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Model: PZ3115

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the Vivitar PZ3115 Date-A-Print AF Auto Focus 35mm Film Camera. Please read this manual thoroughly before using your camera to ensure proper operation and to achieve optimal photographic results. Keep this manual for future reference.

The Vivitar PZ3115 is a compact 35mm film camera featuring auto-focus capabilities and a versatile Vivitar Series 1 38-115mm power zoom lens. It also includes a Date-A-Print function to imprint the date onto your photographs.

CAMERA COMPONENTS

Familiarize yourself with the various parts of your Vivitar PZ3115 camera.



Image: Front view of the Vivitar PZ3115 camera, showing the lens, flash, viewfinder, and Vivitar branding.



Image: Rear view of the Vivitar PZ3115 camera, displaying the film counter, mode select, and set buttons for the Date-A-Print function.



Image: Top view of the Vivitar PZ3115 camera, showing the shutter button and film compartment release.

Key Components:

- **Lens:** Vivitar Series 1 38-115mm Power Zoom Lens.
- **Flash:** Built-in automatic flash.
- **Viewfinder:** For composing your shots.
- **Shutter Button:** To take photographs.
- **Zoom Buttons:** To adjust the focal length of the lens.
- **Film Compartment:** For loading 35mm film.
- **Battery Compartment:** For power source.
- **Date-A-Print Controls:** Buttons for setting and displaying date/time.

SETUP

1. Battery Installation

The Vivitar PZ3115 requires batteries for operation. *(Battery type not specified in product data, typically CR123A or AA for similar models. Refer to the battery compartment cover for specific type.)*

1. Locate the battery compartment cover on the bottom or side of the camera.
2. Open the cover by sliding or lifting it according to the indicator.
3. Insert the new batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+/-) as indicated inside the compartment.
4. Close the battery compartment cover securely.

2. Loading Film

Use standard 35mm film rolls.

1. Open the camera back by sliding the film door latch (usually on the side or top).
2. Place a new 35mm film cartridge into the film chamber on the left side.
3. Pull the film leader across to the film take-up spool on the right side. Ensure the film perforations engage with the teeth on the take-up spool.
4. Close the camera back firmly until it latches.
5. Press the shutter button once or twice to advance the film until the film counter displays "1" or the first frame number. The camera will automatically advance the film to the first frame.

3. Setting Date and Time (Date-A-Print)

The Date-A-Print feature allows you to imprint the date or time onto your photos.

1. Locate the Date-A-Print display and control buttons on the camera back (refer to the rear view image).
2. Press the **MODE** button to cycle through display options (Year/Month/Day, Month/Day/Year, Day/Month/Year, Time, Off).
3. When the desired format is displayed, press the **SET** button to adjust the blinking digit.
4. Use the **SELECT** button (or **MODE** again, depending on model) to advance the blinking digit.
5. Repeat until the correct date and time are set.
6. Select "Off" if you do not wish to imprint the date/time.

OPERATING THE CAMERA

1. Powering On/Off

To power on the camera, slide the lens cover open or press the power button (if available). The lens will extend. To power off, close the lens cover or press the power button again.

2. Taking Photographs

1. Look through the viewfinder to compose your shot.
2. Use the zoom buttons (usually near the shutter button) to adjust the focal length (38mm wide-angle to 115mm telephoto).
3. Gently press the shutter button halfway down. The auto-focus system will engage, and an indicator light (often green) will confirm focus.
4. Press the shutter button fully down to take the picture. The film will automatically advance to the next frame.

3. Flash Modes

The camera features an automatic flash. In low light conditions, the flash will typically fire automatically. Some models may offer manual flash override or red-eye reduction modes. Consult the camera's specific indicators for flash status.

4. Rewinding Film

Once all frames on the film roll have been exposed, the camera will usually rewind the film automatically. If manual rewind is necessary (e.g., to change film mid-roll), locate the rewind button (often a small recessed button on the bottom or side) and press it. The film counter will count down as the film rewinds into the cartridge.

Once rewinding is complete, open the camera back and remove the film cartridge. Take the exposed film to a photo lab for development.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning the Camera

- Use a soft, lint-free cloth to wipe the camera body.
- For the lens, use a specialized lens cleaning cloth and lens cleaning fluid. Gently wipe in a circular motion from the center outwards. Avoid touching the lens with your fingers.
- Keep the viewfinder clean for clear composition.
- Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.

2. Battery Replacement

Replace batteries promptly when the low battery indicator appears or if the camera fails to power on. Always use fresh batteries of the correct type.

3. Film Handling and Storage

- Store film in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight and high temperatures.
- Load and unload film in subdued light to prevent accidental exposure.
- Have exposed film developed as soon as possible for best results.

4. Camera Storage

When not in use, store the camera in its case or a protective bag, away from dust, moisture, and extreme temperatures. Remove batteries if storing for extended periods to prevent leakage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Camera does not power on.	Dead or incorrectly installed batteries.	Replace batteries with new ones, ensuring correct polarity.
Film does not advance.	Film not loaded correctly; film leader not engaged.	Open camera back in subdued light, re-load film, ensuring leader is properly attached to take-up spool.
Flash does not fire in low light.	Flash mode set to "Off" or batteries are low.	Check flash mode settings; replace batteries if low.
Photos are blurry.	Camera shake; subject too close; auto-focus failed.	Hold camera steady; ensure subject is within minimum focus distance; allow auto-focus to lock before fully pressing shutter.
Date/Time imprint is incorrect or not appearing.	Date/Time not set correctly; Date-A-Print function turned off.	Refer to "Setting Date and Time" section to adjust settings or turn on the function.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Description
Brand	Vivitar
Model Name	Vivitar PZ 3115 Date-A-Print
Film Format Type	35mm
Lens	Vivitar Series 1 38-115mm Power Zoom Lens
Special Features	Auto Exposure, Date-A-Print
Exposure Control	Automatic
Auto Focus	Yes
Included Components	Camera Body Only (as per product listing)

For further assistance, please contact Vivitar customer support or visit their official website.