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Model: VIV-DKS-20

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## 1. Product Overview

The Vivitar Medium Sling Camera Backpack (Model VIV-DKS-20) is designed for photographers requiring convenient and secure transport for their camera gear. This backpack features a durable, water-resistant fabric and multiple compartments to organize a camera, lenses, and accessories. Its sling design allows for quick access to equipment.



Figure 1: Front view of the Vivitar Medium Sling Camera Backpack with the main compartment open, showcasing organized camera body and lenses.

**Key Features:**

- Two zippered pockets for secure storage.
- Convenient carrying straps for comfortable transport.
- Constructed with durable materials for longevity.
- Lightweight design for easy portability.
- Water-resistant fabric for protection against elements.

- Adjustable, cushioned shoulder strap for comfort.
- Side zippered pocket for quick camera and lens access.
- Side Velcro pocket for memory cards and batteries.
- External strap for tripod attachment.

## **2. Setup**

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### **2.1 Adjusting Shoulder Straps**

The backpack features a cushioned, adjustable shoulder strap designed for comfort during extended wear. To adjust:

1. Place the backpack on your back.
2. Locate the adjustment buckles on the shoulder strap.
3. Pull the loose ends of the straps to tighten, or lift the buckles to loosen, until the backpack sits comfortably and securely on your back.
4. Ensure the weight is evenly distributed and the strap does not dig into your shoulder.



Figure 2: Back view of the backpack, highlighting the adjustable shoulder straps and padded back panel for ergonomic fit.

## 2.2 Configuring Internal Compartments

The main compartment of the backpack is equipped with adjustable padded dividers, allowing you to customize the layout to fit your specific camera body, lenses, and other accessories.

1. Open the main zippered compartment.
2. The padded dividers are attached with Velcro. Gently detach them from the interior walls.
3. Arrange the dividers to create snug compartments for your camera body, lenses, and other delicate equipment. Ensure each item is securely cushioned.
4. Press the Velcro firmly against the interior fabric to secure the dividers in their new positions.



Figure 3: Interior view of the main compartment with adjustable padded dividers, demonstrating customizable storage for camera gear.

### 3. Operation

#### 3.1 Accessing Camera Gear

The sling design allows for quick and easy access to your camera without fully removing the backpack.

1. While wearing the backpack, swing it around to your front by rotating it over one shoulder.
2. Locate the side zippered pocket designed for camera and lens access.
3. Unzip the pocket to retrieve your camera or lens.
4. After use, securely place the equipment back and zip the pocket closed.



Figure 4: Side view of the backpack with the quick-access pocket open, illustrating easy retrieval of a camera and flash.

#### 3.2 Utilizing Accessory Pockets

The backpack includes various pockets for organizing smaller items:

- **Top Compartment:** Ideal for personal items, additional accessories, or larger lenses.
- **Side Velcro Pocket:** Specifically designed for memory cards, batteries, or other small, frequently accessed items.
- **Internal Pockets:** Mesh pockets within the main flap and other compartments are suitable for cables, cleaning cloths, or filters.



Figure 5: Side view of the backpack with accessory pockets open, showing storage for batteries and memory cards.

### 3.3 Attaching a Tripod

An external strap is provided for carrying a tripod securely.

1. Locate the adjustable strap and buckle on the front of the backpack.
2. Place your tripod through the strap.
3. Fasten the buckle and tighten the strap to secure the tripod firmly against the backpack.

### 3.4 Product Features and Durability Overview

Watch this video for a detailed review of the Vivitar Medium Sling Camera Backpack's features and durability.

Video 1: A review detailing the features and durability of the Vivitar Medium Sling Camera Backpack.

## 4. Maintenance

### 4.1 Cleaning Instructions

The backpack is made from durable, easy-to-clean material.

- For general cleaning, wipe the exterior with a damp cloth and mild soap.
- Do not machine wash or tumble dry.
- Allow the backpack to air dry completely before storing or using.
- For stubborn stains, a soft brush can be used gently.

### 4.2 Storage

When not in use, store the backpack in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight to prevent material degradation.

## 5. Troubleshooting

### 5.1 Zippers Sticking

If zippers become difficult to operate, apply a small amount of zipper lubricant or graphite (from a pencil) to the teeth and gently work the zipper back and forth.

### 5.2 Uncomfortable Fit

If the backpack feels uncomfortable, re-adjust the shoulder strap as described in Section 2.1. Ensure the weight inside the backpack is evenly distributed and not excessively heavy.

### 5.3 Water Exposure

While the fabric is water-resistant, it is not fully waterproof. In heavy rain, use an additional rain cover if available, or seek shelter to protect your equipment. If the backpack gets wet, empty its contents and allow it to air dry thoroughly to prevent mold or mildew.

## 6. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Product Dimensions	11.5 x 7.5 x 18.5 inches
Item Weight	2.9 pounds
Model Number	VIV-DKS-20
Capacity Total	20 Liters
Manufacturer	Sakar

Feature	Detail
Date First Available	June 21, 2011

## 7. Warranty & Support

### 7.1 Warranty Information

This product is covered by a manufacturer's warranty. For specific details regarding warranty coverage, duration, and terms, please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official Vivitar website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

### 7.2 Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting, or inquiries about your Vivitar Medium Sling Camera Backpack, please contact Vivitar customer support. Contact information can typically be found on the Vivitar website or on the product packaging.

- **Online Support:** Visit the Vivitar official website for FAQs, support resources, and contact forms.
- **Phone Support:** Refer to your product documentation or the Vivitar website for customer service phone numbers.