

## SCHACHT-TRAVEMAT Prism Viewfinder with Exposure Meter for SLR Cameras with Interchangeable Viewfinder System

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## PRISM VIEWFINDER WITH EXPOSURE METER

The SCHACHT TRAVEMAT, a prism viewfinder with exposure meter for SLR cameras provided with interchangeable viewfinder systems like the Exakta Varex, Exakta real, Edixa-Reflex, etc., combines the advantages of an interchangeable prism viewfinder with the benefits of the through-the-lens metering system.

Perfect light reading is the problem with mirror reflex cameras, particularly when all advantages of this type - e.g. interchangeable lenses, extension tubes, etc. - are made use of.

The exposure time obtained for the standard lens by conventional means is no longer correct when using a telephoto or wide-angle lens; such an alteration in exposure time is becoming even more critical when using filters, extension tubes or in microscopy.

The SCHACHT TRAVEMAT – applicable to all cameras with interchangeable viewfinder system – is the one and only answer to all these problems. For a reflex camera you may already have been using for years or for cameras built today or in the years to come, the combined prism viewfinder and exposure meter guarantees accurate and reliable through-the-lens metering. The wide-angle picture (35 mm f/2.8 SCHACHT S TRAVEGON) shows a great deal of blue sky: good light conditions!





The photo made with the 200 mm f/4 SCHACHT telephoto TRAVELON shows an almost format-filling abundance of green and grey colours: still poorer light conditions!

The above photos make it quite clear that a change in the angle of view (from wide-angle to telephoto lens) will necessarily entail different light and exposure conditions. Under these circumstances the conventional exposure meter is no longer sufficient, since it does not permit evaluation of an altering angle of view and picture area.

Naturally the SCHACHT TRAVEMAT can just as reliably be used for standard lenses.

Finding the correct exposure time when shooting with extension tubes used to be quite a problem. The combined prism viewfinder and exposure meter, however, cffers an optimum solution to put an end to this difficulty.





Close-up with 50 mm f/2.8 SCHACHT M TRAVENAR with Macro tube.

For both shots the SCHACHT TRAVEMAT was used to obtain an absolutely identical exposure.

Close-up with 50 mm f/2.8 SCHACHT TRAVENAR and SCHACHT extension tubes.





## Mode of Operation and Setting of the SCHACHT TRAVEMAT

There are 2 ways for setting the TRAVEMAT:

- Preselect exposure time at the TRAVEMAT and align indicator with index mark by varying the stop setting at the camera.
- Preselect the proper aperture. Align indicator with index mark. Read off exposure time at the TRAVEMAT and set camera time selector ring correspondingly.



An indicator and an index mark can be seen in the TRAVEMAT viewfinder field. According to the two possible ways for setting just described, the correct values are obtained when the indicator lies in the center of the index mark. The upper edge of the index mark serves for checking the battery charge. Measuring itself is very simple. Shift lever (7) to "M". Select the proper film speed with index (3) on the DIN scale (4) or index (5) on the ASA scale (6) respectively, then proceed according to one of the two ways described above.

The viewfinder measures the light over the entire picture area and averages it out; thus the metering arrived at always represents an integrated value. If a detail is to be taken out of its surroundings, shift the camera until this detail holds the lower center of the picture area, then adapt stop setting and exposure time correspondingly.

For checking the battery charge shift lever (7) to "P". The time-lever (1) must be in register with the red index mark (8) of scale (2). When not in use shift lever (7) to "O" to prevent running-down of the battery.



The measuring range of the TRAVEMAT comprises approximately 20 light factors depending on the lens to be used (wide-angle, standard or telephoto lens). This means that for a film speed of  $18^{\circ}$  DIN = 50 ASA and a setting range of 1/1000 to 1/2 s, each exposure factor can be combined with every stop number and vice versa. Having 10 time factors and 9 f/numbers, this means a total of 90 possible settings that will easily cope with all light graduations of the ground-glass image.

The TRAVEMAT operates on a 1.5 V battery. Indication of the measured value is independent of the battery charge. Max. sensitivity is guaranteed by a CdS resistance.

The design of the TRAVEMAT prevents the meter from being misled by tricky backlight which might come in through the viewfinder eyepiece.

The TRAVEMAT is an unsurpassed example for the painstaking research work of the ALBERT SCHACHT company, which by means of the well-renowned interchangeable lenses has fully adapted itself to the needs of SLR cameras.

The TRAVEMAT again proves it . . . SCHACHT is the key to perfect photography.



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