

Underwater Photography with an Exa (cont.) by Hugo Ruys

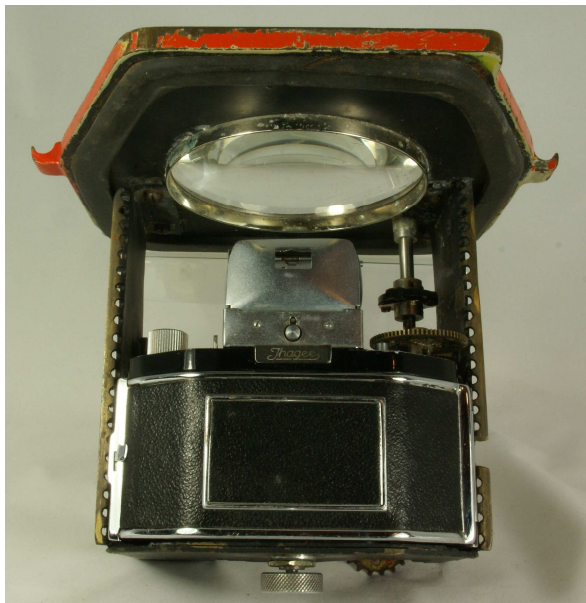
In the first article about Underwater Photography with an Exa you have seen information about seven different underwater housings for Exa and one for Exakta VX500. Several pictures were not printed in the first article, so I take the opportunity now to show some of those. Besides that, information about four more underwater housings of interest turned up, three for the Exa and one for the Exakta.

More pictures from the Golden one, from Revue, the most common one.



The photo on the right shows that for this housing/body combination only the Ludwig Meritar 2.9-50 could be used.

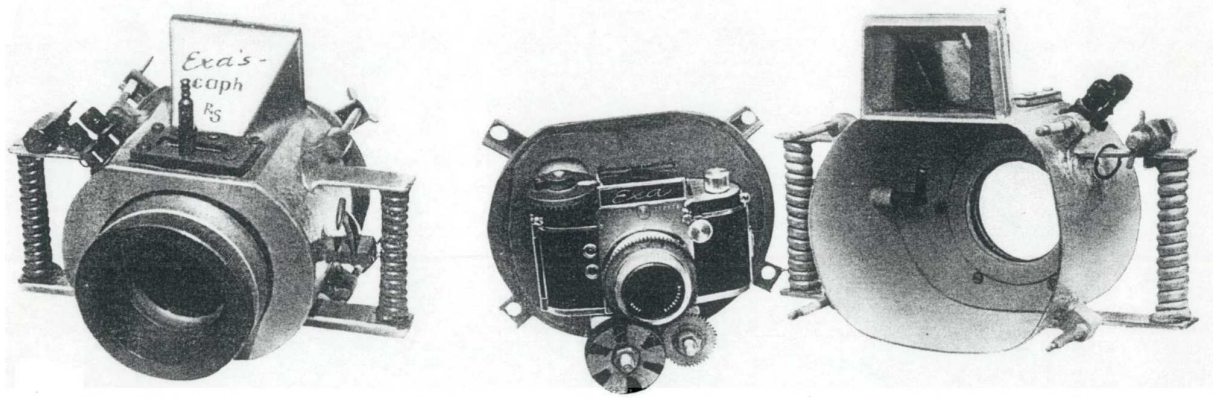
More pictures from the Red One, a possibly home made contraption.



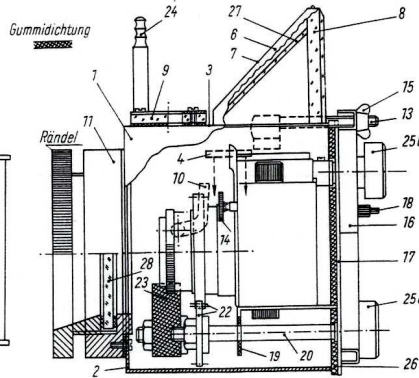
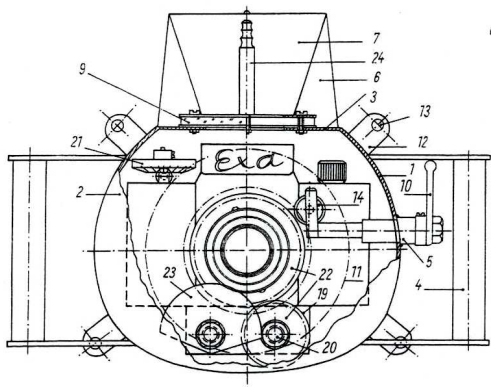
These constructions are clearly not simple. The smell of the very rusty interior can't be reproduced here.

New one no 1 by Rainer Siegert

Rainer Siegert started with underwater photography when he was 13, and put a Pouva-Start in a home-built underwater housing. At age 17 he constructed the underwater housing for Exa shown here. His choice of camera wasn't too surprising as we already know: the Exa was by far the most practical and inexpensive candidate, but Rainer was a Dresdener, so he had



another motive. Siegert has written a complete manual for people who want to build an underwater housing themselves. Because I don't really believe that many Exakta Circle members will start trying this for themselves, I won't translate the whole story. He has provided a set of drawings and a list of necessary parts. They give you an impression as have reproduced some of the drawings here.



If this encourages you to try it yourself, ask me for the full text (in German of course).

New one no 2 by Brodthagen Company

Very little is known about this one. It was built by H. Brodthagen in Berlin. It has external shutter release, film transport, focusing and shutter time setting. A special flash set is available as we can see.



New one no 3 The Brown One



From this one I only have a few pictures, borrowed from internet. That's all.



More pictures from the Blue One and the Expensive one.



Both models show a special mirror to look backwards in the viewfinder.

Underwater housing for Exakta 66

This is by far the most impressive underwater housing of them all. It was built by Mr. Werner Fiedler of Leipzig, Germany for the postwar Exakta 66. No further information available. Photo © Mr. Fiedler.

