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## Pentax 18928-RIM

# Pentax 17 35mm Film Camera User Manual

Model: PENTAX 17 (18928-RIM)

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Pentax 17 is a compact 35mm film camera designed to allow photographers to express their originality and creativity. It captures two 17mm x 24mm images within a single 35mm format, effectively doubling the number of pictures per roll. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your Pentax 17 camera.



The Pentax 17 camera, designed for film photography enthusiasts.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read and understand the following safety precautions before using your Pentax 17 camera:

- Do not disassemble or modify the camera. This can cause electric shock or malfunction.
- Keep the camera away from water and moisture. Exposure to liquids can damage internal components.
- Use only the specified battery type (CR2). Incorrect battery usage can lead to overheating, leakage, or explosion.
- Do not expose the camera to extreme temperatures or direct sunlight for prolonged periods.
- Keep out of reach of small children to prevent accidental ingestion of small parts or batteries.
- Handle film carefully in low light conditions to avoid accidental exposure.

## 3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Pentax 17 combines classic design with modern features for an enjoyable film photography experience. Key components and features include:

- **Half-Frame Format:** Captures two 17mm x 24mm images per standard 35mm frame, allowing for up to 72 images on a 36-exposure roll.
- **Retro-Inspired Design:** Features top and bottom covers made of solid, lightweight magnesium alloy.
- **Zone-Focus System:** Divided into six zones for easy focusing from close ranges to long distances.
- **Manual Film-Winding:** A film advance lever provides a traditional tactile experience.
- **High-Quality Lens:** Equipped with a 25mm F3.5 lens (equivalent to 37mm in 35mm format) with HD (High Definition) coating for optimized image quality.



Front view of the Pentax 17 camera, showcasing its lens and classic design.



Rear view of the Pentax 17 camera, showing the film window.



Top view of the Pentax 17 camera, highlighting the ISO dial, film advance lever, and mode dial.



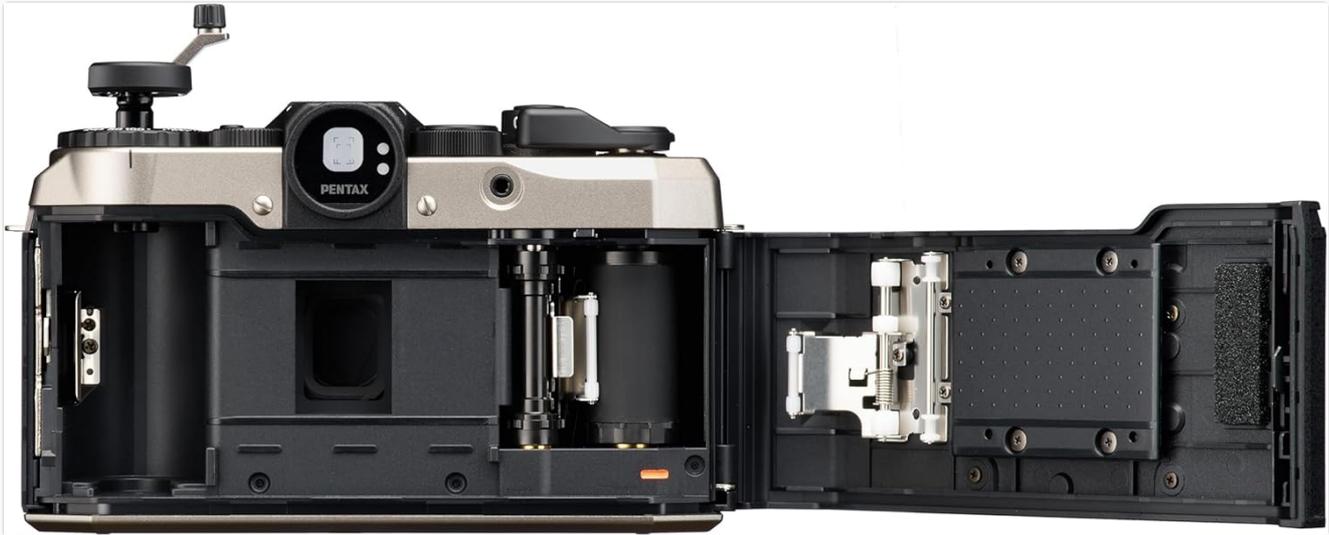
Side view of the Pentax 17 camera, illustrating its compact profile.

## 4. SETUP

### 4.1. Battery Installation

The Pentax 17 requires one CR2 battery (included). To install the battery:

1. Locate the battery compartment on the side of the camera.
2. Open the battery compartment cover.
3. Insert the CR2 battery, ensuring the correct polarity (+/-) as indicated inside the compartment.
4. Close the battery compartment cover securely.



The battery compartment of the Pentax 17, showing the CR2 battery slot.

### 4.2. Film Loading

Loading film correctly is crucial for proper camera operation.

1. Open the camera back by sliding the latch on the side.
2. Place the film cartridge into the film chamber on the left side.
3. Pull the film leader across to the take-up spool on the right side and insert it into one of the slots.
4. Rotate the take-up spool slightly using the film advance lever until the film is securely engaged.
5. Close the camera back firmly until it latches.
6. Advance the film two frames by repeatedly operating the film advance lever and pressing the shutter button to ensure the film is properly wound and the frame counter resets.



Internal view of the Pentax 17 with the camera back open, illustrating the film loading area.



Visual representation of the half-frame format, capturing two images per standard 35mm frame.

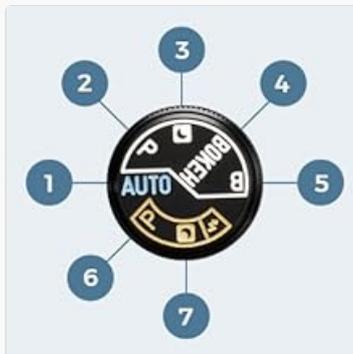
## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### 5.1. Powering On/Off

The camera powers on automatically when the film advance lever is pulled out slightly. To power off, push the film advance lever back into its resting position.

### 5.2. Setting ISO

Rotate the ISO dial on the top of the camera to match the ISO sensitivity of your loaded film (e.g., ISO 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600, 3200). This ensures correct exposure.



The ISO dial, used to set the film sensitivity.

### 5.3. Focusing with Zone Focus System

The Pentax 17 uses a zone-focus system. Select the appropriate icon on the top of the camera based on the distance to your subject:

- **Macro (Flower icon):** For subjects very close to the lens.
- **Close-up (Single person icon):** For portraits or subjects within a few feet.
- **Group (Multiple people icon):** For small groups or subjects at medium distance.
- **Landscape (Mountain icon):** For distant subjects or landscapes.



The zone focus icons, indicating different focus distances.

## 5.4. Taking a Picture

1. Ensure the film is advanced by pulling the film advance lever.
2. Set the appropriate ISO for your film.
3. Select the correct zone focus setting for your subject distance.
4. Look through the viewfinder to compose your shot.
5. Press the shutter button gently to take the picture.
6. Advance the film again for the next shot.

## 5.5. Using the Flash

The built-in flash can be activated for low-light conditions. Consult the camera's mode dial for flash settings (e.g., Auto Flash, Flash On, Flash Off).

## 5.6. Rewinding Film

Once all exposures on the roll are used, the film must be rewound back into the cartridge before opening the camera back. Locate the film rewind crank on the top of the camera and turn it in the direction indicated until you feel the tension release, indicating the film is fully rewound.

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# 6. MAINTENANCE

## 6.1. Cleaning the Camera

- **Body:** Wipe the camera body with a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn dirt, use a slightly damp cloth and then dry thoroughly.
- **Lens:** Use a lens brush or a blower to remove dust. For smudges, use a lens cleaning solution and a microfiber cloth, wiping gently in a circular motion from the center outwards.
- **Viewfinder:** Use a soft brush or air blower to remove dust. Avoid touching the viewfinder glass directly with fingers.

## 6.2. Storage

When not in use, store the camera in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and high humidity. If storing for an extended period, remove the battery to prevent leakage.

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# 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Camera does not power on.	Battery is dead or incorrectly inserted.	Replace battery or check polarity.
Film does not advance.	Film not properly loaded or film roll is finished.	Re-load film, ensure leader is engaged. If finished, rewind and replace film.
Photos are blurry.	Incorrect zone focus setting or camera shake.	Ensure correct zone focus is selected. Hold camera steady or use a tripod.
Flash does not fire.	Flash is off or battery is low.	Check flash mode setting. Replace battery if low.
Light leaks on photos.	Camera back not fully closed or light seals are worn.	Ensure camera back is securely closed. If problem persists, contact support.

If you encounter issues not listed here, please refer to the official Pentax support resources.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	PENTAX 17
Item Model Number	18928-RIM
Product Dimensions	7.68 x 5.39 x 4.09 inches
Item Weight	1.34 pounds
Film Format Type	35mm (Half-Frame)
Lens	25mm F3.5 (equivalent to 37mm in 35mm format) with HD coating
Focus System	Zone Focus (6 zones)
Exposure Control Type	Automatic
Batteries Required	1 CR2 (included)
Included Components	Camera Body & Accessories
UPC	027075310087

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official Pentax website or contact their customer service. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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