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ZEISS CONTAREX

Lens Set



TECHNICAL OVERVIEW

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The Zeiss Contarex lens set, originating in the late 1950s, provides a distinct aesthetic that significantly diverges from the more modern options such as Zeiss Contax or Super Speeds. The Contarex series offers filmmakers a unique visual palette that stands out from contemporary lenses, making it a valuable choice for projects seeking a different, vintage feel.

These lenses are known for their outstanding optical quality, which includes exceptional sharpness and clarity, along with a unique rendering of colors and contrasts. Unlike the sharper, more clinical look of modern lenses, Contarex lenses impart a more characterful image due to their historical design considerations focused on reducing astigmatism and enhancing flatness of field. This results in an image quality that can be described as more organic and less corrected, which is often sought after in the filmmaking process for its cinematic warmth and emotional depth.

Furthermore, the bokeh and flare characteristics of Contarex lenses are distinct due to their optical designs and coating technologies that predate modern advancements. This gives filmmakers the ability to capture images with unique out-of-focus qualities and light responses that are not typically found in newer lens sets. The vintage coating, in particular, contributes to a softer contrast and a more subdued color palette, which can be ideal for certain narrative and thematic elements in filmmaking that require a nostalgic or period-specific look.

Overall, the Zeiss Contarex lenses offer a creative alternative to the sharper and more modern lens sets, providing filmmakers with tools that not only capture images but also help in telling stories through their distinct and emotive visual characteristics.

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SINGLE LENS SPECIFICATIONS

| Lens | Focal Length | Enhanced CF | Focus Rotation | Weight (KG) | Front Diameter | Length (mm) | Image Circle | Iris Blade Count | Tstop |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------|
| Zeiss Contarex | 18 | 12" | 170° | 0.95 | 110 | - | VISTA | 15 | T4.4 |
| Zeiss Contarex | 25 | 7" | 330° | 1.45 | 110 | 76 | VISTA | 15 | T3.2 |
| Zeiss Contarex | 35 | 9" | 330° | 1.55 | 110 | 96 | HAWK65 2.4 | 15 | T2.2 |
| Zeiss Contarex | 55 | 15" | 330° | 1.45 | 110 | 96 | HAWK65 2.4 | 15 | T2.2 |
| Zeiss Contarex | 50 | 0.45m | 330° | 1.5 | 110 | 96 | MED 44 x33 | 15 | T1.5 |
| Zeiss Contarex | 85 | 30" | 330° | 1.55 | 110 | 96 | ALEXA 65 | 15 | T2.1 |
| Zeiss Contarex | 135 | 4' | 330° | 1.8 | 110 | 120 | ALEXA 65 | 15 | T3.4 |
| Zeiss Contarex | 180 | 6' | 330° | 2.25 | 110 | 144.5 | ALEXA 65 | 15 | T2.9 |

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