter is operated, the advance lever can be wound for the next frame.

- Be sure that the shutter lock lever is set at "A".
- Winding may be done by moving the lever with several short strokes.
- After loading the film, make another wind, since the first winding may not be complete.
- The shutter will not function when pressing the shutter release button unless the winding is completed. In such a case, check the winding once more.





Frame Counter

Each winding will advance the number of the frame counter, indicating the number of pictures taken. When the back cover is opened, the counter automatically returns to the starting position "S".

Safety Device for Shutter

When the shutter lock lever around the shutter release button is turned to the "L" position, the shutter is locked and will not move. This device may be used when the camera is carried in a wound condition.



Attaching the Cable Release

Optional Canon Release can be attached to the F-1 by screwing it into the threaded hole in the center of the shutter release button. Even if the shutter lock lever is at the "L" position, the shutter will operate by using the release.

Shutter and Aperture Adjustment

Exposures are adjusted by the shutter and aperture. The shutter controls the exposure time and the aperture controls the amount of incoming light.

Shutter Speed Dial

Adjust the shutter speed by turning the shutter speed dial to the desired index number. The index on the dial shows the denominators of 1/1000 sec., 1/500 sec., etc.

- The shutter speed dial does not revolve between the indexes "2000" and "B".

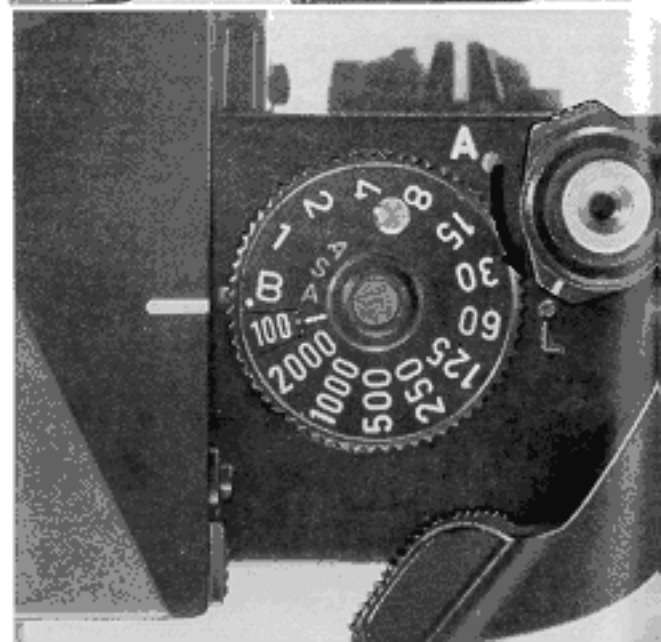
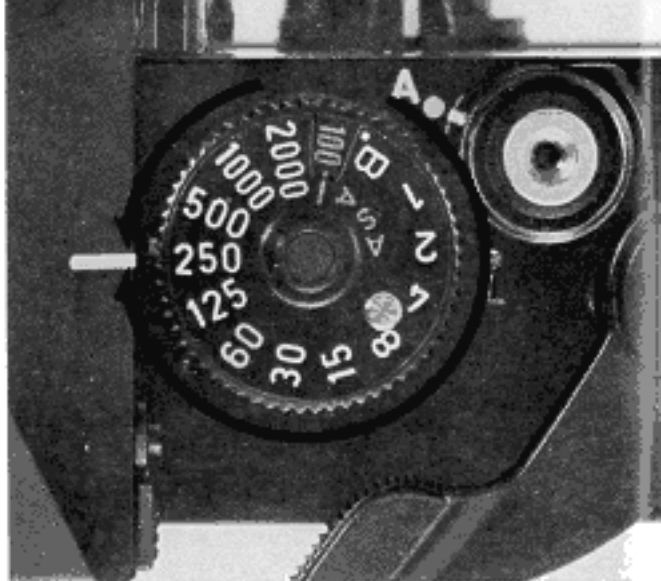
- Be sure to set the index at a position where the click-stop catches. In case of "B" index, adjust it to the white dot just below the "B" index.

- "B" indicates bulb exposure, and is used when making exposures of more than one second. When the shutter speed dial is set at "B", the shutter remains open as long as the shutter release button is depressed.

- When time exposure is necessary to make an exposure over an extended time, first set the shutter speed dial at "B". Keep the shutter release button depressed, and turn the time lock lever to "L". The shutter remains open even if the finger is removed from the button. When the lever is returned to "A", the shutter closes.

- Time exposure is also possible by using the lockable cable release.

- It is possible to perform a long-time exposure by applying





the optional Booster T Finder, the auxiliary meter for measuring subjects under dim light.

■ The "60" index is used for synchronizing an electronic flash unit such as the Canon Speedlite. It is equivalent to a very short exposure during the flash of the flash unit.

Aperture

Incoming light and depth-of-field are adjusted by turning the pre-set aperture ring to the desired f/stop.

■ As the f/stop value gets larger, the amount of light reaching the film plane becomes correspondingly less. For each f/stop up, the light is reduced one-half. Accordingly, when the aperture is increased by one f/stop, the exposure is doubled, and when it is increased by two f/stop the exposure is quadrupled.

■ Certain lenses, however, have no relation to the lightness being halved between the maximum and the next f/stops on the pre-set aperture ring.

■ The pre-set aperture ring can also be set between two f/stops.

■ The ratio between the aperture and the amount of exposure, using f/2 as the basis, is as follows:

f/stop:

1.2 1.4 1.8 2 2.8 3.5 4 5.6 8 11 16 22

Exposure Ratio:

3 2 1.25 1 1/2 1/3 1/4 1/8 1/16 1/32 1/64 1/128

Pre-Setting of Aperture: In the case of the FD lens, the field-of-view can always be seen through the viewfinder at full aperture opening even after the f/stop has been set with the pre-set aperture ring. Set the desired f/stop, on the pre-set aperture ring, to the index. The diaphragm will close down to the pre-set f/stop only for the instant that the shutter is released. Except for that instant, the diaphragm remains fully open.

Checking the Depth-of-Field: The manually operated aperture is used for checking the depth-of-field when the aperture is stopped down and also when performing close-up photography and macrophotography.

The FD lens has only one aperture ring. When this lens is mounted on an F-1 or FT camera body, the diaphragm is operated by locking the stopped-down functioning lever. Therefore, the aperture can be closed down to any desired f/stop by turning the pre-set aperture ring.

■ When an accessory is to be used between the lens and the camera body, turn the automatic/manual aperture lever of the lens counter-clockwise all the way before mounting the lens. This locks the lever and the aperture is set for automatic functioning. For releasing the lever, turn it clockwise.

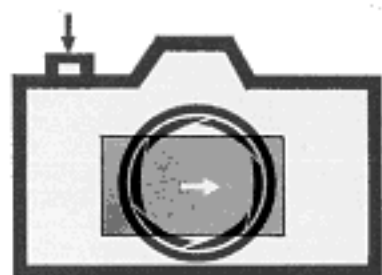
With the use of this lock, photography using manually operated aperture can also be performed on Canon single-lens reflex cameras besides the F-1, FT and Pellix.

■ Refer to pages 40-41 concerning depth-of-field.



Automatic/Manual
Aperture Lever

Relationship Between the Shutter, Diaphragm, and Mirror



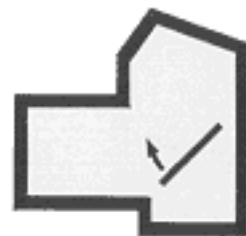
Press the shutter release button.



The shutter clicks.
The diaphragm closes
down to pre-set f/stop.



The diaphragm returns
to maximum opening.



Mirror begins to snap up.



Mirror is up.



Mirror returns to
the former position.

Using Built-In Exposure Meter

Canon F-1 provides the most accurate light measurement possible with its unique TTL (Through-The-Lens) system. The built-in exposure meter, which is of match needle type, is coupled to the shutter speed dial and pre-set aperture ring.

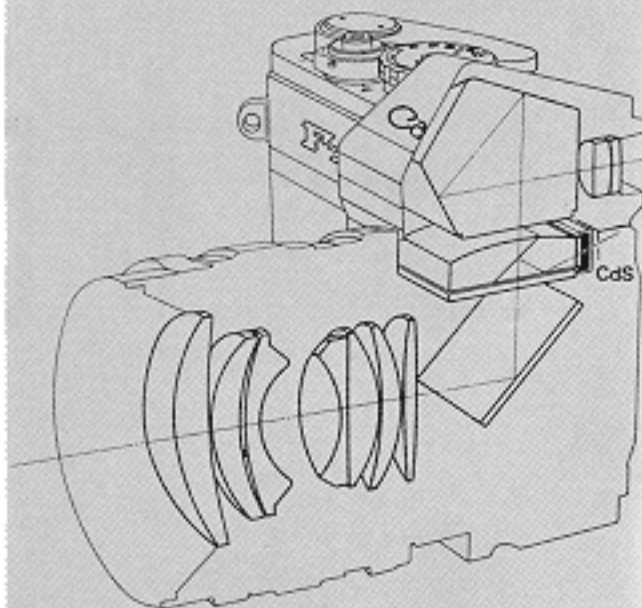
The CdS photocell of the exposure meter is placed in the closest position to the beam-splitting condenser lens. The semi-spot metering system enables accurate measurement of the main subject even in counter-light conditions. The rectangular frame in the viewfinder represents the light measurement area of the CdS photocell. Place the main subject within this frame and measure the intensity of light so as to obtain the proper exposure.

- The correction of the full aperture opening of the lens is performed automatically. Therefore, the operation does not change regardless of the speed of the lens used. An FL lens can be used only with stopped-down metering.

- Due to the characteristics of the CdS photocell, the movement of the meter needle may occasionally become sluggish, owing to changes in the degree of light.

- When not using the camera, set the meter switch at "OFF" or attach the lens cap so as to prevent unnecessary consumption of the mercury battery.

- Metering at "B" on the shutter speed dial is not possible with the built-in exposure meter, because "B" is used for





long exposures over one second.

- Always use a lens hood when shooting against the light.

Film Speed Setting

Set the ASA film speed scale to the speed of the film being used. Film speeds are normally shown on the film box cover and/or explanatory sheet.

Lift and turn the film speed set ring around the shutter speed dial. If the film is ASA 100, for example, make the correct setting by showing "100" in the small window.

- The following film speeds may be used:

	(32) (40)	(64) (80)	(125) (160)	(250) (320)	(500) (640)	
ASA	25 . .	50 . .	100 . .	200 . .	400 . .	800
DIN	15 . .	18 . .	21 . .	24 . .	27 . .	30
	(16) (17)	(19) (20)	(22) (23)	(25) (26)	(28) (29)	
	(1000) (1250)	(2000)				
	. .	1600 .				
	. .	33 .				
	(31) (32)	(34)				

Figures in parentheses represent intermediate film speeds.

- When "25" appears in the small windows, this is as far as the film speed set ring turns to the left. White dot at the right turn extremity reads ASA 2000.

Exposure Settings

Full Aperture Metering

Full aperture metering can be performed with an FD lens which has an aperture signal lever and pin.

- 1 Set the meter switch at "ON".
- 2 Set the shutter speed dial at the desired speed.
- 3 Face the camera towards the subject, look into the viewfinder, and check the needles in the meter reading window.
- 4 Turn the pre-set aperture ring and align the aperture needle with the meter needle.

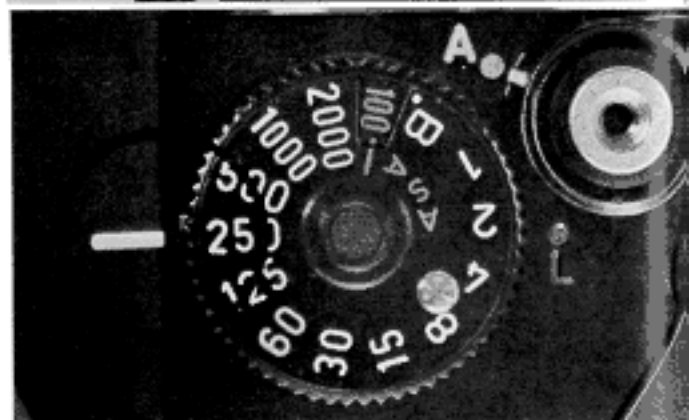
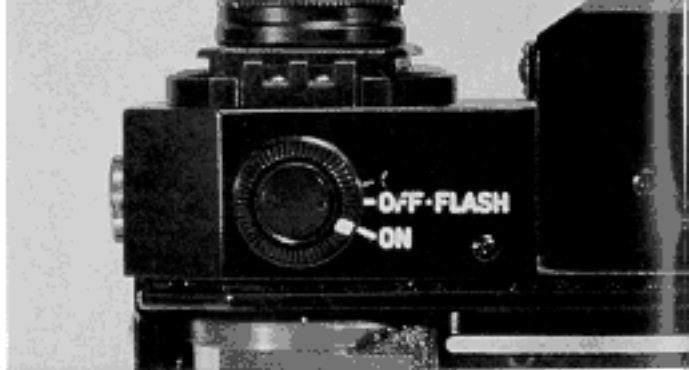
■ The green round mark on the aperture ring is for the Servo EE Finder use only.

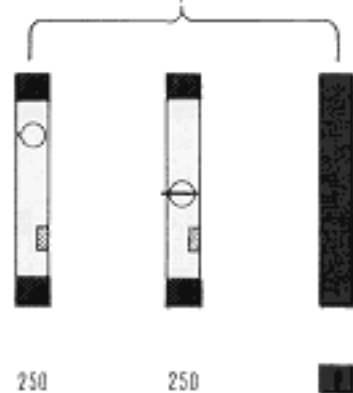
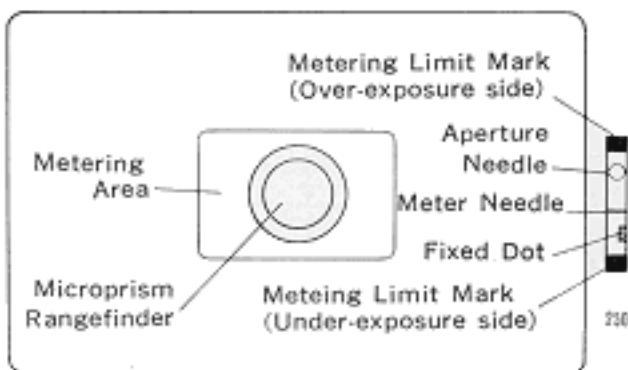
■ The meter needle is coupled to the film and shutter speeds, and moves vertically according to the brightness of the subject. The aperture needle, with a round mark, is coupled to the pre-set aperture ring of the FD lens.

■ In the case of f/stop priority, turn the shutter speed dial and align the meter needle with the aperture needle.

■ If the aperture needle does not align with the meter needle by turning the aperture ring, it means that the shutter speed is not properly set. In this case, align the two needles by turning the shutter speed dial.

When the shutter is set on the high speed side, the meter needle moves downward. When it is set at a slow-





Properly
Adjusted

er speed, the needle moves upward. When the shutter is set at a slow speed outside the coupling range (slower than 1/2 sec. in case of ASA 100), the meter reading window turns into red, and metering will become impossible even if the aperture is changed. When the window turns into red and metering cannot be performed, use high-speed film or the optional Booster T Finder. Refer to "Coupling Range of Built-in Exposure Meter" on page 25.

- Select a faster shutter speed when the meter needle swings all the way up, and a slower speed when it swings all the way down.

- The moving range of the aperture needle inside the meter reading window changes according to the lens speed. Thus, it will not always move vertically the full length of the meter reading window. Change the shutter speed when the aperture needle cannot be aligned with the meter needle.

- Since the shutter speed dial cannot be set at the intermediate positions, the shutter speed priority method is recommended when exposure accuracy is a crucial factor.

Stopped-Down Metering

When using a lens having no full aperture metering signal such as FL lenses, stopped-down metering should be done. Stopped-down metering is performed by pushing down the stopped-down functioning lever.

The stopped-down functioning lever can be fixed for continuous light measurement by pressing it towards the lens after setting the lever lock at the "L" position. If the lock

is returned to the white dot position the lever will return to its original position.

- 1 Set the meter switch at "ON".
- 2 Set the shutter speed dial at the desired speed.
- 3 Face the camera towards the subject, look into the viewfinder, and press the stopped-down functioning lever all the way. The aperture needle will point to the lower metering limit mark and only the meter needle remains.
- 4 Turn the pre-set aperture ring and make the meter needle stop within the meter index situated in reading window.
 - In the case of f/stop priority, adjustments can be made with the shutter speed dial.
 - Full aperture metering is rather recommended with the FD lenses, because the FD lenses have a full aperture signal so as to fully compensate the built-in exposure meter. When performing stopped-down metering, be sure to close down the aperture f/2.8 or further.
 - With the fixing of the metering lever, shooting subjects with different light intensities or telephoto lenses can be conveniently handled.

How to "Average" Exposures

When measuring a subject with greatly different dark and bright parts, take two measurements, one each of the dark and bright parts. Then obtain the average value and set the f/stop or shutter speed accordingly.



Meter
Needle



Meter
Index

Coupling Range of Built-In Exposure Meter

The built-in exposure meter couples to the following range of f/stops and shutter speeds with respective film speeds. When using the Canon Lens FD 50mm F 1.4 and ASA 100 film, for example, the exposure meter couples fully within the range of f/1.4 at 1/4 sec. (EV 3) and f/11 at 1/2000 sec. (EV 18).

Film Speed	Shutter Speed											
ASA 25	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{1}{30}$	$\frac{1}{60}$	$\frac{1}{125}$	$\frac{1}{250}$	$\frac{1}{500}$	$\frac{1}{1000}$	$\frac{1}{2000}$
ASA 50	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{1}{30}$	$\frac{1}{60}$	$\frac{1}{125}$	$\frac{1}{250}$	$\frac{1}{500}$	$\frac{1}{1000}$	$\frac{1}{2000}$	...
ASA 100	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{1}{30}$	$\frac{1}{60}$	$\frac{1}{125}$	$\frac{1}{250}$	$\frac{1}{500}$	$\frac{1}{1000}$	$\frac{1}{2000}$	...	...
ASA 200	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{1}{30}$	$\frac{1}{60}$	$\frac{1}{125}$	$\frac{1}{250}$	$\frac{1}{500}$	$\frac{1}{1000}$	$\frac{1}{2000}$	...	...	...
ASA 400	$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{1}{30}$	$\frac{1}{60}$	$\frac{1}{125}$	$\frac{1}{250}$	$\frac{1}{500}$	$\frac{1}{1000}$	$\frac{1}{2000}$	...	...	...	...
ASA 800	$\frac{1}{30}$	$\frac{1}{60}$	$\frac{1}{125}$	$\frac{1}{250}$	$\frac{1}{500}$	$\frac{1}{1000}$	$\frac{1}{2000}$	...	...	...	...	...
ASA1600	$\frac{1}{60}$	$\frac{1}{125}$	$\frac{1}{250}$	$\frac{1}{500}$	$\frac{1}{1000}$	$\frac{1}{2000}$	...	...	...	...	...	...
Minimum f/Stop	1/22	1/22	1/22	1/22	1/22	1/22	1/22	1/22	1/22	1/16	1/11	f/8 f/5.6

Viewing and Focusing

The exact picture image to be photographed can be seen on the focusing screen of the viewfinder without any parallax. This enables you to determine the exact composition of your scene before pressing the shutter release button. The center of the viewfinder (circular section) is a micro-prism screen rangefinder made up of microscopic prisms for fast and precise focusing.

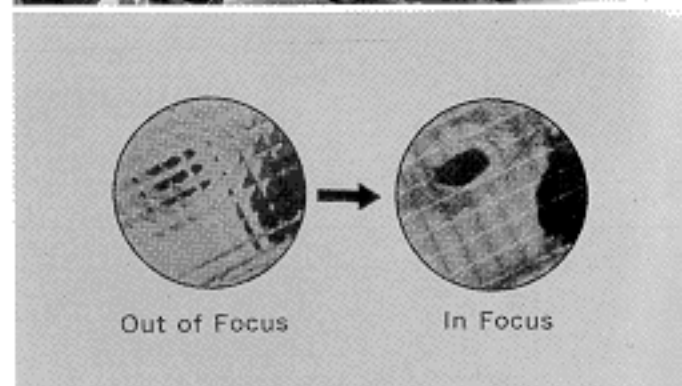
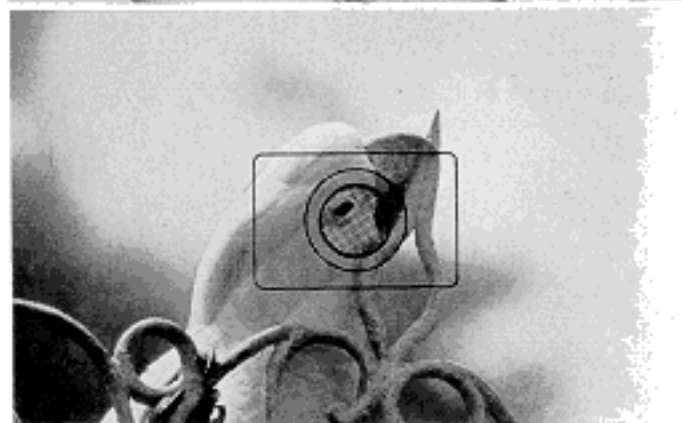
While looking through the viewfinder, revolve the focusing ring. It is in focus when the image in the rangefinder becomes sharp and clear.

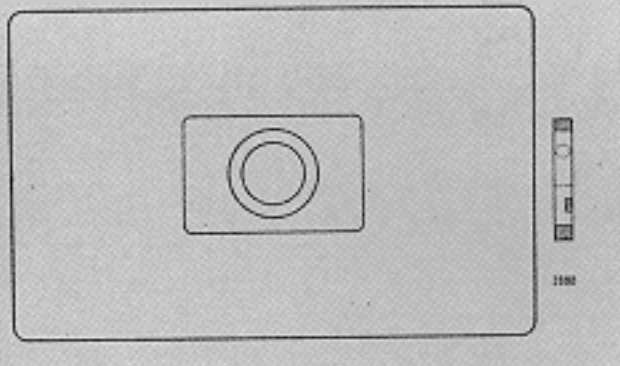
■ An optical curve may sometimes be visible in the lower part of the viewfinder according to the angle of the incoming light. This is a reflection of the beam-splitting mirror added onto the condenser lens in the TTL light measurement system.

Viewfinders

The Eye-Level Finder can be removed and interchanged with another viewfinder. To remove the Finder, pull it towards the rear while pressing the two stopper buttons on both sides of the Finder.

When attaching a viewfinder, slide it in from the rear side of the camera so that the attachment rails of the viewfinder are inserted on a level with the camera body. Push it all the way in and it will become locked with a clicking sound.





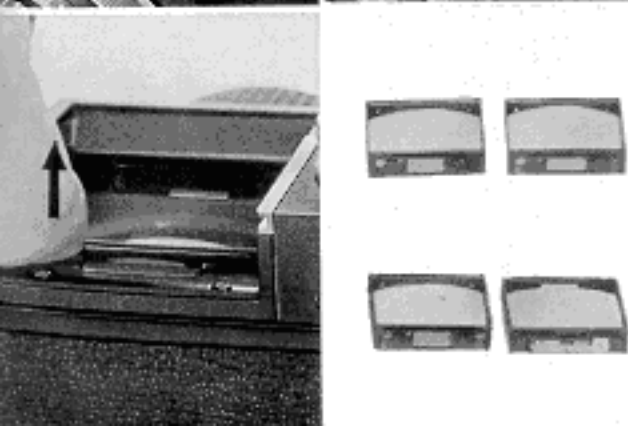
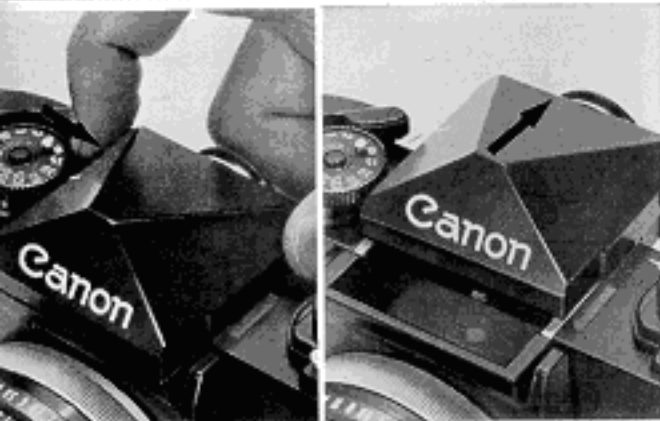
Interchangeable viewfinders that can be mounted include: Booster T Finder, Servo EE Finder, Speed Finder, and Waist-Level Finder.

Focusing Screens

The focusing screen inside the finder box can also be interchanged. The standard focusing screen has a prism screen rangefinder. There are three other types available. They are the split-image rangefinder type, the all-mat type, and the section type.

1 The focusing screen can be lifted by inserting your fingernail into one of the two notches on the rear end of the focusing screen and pushing upwards. Then remove the focusing screen from the finder box by picking up its metallic edge.

2 Face the protruding part toward the front, insert it under the holder on the camera body side and then press down on the rear end of the focusing screen so that it drops into a horizontal position.



Dioptric Adjustment Lenses

The screw-in type dioptric adjustment lenses are interchangeable. A standard -1.2 dioptric adjustment ring is attached to the viewfinder, while four other kinds of dioptric adjustment lenses for far-sighted and three others for near-sighted are available as optional attachments. The diopters of these lenses are composite numbers of those when attached to the camera. A corresponding chart of the diopters is shown right.

- Dioptric adjustment lenses are also used when the magnifier is attached to the Eye-Level Finder.
- Dioptric adjustment lenses should be removed when the Angle Finder B is attached.
- The eyecup can be snapped on the ring.

Angle Finder B

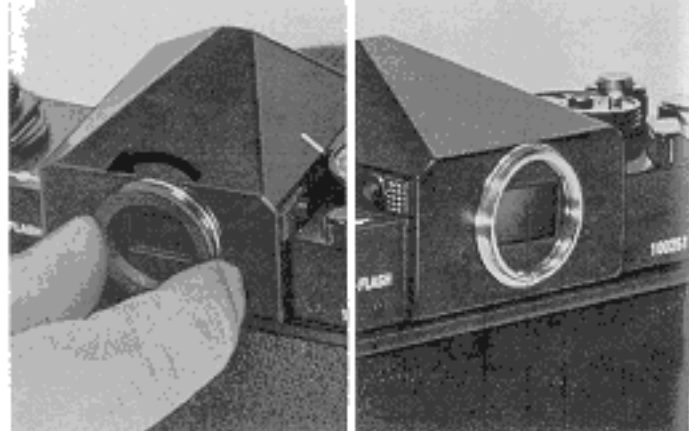
Canon's Angle Finder B can be attached to the eyepiece for copying, macrophotography and photomicrography work.

Magnifier

The optional Canon Magnifier can be attached to the viewfinder eyepiece of the F-1 which magnifies the rangefinder section for accurate focusing. Because it can be sprung up and clamped, the entire field of view can easily be viewed after focusing.

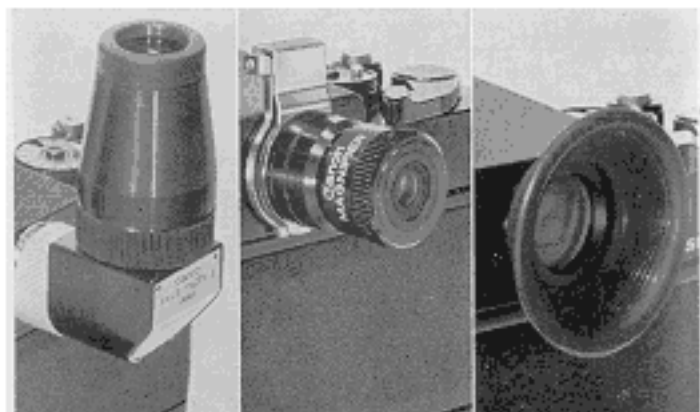
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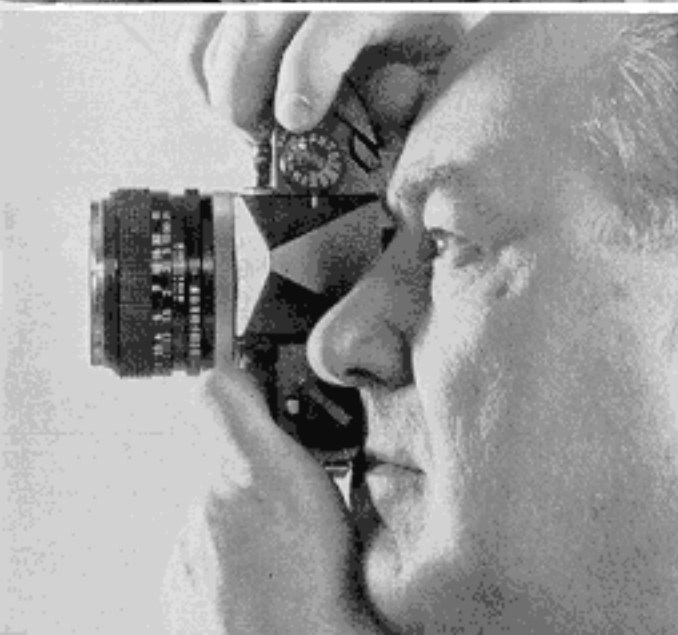
The covering type eyecup can be attached to the ring section.



Dioptric Adjustment Lenses	R+3	R+2	R+1	R0	R-1*	R-2	R-3	R-4
Diopter in Inches	+3	+2	+1	0	-	-2	-3	-4

* Standard Ring





Holding the Camera

Hold the camera firmly to take a clear picture. Hold the camera either in a vertical or horizontal position, look through the viewfinder, and focus. Then press the shutter release button gently. The following steps are important.

- 1** Hold the camera snugly in both hands. The camera should be pressed firmly to your cheek or forehead.
- 2** When the camera is in a horizontal position, both elbows should be firmly pressed against the body, and at least one elbow should be resting against the body when in a vertical position.
- 3** Hold your breath and press the shutter release button with a smooth, steady stroke. Otherwise, you will have a blurred picture.
 - When using slow shutter speeds below 1/30 sec., you had better use a tripod and cable release.
 - When taking pictures against the light, always use a lens hood.
 - Camera Holder F for attaching a tripod and Canon Release are separately available.

Safety Stopper

Film Rewinding Crank

Film Inserting Slit

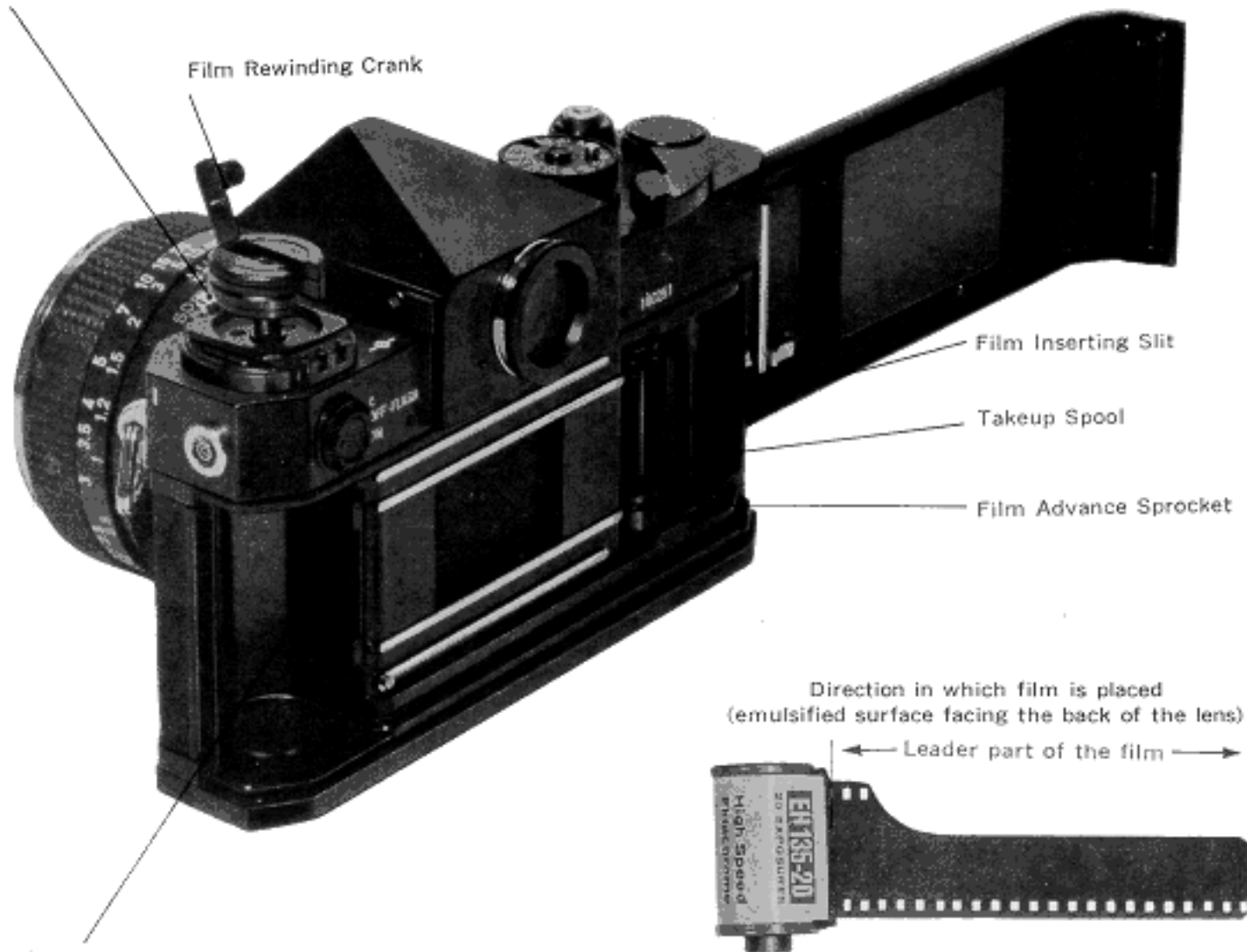
Takeup Spool

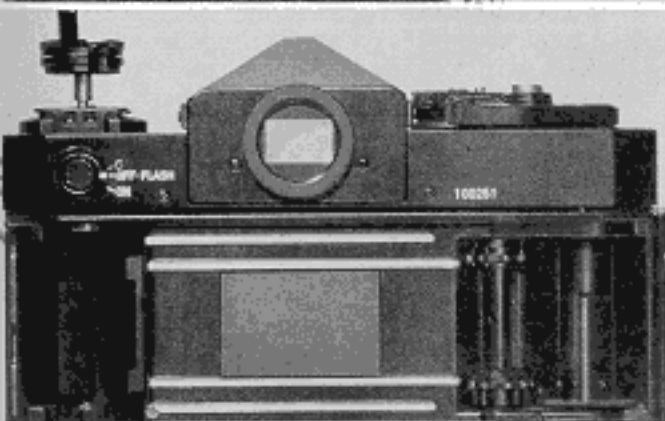
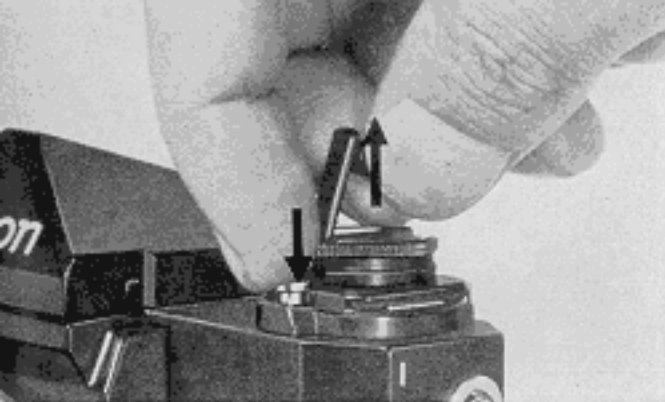
Film Advance Sprocket

Direction in which film is placed
(emulsified surface facing the back of the lens)

← Leader part of the film →

Cartridge Compartment





Film Loading

Canon F-1 accepts any standard 35mm film roll in cartridge for daylight loading. Always avoid loading film in direct sunlight.

- 1 Pull out the film rewind crank while pressing the safety stopper. The cover will rise slightly.
- 2 Open the cover fully. Face the film cartridge as illustrated, and insert it into the cartridge compartment. Push the film rewind crank back into its former position. The crank fork will slip into the axis of the film cartridge. In case the crank does not fully return, turn it slightly to the left or right.

3 Pull out the film from the cartridge and insert the film tip into the slit of the film taking-up spool for a length of approximately two perforations.

4 Turn the film advance lever and wind the film around the film taking-up spool.

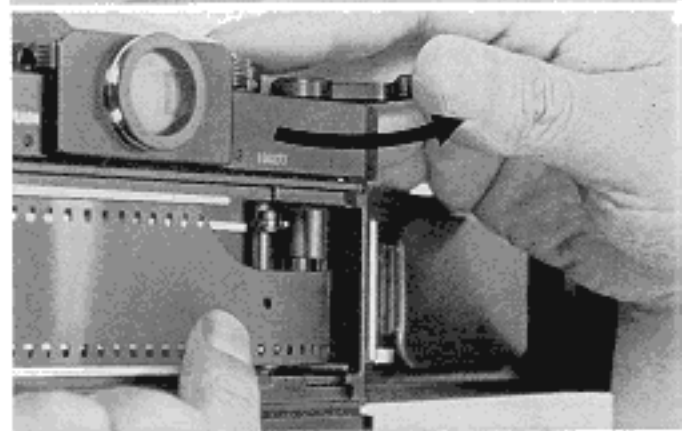
■ At this time, engage the sprockets of the film taking-up spool and the teeth of the film advance sprocket with the film perforations.

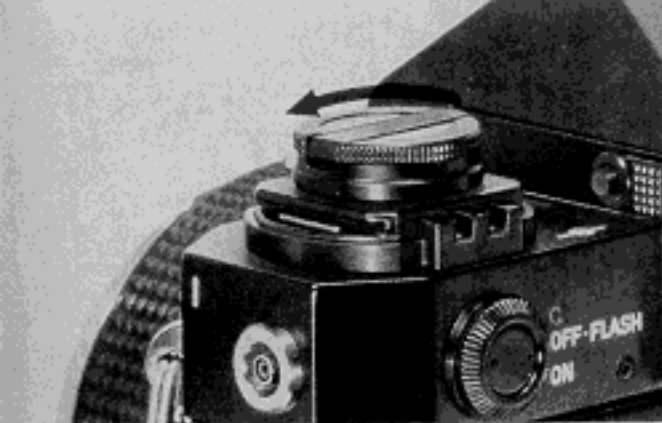
5 Press down on the back cover and close it.

If the film is sagging, the cartridge will rise and the back cover will not close.

6 Leave the lens cap on and take two blank shots, each time turning the film advance lever.

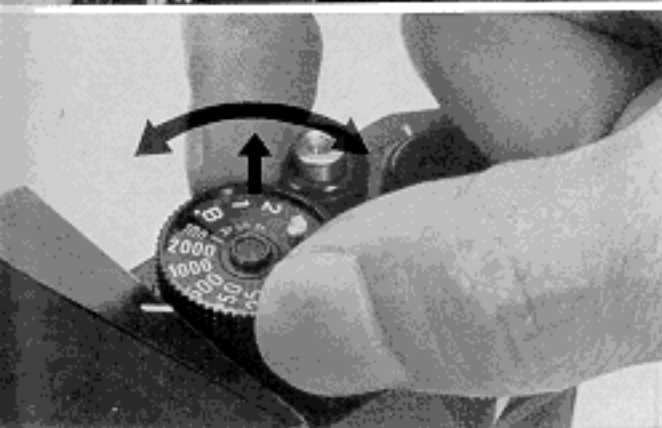
The frame counter will advance from the "S" mark to ".". With one more advance, the camera will be ready for the first shot.





Checking Correct Film Loading

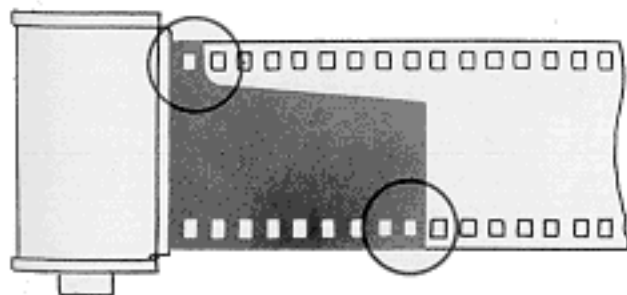
The film is properly loaded and advanced if the film rewind crank rotates when you wind the film advance lever. If the film rewind crank does not rotate, take out the film, as explained on the following page, and reload.



Setting the Film Speed

When loading the film, be sure to set the film speed scale at the proper position. Refer to page 21 for setting the film speed.

■ When repacking a long-wound film for darkroom loading into an ordinary cartridge, be sure to trim the tip of the leader between perforations.



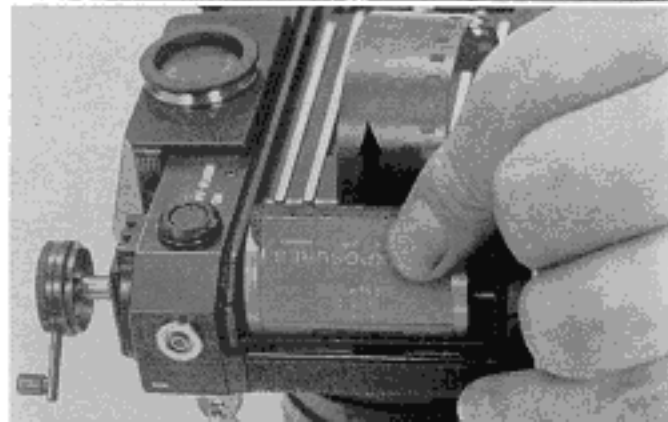
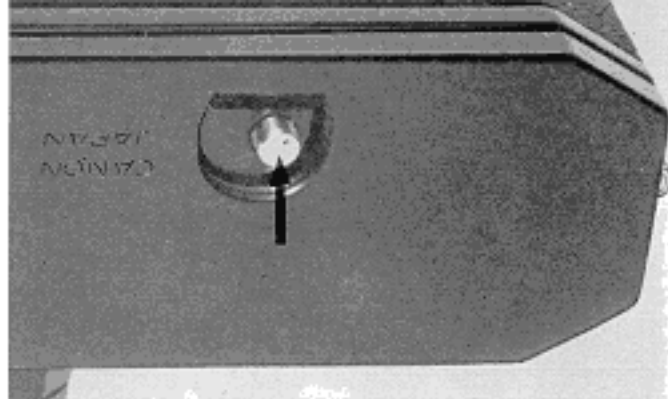
Film Rewinding

When the film reaches the end and the film advance lever stops, rewind the film into the cartridge as soon as possible. Be sure not to open the back cover before rewinding. Otherwise, the entire roll will be exposed and ruined as the exposed film is naked within the camera.

- 1 Press in the film rewind button.
- 2 Raise the film rewind crank, turn it in the direction of the arrow, and rewind the film into the cartridge. When the film rewind button stops revolving and rewinding resistance becomes light, stop rewinding immediately.
- 3 Open the back cover.
- 4 Pull up the rewind knob fully and remove the cartridge.

■ Once the film rewind button has been pressed, the finger may be removed. The button will pop out automatically when the film advance lever is wound.

■ If you force the film advance lever after the film reaches its end, the film will become detached from the cartridge spool or tear, and rewinding will become impossible. If this happens, open the back cover and remove the film only in a darkroom.



Synchronizing Flash Unit

Canon F-1 is designed so that two systems of flash photography can be connected to it—the match needle type automatic flash photography, using Canon Speedlite 133D, and ordinary synchronizing flash photography.

Type		Synchronized Shutter Speeds
Flash	FP class (#6, Press 26)	1/125 or faster 1/30 or slower
	M class (M3, #5, Press 25)	1/30 or slower
	MF class (AG-1, AG-3, M2, Flashcube)	1/30 or slower
Electronic Flash Unit	Speedlite	1/60 or slower

1 The Canon Auto Tuning (CAT) System is connected exclusively to the FD 50mm F 1.4, FD 50mm F 1.8 and FD 35mm F 2 lenses which have the flash adapter coupling pin. In connecting the flash unit, first attach Speedlite 133D onto the accessory shoe with the Flash Coupler L. Attach the Flash Auto Ring to the lens, and connect the cord of Flash Auto Ring to the 133D.

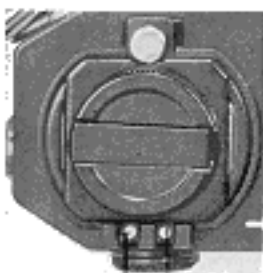
When looking from behind, the contact for CAT System is on the right side and the contact for flash unit on the left side.



Canon Speedlite 133D



Canon Flash V-3



Contact for CAT System

Contact for Flash Unit



2 When using an ordinary flash unit or Speedlite other than the 133D, insert Flash Coupler D into the accessory shoe. Then attach a flash unit onto this coupler and connect the cord to the flash socket of the camera.

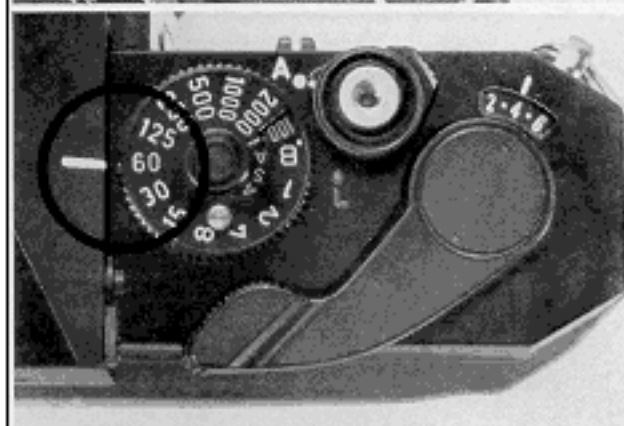
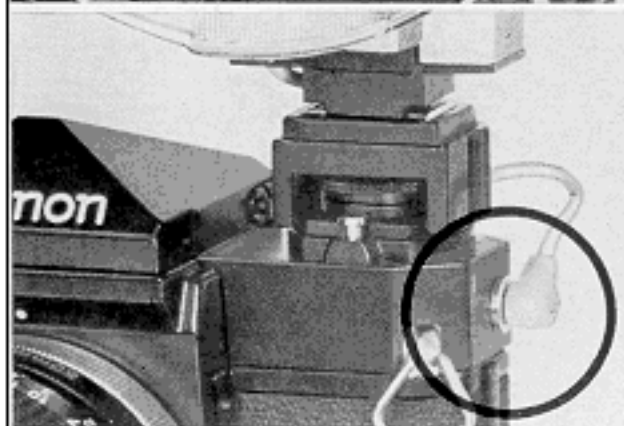
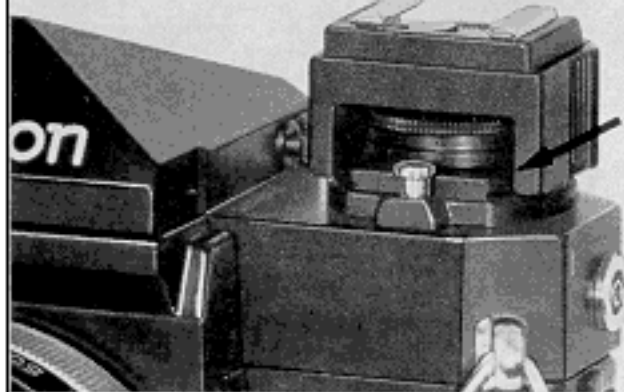
■ Flash Coupler D has a direct-coupled contact, like Canolite D, to which a direct-coupled type flash unit can be attached.

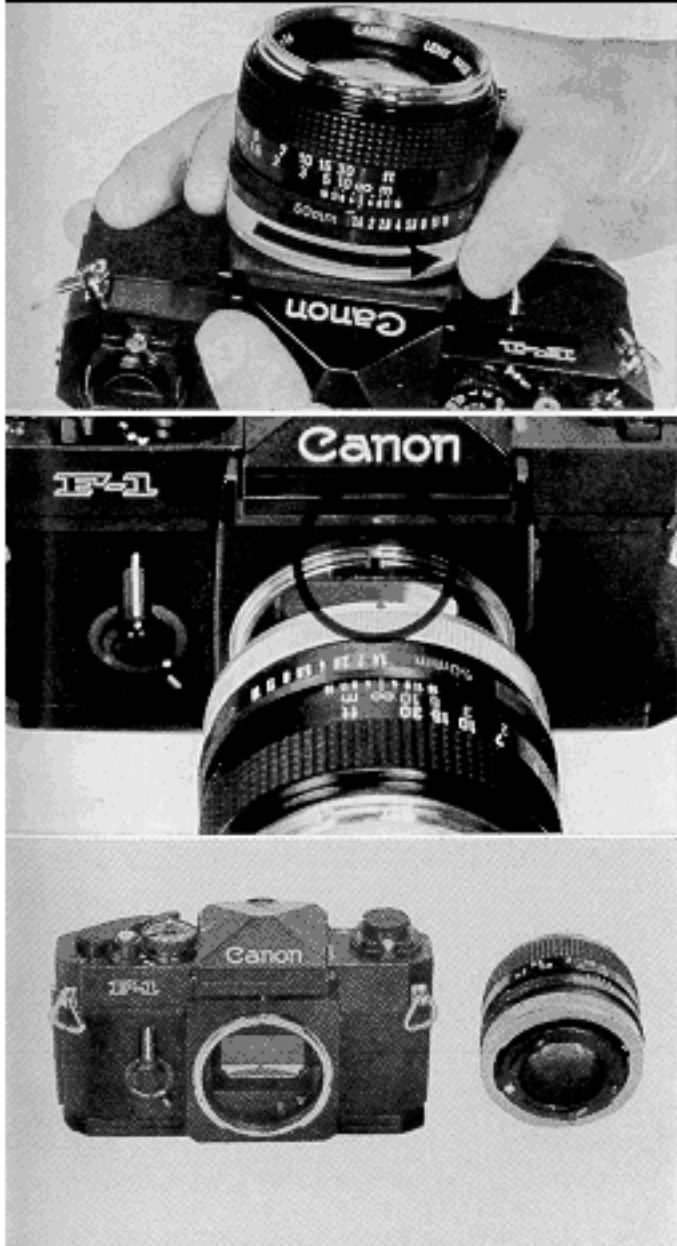
Deciding the Exposure

In the case of the Canon Auto Tuning System, the charging power level of the Speedlite 133D is continuously transmitted to the meter circuit of the camera. Thus, the correct exposure can be decided as follows: First set the meter switch to "OFF-FLASH" and the shutter speed dial at "60". And set the distance so that the meter needle in the meter reading window moves. Then turn the pre-set aperture ring until the aperture needle aligns with the meter needle.

In all other cases, photography is decided by dividing the guide number of the unit with the focusing distance and obtaining the proper f/stop. The X contact of Canon F-1 is 1/60 sec.

■ A lens hood should be attached when taking pictures with a flash unit.





Uses of Lenses

Changing Lenses

1 Be sure to unlock the stopped-down functioning lever lock. If the lever is pressed or is locked, the red dot appears inside the camera mount. The automatic/manual aperture lever, at the back end of the lens, cannot be connected to the coupling part on the camera body and the pre-set aperture will not function.

■ To remove the dust cap of the lens, turn the bayonet ring fully to the left. In this case, mount the lens onto the camera body as is.

2 Remove the lens from the camera body by turning the bayonet ring of the lens to the left until the red dot on the lens coincides with the red dot on the camera mount.

3 Set the pre-set aperture ring of the lens to be used within the f/stop indexes. If the ring is set at the green mark (circle) for EE photography, the lens cannot be properly mounted on the F-1 body.

4 Mount the lens by matching the red dot of the lens to the red dot on the camera mount. Turn the bayonet ring to the right and fasten. Before mounting, turn the bayonet ring of the lens sufficiently to the left and align the red dot and guide lever of the lens.

■ Attach the lens quickly in the shade. The film will sometimes become foggy if the lens is left unattached.

■ Whenever a lens is removed, be sure to put on the dust cap to protect the various signal levers and pins.

■ When not in use for a long time, protect the mirror with a flange cap.

Lens Signal

Aperture Signal Lever: Transmits the pre-set f/stop of the automatic aperture to the camera body. It is on a one-to-one movement basis with the pre-set aperture through lever manipulation. When the pre-set aperture ring is set at the green mark for EE photography, the aperture signal lever is disconnected from the aperture ring. The aperture opening can be set automatically using the Servo EE Finder. The aperture signal lever is attached with a safety device so that the lever is set at the starting position when the bayonet mount ring is turned to the attachment position.

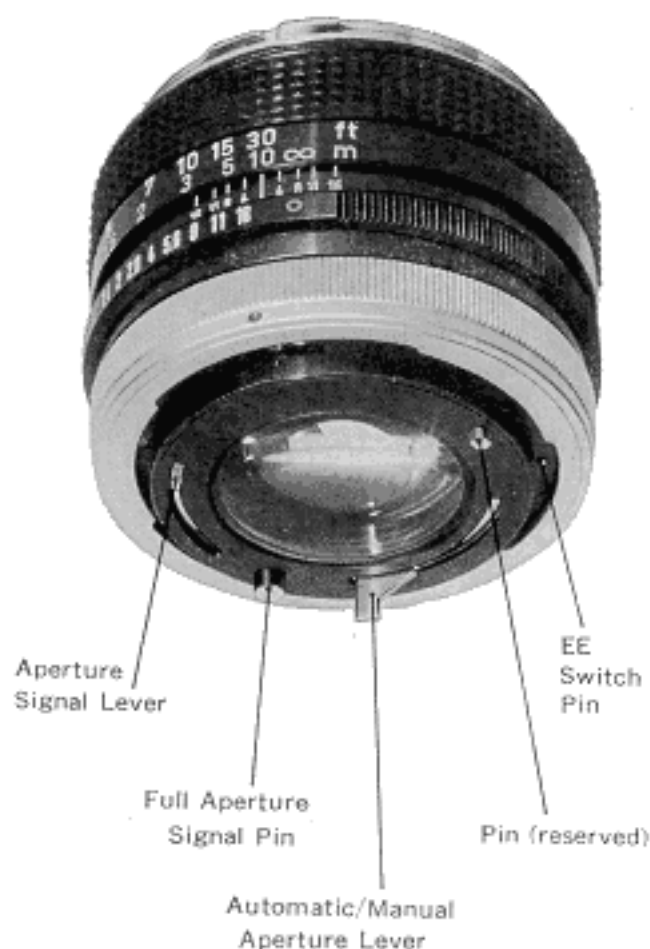
Full Aperture Signal Pin: Transmits the full aperture stop when a lens with a different full aperture number is mounted. It also compensates the meter deviation of the aperture metering.

Automatic/Manual Aperture Lever: Stops down the aperture to the pre-set position. Clamp it to the right full side for manually operated aperture.

EE Switch Pin: When the pre-set aperture ring is set at the green mark for EE photography, the lens can be attached only to the F-1 camera. If the lens is attached to the cameras other than the F-1, it cannot be set at the green mark.

Pin: Reserved.

■ When the lens being taken off, the signal levers and signal pin will not move even if the aperture signal lever is moved.





Distance Scale

Infrared Index

Indicator (orange line)

Distance Scale

The distance scale indicates the distance between the focused subject and the film plane. The scale is necessary for checking the depth-of-field, for flash and infrared photographs.

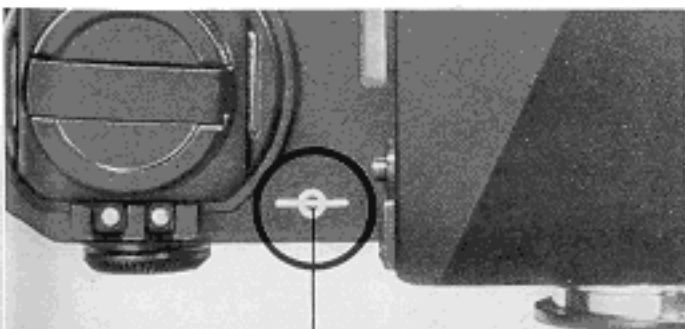
■ The correct position of the scale is in the center of each value. For example, the correct position of a two-digit value is the center of the two figures.

Infrared Index “.”

For infrared photography, correction of the distance scale is necessary because the focal point slightly deviates from ordinary photography. Focus first in the ordinary manner, then adjust that distance scale to the infrared mark “.” in red. For instance, if the distance scale reads 10m after focusing, merely shift the 10 scale to “.” position. The position of “.” on the F-1 is based on using film with the highest wave-length sensitivity figure of $800m\mu$, such as Kodak IR 135 film and Wratten 87 filter.

Film Plane Indicator

In case the focusing is done by actual measurement, measure the distance from the film plane indicator and interpret the measured distance on the distance scale.



Film Plane Indicator

Depth-of-Field Scale

The depth-of-field scale indicates the range of subjects which will be in focus sharply on the film. This range will vary with the following factors: The depth-of-field will be deeper the smaller the *f*/stop, the further the distance of the subject, and/or the shorter the lens focal length. The depth-of-field will be shallower the larger the *f*/stop, the nearer the distance of the subject, and/or the longer the lens focal length. For example, if the lens used is 50mm and the subject has been focused at a distance of 3m (10'), with an *f*/8 value read off from both indexes on either side of the indicator (orange line), the depth-of-field is from approximately 2.3m (8') to 4.3m (14').

If the aperture is closed down to *f*/16, the picture will become sharp between 1.9m (6') to 7.6m (25') from the camera. This range will vary with the *f*/stop selected.



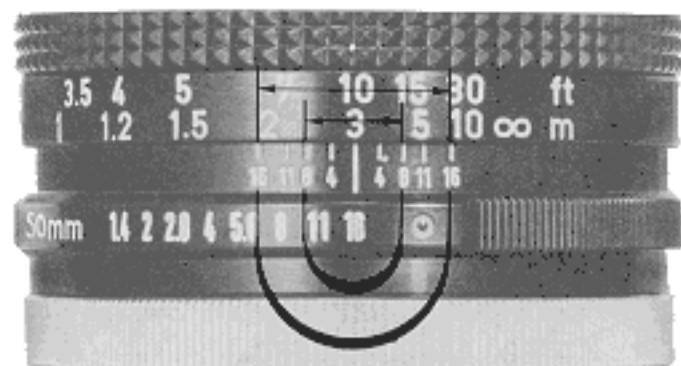
50mm Lens *f*/8

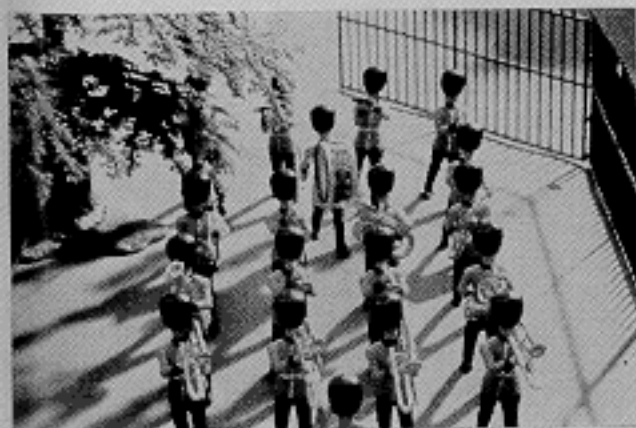
Depth-of-field 2.3-4.3m (8'-14')
Focused at 3m (10')



50mm Lens *f*/16

Depth-of-field 1.9m-7.6m (6'-25')
Focused at 3m (10')





■ In the case of Canon FD lenses, you can see the actual sharpness through the viewfinder by pressing the stopped-down functioning lever.

■ Although air bubbles may sometimes be seen in a lens, they do not affect the resolution power or the sharpness of the picture.

FD Lens Mount (FL and R Series Lenses)

All Canon FD and FL lenses which have the FD and FL mounts can be used with the Canon F-1, except the FLP 38 mm F 2.8.

■ It is also possible to attach and use all the R lenses for Canonflex use. However, as the pre-set aperture mechanism differs, pictures must be taken by controlling the aperture manually.

Fixing Mirror Upwards

In performing super-wide or photomicrography, the Canon F-1 can be operated with the mirror locked in the up-position after the picture has been composed in the viewfinder, in order to eliminate mirror vibration.

To lock the mirror in the up-position, push down the stopped-down functioning lever lock to "M". The aperture is now stopped-down and controlled manually.

The mirror can be locked independently from film advance and shutter speed operations.

When the mirror is locked in the up-position, the SLR viewing is not possible, distance must be estimated by eye, and the 1/2000 second shutter speed cannot be used. When the mirror is locked, always keep the lens covered. The film will sometimes become foggy if the lens cap is left unattached.

■ After the mirror lock device has been used, be sure to return the mirror lock lever to its original position. Failure to do this will result in inexact focusing.

■ When Canon Lens FL 19 mm F 3.5 (former type) is used, the mirror should be fixed, and combined usage of the exclusive viewfinder to this lens becomes necessary.





Lens Cap

When taking off the lens cap, push in the lock on the both sides of the lens. When attaching the lens cap, do the same way. The lens cap can also be attached on the filters which have inner threads.



Lens Hood

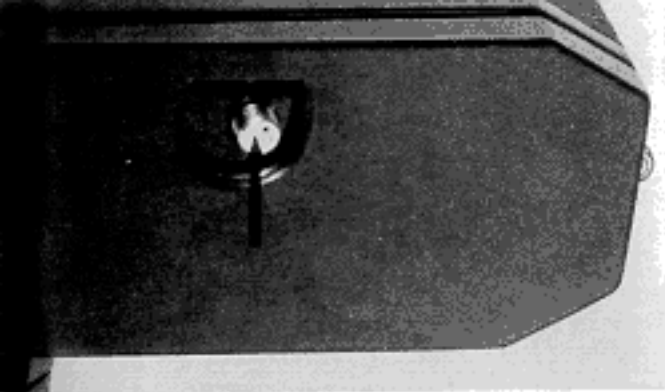
When attaching the lens hood on the lens, align it to the bayonet ring on the lens and turn it clockwise direction. With some exceptions of standard and wide angle lenses, a lens hood can be stored in the camera case. When do this, put the lens hood on the lens in the inversed and align it to the bayonet ring and turn in the counter-clockwise direction.



Using Self-Timer

- 1 Wind the film advance lever.
 - 2 Turn the self-timer lever in the direction of the arrow (counter-clockwise) until it stops.
 - 3 Depress the shutter release button. The shutter will be actuated approximately 10 seconds later.
- Be sure to wind the film advance lever. Otherwise, the self-timer will act but the shutter will not be actuated.
 - The stopped-down functioning lever can be used in a normal manner even after the self-time is charged.
 - The self-timer lever can be used as the stopped-down functioning lever as soon as it returns to its original position.
 - If the self-timer lever is set while the mirror is in an upward position, the mirror-up position is released. Therefore, always set the mirror in an upward position after setting the self-timer.





Double Exposures

Although the Canon F-1 is designed to prevent double exposures made by mistake, a double exposure can be made by the following steps:

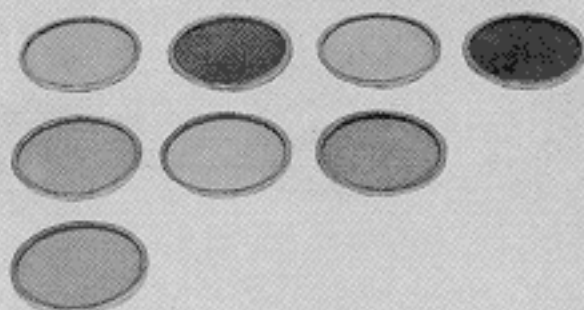
- 1 When the first exposure has been made, press in the film rewind button.
 - 2 Rewind the film with the film rewind crank by watching the green mark on the film rewind button carefully.
 - 3 Stop rewinding when the green mark has made a $1/2$ turn, i.e., 180° .
 - 4 Next, wind the film advance lever while lightly holding the rewinding crank. When resistance is felt on the film rewind crank, stop winding.
 - 5 Wind the film advance lever once more. The camera is ready for another exposure.
- By repeating the above process, any number of exposures on the same frame can be made. The frame counter will, however, continue to advance with each exposure.

- Note:**
- a) When rewinding, be careful not to turn the film rewind button more than $1/2$ revolution.
 - b) In the above mentioned article No. 3, in the case of the camera with red mark on the film rewind button, stop rewinding when the mark has made a $7/8$ turn.

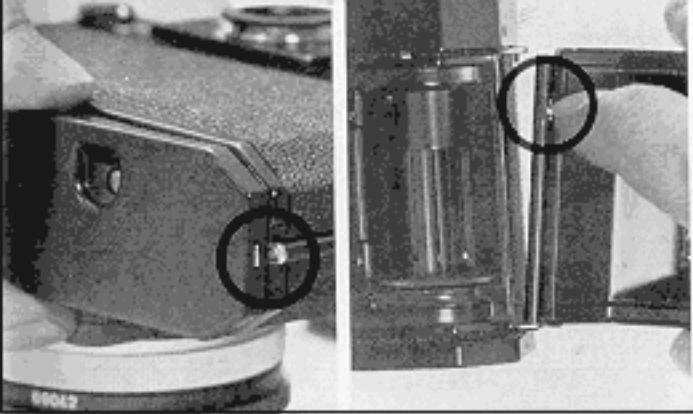
Filters

Type	Effectiveness of Filters
○● UV	Absorbs only ultra-violet rays. Especially effective at seaside, and in high mountains. Recommended for use in color photography.
○ Y1 Y3	Increases contrast of black and white film. Enhances clouds, darkens the blue sky. Brightens red and yellow.
○ O1	Darkens blue, increases yellow and red perceptibly. Good for contrasts especially in distant landscapes.
○ R1	Makes strong contrasts. May also be used with infrared film.
○ G1	Prevents red from turning radically into white. Lightens sky and face appropriately, and reflects the lightness of fresh greenery.
○● ND 4 ND 8	ND 4 reduces light values by 1/4, ND 8 by 1/8. No effect on the reproduction of colors.
● SKYLIGHT	Acts to harmonize the blue sky and shade.
● CCA 4	For use with daylight type film under the cloud.
● CCA 8	For use with universal type (color negative) film under the cloud or tungsten type film under the morning sun or sunset.
● CCA(12)	For use with tungsten type film under sunlight.
● CCB 4	For use with daylight type film under the morning sun or sunset.
● CCB 8	For use with daylight type film and clear flash bulb.
● CCB(12)	For use with daylight type film under tungsten light.

○ For black and white film. ● For color film.



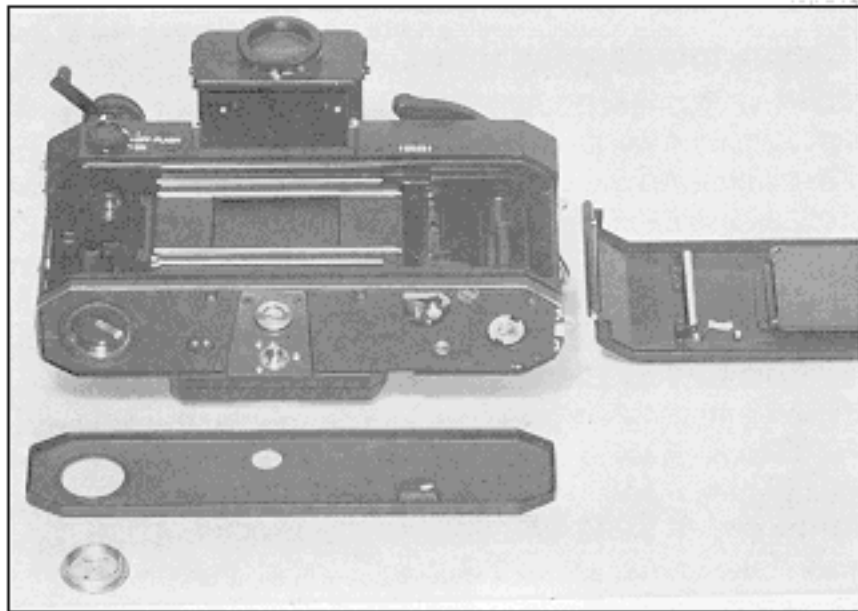
Various types of filters, according to lens thread diameters, are available for special effects in both color and monochrome photographs. The through-the-lens exposure measurements system of Canon F-1 does not require exposure factor compensation.



Bottom Cover and Back Cover

The bottom cover can be removed for use of the Motor Drive Unit. When removing it, take off the battery compartment, and pull it all the way.

The back cover can be removed for attaching the Film Chamber 250. When removing it, push down the pin of the hinge.



Interchangeable Lenses and Accessories

Canon F-1 is a highly versatile system camera with a wide range of interchangeable lenses from 7.5mm to 1200mm. These, together with the 180 available accessories, including Motor Drive Unit, Servo EE Finder, Booster T Finder and Film Chamber 250, make possible all kinds of photography. Select the interchangeable lens and accessories that meet your need.

Canon Interchangeable Lenses

FISHEYE 7.5mm F 5.6	FD 100mm F 2.8
FD 17mm F 4	FD 135mm F 3.5
FD 24mm F 2.8	FD 135mm F 2.5
FD 28mm F 3.5	FD 200mm F 4
FD 35mm F 3.5	FD 300mm F 5.6
TS 35mm F 2.8AL (Tilt & Shift)	FD 55-135mm F 3.5
FD 35mm F 2	FD 100-200mm F 5.6
FL 50mm F 3.5 (Macro)	FL 85-300mm F 5
FD 50mm F 1.8	FL 400mm F 5.6
FD 50mm F 1.4	FL 600mm F 5.6
FD 55mm F 1.2	FL 800mm F 8
FD 55mm F 1.2AL	FL 1200mm F 11

Note: Some lenses are not available but will be marketed soon.

All Canon FL and R Lenses can be used with the F-1, except the FLP 38 mm F 2.8.



Accessories

F-1 Case 1.4
F-1 Case 1.2
Servo EE Finder
Booster T Finder
Speed Finder
Waist-Level Finder
Eye-Level Finder (attached to the main body)
Angle Finder B
Magnifier
Dioptric Adjustment Lenses R (7 kinds)
Focusing Screens (4 kinds)
Eyecup
Finder Dust Cover
Motor Drive Unit
Film Chamber 250
Battery Connector MD
Film Loader 250
Film Magazine 250
Remote Switch MD
Extension Cord MD
Battery Case
Battery Magazine
NiCd Battery 500 FZ
NiCd Charger 500 FZ
Speedlite 133D
Flash Auto Ring A, B
Flash Coupler D
Flash Coupler L

Camera Holder F
Gadget Bag G-1
Neck Strap 5
Copy Stand 4
Focusing Unit M 100
48mm Close-up Lens 240, 450
55mm Close-up Lens 240, 450
58mm Close-up Lens 240, 450
Lens Hood B W-55-A
Lens Hood B W-55-B
Lens Hood B S-55
Lens Hood B T-55
Lens Hood B S-58
Lens Cap C 55
Lens Cap C 58
Lens Dust Cap
Speedlite 102
Flash V-3
Releases
Bellows FL, M
Extension Tubes FL and M Series
Macrophoto Coupler FL 55, 58
Lens Mount Converter A, B
Slide Duplicator
Microphoto Hood
Photomicro Unit F
Handy Stand F

Stopped-down Functioning/Self-Timer Lever

Lever Lock/Mirror Lock Lever

Aperture Signal Coupling Lever

Stopped-down Coupling Lever

Lens Speed Adjustment Pin

Bottom Cover Safety Stopper

Contact for Flash Unit

Contact for
Flash-Auto Control

Meter Switch

Flash Socket

Dioptric Adjustment Ring

Battery Compartment

Back Cover

Film Rewind Button

Viewfinder Eyepiece

Tripod Socket

Camera Body Number _____
Lens Number _____
Date of Purchase _____
Dealer's Name _____

Proper Care of the Camera

Moisture and dust are harmful to your camera. If your camera is to be stored for a long time, it should be removed from its case, and silica gel or another drying agent should be placed alongside it.

When you use your camera on a rainy day, or at the beach, moisture and salt air adhere to it, which can result in stains, rust, and corrosion. Use a soft brush to get rid of dust and a soft dry cloth for wiping.

■ In extremely cold areas, expose the camera to the outer air only when in use. When using, expose the camera gradually to the outer air to prevent the lens from clouding.

■ In hot climates, do not leave the camera inside closed automobiles during the daytime or in direct sunlight. It is not good for the CdS photocell.

Cleaning the Lens

Use a blower to remove dust on the lens or brush lightly with a brush. If you should inadvertently get a fingerprint on the lens, use a little pure alcohol or ether on lens cleaning tissue, then wrap the tissue around a matchstick and wipe the lens lightly in a circular motion.