

Ihagee/EXAKTA Superlatives

- 1) 1st ever 127 format precision SLR camera: VP EXAKTA
- 2) 1st ever 127 SLR with interchangeable lenses
- 3) 1st ever SLR camera with flash synchronisation and only camera at that time which could fire multiple flashes simultaneously.
- 4) Largest range of shutter speeds of any 1933 SLR, VP-EXAKTA-“B”
- 5) 1st ever SLR with viewfinder magnifier, 1933 VP-EXAKTA
- 6) Worlds first ever 35mm SLR, Kine EXAKTA 1936
- 7) Greatest number of different lenses and from the greatest number of lens manufacturers ever offered for any camera system! This represents an absolute world record that will never be beaten! Several American and Continental EXAKTA enthusiasts insist that there were at least 2089 different lenses on offer at various times during and beyond the manufacturing period of the original EXAKTA
- 8) Greatest number of focal lengths ever offered for any camera system with 48 in numbers! This is also a world record unlikely to ever be beaten.
- 9) EXAKTA Varex: Greatest number of different, world renowned lens manufacturers as suppliers for these cameras than any other camera system!
- 10) The Kine EXAKTA had the greatest number of mechanically selected shutter speeds of any camera.
- 11) The EXAKTA Varex VX was the first ever camera that was shown on a postage stamp for the Leipzig Autumn Trade Fair of 1955.
- 12) The EXA I had the longest ever production run of any SLR-camera design (1950-1987) .
- 13) The EXAKTA had the 2nd longest production run of any particular SLR camera design (Kine 1936 to VX 1000 in 1970).
- 14) EXAKTA Varex VX 1950 First FPS. SLR in the world which was offering flash synchronisation for electronic flash guns!
- 15) EXAKTA Varex VX 1950 first SLR in the world with interchangeable viewfinders and first ever system camera universally adaptable for any science using photography.
- 16) EXA I first and only ever “basic” camera with interchangeable viewfinders.
- 17) EXA I, the first camera that could be offered in a variety of forms for continuous process photography, such as carpet-Lino-paper and sheet metal making with blanked off viewfinder and machine driven film wind on and shutter release.
- 18) EXAKTA Varex VX mod. 016 - 1951 was the first camera to offer STD-cassette to STD-cassette film run!

- 19) The EXAKTA Varex was the first camera in the world that was offered together with the sensational C.Z. Jena 20mm Flektogon W.A. lens in 1963.
- 20) The EXAKTA was the first 35mm format camera that could be offered with the super long Astro f10/2000mm “Telestan” lens but also the Tewe “Telon” f10/2000mm with 2 elements in 1959. But the longest of all was the American (of course) “Swift” f16/4000mm Tele-Zoom (1000mm-4000mm) in 1967!
- 21) More lens adapters were made and offered to use EXAKTA lenses on other camera makes than any others: reason, see above!
- 22) Ihagee was the only camera manufacturer in the world in 1939 who could offer high quality SLR cameras in 3 roll-film formats 35 mm, 127 & 120 (VP – Kine & 66).
- 23) The model 1350 of 127 format “Klein Ultrix” = Parvola, first camera to be able to focus down to $19\frac{1}{12}$ ” (0.5 m) without special accessories thanks to its very special l.h. and r.h. double helix focus mount 1931!
- 24) The EXAKTA was post-War the only camera in the world to be equipped with a film knife!
- 25) The EXAKTA and Ihagee was treated in 2003 in the largest book ever written for one camera system by Aguila and Michael Rouah with ca 508 pages.