

Non-Exaktas with Exakta mount: Topcon (cont.) *by Hugo Ruys*

In the article about Topcon in ET78 the part about lens mounts was abbreviated by the editor. As his successor I now have the opportunity to publish the parts that were omitted. Part of the corresponding text is reprinted here.



Lens mount 1



Lens mount 2



Lens mount 3

Exakta lens mounts on lenses from Topcon

The book *Topcon Story* lists dozens of lenses. Topcon is a sideline for us Exakta collectors, so I won't describe them all. For collectors it is probably of more interest to know that not only the cameras, but also the lenses have many different lens mounts or rear ends. The different lens mounts are shown here. You will recognise them when you actually buy a lens. I found seven lens mounts. (See above and below.)



Lens mount 4



Lens mount 5



Lens mount 6



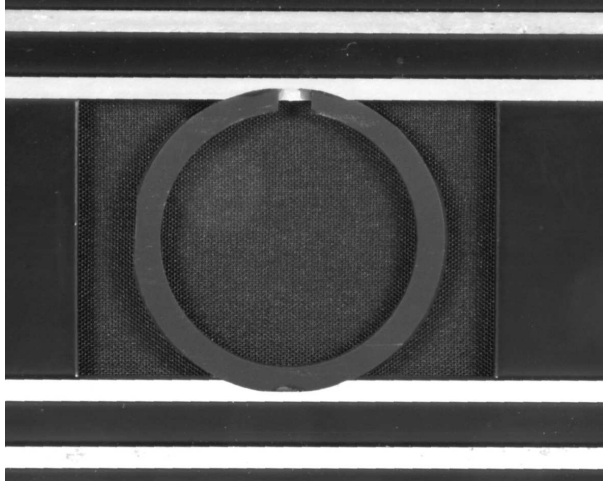
Lens mount 7

The rear ends of lenses from other manufacturers than Topcon look different again, but I consider those too far away from our subject of interest.

The differences in lens mounts correspond more or less to the differences in camera mounts, going from manual to semi to fully automatic. The only remarkable exception is lens mount 4. It looks just like the semi-automatic lens mount 1 but is in fact fully automatic. So it is from the automatic period but can be used on the early non-automatic Topcon R.

The older semi-automatic lenses can be used on the later cameras, but the user then needs a shutter button extension rod, not unlike the one used on the Exakta RTL1000 for older lenses.

Topcons for scientific use; accessories



The medical FP-M circular image feature (for what?)



Macro-equipment in nice wooden case

The very simple FP-M (for medical) I own has a feature to obtain circular images. See photo. I have no idea why round photos, even from eyes, would be more scientific than if rectangular. Scientists among you, please explain.

Accessories: Images from bellows units.

In the first article about Topcon I mentioned several accessories, between them three bellows units. Here they are.

