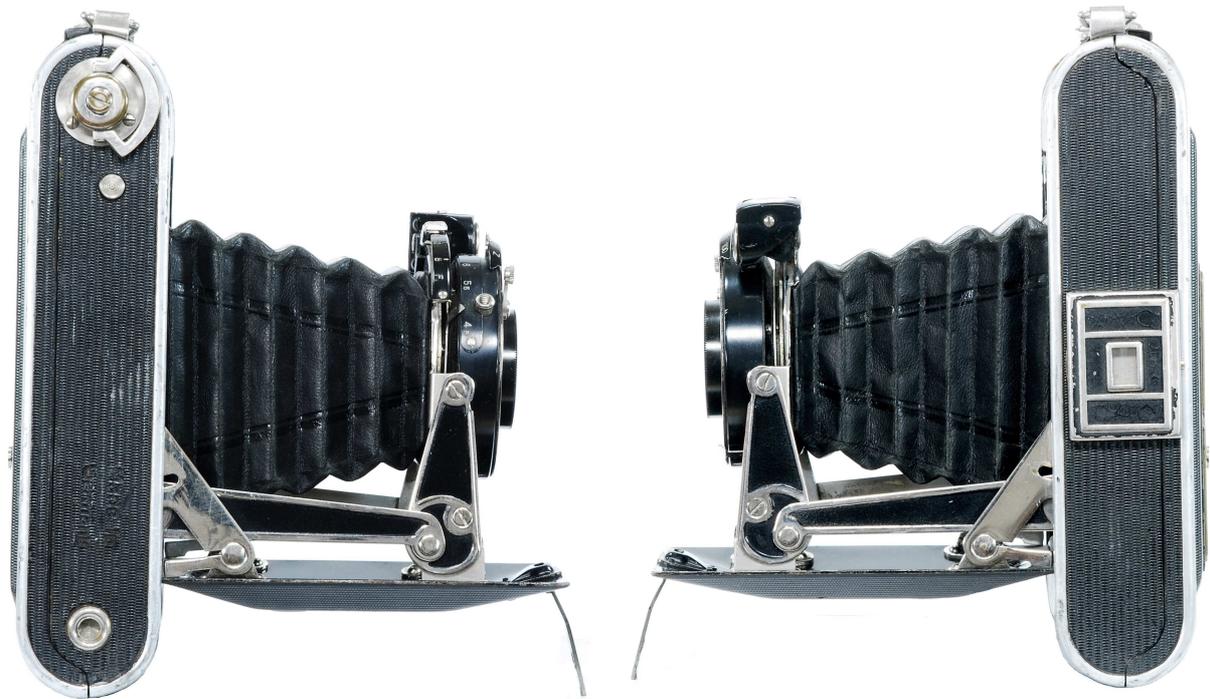


Is this the prototype of the Auto-Ultrix Super?

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A serious Italian Ihagee collector has sent me the following pictures, calling the camera “Ultrix Automat?” (Including the question mark.) He asked me if I knew what it is. I have answered him as follows.



1 It is certainly an Ihagee camera: imprinted name, name on front, name on foot.

2 Its serial number is from 1938.

3 The other and very obscure Ultrix Automat (I haven't got one) is from the 1920's and looks quite different.

4 The very popular Auto-Ultrix (I have 15 different ones) is from the right period but looks quite different also.

5 I have never seen an Ihagee catalogue from 1938.

6 The Ihagee catalogues from both 1937 and 1939 show only the well known Auto-Ultrix.

7 So I haven't got a clue really.

It might be a prototype. But why give a prototype a normal serial number? Maybe they used a normal numbered body and mounted a new opening device only. Who knows. I have the gut feeling that I have seen this construction on a quite different brand of camera, but I don't have



the patience to leaf through all of McKeown's to find it. Do you have an idea? Please let me know.