The Exakta HS series with Pentax K mount

In the 1980s the import company Miranda Foto Video GmbH in Nürnberg, Germany has sold a line of Exakta HS cameras, built by Cosina in Japan. They all have the Pentax K lens mount.

This import company was owned by Heinrich Mandermann, an important West-German foto and video trader. He had an agreement with Pentacon Dresden - the company in which Ihagee had disappeared - in 1981/82 with Pentacon to use the name Exakta for five years, paying DM 50.000 per annum. Mandermann bought the whole of Pentacon around 1990 when this company went bankrupt during the unification of Germany.

I found the HS-1, HS-2, HS-3, HS-4, HS-10 and HS-40. Below you will find images. Because I consider these cameras to be uninteresting for Ihagee collectors, I won't describe them.

I found a German advertisement of 1992, offering an Exakta HS 50 with Minolta lens mount. It is supposed to be built by the Chinese company Seagull. No seller was mentioned.













