

#### D. Cosina: Carena msTL and Bell & Howell TTL II



The story of these Cosina cameras is quickly told. You are supposed to know about the Exakta Real, with the enlarged Exakta mount, built without success by Ihagee West. Later this company imported the Japanese Exakta TwinTL with the same mount, with slightly more success. The Carena msTL and The Bell & Howell TTL II are identical copies of the TwinTL.

Some sources say that these new names were necessary because the brand Exakta could for some time not be used in the USA. This may be true, but the Dutch Ihagee

(East and West) importer Heynderickx has sold both the Exakta Real and the Carena msTL, albeit not at the same time. The Carena msTL was clearly coming from Ihagee West; we all know that Bell&Howell always used its own name on equipment sold.

The TwinTL is seen regularly on eBay, but the msTL and the TTL II never show up. So I have no idea about their value today.

