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For use with the Minolta 4000AF Flash Unit

INTRODUCTION

The Minolta Wide Panel 4000AF is a specialized accessory designed to expand the light coverage of your Minolta 4000AF flash unit. This plastic panel diffuses and spreads the flash output, making it suitable for illuminating wider scenes or for use with wide-angle lenses, typically 24mm or wider. It ensures more even light distribution across the frame, reducing vignetting and harsh shadows often associated with direct flash at wide angles.

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Image: The Minolta Wide Panel 4000AF, a clear plastic diffuser, shown alongside its original packaging. The packaging indicates it is a "WIDE PANEL (4000AF)" and a "Flash accessory". The panel itself is textured for light diffusion and marked "WIDE (24mm)".

SETUP

The Minolta Wide Panel 4000AF is designed for simple attachment to the Minolta 4000AF flash unit.

1. **Ensure Flash is Off:** Before attaching or detaching any accessories, always ensure your Minolta 4000AF flash unit is powered off to prevent accidental firing or damage.
2. **Locate Flash Head:** Identify the front of your Minolta 4000AF flash head where light is emitted.
3. **Attach Wide Panel:** Gently slide the Wide Panel 4000AF onto the front of the flash head. It should fit snugly over the flash tube. Ensure it is securely seated and does not obstruct any sensors or controls on the flash unit. The textured side of the panel should face outwards, away from the flash tube.
4. **Verify Attachment:** Lightly tug on the panel to confirm it is firmly attached and will not fall off during use.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the Wide Panel 4000AF is attached, the flash unit will automatically adjust its zoom setting (if applicable) or its light output to accommodate the wider coverage. No manual adjustments are typically required on the panel itself.

- **Power On Flash:** Turn on your Minolta 4000AF flash unit.
- **Camera Settings:** Set your camera and flash to the desired shooting mode (e.g., Program, Aperture Priority, Manual). The wide panel is designed for use with wide-angle lenses, typically 24mm or wider (35mm equivalent).
- **Test Flash:** Perform a test flash to ensure proper operation and light distribution.
- **Photography:** Proceed with your photography, benefiting from the wider and softer light spread provided by the panel.

MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** To clean the wide panel, use a soft, lint-free cloth. For stubborn smudges, slightly dampen the cloth with water or a mild lens cleaning solution. Avoid abrasive materials or harsh chemicals, which can scratch or damage the plastic.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the wide panel in a clean, dry place, preferably in its original packaging or a protective pouch, to prevent scratches and dust accumulation.
- **Handling:** Handle the panel by its edges to avoid leaving fingerprints on the diffusing surface.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Issue: Uneven Light or Dark Corners (Vignetting)

- **Check Panel Attachment:** Ensure the wide panel is fully and correctly seated on the flash head.
- **Lens Compatibility:** Verify that the lens you are using is within the recommended wide-angle range (e.g., 24mm or wider). Extremely wide or fisheye lenses might still exhibit some vignetting.
- **Flash Zoom Setting:** While the panel is designed to override or work with the flash's zoom, ensure the flash's internal zoom is not stuck in a telephoto setting if it has one.

Issue: Panel Falls Off

- **Secure Attachment:** Re-attach the panel, ensuring it clicks or slides firmly into place.
- **Inspect for Damage:** Check the panel and the flash head for any physical damage or wear that might prevent a secure fit.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Product Name	Minolta Wide Panel 4000AF
Model Number	4000AF
Compatibility	Minolta 4000AF Flash Unit
Material	Plastic
Intended Use	Widens flash coverage for lenses 24mm and wider
Package Dimensions	3.5 x 2.5 x 0.5 inches
Item Weight	0.96 ounces
Manufacturer	Minolta
Date First Available	July 15, 2007
Discontinued	Yes

WARRANTY INFORMATION

As this product is discontinued, specific warranty information may no longer be available from the manufacturer. Please refer to your original purchase documentation or contact the retailer for details regarding any applicable warranty at the

time of purchase.

SUPPORT

For further assistance with your Minolta 4000AF flash unit or its accessories, please consult the original flash unit's instruction manual. Due to the discontinued status of this product, direct manufacturer support may be limited. Online photography forums and communities may offer additional user-generated support and tips.

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