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INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the proper use and care of your Olympus OM-10 camera. Please read thoroughly before operating your camera to ensure optimal performance and longevity.



Front view of the Olympus OM-10 camera with the F.zuiko 50mm lens attached.

SETUP

1. Installing/Changing Batteries

The Olympus OM-10 requires two LR44 type batteries for its light meter and electronic functions. Follow these steps to install or replace them:

1. Locate the battery compartment on the bottom plate of the camera.
2. Use a small coin (like a penny) to unscrew the battery compartment cap by turning it counter-clockwise.
3. Remove the old batteries, if any.
4. Insert two new LR44 batteries with the positive (+) side (flat side) facing upwards.
5. Replace the battery compartment cap and screw it in clockwise until snug. Do not overtighten.
6. To check battery function, flip the "CHECK" switch on the top plate. A red light on the front of the camera and an audible beep indicate working batteries.



Close-up view of the battery compartment on the bottom of the Olympus OM-10 camera.

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Video tutorial: How to change batteries in the Olympus OM-10 camera.

2. Attaching/Detaching the Lens

The OM-10 uses an OM-mount lens system. To attach or detach a lens:

1. To detach: Locate the two small buttons on the silver ring of the lens mount. Pinch these buttons and turn the lens counter-clockwise until it stops, then gently pull the lens away from the camera body.
2. To attach: Align the red dot on the lens with the red dot on the camera's lens mount. Insert the lens and turn it clockwise until it clicks into place. Ensure it is securely fastened.



Close-up view of the lens mount area on the Olympus OM-10 camera.

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Video tutorial: How to swap lenses on the Olympus OM-10 camera.

3. Loading Film

The OM-10 uses 35mm film. To load film:

1. Open the camera back by lifting the film rewind knob all the way up.
2. Insert the film cartridge into the left chamber.
3. Pull the film leader across to the take-up spool on the right. Insert the film leader into one of the slots on the take-up spool.
4. Advance the film slightly using the film advance lever to ensure the film is securely engaged with the take-up spool and sprockets.
5. Push the film rewind knob back down to secure the film cartridge.
6. Close the camera back firmly until it clicks.
7. Advance the film two more times, pressing the shutter release each time, to ensure the unexposed film is ready for the first shot. The frame counter should show '1'.



The Olympus OM-10 camera with the film compartment open, ready for film loading.

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Video tutorial: How to load film into the Olympus OM-10 camera.

OPERATING THE CAMERA

Exposure Modes

The Olympus OM-10 primarily operates in aperture-priority automatic exposure mode. It also supports manual exposure with an optional manual adapter.

- **Aperture-Priority Auto (AUTO):** Set the lens aperture ring to your desired f-stop. The camera will automatically select the correct shutter speed for proper exposure.
- **Manual Adapter (optional):** If you have the manual adapter, attach it to the camera. This allows you to manually set both aperture and shutter speed.



Top view of the Olympus OM-10 showing the shutter speed dial and AUTO/MANUAL adapter setting.

Focusing

To focus, look through the viewfinder and rotate the focusing ring on the lens until your subject appears sharp. The OM-10 typically features a split-image rangefinder and microprism collar for precise manual focusing.

Shutter Release

Press the shutter release button on the top right of the camera body to take a picture. Ensure the film is advanced before each shot.

Self-Timer

To use the self-timer, move the self-timer lever (located near the lens mount) to the "SELF TIMER" position. Press the shutter release, and the camera will delay the shot for approximately 12 seconds.

MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning the Lens:** Use a soft, lint-free cloth and a specialized lens cleaning solution to gently wipe the lens surfaces. Avoid touching the glass with your fingers.
- **Cleaning the Camera Body:** Wipe the camera body with a dry, soft cloth. For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used, but avoid excessive moisture.
- **Storage:** Store the camera in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Use a desiccant

pack if storing in humid environments.

- **Battery Removal:** If the camera will not be used for an extended period, remove the batteries to prevent leakage and damage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Camera does not power on / Light meter not working.	Dead or incorrectly installed batteries.	Replace batteries with new LR44 type, ensuring positive side is up. Check battery function with the "CHECK" switch.
Shutter does not fire.	Film not advanced; camera not powered on; self-timer engaged.	Advance film with the film advance lever. Ensure batteries are working. Disengage self-timer if active.
Film not advancing.	Film leader not properly engaged with take-up spool; film cartridge not seated correctly.	Open camera back in a dark room (if film is loaded) and re-seat film leader. Ensure film cartridge is fully inserted.
Images are blurry.	Improper focusing; camera shake; incorrect shutter speed for lighting conditions.	Ensure accurate focusing. Use a tripod or faster shutter speed in low light. Check light meter readings.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Name:** OM-10
- **Brand:** Olympus
- **Film Format Type:** 35mm
- **Compatible Camera Film Format Type:** 35mm
- **Included Components:** Camera Body & Lens (F.zuiko 50mm 1:1.8)
- **Special Features:** Auto Exposure, Compact, Lightweight
- **Item Weight:** 2 pounds
- **Package Dimensions:** 5 x 3 x 2 inches
- **Date First Available:** December 30, 2013

WARRANTY & SUPPORT

Specific warranty information for the Olympus OM-10 camera is typically provided at the time of purchase. For detailed warranty terms, please refer to your purchase documentation or contact the seller directly.

For technical support or service inquiries, please contact Olympus customer service or an authorized service center. Contact information can usually be found on the manufacturer's official website or in the original product packaging.



