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Model: AP400 | Brand: Aktiv Pak

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Aktiv Pak AP400 Camera Backpack. Designed for photographers who carry camera gear and a notebook computer, this backpack offers organized storage and comfortable transport. Please read this manual thoroughly to ensure optimal use and longevity of your product.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Aktiv Pak AP400 is a compact backpack engineered to distribute the weight of your photography equipment and laptop across your back and shoulders comfortably. It features dedicated, foam-padded compartments to protect your gear.



Figure 1: Front view of the Aktiv Pak AP400 Camera Backpack.

Key Features:

- **All-Weather Cover:** Integrated cover for protection against elements.
- **Laptop Compatibility:** Accommodates laptops up to 17 inches.
- **Adjustable Dividers:** Foam-padded, removable dividers for customized equipment organization.
- **High Capacity:** Maximum carry capacity of 350 lbs (158.8 kg).
- **Spacious Main Compartment:** Designed to hold a full range of cameras, lenses, and related gear, including an SLR with an attached lens up to 11 inches long.
- **Ergonomic Harness:** Contoured and thickly foam-padded straps for comfortable all-day wear.
- **Accessory Pockets:** Mesh pockets within the main compartment for small items like filters.

SETUP

1. Customizing Internal Compartments

1. Open the main compartment zipper.
2. Identify the removable foam-padded dividers. These are attached with hook-and-loop fasteners.
3. Carefully detach the dividers and reposition them to create custom-sized compartments for your camera body, lenses, and

other accessories. Ensure a snug fit to prevent movement during transport.

4. Place your camera with an attached lens (up to 11 inches long) in the central area, then arrange other lenses and equipment around it.

2. Loading Your Laptop

- Locate the dedicated laptop compartment, typically at the back of the backpack.
- Carefully slide your laptop (up to 17 inches) into the padded sleeve.
- Ensure the laptop is fully seated and the compartment is securely closed.

3. Adjusting Harness Straps

- Put on the backpack and adjust the shoulder straps so the weight is evenly distributed and the pack sits comfortably on your back.
- Utilize the sternum strap and waist belt (if present) for additional stability and weight distribution, especially when carrying heavy loads.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Using the All-Weather Cover

- Locate the all-weather cover, typically stored in a dedicated pocket at the bottom of the backpack.
- Unfold the cover and stretch it over the entire backpack, ensuring all sides are protected from rain, dust, or other elements.
- After use, allow the cover to dry completely before folding and storing it back in its pocket to prevent mildew.

Accessing Gear

- The main compartment provides full access to your camera gear.
- Utilize the mesh pockets on the front panel inside the main compartment for quick access to smaller accessories like memory cards, batteries, or filters.

MAINTENANCE

Cleaning Your Backpack

- **Spot Cleaning:** For minor dirt or stains, use a damp cloth with mild soap. Gently rub the affected area.
- **Deep Cleaning:** For more extensive cleaning, empty the backpack completely. Use a soft brush and mild detergent with lukewarm water. Avoid harsh chemicals or bleach, as these can damage the fabric and coatings.
- **Drying:** Air dry the backpack completely in a shaded, well-ventilated area. Do not machine wash or tumble dry, and avoid direct sunlight or heat, which can degrade materials.

Zipper and Buckle Care

- Keep zippers free of dirt and debris. If a zipper becomes stiff, apply a small amount of zipper lubricant or wax.
- Inspect buckles and straps regularly for wear and tear. Replace any damaged components to ensure secure carrying.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Common Issues and Solutions:

- **Discomfort when carrying:**

- Ensure shoulder straps are properly adjusted to distribute weight evenly.
 - Utilize the sternum strap and waist belt to transfer some weight to your hips.
 - Avoid overloading the backpack beyond its recommended capacity.
- **Gear not fitting securely:**
 - Re-adjust the foam-padded dividers to create snug compartments for each item.
 - Ensure larger items like camera bodies with lenses are placed centrally and securely.
- **Zippers sticking:**
 - Clean any dirt or debris from the zipper teeth.
 - Apply a small amount of zipper lubricant or a graphite pencil to the teeth.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	AP400
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	13.5 x 6 x 18 inches
Internal Dimensions (W x H x D)	12.0 x 17.0 x 4.0 inches (30.4 x 43.1 x 10.1 cm)
Item Weight	3.5 pounds
Maximum Carry Capacity	350 lbs (158.8 kg)
Laptop Compatibility	Up to 17 inches
Manufacturer	AKTIV PAK
ASIN	B001OXSLJE
Date First Available	January 3, 2009

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty coverage, product support, or to inquire about replacement parts, please contact Aktiv Pak customer service directly. Refer to the product packaging or the manufacturer's official website for the most current contact details.

