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1. Introduction

The Cactus V6IIS is a versatile wireless flash trigger designed specifically for Sony camera and flash systems. It enables remote control of flash power output and zoom angle, supporting High-Speed Sync (HSS) for advanced lighting techniques. This device can also trigger the Cactus V6 II, extending its compatibility to control cross-brand system flashes from Canon, Fujifilm, Nikon, Olympus, Panasonic, and Pentax, all while maintaining HSS and power/zoom control.

This manual provides detailed instructions for setting up, operating, and maintaining your Cactus V6IIS to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

2. WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- Cactus V6IIS Transceiver
- Flash Stand
- Album (Documentation)
- Warranty Card



Figure 2.1: Contents of the Cactus V6IIS package. This image displays the V6IIS transceiver, a flash stand, various cables, and the product packaging, indicating all items included with the purchase.

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Cactus V6IIS features a compact design with intuitive controls for seamless operation. Familiarize yourself with the main components:

- Hot Shoe Mount: For attaching to a camera or flash.
- LCD Display: Shows settings and status.
- Control Buttons: For navigation and setting adjustments.

- Dial: For quick value changes.
- Battery Compartment: Houses two AA batteries.



Figure 3.1: Front-side view of the Cactus V6IIS. This image highlights the main body of the flash remote, including the hot shoe mount, the LCD screen, and the primary control buttons on the top surface.



Figure 3.2: Top-down view of the Cactus V6IIS. This perspective clearly shows the hot shoe connection point and the two prominent control buttons on the device's surface.

4. SETUP

4.1 Battery Installation

- 1. Locate the battery compartment cover on the device.
- 2. Slide or open the cover according to the indicator.

- 3. Insert two AA batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+/-).
- 4. Close the battery compartment cover securely.

4.2 Mounting the Transceiver

The V6IIS can be mounted on your camera's hot shoe or used off-camera with the included flash stand.

- 1. **On-Camera:** Slide the V6llS hot shoe onto your camera's hot shoe until it clicks into place. Secure it with the locking mechanism if available.
- 2. **Off-Camera:** Attach the V6IIS to the provided flash stand for stable placement on a flat surface.



Figure 4.1: Cactus V6IIS mounted on a flash stand. This image shows the flash remote securely attached to its dedicated stand, ready for off-camera use.

4.3 Initial Power-On and Pairing

- 1. Press and hold the power button until the LCD screen illuminates.
- 2. The V6IIS will automatically detect the camera system when mounted on a compatible Sony camera.
- To pair with other Cactus V6 II transceivers or compatible flashes, refer to the on-screen menu for channel and group settings. Ensure all devices are set to the same channel and group for communication.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Basic Triggering

Once paired, the V6IIS will trigger your remote flashes when your camera's shutter button is pressed. The operating range is up to 300 feet.

5.2 High-Speed Sync (HSS) Modes

The V6IIS supports HSS for Sony cameras and flashes, allowing you to use flash at shutter speeds above your camera's native sync speed (up to 1/8000s). It features two HSS modes:

- Normal HSS: Standard high-speed synchronization.
- **Power Sync:** Boosts flash contribution at high shutter speeds, ideal for challenging lighting conditions where normal HSS might be insufficient.

Access and select HSS modes through the device's menu.

5.3 Remote Power Control and Zoom Angle

The V6IIS allows you to remotely adjust the power output and zoom angle of compatible Sony system flashes. When triggering Cactus V6 II units, it extends this control to various cross-brand flashes.

- 1. Use the control buttons and dial to navigate to the desired flash group.
- 2. Select the power level or zoom setting you wish to adjust.
- 3. Rotate the dial to change the value.

5.4 Multi-Master Functionality

The V6IIS supports multi-master setups, allowing multiple transceivers to control the same group of flashes. This is useful for complex lighting arrangements or when multiple photographers are working together.

5.5 AF-Assist

The built-in AF-assist light helps your camera achieve focus in low-light conditions. This feature can be enabled or disabled via the device settings.

6. MAINTENANCE

6.1 Cleaning

To clean the V6IIS, use a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn dirt, slightly dampen the cloth with water. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials, which can damage the device's finish or electronics.

6.2 Battery Care

- Remove batteries if the device will not be used for an extended period to prevent leakage.
- Use high-quality AA alkaline or rechargeable batteries.
- Do not mix old and new batteries, or different types of batteries.

6.3 Storage

Store the V6IIS in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Use the original packaging or a protective case to prevent dust and physical damage.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

- Device not powering on: Check battery installation and ensure batteries are fresh.
- Flashes not triggering: Verify that the V6IIS and all remote flashes are on the same channel and group. Ensure the V6IIS is securely mounted on the camera's hot shoe. Check the operating range.
- HSS not working: Confirm that your camera and flash support HSS. Ensure the V6IIS is paired with a

Sony camera for HSS functionality with Sony flashes.

- Remote control issues: Ensure line of sight between the V6IIS and remote flashes where possible.
 Check for interference from other wireless devices.
- Display not working: Try replacing batteries. If the issue persists, contact customer support.

8. Specifications

• Model: V6IIS

• Product Dimensions: 3 x 3 x 2 inches

• Item Weight: 3.53 ounces

Channels: 16Groups: 4

• Operating Range: Up to 300ft (91 meters)

Flash Sync Speed: Up to 1/8000s
Battery Type: 2 x AA batteries

Compatible Mountings: Sony Alpha
Date First Available: August 29, 2016

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

9.1 Warranty Information

The Cactus V6IIS comes with a one-year limited warranty from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects and malfunctions under normal use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For full warranty terms and conditions, refer to the included warranty card or the manufacturer's official website.

9.2 Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting, or warranty inquiries, please contact Cactus customer support through their official website or the contact information provided on your warranty card. When contacting support, please have your product model number (V6IIS) and purchase details ready.

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