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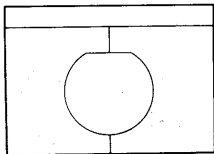
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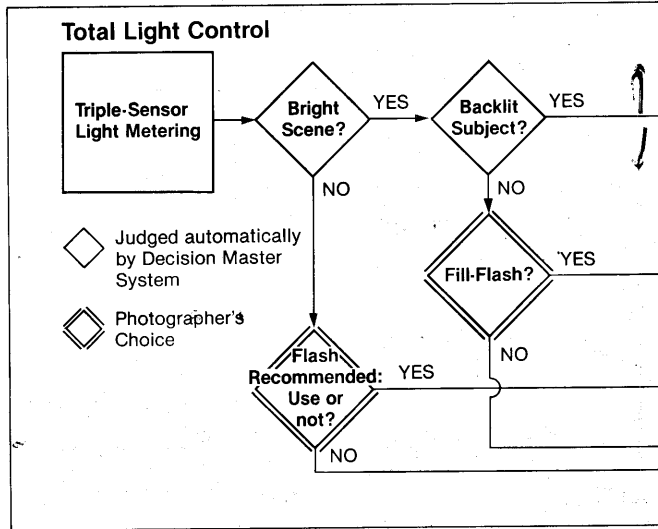
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# EXPOSURE METERING SYSTEM

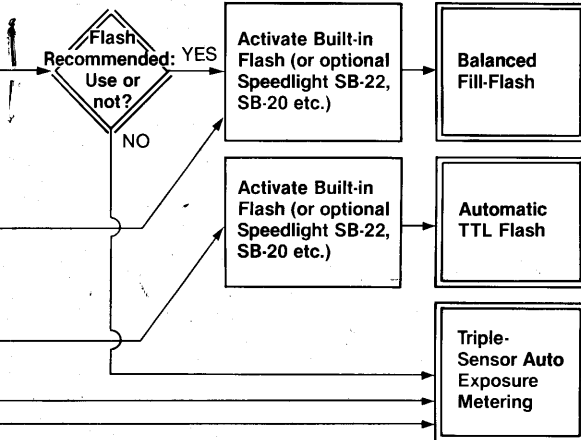
## Advanced Automatic Exposure Control with Nikon's Exclusive Triple-Sensor Metering System



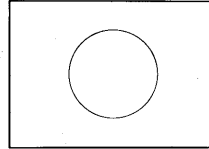
The N4004's automatic exposure control system uses Nikon's exclusive new light metering system featuring a triple sensor that ensures correct automatic operation in program, shutter-priority and aperture-priority modes. Light is evaluated from three separate areas of the picture: left, right and centre. The camera's microcomputer then classifies the light pattern into one of several groups and sets the correct exposure. For scenes with low lighting (below EV10), the ready-light in the viewfinder blinks to recommend you use the built-in flash or an accessory speedlight. If you accept this recommendation and decide to use the flash, the flash will be controlled by the camera's precise TTL (Through The Lens) measuring system. You may also ignore the recommendation and choose to take the picture using available light. The ready-light also blinks to recommend flash use for bright scenes (EV10 or higher at ISO 100) where the sun is behind the subject (subject is silhouetted and at least approx. 1.5EV darker than the background). When the flash is used under these conditions, we call it "balanced fill-flash." Automatic balanced fill-flash can be used at your discretion, even when the viewfinder ready-light does not blink. You may also ignore the blinking flash ready-light, and take an available-light picture.



In short, just by composing the picture and pressing the shutter release, the N4004 automatically gives you excellent results, even in difficult lighting situations which might otherwise require complicated exposure techniques.



## Centerweighted Metering



In manual exposure mode or when the AEL button is used in program, shutter-priority or aperture-priority auto exposure mode, the camera automatically switches to centerweighted metering. Centerweighted metering places special emphasis on brightness within the 12mm-diameter central area of the viewfinder, and is recommended for creating special effects.

## Triple-Sensor Vs. Centerweighted Metering

In scenes with both very bright and very dark areas, these two metering systems produce varying results. For example:

### 1. Scene containing the sun or with high reflectivity

If a scene contains highlights, such as the sun, snow or bright reflections, centerweighted metering renders the main subject as a silhouette. With Nikon's advanced triple-sensor metering, however, the light value of darker parts is evaluated, resulting in an overall well-balanced exposure.

### 2. Outdoor backlit subject

With centerweighted metering, a backlit subject or scene with people against a bright sky and/or clouds may lead to an underexposed shot. With triple-sensor metering, however, the camera automatically gives more exposure to dark subjects to ensure a correct overall exposure.

### 3. Front-lit subject against dark background

If a brightly lit off-center subject is positioned against a dark background, centerweighted metering places too much emphasis on the dark center of the picture. So although the background is correctly exposed, the main subject will be overexposed. Triple-sensor metering, however, automatically integrates the dark background with the bright subject to ensure the best overall exposure.

Scene containing the sun



Triple-sensor metering



Centerweighted metering

Outdoor backlit subject

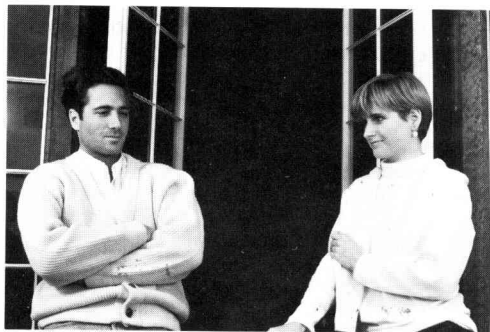


Triple-sensor metering



Centerweighted metering

Front-lit subject



Triple-sensor metering



Centerweighted metering

#### 4. Small dark subjects against a bright background

A subject significantly smaller than any one of the triple-sensor areas may not be recognized and integrated into the automatic exposure evaluation. For such subjects, we recommend you use either the AEL or manual exposure control for center-weighted metering.



Centerweighted metering (w/AEL button)  
Main subject is correctly exposed. For details,  
see page 36.



Triple-sensor metering



Centerweighted metering (w/o AEL button)

## 5. Sunset scenes

When you want to emphasize a dramatic sunset, but don't want the Decision Master System to lighten the scene for dark foreground subject, use the AEL or manual exposure control for centerweighted metering.



Triple-sensor metering



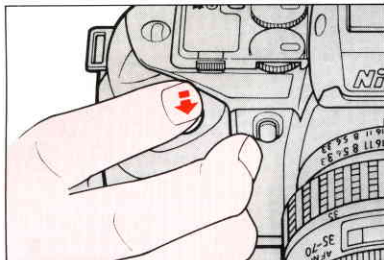
Centerweighted metering

## Centerweighted Metering for Special Exposure Situations

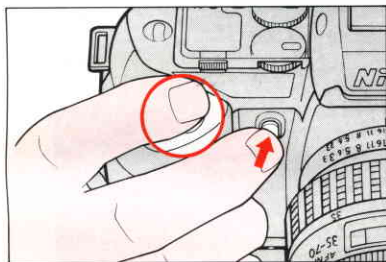
### AEL (Auto Exposure Lock) Button



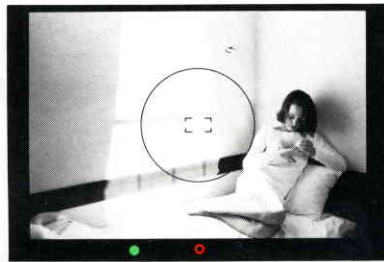
1. Center main subject inside viewfinder or move in closer.



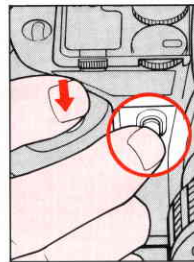
2. Lightly press shutter release button.



3. While lightly pressing shutter release button, depress the AEL button and hold it in.



4. Recompose and shoot.

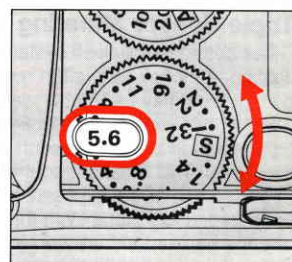
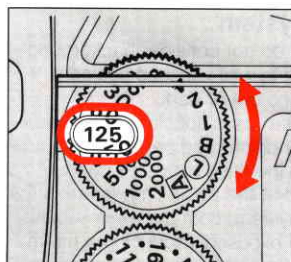
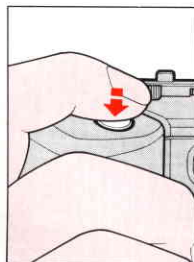




## Manual Exposure Mode



1. Center main subject inside viewfinder, and lightly press the shutter release button.



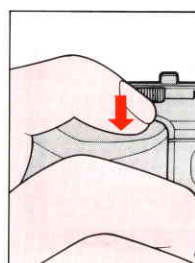
2. Adjust the shutter speed and aperture for correct exposure.



3. Confirm the exposure indicator LED lights up.



4. Recompose and shoot.



## Balanced Fill-Flash Photography with Triple-Sensor Metering System

Other automatic fill-flash systems do not consider background lighting. Although they often result in well exposed subjects, the background may be terribly washed out or dark.

The N4004 Decision Master System uses special triple-sensor light metering to evaluate such conditions and perform "Balanced Fill-Flash." This means it controls the flash exposure so the main subject is well exposed, and at the same time controls the background exposure. With this system, both the main subject and the background are correctly exposed, producing a much more pleasing picture.

To avail yourself of this feature and brighten a subject which might otherwise come out dark due to available light conditions, simply use the Decision Master System's automatic balanced fill-flash capability. This system produces balanced fill-flash when shooting within the flash's normal operating range.



Centerweighted metering

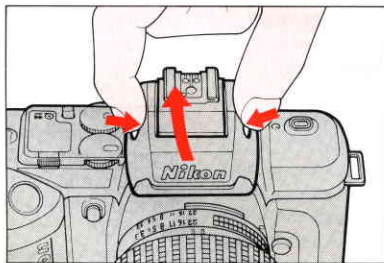


Balanced fill-flash

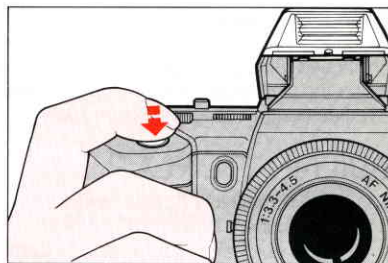


Conventional fill-flash

Here's how it works. In program, aperture-priority or shutter-priority auto exposure mode, the N4004's metering system automatically detects situations which benefit from balanced fill-flash and activates the blinking viewfinder ready-light indication to recommend you use the camera's built-in flash or an accessory Nikon speedlight. For automatic balanced fill-flash, **first set the camera in program auto exposure mode**, then follow these procedures:

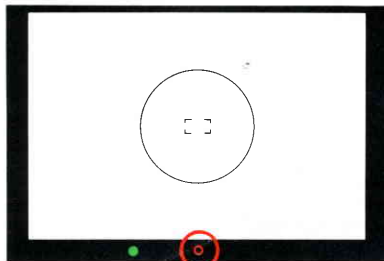


1. Push flash lock-release buttons to release built-in flash.



2. Lightly press shutter release button to turn on the N4004.

Check to make sure the subject is within proper flash shooting range for film speed in use. For details, see pages 40 and 41.



3. Confirm exposure indicator LED lights up.



4. Confirm ready-light comes on, and shoot.

# FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY

When existing light is insufficient for normal shooting or when shooting a dark subject against a bright background (i.e., subject positioned against a bright window), the ready-light indicator LED inside the viewfinder blinks to indicate you should use the built-in TTL flash or an accessory Nikon speedlight.

## BUILT-IN TTL FLASH

The N4004's built-in TTL flash performs as follows:

Guide number: 12 (ISO 100, meters)

Angle of coverage: 35mm lens or longer

Usable lenses:

AF 50mm f/1.4    AF 50mm f/1.8

AF 180mm f/2.8    AF 300mm f/4

AF 28 ~ 85mm f/3.5 ~ 4.5 (focal length 35mm or longer)

AF 35 ~ 70mm f/3.3 ~ 4.5

AF 35 ~ 105mm f/3.5 ~ 4.5

AF 35 ~ 135mm f/3.5 ~ 4.5

AF 70 ~ 210mm f/4

AF Micro 55mm f/2.8

- Do not use a lens hood; it could cause slight vignetting.
- AF 28 ~ 85mm f/3.5 ~ 4.5, AF 35 ~ 105mm f/3.5 ~ 4.5 and AF 35 ~ 135mm f/3.5 ~ 4.5 lenses cannot be used for macro focusing. Other lenses cannot be used if the focusing distance is shorter than the flash shooting range.
- Vignetting may occur when shooting a subject located near the minimum focusing distance (1.5m) with an AF 35 ~ 135mm f/3.5 ~ 4.5 lens at 35mm focal length.
- AF 28 ~ 85mm f/3.5 ~ 4.5 lens at 35mm focal length cannot be used when shooting a subject located within 2m, because vignetting occurs.

## Shooting Dark Subjects

In all exposure modes, with a subject darker than EV10 at ISO 100, the ready-light LED blinks.

### Programmed TTL auto flash photography in program and shutter-priority auto exposure modes

In programmed TTL auto flash photography, the N4004 automatically adjusts the shutter speed to 1/100 sec\*, and selects the appropriate aperture according to the speed of the film in use (ISO).

\* If shutter speed is set to B, or to 1/60 sec. or slower in shutter-priority exposure mode, shutter fires at the speed set, and correct aperture is selected accordingly.

The usable ranges for film speed, aperture and shooting distance in programmed TTL mode are as follows.

ISO	25	50	100	200	400
Aperture	1.4	2	2.8	4	5.6
Shooting Range	Approx. 1.4 ~ 4.2m				

\* Ready-light blinks when using film with ISO speed over 400.

\*\* When the lens' maximum aperture is slower (larger f-number) than the number listed above, the lens is automatically set at its largest aperture setting. (i.e., If maximum aperture is f/3.5 and film speed is ISO 100, aperture is set to 3.5 instead of f/2.8)

### TTL auto flash photography in aperture-priority auto and manual exposure modes

**In aperture-priority auto mode**, the N4004 automatically adjusts the shutter speed to 1/100 sec. **In manual mode**, when shutter speed dial is set at from 1/125 to 1/2000 sec., the shutter is automatically set to 1/100 sec., and if set below 1/60 sec., the shutter operates at the speed set. To perform TTL auto flash

photography, set the camera's aperture dial to the correct aperture for flash-to-subject distance and depth of field.

### Usable apertures/shooting distance range in TTL mode

f/stop	ISO film speed					Shooting distance range (m)
	400	200	100	50	25	
	2	—	—	—	—	4~12
	2.8	2	—	—	—	2.8~8.5
	4	2.8	2	—	—	2~6
	5.6	4	2.8	2	—	1.4~4.2
	8	5.6	4	2.8	2	1~3
	11	8	5.6	4	2.8	0.7~2.1
	16	11	8	5.6	4	0.6~1.5
	22	16	11	8	5.6	0.6~1.1
	—	22	16	11	8	0.6~0.8

The maximum shooting distance is estimated by guide number:

$$\frac{\text{Guide Number (GN)}}{\text{Full Aperture}} = \text{Maximum shooting distance}$$

i.e., f/3.5 lens at ISO 100, Guide Number 12:

$$\frac{12}{3.5} = 3.4\text{m}$$

## Automatic Balanced Fill-Flash Photography

In program, aperture-priority or shutter-priority auto exposure mode, when shooting a scene with a brightness of EV10 or higher (at ISO 100) where the subject in the central area of the triple sensor is darker than other areas by more than approx. 1.5EV, the ready-light LED blinks to tell you to use built-in TTL flash or accessory Nikon speedlight for fill-in lighting.

For automatic balanced fill-flash photography, first set the camera in **program auto exposure mode** so correct aperture is automatically selected for the scene's background, using a synchronized camera shutter speed of 1/100 sec. The N4004's triple-sensor meter measures contrast and brightness for both subject and background, and automatically adjusts speedlight output so you get good overall pictures without complicated techniques.

### Maximum shooting distance for balanced fill-flash photography

Near a window	Approx. 3m
Normal outdoor shot	Approx. 2m
Scene containing the sun	Approx. 1.5m

- For scenes where the sun, a shining sea or a bright sky covers a large part of the background, the camera automatically selects smaller apertures, and because the power of the built-in flash is limited, the results may be insufficient. If the ready-light blinks after shooting, move closer to the main subject or use an external speedlight with a larger guide number.
- With scenes where the background is extremely bright, the ready-light may not blink after the shot, even if the flash is insufficient for correct exposure.

## FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY USING EXTERNAL SPEEDLIGHT

The N4004's accessory shoe enables you to directly mount Nikon dedicated electronic flash (speedlights). Nikon Speedlights SB-20, SB-22, SB-15, SB-16B or SB-18, enable you to use **programmed TTL auto mode** in program or shutter-priority auto exposure mode. In aperture-priority auto or manual mode, you can use **TTL automatic mode**. Automatic balanced fill-flash is also possible with external speedlight.

An external speedlight cannot be used when the N4004's built-in speedlight is turned on. (They cannot be used simultaneously.)

- For details on speedlight operation, see instruction manual for speedlight.
- Use Nikon Speedlights. Other units may damage the camera's electrical circuit due to incompatible voltage requirements.

### Nikon N4004/Speedlight Unit Combination Chart

Nikon Speedlight	Connection	Usable Flash Mode
SB-22* SB-20* SB-15 SB-16B	Direct	Programmed TTL auto, TTL auto, non-TTL auto, manual
SB-19 SB-E	Direct	Non-TTL auto
SB-17 SB-16A	Via flash unit coupler AS-6	Non-TTL auto, manual

\*Autofocus flash photography possible.

The following instructions are for programmed TTL auto and TTL auto flash shooting only.

- Usable film speed range for TTL flash photography is ISO 25 to 400.\* Ready-light blinks when film speed is beyond ISO 400.
  - The AF illuminator on the SB-20 and SB-22 enables the N4004 to perform autofocus operation even in total darkness.
  - For non-TTL auto or manual flash shooting with external speedlight, set camera to either aperture-priority auto or manual exposure mode. If camera is set to program or shutter-priority auto mode, aperture cannot be set manually, and the shutter locks.
- \* ISO 25 to 1600 for non-TTL and manual flash photography.

The usable ranges for film speed and aperture in TTL mode are as follows:

ISO	25	50	100	200	400
Aperture	2.8	4	5.6	8	11

## Programmed TTL Auto Flash Photography

In this mode, the camera automatically selects the correct programmed aperture for the film speed in use.

1. Set the N4004 to program or shutter-priority auto exposure mode.
2. Set the speedlight's mode selector to "TTL".
3. Turn speedlight on.
4. Compose and lightly press the shutter release button.
5. Confirm the following viewfinder information, and shoot.  
Exposure indicator LED(s) does not blink.  
Focus indicator LED Lights up (autofocus mode).  
Ready-light LED lights up.

## TTL Auto Flash Photography

1. Set the N4004 to aperture-priority auto or manual exposure mode.
2. Set the speedlight's mode selector to "TTL".
3. Turn speedlight on.
4. Select appropriate aperture referring to speedlight's indication, and set the aperture dial.
5. Lightly press the shutter release button to turn on the camera.
6. Confirm ready-light lights up, and shoot.

# SHUTTER SPEED—FLASH MODE COMBINATIONS FOR EACH EXPOSURE MODE

Exposure mode	Aperture dial	Shutter dial	Shutter speed setting	Auto flash mode
Program auto	S	A	1/100*	Programmed TTL auto (auto aperture setting)
Shutter-priority auto	S	1/125 ~ 1/2000 B. 1 ~ 1/60	1/100* as set	
Aperture-priority auto	1.4 ~ 32	A	1/100*	TTL auto (manual aperture setting)
Manual	1.4 ~ 32	1/125 ~ 1/2000 B. 1 ~ 1/60	1/100* as set	




\*Automatically set by camera.

The above chart applies to both built-in TTL flash and external speedlights.

## READY-LIGHT WARNINGS


When using the built-in TTL flash or accessory Nikon speedlights, the N4004's ready-light LED in the viewfinder lights up when the flash is recycled. The following ready-light indications are used for warnings:

### Before shooting

 disappears	Recharging (with built-in flash, shutter locks; does not lock with external speedlight)
 blinks	Beyond acceptable film speed range for TTL photography (over ISO 400) SB-19 or SB-E's camera selector is set to B or B (EM)*
 lights up	External speedlight not set to TTL*

\*For details, see page 59.

### After shot

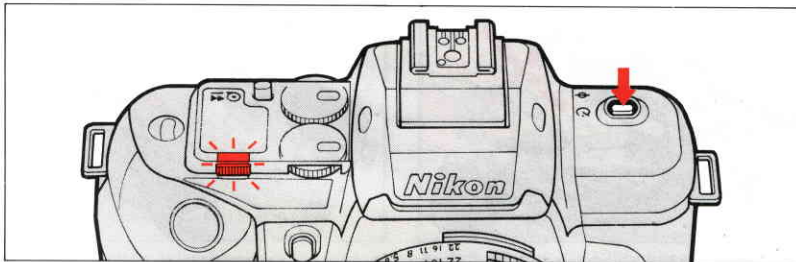
 blinks (approx. 3 sec.)	Light may be insufficient for correct exposure; confirm shooting distance range
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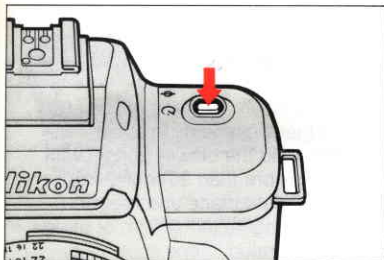
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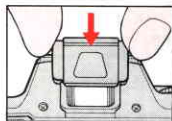
1. Compose picture and confirm focus and exposure.



2. Press self-timer button. Self-timer indicator LED starts blinking and shutter is released after approx. 10 sec. For final two seconds, the LED lights up.



3. To cancel self-timer after activating, press button again.



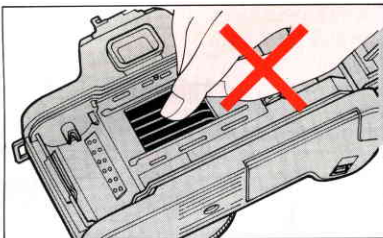
In program, shutter-priority, or aperture-priority auto exposure mode, use eyepiece cover DK-5 to prevent stray light from entering the viewfinder.

In self-timer operation, the shutter is released whether subject is in focus or not. To assure focused image, focus the subject before pressing the self-timer button.

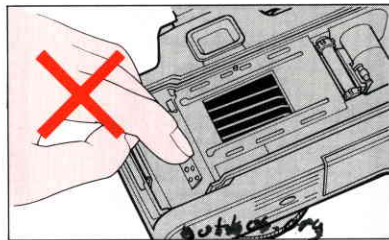
# CAMERA CARE TIPS



1. Never touch the reflex mirror, focusing screen or AF contacts. Remove dust with a blower brush.



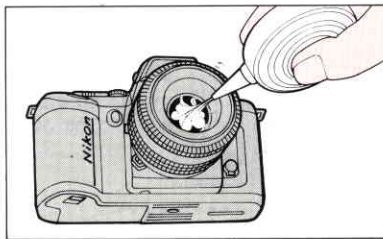
2. Never touch the shutter curtains.



3. Never touch the DX-contacts. Keep clean with blower brush.



7. Clean the viewfinder eyepiece with a soft, clean cloth. Do not use alcohol.

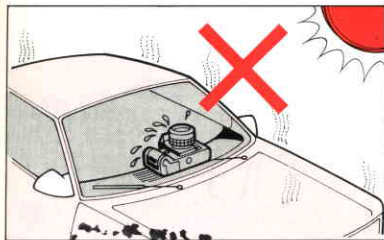


8. Clean glass surfaces such as the lens with a blower brush; avoid using lens tissue as much as possible. To remove dirt and smudges, use soft cotton moistened with pure alcohol and wipe

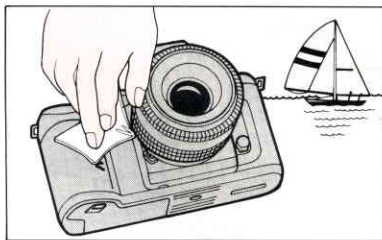
in a spiral motion from center to periphery. Be careful not to leave traces.

## Caution

A spray gun-type blower may damage the glass if used to clean the lens, especially when ED glass is used for the front lens element. To avoid damage, hold the blower upright with its nozzle more than 30 cm (12 in.) from the lens surface and keep the nozzle moving so the stream of air is not concentrated in one spot.



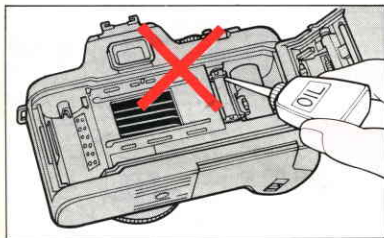
4. Do not leave the camera in an excessively hot place.



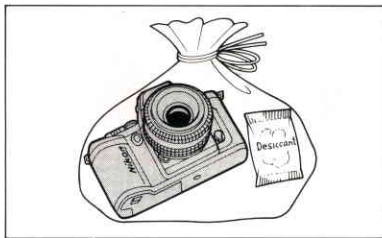
5. If the camera is exposed to rain or mist, or after shooting near the sea, wipe with a clean, soft cloth.



6. If the camera malfunctions, take it immediately to an authorized Nikon dealer or service center.



9. Do not lubricate the camera.

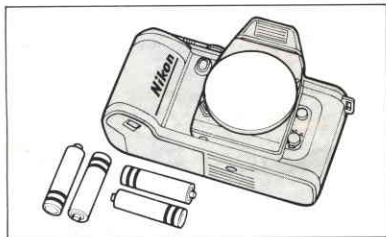


10. Store the camera in a cool, dry place away from naphthalene or camphor (moth repellents). In a humid environment, store the camera inside a vinyl bag with a

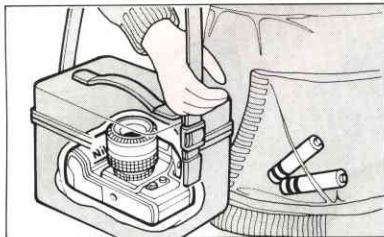


- desiccant to keep out dust, moisture and salt.  
Note, however, that storing the leather case in a vinyl bag may cause the leather to deteriorate.

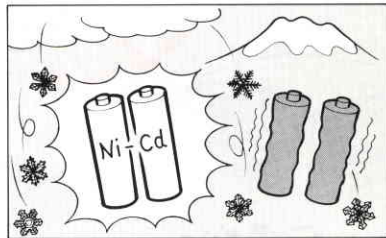
# NOTES ON BATTERIES



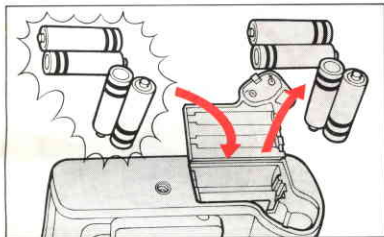
1. When not using the camera for a long period, remove batteries.



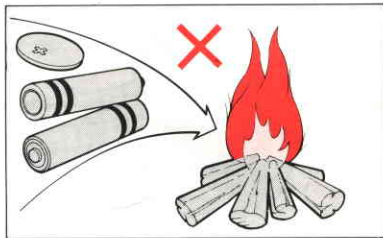
2. Battery power falls off in extremely cold temperatures—make sure batteries are new and keep the camera body wrapped in something warm.



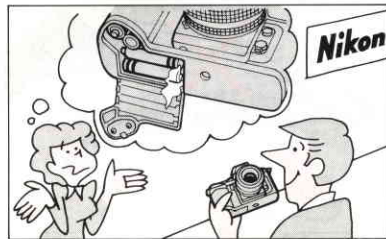
3. For better performance in cold temperatures, use Ni-Cd batteries.



4. When replacing batteries, be sure to replace all batteries at the same time. Always use fresh batteries of the same brand.



5. Do not throw used batteries into a fire.



6. If the battery chamber is contaminated by battery leakage, take the camera to an authorized Nikon dealer.

# LENSES

Nikon N4004 is designed for autofocus photography with AF Nikkor lenses. Although several non-AF Nikkor lenses can be used, to take full advantage of N4004 convenience, we recommend you use AF Nikkor lenses. When used in line with the conditions listed in the next column, the following lenses can be used with the Nikon N4004 for manual focusing and manual exposure control. **Use of other lenses may damage the camera.**

AF-Nikkor lenses for Nikon F3AF

All AI-type Nikkor lenses (including AI-S and AI-modified)

Nikon Series E lenses

Reflex Nikkor lenses 500mm f/8

1000mm f/11 (No. 142360 or smaller,  
or No. 143001 or larger)

2000mm f/11 (No. 200311 or larger)

PC-Nikkor lenses

28mm f/3.5

28mm f/4 (No. 180901 or larger)

35mm f/2.8 (No. 851000 or smaller,  
or No. 906201 or larger)

Medical-Nikkor 120mm f/4

Teleconverters (except TC-16/TC-16A)

When mountable non-AF Nikkor lenses are used:

- \* Focus indicator LED lights up when subject is in focus.
- \* Exposure indicator LEDs do not appear. Use external exposure meter, then set the exposure using lens aperture ring and shutter speed dial. Ignore the aperture set on camera's aperture dial.
- \* If the shutter speed dial is set to L or A, or the aperture dial is set to S, the shutter locks.
- \* TTL auto flash is possible with built-in TTL flash or accessory Nikon Speedlights SB-20, SB-22, SB-15, SB-16B. (Programmed TTL auto flash is not possible.) To use flash or speedlight, set shutter speed dial to 1/60sec. or slower, then set the aperture using the lens aperture ring. For speedlight settings and shooting distance range, see speedlight instruction manual. Except for flash recommendation, ready-light functions as normal. Fill-flash cannot be controlled automatically.

## Lens Compatibility

	Focusing			Exposure Control			
	Autofocus	Manual w/electronic focusing confirmation	Manual	Program auto	Shutter-priority auto	Aperture-priority auto	Manual
AF Nikkor lenses	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
AF Nikkor lenses for F3AF	×	○	○	Camera's exposure meter does not operate and exposure indicator LEDs do not appear. Set exposure using the lens aperture ring and camera's shutter speed-dial.			
AI-type Nikkor lenses	×	△ <sup>1)</sup>	○				
Series E lenses	×	○	○				
Reflex Nikkor lenses <sup>4)</sup>	×	×	○				
PC-Nikkor lenses <sup>4)</sup>	×	△ <sup>2)</sup>	○				
Medical-Nikkor 120mm f/4	×	○	○				
Teleconverters (except TC-16/TC-16A)	×	△ <sup>3)</sup>	○				

1) With maximum aperture of f/5.6 or faster.

2) Unless lenses are **shifted**.

3) With maximum effective aperture of f/5.6 or faster.

4) Some lenses cannot be used.

# ACCESSORY COMPATIBILITY

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The following accessories cannot be used with the Nikon N4004.

- \* Cords that connect to sync terminal
- \* Accessories that connect to remote terminal
- \* Cable releases
- \* Others:
  - PF-1 ~ 3, PH-3, PB-2, PK-1 ~ 3, PN-1, K-2, BR-2Accessories exclusively designed for other cameras
- If accessories such as close-up attachments are mounted directly on the N4004's lens mount, exposure indicator LEDs do not appear. Set aperture using lens aperture ring.
- Filters with a large exposure factor may affect the camera's triple-sensor metering. Use centerweighted metering (AEL button or manual exposure mode).

- Programmed TTL auto flash and TTL auto flash, including automatic balanced fill-flash, are not possible with SB-21, SB-11, SB-14 or SB-140—even with a TTL remote cord or TTL multi-flash sync cord.
- PK-1, PK-11, BR-4 and K-1 Rings cannot be mounted directly on AF Nikkor lenses.
- Polarizing filters cannot be used for autofocus or auto exposure; use a circular polarizing filter.
- Special filters, such as soft focus filters, cannot be used for autofocus or for manual focus with electronic focusing confirmation.

# EXPOSURE VALUE (EV)

Exposure consists of shutter control and aperture control.

The N4004 offers a range of speeds from 1/2000 second to 1 second, with each setting twice as fast as the next slower speed. Faster speeds allow less light to pass; slower speeds admit more light.

Aperture control enables you to vary the lens aperture opening from large to small, with larger apertures allowing more light to pass, and smaller apertures allowing less light to pass.

The standard aperture settings are f1.4, f2, f2.8, f4, f5.6, f8, f11, f16, f22, f32, etc.

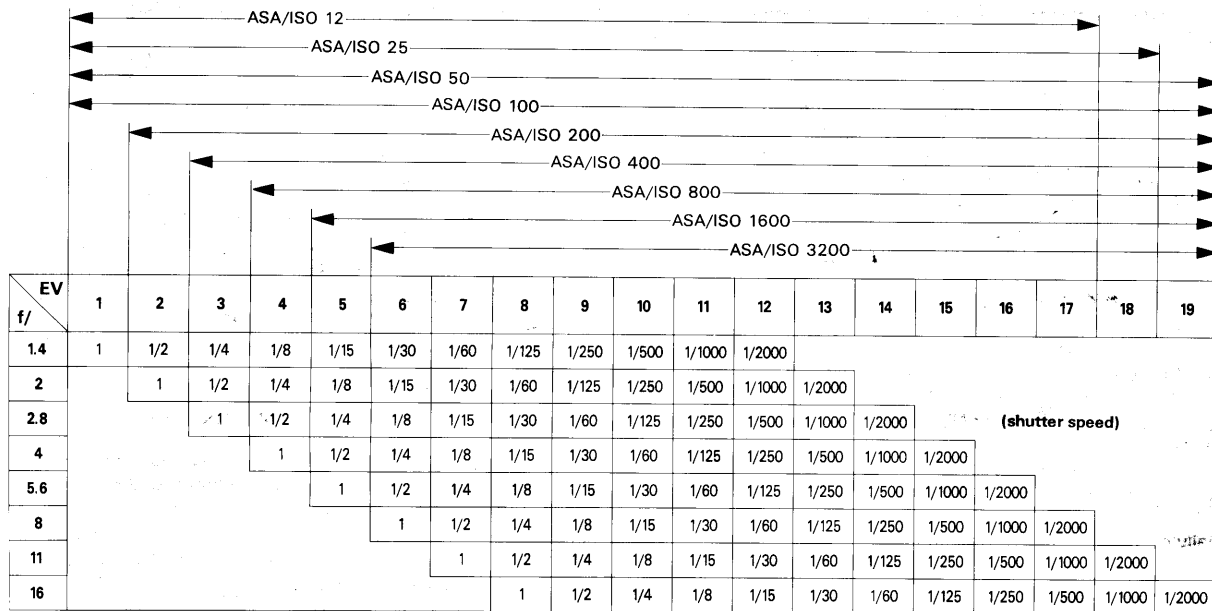
For simplicity, shutter/aperture gradations are uniform. A change in shutter speed from 1/125 to 1/250 second, for example, reduces the light by 1/2. Similarly, changing aperture from f4 to f5.6 reduces the light by 1/2. Each film used has a particular sensitivity to light, indicated by the ISO number shown on the film cartridge. To achieve the correct exposure for any particular light value, the camera's Decision Master System adjusts the shutter speed and aperture control so just the right amount of light reaches the film to produce the correct exposure. That amount of light is referred to as the Exposure Value or EV and is assigned a number such as EV10, EV15, etc. The brighter the light, the higher the EV number.

Each EV number can be applied to a variety of shutter and aperture combinations. If the correct exposure is 1/125 f5.6, for example, a setting of 1/250 f4 would produce the same exposure. The same EV number would represent both settings.

The preceding explanation should help you understand the charts found in different parts of this manual. But don't worry about the details—the N4004's Decision Master System takes care of all calculations and automatically sets the exposure control. This information is provided only for your reference and a fuller understanding of photography.



# EV chart with 50mm f/1.4 lens



# GLOSSARY

**AEL (Auto Exposure Lock):** AEL is recommended for shooting small dark subjects against a bright background or for shooting dramatic sunset scenes. When AEL is used in program, shutter-priority or aperture-priority auto exposure mode, camera automatically switches to centerweighted metering.

**AF illuminator:** When existing light is below a certain level and the camera is set for autofocus mode, the SB-20/SB-22's AF illuminator turns on automatically and provides enough subject contrast to enable the N4004 autofocus system to function as though it were daytime.

**Centrewighted metering:** In manual mode, or when the AEL button is used in auto exposure modes, the camera automatically switches to centrewighted metering. This secondary metering system places special emphasis on brightness within the 12mm-diameter central area of the viewfinder, making the N4004 exceptionally versatile for a wide variety of subjects.

**Decision Master System:** Nikon's exclusive optoelectronic system integrates camera and lens computers to provide full automatic control of all camera and lens operations, from autofocus to auto exposure, built-in TTL flash, built-in motor drive, DX film setting, film loading and power rewind. It even automatically carries out such advanced techniques as exposure compensation and balanced fill-flash.

**Depth of field:** The zone of acceptable sharpness in front of and behind the subject on which the lens is focused. Depth of field can be increased by using small apertures (large f-numbers) or short focal-length lenses, or by taking the picture from farther away. To reduce depth of field use large apertures (small f-numbers), long focal-length lenses, and/or near subjects.

**DX-code:** Film information code printed on the film cartridge. The N4004 automatically senses the film speed (ISO 25 to 5000) of DX-coded film the instant film is loaded.

**EV system:** See page 52 and 53.

**Balanced fill-flash:** Subjects lit from behind or near a window normally appear too dark in photographs, so it is recommended you use a flash for fill-in lighting. Although conventional automatic fill-flash system often result in well-exposed subjects, the background may be washed out or dark. The N4004's Decision Master System performs balanced fill-flash with the triple-sensor metering, so both subject and background are correctly exposed, to produce a well-balanced picture.

**f-number:** Number which indicates brightness of film plane image. The f-number series is 1.4, 2, 2.8, 4, 5.6, 8, 11, 16, 22, 32, etc. Changing one step to the next largest number (i.e., from f11 to f16) decreases image brightness by 1/2; moving to next lower number doubles brightness.

**Guide numbers:** The number given to a flashbulb or electronic speedlight unit to indicate its power. A guide number may be quoted in meters or feet, and depends on the speed of the film being used. Quoted guide numbers assume a relatively efficient reflector surrounding the flash source, in an average-sized room.

**ISO:** The international standard for representing film sensitivity (speed with which it reacts to light). The ISO film speed scale is arithmetical, with a film speed of ISO200 being twice as fast as ISO100, and half the speed of ISO400 film.

**LED:** Abbreviation of Light-Emitting Diode. Used to provide indications inside the camera viewfinder.

**Triple-sensor metering:** Nikon's exclusive metering system. Drawing on its rich experience of auto exposure technology, Nikon has incorporated a unique triple-sensor light meter into the N4004. The triple sensor provides additional information to Decision Master System by dividing the scene into three areas to instantly and automatically gauge brightness and contrast. This enables the N4004 to handle all kinds of lighting situations, including high-contrast or backlit scenes, or scenes with a bright sun in the picture.

**TTL:** Abbreviation of Through-The-Lens. Most SLR cameras have built-in meters which measure light after it has passed through the lens, a feature that enables exposure readings to be taken from the actual image about to be recorded on film, whatever the lens' angle of view and regardless of whether a filter is used.

**TTL auto flash mode:** In this mode, the camera's light sensor measures flash light, as reflected by the subject on the film, and shuts off the flash when measurement indicates correct exposure. Because the sensor that controls the flash receives light through the lens, this mode can be used for bounce photography, fill-in flash, multiple flash photography, etc. The major advantage of this mode is that you can use a wide range of aperture settings that will give correct exposure.

# SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Type of camera</b>	Integral-motor autofocus 35mm single-lens reflex with built-in TTL flash	<b>Exposure metering</b>	Triple-sensor metering (for ensuring correct automatic operation in program, shutter-priority and aperture-priority modes); Centerweighted exposure measurement (for manual exposure mode or when using the AEL button in program, shutter-priority or aperture-priority auto exposure mode)
<b>Picture format</b>	24mm x 36mm (standard 35mm film format)	<b>Exposure meter switch</b>	Activated by lightly pressing shutter release button; stays on for approx. 8sec. after lifting finger from button
<b>Lens mount</b>	Nikon bayonet mount	<b>Metering range</b>	EV1 ~ EV19 at ISO 100 with f/1.4 lens
<b>Lens</b>	AF Nikkor lenses (except AF-Nikkor 80mm f/2.8, 200mm f/3.5 IF-ED, and autofocus converter TC-16/TC-16A), and non-AF Nikkor lenses (with limitation) available	<b>Exposure modes</b>	Program auto, shutter-priority auto, aperture-priority auto and manual exposure modes
<b>Focus modes</b>	Autofocus, and manual focus with focusing confirmation	<b>Program auto exposure control</b>	Normal or high-speed programs automatically selected; both shutter speed and aperture are set automatically
<b>Autofocus</b>		<b>Shutter-priority auto exposure control</b>	Aperture automatically selected to match manually set shutter speed
<b>Autofocus detection system</b>	TTL phase detection system using 200 CCDs	<b>Aperture-priority auto exposure control</b>	Shutter speed automatically selected to match manually set aperture
<b>Autofocus detection range</b>	Approx. EV 2 to EV 18 (at ISO 100)	<b>Manual exposure control</b>	Both aperture and shutter speed are set manually
<b>Autofocus actuation method</b>	Single servo	<b>Shutter</b>	Electronically controlled vertical-travel focal-plane shutter
<b>Autofocus lock</b>	Possible	<b>Shutter release</b>	Electromagnetic
<b>Focusing confirmation</b>	Available in manual focus mode with an AF Nikkor, mountable Nikkor and Series E lens with a maximum aperture of f/5.6 or faster.		

**Shutter speeds**

Stepless speeds from 1/2000 to 1 sec. on program auto and aperture-priority auto; lithium niobate oscillator-controlled discrete speeds from 1/2000 to 1 sec. on shutter-priority auto and manual; electronically controlled long exposure at B setting

**Viewfinder**

Fixed eyelevel pentaprism type: 0.8 x magnification with 50mm lens set at infinity; 92% frame coverage

**Eyepiece cover**

Model DK-5 prevents stray light from entering viewfinder

**Focusing screen**

Nikon new BriteView screen with central focus brackets for autofocus operation

**Viewfinder information**

Green focus indicator LED for focusing, red exposure indicator LED shows over- and underexposure warning, and correct exposure; red flash ready-light for flash photography

**Auto exposure lock**

Available via pressing the AEL button while the meter is on (centreweighted metering selected when the AEL button is pressed)

**Film speed range**

ISO 25 to 5000 for DX-coded film

**Film speed setting**

Automatically set by DX-coded film (ISO 100 is automatically set for all non-DX-coded films)

**Film loading**

Film automatically advances to frame 1 when shutter release button is depressed once; film advance indicator rotates to show that film is loaded and being advanced properly

**Film advance**

Film automatically advances one frame at approx. 0.4 seconds when shutter is released; film advance stops automatically at end of film roll  
Accumulative type: automatically reset when camera back is opened  
Automatically rewound by built-in motor

**Frame counter****Film rewind****Self-timer**

Electronically controlled; approx. 10 sec. exposure delay; blinking LED indicates self-timer operation; cancellable  
Automatic, instant-return type  
Hinged back; film cartridge confirmation window and film advance indicator

**Reflex mirror****Camera back****Accessory shoe**

Standard ISO-type with hot-shoe contact, ready-light contact, TTL flash contact, monitor contact

**Built-in TTL flash**

Guide number: 12 (at ISO 100, 20°C and meters); angle of coverage: 35mm lens or longer; programmed  
TTL auto flash is possible in program and shutter-priority auto modes; TTL auto flash is possible in aperture-priority auto and manual modes

**Flash synchronization**

Automatically set to 1/100sec. in program auto or aperture-priority auto mode, or when shutter is set to 1/125sec. or faster in shutter-priority auto or manual mode; if shutter speed is set to B, or 1/60sec. or slower in shutter-priority auto or manual mode, shutter fires at speed set.

**Flash indication**

Flash ready-light blinks when flash is recommended (scene darker than EV10 at ISO 100, or a scene with brightness of EV10 or higher at ISO 100 where the center portion is darker than other areas by more than 1EV) and lights up when built-in TTL flash or accessory Nikon speedlight is ready to fire

**Autofocus flash  
photography  
Power source**

Possible only with Nikon Autofocus Speedlight SB-22 and SB-20  
Four AA-type batteries

**Number of 36-exposure film rolls per set of fresh batteries (approx.)**

For Autofocus operation with AF Nikkor lens covering the full range from infinity ( $\infty$ ) to the closest distance and back to infinity ( $\infty$ ) before each shot

Batteries	With AF Nikkor 35-70mm f/3.3-4.5 or 50mm f/1.8			
	Without flash		With 50% flash	
	at 68°F	at 14°F	at 68°F	at 14°F
AA-type Alkaline-manganese (LR06)	50	8	20	5
NiCd (KR-AA)	16	15	7	4
Zinc-carbon (SUM-3)	20	1	8	—

**Dimensions**

154(W) × 102(H) × 65.5(D)mm  
[6.1(W) × 4.0(H) × 2.6(D) in.]

**Weight (body only)**

Approx. 645g (22.8 oz.)

Specifications and designs are subject to change without notice.

# VIEWFINDER INFORMATION

Exposure mode		Program auto	Shutter-priority auto	Aperture-priority auto	Manual
Focus indicator LED	lights up	In focus			
	blinks	Autofocus impossible			
	disappears	Rear/front focus (shutter does not lock in manual focusing)			
Exposure indicator LEDs	○ lights up	Correct exposure			
	○ blinks	Camera shake warning	—	Camera shake warning	—
	+ lights up	Too bright for auto exposure			Over (+1EV~)
	— lights up	Too dark for auto exposure			Under (~-EV)
	+ — blink alternately	Lens aperture not set to minimum			
	+ ○ light up	—			Over (+1 ~ +1/3EV)
	○ — light up	—			Under (≧ 1/3 ~ -1EV)
Ready-light LED	⚡ blinks (before shooting)	Flash recommended (when built-in flash or external speedlight is OFF)			
		Beyond acceptable film speed range for TTL photography (over ISO400)			
		SB-19 or SB-E is set to B or B (EM)		SB-19 or SB-E is set to B or B (EM)	
	⚡ disappears	Recharging (shutter does not lock with external speedlight)			
	⚡ lights up	Recharged			
		External speedlight not set to TTL		External speedlight not set to TTL	
	⚡ blinks (after shot)	Insufficient light for correct exposure			

 Shutter is locked

# VIEWFINDER INFORMATION

Exposure mode		Program auto	Shutter-priority auto	Aperture-priority auto	Manual
Focus indicator LED	● lights up	In focus			
	● blinks	Autofocus impossible			
	● disappears	Rear/front focus (shutter does not lock in manual focusing)			
Exposure indicator LEDs	○ lights up	Correct exposure			
	○ blinks	Camera shake warning	—	Camera shake warning	—
	+ lights up	Too bright for auto exposure			Over ( +1EV ~ )
	- lights up	Too dark for auto exposure			Under ( ~ - EV )
	+ - blink alternately	Lens aperture not set to minimum			
	+ ○ light up	—			Over ( +1 ~ +1/3EV )
	○ - light up	—			Under ( ~ 1/3 ~ -1EV )
	Ready-light LED	⚡ blinks (before shooting)	Flash recommended (when built-in flash or external speedlight is OFF)		
Beyond acceptable film speed range for TTL photography (over ISO400)					
⚡ disappears		SB-19 or SB-E is set to B or B (EM)		SB-19 or SB-E is set to B or B (EM)	
		Recharging (shutter does not lock with external speedlight)			
⚡ lights up		Recharged			
		External speedlight not set to TTL		External speedlight not set to TTL	
⚡ blinks (after shot)		Insufficient light for correct exposure			

 Shutter is locked