GODOX V860III-S

Godox V860III-S Flash Speedlight User Manual

Model: V860III-S
Brand: GODOX

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and effective use of your Godox V860III-S Flash Speedlight. Please read this manual carefully before use to ensure optimal performance and to prevent damage to the product. This flash unit is designed for Sony cameras, offering advanced features like TTL, Manual, Multi-flash modes, High-Speed Sync (HSS), and a built-in 2.4G wireless X system.

What's in the Box



This image displays the Godox V860III-S Flash Speedlight along with all its standard accessories. The main flash unit is shown prominently on the right, with the VB26A Li-ion battery, charger, charging stand, USB charging cable, hot shoe stand, and a carrying bag arranged around it.

- 1 x GODOX V860III-S Flash
- 1 x VB26A Li-ion Battery

- 1 x Charger
- 1 x Charging Stand
- 1 x Two-Sides Flash Diffuser
- 1 x USB Charging Cable
- 1 x Hot Shoe Stand
- 1 x Carrying Bag

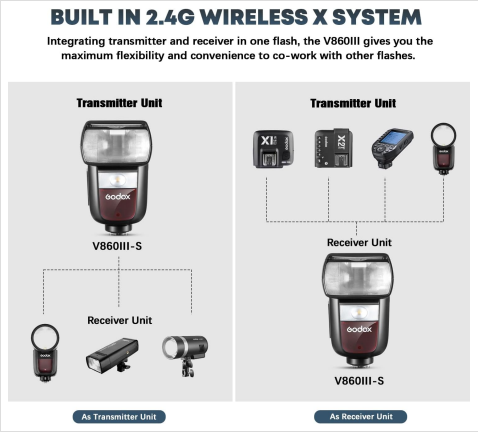
Setup

Battery Installation and Charging

The Godox V860III-S uses a high-capacity 2600mAh Li-ion battery (VB26A) for extended shooting sessions.

1. Insert the VB26A Li-ion battery into the battery compartment located on the side of the flash unit. Ensure it clicks securely into place.
2. To charge the battery, connect the charger to a power outlet and insert the battery into the charging stand. The indicator light on the charger will show the charging status.
3. A full charge provides approximately 480 full-power flashes and a recycle time of 1.5 seconds.

Mounting the Flash



This image illustrates the quick-release hot shoe mechanism of the Godox V860III-S. It shows the flash unit securely mounted onto a Sony camera, highlighting the lever-based locking system for easy attachment and detachment.

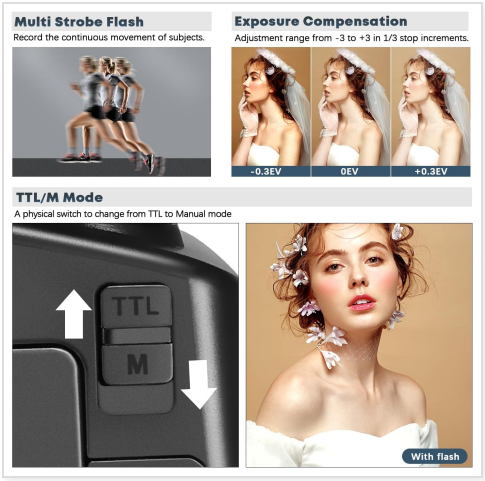
1. Slide the flash unit onto your camera's hot shoe.
2. Engage the quick-release hot shoe lock lever to secure the flash firmly in place. This updated physical lock ensures a stable connection and easy removal.
3. The V860III-S is compatible with Sony cameras, including models like A7 III, A7R III, A7S III, A9, A6400, A6600, A6100, RX10 IV, RX100 VII, A99 II, A77 II, A68, A58, A5100.

Operating Instructions

Power On/Off

Press and hold the power button to turn the flash on or off.

Switching Between TTL and Manual (M) Mode



This image focuses on the dedicated TTL/M switch button located on the side of the flash unit. It clearly shows the "TTL" and "M" labels, indicating the quick and easy physical switch for changing between automatic Through-The-Lens metering and manual flash control.

The V860III-S features a dedicated quick button on the side, allowing for instant switching between TTL (Through-The-Lens) and Manual (M) flash modes. This provides flexibility for various shooting scenarios.

Built-in 2.4G Wireless X System



This diagram illustrates the versatility of the Godox 2.4G Wireless X System. It shows the V860III-S functioning both as a transmitter unit (triggering other Godox flashes and receivers like the X1T or X2T) and as a receiver unit (being triggered by other Godox transmitters), demonstrating its seamless integration into a multi-flash setup.

The integrated Godox 2.4G wireless X system allows the V860III-S to function as both a transmitter and a receiver. This enables reliable remote control and triggering when used off-camera, expanding creative lighting possibilities. It is compatible with other Godox X system flash triggers.

Modeling Light

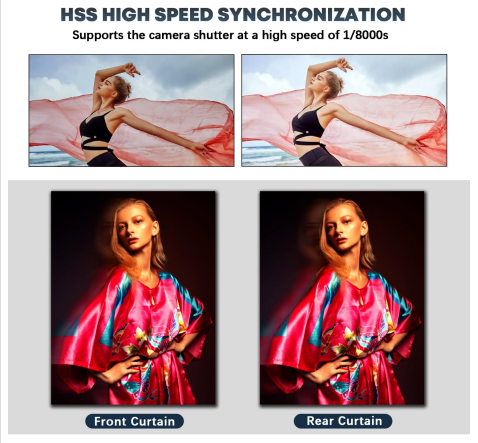


This image demonstrates the 10-level adjustable modeling light feature of the Godox V860III-S. It shows a visual representation of how the brightness of the modeling light can be varied from level 1 (dimmest) to level 10 (brightest),

allowing for pre-visualization of lighting effects.

A modeling light is located at the front of the flash, offering 10 levels of dimmable brightness. This feature helps in pre-visualizing the light effect on your subject before taking the shot, aiding in precise lighting adjustments.

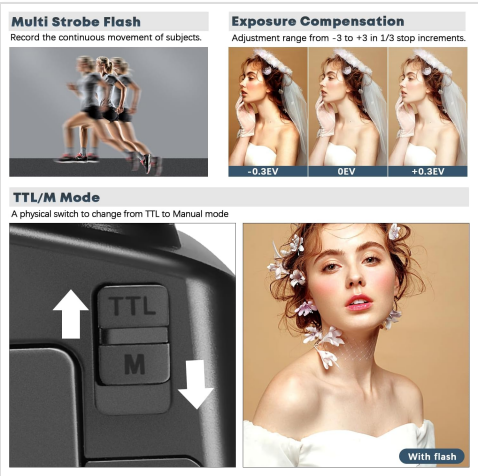
High-Speed Synchronization (HSS)



This image illustrates the High-Speed Synchronization (HSS) capability of the Godox V860III-S. It shows examples of photos taken with HSS at 1/8000s, demonstrating how the flash can synchronize with fast shutter speeds to freeze motion or control ambient light in bright conditions, including examples of front and rear curtain sync.

The V860III-S supports High-Speed Synchronization (HSS) up to 1/8000s. This allows you to use the flash with fast shutter speeds, which is ideal for freezing action or using wide apertures in bright conditions.

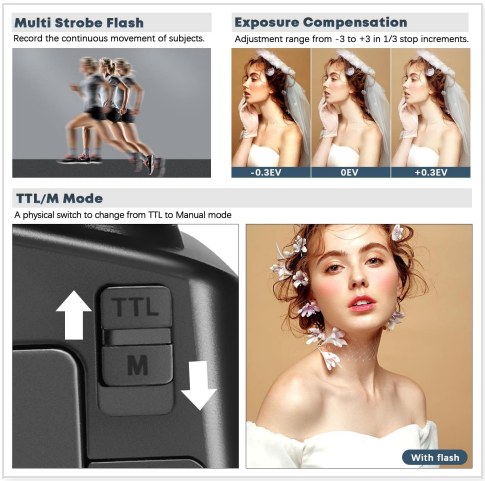
Multi Strobe Flash



This image, part of a larger graphic, demonstrates the Multi Strobe Flash function. It shows a sequence of a person running, captured in multiple exposures within a single frame, illustrating how the flash can record continuous movement.

The Multi Strobe Flash mode allows you to fire a series of rapid flashes within a single exposure, creating a stroboscopic effect that captures multiple stages of movement in one frame.

Exposure Compensation



This image, part of a larger graphic, illustrates the Exposure Compensation feature. It displays three comparative photos of a subject with different exposure values (-0.3EV, 0EV, +0.3EV), demonstrating how the flash output can be finely adjusted to achieve desired brightness levels.

Adjust the flash exposure compensation from -3 to +3 in 1/3 stop increments to fine-tune the flash output and achieve the desired brightness for your subject.

Continuous Flash Shoot



This image highlights the continuous flash shooting capabilities of the Godox V860III-S. It shows a sequence of three ballet dancers in motion, captured with rapid successive flashes, emphasizing the flash's ability to keep up with fast action thanks to its 480 full-power flashes, 1.5s recycle time, and 1/8000s HSS.

The V860III-S is designed for continuous flash shooting, allowing you to capture images in rapid succession without missing moments. It boasts 480 full-power flashes and a fast 1.5s recycle time.

Flexible Angle Adjustment



This image illustrates the flexible angle adjustment of the Godox V860III-S flash head. It shows the flash head rotating horizontally from 0° to 330° and tilting vertically from -7° to 120°, demonstrating its versatility for bounce flash and various lighting directions.

The flash head can be rotated horizontally from 0° to 330° and tilted vertically from -7° to 120°. This flexibility allows for bounce flash techniques and precise control over light direction.

Maintenance

- Keep the flash unit dry. Do not handle with wet hands or immerse in water.
- Clean the flash head and body with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid using solvents or harsh chemicals.
- Store the flash in a cool, dry place when not in use, preferably in its carrying bag.
- Regularly check battery contacts for cleanliness.
- When storing for extended periods, remove the battery to prevent leakage.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Flash does not fire.	Battery low or not inserted correctly; Flash not securely mounted; Camera settings incorrect.	Charge or reinsert battery; Re-mount flash on hot shoe; Check camera flash settings (e.g., external flash enabled).
Flash output is too weak/strong.	Incorrect flash exposure compensation; Distance to subject too far/close; ISO setting.	Adjust flash exposure compensation; Move closer/further from subject; Adjust camera ISO.
Flash does not sync with high shutter speeds.	HSS mode not enabled or camera not compatible.	Ensure HSS is enabled on flash and camera; Verify camera compatibility with HSS.
Wireless trigger not working.	Incorrect channel/group settings; Distance too far; Interference.	Match channel and group settings on flash and trigger; Reduce distance; Change channel.

Specifications

- **Model:** V860III-S
- **Brand:** GODOX
- **Compatible Mountings:** Suitable for Sony Cameras
- **Battery:** 2600mAh Li-ion Battery (VB26A)
- **Full Power Flashes:** Approx. 480
- **Recycle Time:** Approx. 1.5s
- **Flash Sync Speed:** Up to 1/8000s (HSS)
- **Flash Modes:** TTL, Manual, Multi
- **Wireless Function:** 2.4G Wireless X System (Transmitter & Receiver)

- **Modeling Light:** 10-level adjustable brightness
- **Exposure Compensation:** ±3 stops in 1/3 stop increments
- **Item Weight:** 1.17 pounds
- **Package Dimensions:** 9.06 x 8.27 x 3.15 inches

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