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GODOX V860III-C Speedlite Light Instruction Manual

Model: V860III-C | Brand: GODOX

1. Product Overview

The GODOX V860III-C is a high-performance Speedlite flash designed for Canon cameras, offering advanced features for both professional and enthusiast photographers. This unit supports E-TTL II autoflash, manual flash, 2.4G high-speed sync, and is powered by a robust 7.2V/2600mAh Li-ion battery.



Image 1.1: The GODOX V860III-C Speedlite Light mounted on a Canon camera, showcasing its compact design and hotshoe connection.

Key Features:

- **Modeling Light:** An integrated modeling light at the front assists with pre-visualization and blending with ambient light, offering 10 levels of dimmable brightness.
- **Quick Button for Manual and TTL Function Switch:**A dedicated quick button on the side allows for rapid switching between manual (M) and TTL modes.
- **Enhanced Battery Performance:** Features an upgraded 7.2V/2600mAh Li-ion battery, providing a 1.5-second recycle time and approximately 450 full-power flashes. This battery is interchangeable with the GODOX V1, simplifying your gear.
- **Flexible Flash Coverage:** Adjustable from 20mm to 200mm, with auto zoom to match lens focal length and image size, and manual zoom control. The flash head offers extensive movement: 0 to 330° horizontally and -7° to 120° vertically for bounce flash.
- **Quick Release Lock:** An updated quick lever mechanism securely locks the speedlight onto your camera's hotshoe for fast and reliable attachment.



Image 1.2: Visual summary of the GODOX V860III's main features, highlighting the modeling light, 2.4G wireless system, fast recycle time, and quick release lock.

2. Setup and Installation

2.1 Battery Installation

The V860III-C uses a powerful 7.2V/2600mAh Li-ion battery. Ensure the battery is fully charged before first use.

1. Locate the battery compartment on the side of the flash unit.
2. Slide the battery cover open.
3. Insert the Li-ion battery, ensuring correct polarity.
4. Close the battery cover securely.



Image 2.1: The GODOX VB26 Li-ion battery, illustrating its quick recycle time of 1.5 seconds and capacity for 450 full power flashes.

2.2 Attaching to Camera Hotshoe

The V860III-C features a quick release lock for easy and secure attachment to your camera's hotshoe.

1. Ensure the flash unit is powered off.
2. Slide the flash foot into the camera's hotshoe.
3. Push the quick release lever forward to lock the flash securely in place.
4. To remove, push the quick release lever backward and slide the flash out.



Image 2.2: The GODOX V860III-C Speedlite Light securely mounted on a camera, ready for use.

Image 2.3: A detailed view of the quick release lock, designed for fast and secure attachment to the camera hotshoe.

3. Operating Instructions

3.1 Power On/Off and Basic Display

To power on the flash, slide the power switch to the 'ON' position. The LCD screen will illuminate, typically defaulting to

TTL mode. The display shows current settings such as flash mode, exposure compensation, and zoom level.



Image 3.1: The flash unit's LCD screen showing E-TTL settings, including exposure compensation and zoom.

3.2 Flash Modes (TTL, Manual, Multi)

Press the **MODE** button to cycle through the available flash modes: E-TTL II (automatic), Manual (M), and Multi (Stroboscopic).

- **E-TTL II Mode:** The flash output is automatically adjusted by the camera for optimal exposure. Use the +/- button and dial to adjust exposure compensation.
- **Manual Mode (M):** Allows you to manually set the flash output from 1/1 (full power) to 1/256. Use the +/- button and dial to adjust the power level.
- **Multi Mode (Stroboscopic):** Fires a series of rapid flashes during a single exposure. Adjust flash times and

frequency (Hz) using the corresponding buttons and dial.



Image 3.2: The dedicated TTL/M quick switch on the side of the flash for rapid mode changes.

3.3 High-Speed Sync (HSS) and Rear-Curtain Sync

Press the **SYNC** button to activate High-Speed Sync (HSS) or Rear-Curtain Sync modes. HSS allows you to use flash at shutter speeds faster than your camera's native sync speed, while Rear-Curtain Sync fires the flash just before the second curtain closes, creating motion trails behind the subject.

3.4 Zoom Adjustment

Press the **ZOOM** button and turn the dial to adjust the focal distance of the light head. This can be set manually or to auto-zoom to match your lens.

3.5 Modeling Light

Press the modeling light button (often indicated by a light bulb icon) to activate the front modeling light. Use the dial to adjust its brightness in 10 levels. This light aids in pre-visualization of shadows and highlights.

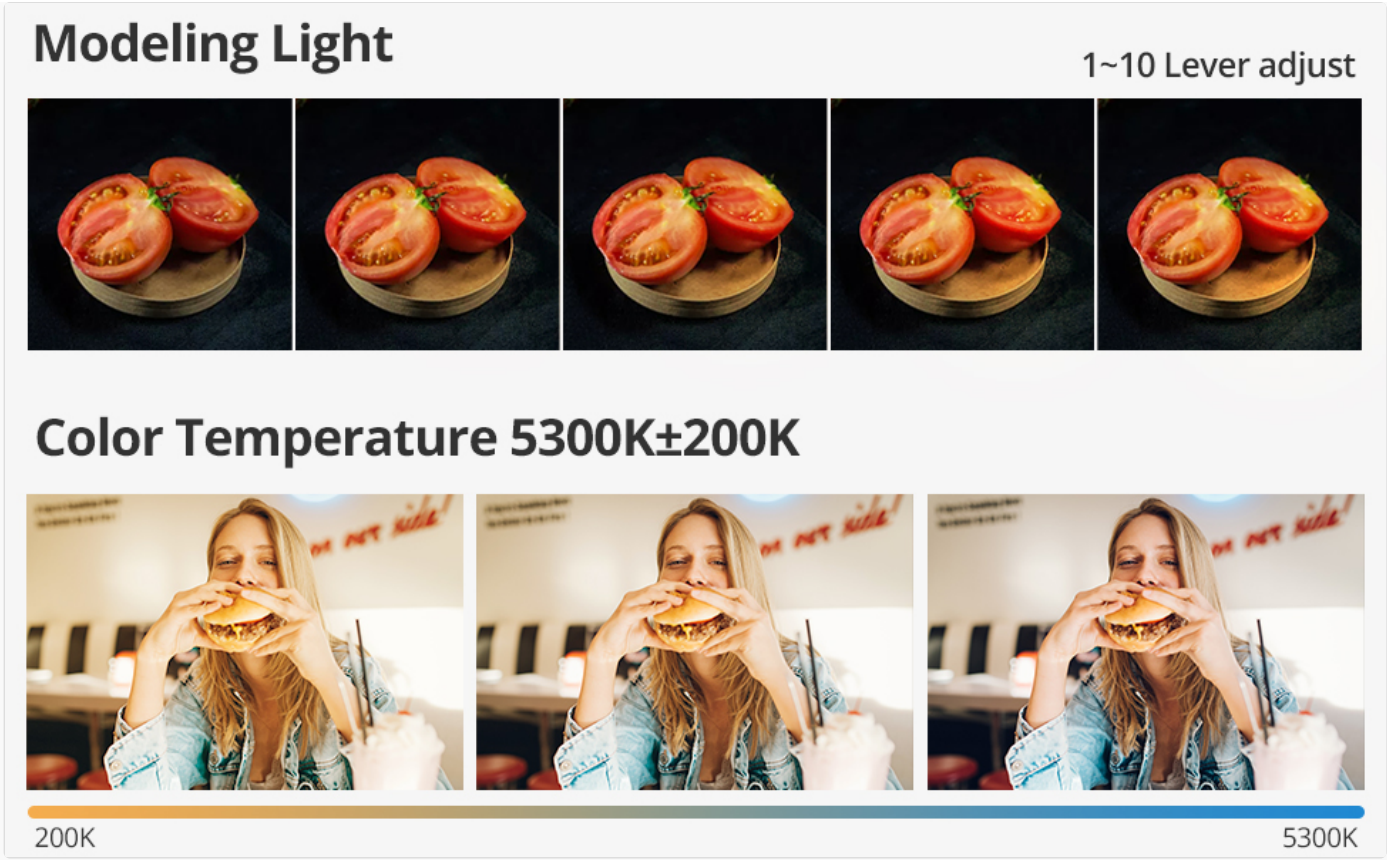


Image 3.3: Demonstrations of the modeling light's effect on a subject and how color temperature can be adjusted.

4. Wireless Connectivity (Godox 2.4G X System)

The V860III-C features a built-in Godox 2.4G X wireless system, allowing it to function as both a transmitter and a receiver unit for multi-flash setups.

4.1 Setting Up as a Transmitter Unit

1. Turn on the V860III-C.
2. Press the **MENU** button and navigate to the C.Fn settings.
3. Set the channel (CH) and ID to match your receiver units.
4. Return to the main display. Set the flash to M or TTL mode.
5. Use the group buttons (A/B/C/D/E) to control other flashes.

4.2 Setting Up as a Receiver Unit

1. Turn on the V860III-C.
2. Press the **MENU** button and navigate to the C.Fn settings.
3. Set the channel (CH) and ID to match your transmitter unit.
4. Set the flash to receiver mode (often indicated by an 'R' or specific icon).
5. The receiver unit will now respond to commands from the transmitter.



Image 4.1: The flash screen showing wireless flash (radio 2.4G transmission) and high-speed sync capabilities.

4.3 Official Product Video: Operation Tutorial

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Video 4.2: An official operation tutorial for the Godox V860III Speedlite Light, demonstrating various functions and settings.

5. Custom Functions (C.Fn)

The V860III-C offers several customizable functions to tailor its operation to your preferences. Access these by pressing the **MENU** button.

- **Distance Indicator (m/Ft):** Switch between meters and feet for distance display.
- **AF Assist Beam (AF):** Enable or disable the autofocus assist beam.
- **Auto Sleep (STBY):** Set the auto-sleep timer for power saving.
- **Receiver Unit Auto Power Off Timer (RX STBY):** Configure the auto power-off duration for the flash when acting as a receiver.
- **Scan Free Channel (SCAN):** Initiate a scan to find clear wireless channels.
- **Beep:** Turn the audible beep sound on or off.
- **Backlight Time (LIGHT):** Adjust the duration the LCD backlight stays on (e.g., 12 seconds, off, or always on).
- **LCD Contrast (LCD):** Adjust the contrast of the LCD display from -3 to +3.
- **Transmitter Flash (TX):** Enable or disable the flash when used as a transmitter.

6. Maintenance

6.1 Cleaning

Regularly clean the flash unit to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

- Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe the exterior of the flash.
- For the flash tube and reflector, use a lens cleaning cloth and solution if necessary, being careful not to scratch the surfaces.
- Keep the hotshoe contacts clean and free of debris.

6.2 Battery Care

- Store the Li-ion battery in a cool, dry place when not in use.
- Avoid fully discharging the battery for extended periods.
- Charge the battery regularly, even if not in frequent use, to maintain its health.

7. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your GODOX V860III-C, refer to the following common solutions.

7.1 Flash Not Firing

- Check if the flash is securely mounted on the camera's hotshoe.
- Ensure the battery is charged and correctly inserted.
- Verify the flash is powered on.
- In wireless mode, confirm that the transmitter and receiver units have matching channels and IDs.
- Check camera settings to ensure external flash is enabled.

7.2 Incorrect Exposure

- In E-TTL mode, adjust the flash exposure compensation.
- In Manual mode, adjust the flash power output.
- Check the flash zoom setting to ensure it matches your lens focal length.
- Ensure the flash head is correctly angled for bounce flash, if applicable.

7.3 Resetting to Default Settings

If the flash unit behaves unexpectedly or you wish to revert all settings to their factory defaults:

1. Long-press the second and third buttons (often labeled TCM and SYNC) simultaneously until "RESET" appears on the display.
2. Confirm the reset.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	GODOX
Model Number	V860III-C
Compatible Mountings	Canon

Camera Flash Type	Hotshoe
Connectivity Technology	Wired
Wireless Communication Technology	Optical Pulse, 2.4G Radio System
Battery	7.2V/2600mAh Li-ion
Recycle Time	Approx. 1.5 seconds
Full Power Flashes	Approx. 450
Flash Coverage	20 to 200mm (Auto/Manual Zoom)
Swinging/Tilting Flash Head	0 to 330° horizontally, -7° to 120° vertically
Modeling Light	Dimmable in 10 levels
Item Weight	2.43 pounds
Package Dimensions	8.98 x 8.27 x 4.13 inches

9. Warranty and Support

GODOX products are designed for reliability and performance. For warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official GODOX website. For technical support, service, or inquiries, please contact GODOX customer service or your authorized dealer.

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