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Model: 37349

## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides instructions for the proper use and care of the Pentax F5P 9.5-Foot Extension Cord. This cord is designed to extend the connection between a Pentax camera's hot shoe adapter and a compatible Pentax flash unit, allowing for off-camera flash photography.

The Pentax Extension Cord F5P is a 9.5-foot straight cord connecting one of the hot shoe adapters (attached to the camera) directly with the AF-500FTZ flash or to one of the above adapters attached to the bottom of another Pentax flash. It is compatible with the Pentax PZ, ZX, SF, \*ist, \*ist D Series cameras.

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## PRODUCT OVERVIEW



Image: The Pentax F5P 9.5-Foot Extension Cord, featuring a coiled design and connectors at both ends for camera hot shoe adapters and flash units.

The Pentax F5P Extension Cord is a specialized accessory designed to provide flexibility in flash placement. Its 9.5-foot length allows photographers to position their flash units away from the camera, enabling creative lighting setups. The cord features a coiled design for compact storage and to prevent tangling during use.

Key features include:

- Connects hot shoe adapter directly with the AF-500FTZ flash.
- Also connects to one of the above adapters attached to the bottom of another Pentax flash.
- 9.5-foot length for extended reach.
- Coiled style for easy storage and management.
- Compatible with Pentax PZ, ZX, SF, \*ist, \*ist D Series cameras.

## SETUP AND CONNECTION

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- 1. Identify Connectors:** The extension cord has two distinct connectors. One end is designed to connect to a hot shoe adapter (typically mounted on the camera), and the other end connects to a compatible Pentax flash unit or another hot shoe adapter.
- 2. Connect to Camera Hot Shoe Adapter:** Securely attach one end of the F5P extension cord to the hot shoe adapter that is mounted on your Pentax camera. Ensure the connection is firm to maintain proper electrical contact.
- 3. Connect to Flash Unit:** Attach the other end of the F5P extension cord to the base of your compatible Pentax flash unit (e.g., AF-500FTZ) or to another hot shoe adapter connected to the flash.
- 4. Verify Connection:** After connecting both ends, gently tug on the connections to ensure they are secure and will not accidentally disconnect during use.

**Note:** Ensure your camera and flash unit are powered off before connecting or disconnecting the extension cord to prevent potential damage to the equipment.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the Pentax F5P Extension Cord is properly connected, it facilitates off-camera flash operation. The cord transmits the necessary signals between the camera and the flash unit, allowing for synchronized firing and TTL (Through-The-Lens) metering capabilities, depending on your camera and flash model.

- 1. Positioning the Flash:** Place your flash unit in the desired location for your lighting setup. The 9.5-foot length provides significant flexibility.
- 2. Camera and Flash Settings:** Power on your camera and flash unit. Configure your flash settings (e.g., TTL, manual power, zoom) as required for your photographic needs.
- 3. Test Firing:** Before shooting, perform a test fire to ensure the flash is communicating correctly with the camera via the extension cord.
- 4. Off-Camera Flash Techniques:** Utilize the extended reach to create various lighting effects, such as side lighting, rim lighting, or using modifiers like umbrellas or softboxes off-camera.

**Compatibility:** This cord is compatible with Pentax PZ, ZX, SF, \*ist, and \*ist D Series cameras, and flash units like the AF-500FTZ.

## MAINTENANCE AND CARE

- Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the cord and connectors. Avoid using liquid cleaners or solvents, which can damage the electrical contacts.
- Storage:** When not in use, gently coil the cord to prevent kinks and tangles. Store it in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- Handling:** Avoid pulling the cord by the cable itself when disconnecting. Always grasp the connector ends firmly. Do not bend or crimp the cord excessively, as this can damage internal wiring.
- Inspection:** Periodically inspect the cord and connectors for any signs of wear, fraying, or damage. If damage is observed, discontinue use to prevent potential electrical issues or damage to your camera/flash.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem          | Possible Cause   | Solution  |
|------------------|--|---|
| Flash not firing | Loose connection; incorrect camera/flash settings; damaged cord. | Ensure both ends of the cord are securely connected. Check camera and flash settings for proper synchronization. Test with a different cord if available. |

| Problem                   | Possible Cause                                     | Solution  |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Inconsistent flash output | Poor connection; dirty contacts; flash unit issue. | Clean the electrical contacts on the cord and hot shoe adapters. Re-seat connections. Test the flash directly on the camera hot shoe without the extension cord to isolate the problem. |
| Cord appears damaged      | Physical wear and tear.                            | Discontinue use immediately. Replace the cord to prevent damage to your camera or flash unit.   |

## SPECIFICATIONS

| Feature        | Detail  |
|----------------|---|
| Brand          | Pentax  |
| Model Number   | 37349   |
| Length         | 9.5 feet (approximately 2.9 meters or 120 inches)   |
| Connector Type | Male-to-Female (Hot Shoe Adapter compatible)  |
| Compatibility  | Pentax PZ, ZX, SF, *ist, *ist D Series cameras; Pentax AF-500FTZ flash and other compatible Pentax flash units. |
| Style          | Coiled  |
| Item Weight    | 4 ounces  |
| UPC / GTIN     | 027075039407  |

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

Pentax products are manufactured to high-quality standards. For specific warranty details regarding your Pentax F5P Extension Cord, please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official Pentax website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

## CUSTOMER SUPPORT

If you encounter any issues or have questions not covered in this manual, please contact Pentax customer support. You can find contact information on the official Pentax website or through your local distributor.

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