



LEICA Q2

Instruction manual

FOREWORD

Dear Customer,

We are confident that you will enjoy taking photographs with your new Leica Q2. Please read this manual thoroughly to familiarize yourself with the full scope of functions your camera has to offer.

Your Leica Camera AG

SCOPE OF DELIVERY

Before using your camera for the first time, please check that the accessories supplied are complete.

- Leica Q2 with attached lens hood
- Lithium-ion battery Leica BP-SCL4
- Leica BC-SCL4 charger, incl. mains cable (US, EU)
- Lens hood cap
- Thread protection ring
- Accessory shoe cover
- Carry strap
- Quick Start Guide
- CE flyer
- Creative Cloud flyer
- Test certificate

Subject to changes in design and production.

REPLACEMENT PARTS/ACCESSORIES

Please visit the Leica Camera AG website for information on the extensive range of Leica replacement parts/accessories:
us.leica-camera.com/Photography/Leica-Q/Technical-Equipment

Only the accessories specified and described in this manual or by Leica Camera AG must be used with the camera (battery, charger, mains plug, mains cable, etc.). These accessories should only be used with this product. Third-party accessories may result in malfunctions or damage to the product.

Please read the chapters “Legal information”, “Safety remarks”, and “General information” before using your camera for the first time. Knowledge of the content will prevent inadvertent damage to the product, possible injuries and other risks.

LEGAL INFORMATION

LEGAL INFORMATION

- Compliance with copyright laws is mandatory. The recording and publication of pre-recorded media like tapes, CDs or other published or broadcast material may breach copyright laws.
- The following applies for all video material created with this camera: This product is governed by the AVC Patent Portfolio license and is meant for private use by a consumer only. The device may furthermore be used for purposes for which the consumer receives no remuneration, e.g. (i) encoding in accordance with the AVC Standard ("AVC Video") and/or (ii) decoding of AVC Video that was encoded by a consumer in accordance with the AVC Standard within the scope of personal use and/or which the consumer has received from the provider, who is in possession of a license to offer AVC Video. No license is granted or implied for any other use. Any other use, specifically the provision of AVC video in exchange for remuneration, may require a separate license agreement with MPEG LA, L.L.C. Please visit the MPEG LA, L.L.C. website at: www.mpegla.com for more information.

REGULATORY INFORMATION

You will find the manufacturing date of your camera on the stickers in the Warranty Card and/or on the packaging.
The date format is year/month/day.

Specific regional approvals for this device can be found in the camera menu.

- ▶ Select **Camera Information** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Regulatory Information** from the submenu

The CE mark on our products documents compliance with the fundamental requirements of applicable EU directives.

English

Declaration of Conformity (DoC)

Hereby, "Leica Camera AG" declares that this product is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 2014/53/EU.

Customers can download a copy of the original DoC to our RE products from our DoC server:

www.cert.leica-camera.com

In case of further questions, please contact:

Leica Camera AG, Am Leitz-Park 5, 35578 Wetzlar, Germany

Product dependent (see technical data)

Type	Frequency band (central frequency)	Maximum power (dBm e.i.r.p.)
WLAN	2412 - 2462 MHz/	20
	5180 - 5240 MHz/	
	5260 - 5320 MHz/	20
	5500 - 5700 MHz	
Bluetooth	2402 - 2480 MHz	20



DISPOSAL OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

(Applies within the EU and for other European countries with active waste separation policies.)

This device contains electric and/or electronic components which must not be disposed of in general household waste. Instead, it should be disposed of at a recycling collection point provided by your local authority.

This service is free of charge. Any standard or rechargeable batteries used in this device must be removed and disposed of separately in accordance with local regulations.

Further information on the subject is available from your local administration, your local waste collection company, or in the store where you purchased this device.

IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING THE USE OF WLAN/BLEETOOTH® (LEICA FOTOS)

Please read the important notes on specific functions of Leica FOTOS on p. 132.

- Appropriate measures must be taken to ensure security and protect against disruptions to the systems in place where devices or computer systems are in use that require more stringent security than WLAN devices.
- Leica Camera AG shall not accept liability for damages arising from the use of the camera for purposes other than as a WLAN device.
- It is assumed that the WLAN function will be used in countries where this camera is sold. There may be a risk of breaching statutory wireless communication regulations when using the camera in other countries. Leica Camera AG shall not accept liability for such breaches.
- Please note that there is a risk of unauthorized third party interception of wirelessly communicated data. We highly recommend that you activate encryption in the wireless access point settings to ensure data safety.
- Avoid using the camera in areas where it can be exposed to magnetic fields, static electricity or other interferences, e.g. near a microwave oven. RF transmissions may otherwise not reach the camera.
- Using the camera near devices like microwave ovens or wireless phones that use the 2.4 GHz RF band may negatively affect the performance of both devices.
- Do not attempt to connect to wireless networks you are not authorized to use.
- The device will automatically search for wireless networks, once the WLAN function is enabled. A list, including networks you are not authorized to access, will be displayed (SSID: Network

identifier for a WLAN network). Do not attempt to connect to such a network, as this could be construed as unauthorized access.

- We recommend disabling the WLAN function while on an aircraft.

SAFETY REMARKS

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Do not use your camera in the immediate vicinity of devices that generate powerful magnetic, electrostatic or electromagnetic fields (e.g. induction ovens, microwave ovens, television sets or computer screens, video game consoles, cell phones, broadcasting equipment). Their electromagnetic fields can interfere with recordings.
- Strong magnetic fields, e.g. from speakers or large electric motors can damage the stored picture data or disrupt recording.
- Switch off the camera, remove the battery briefly, replace it and switch the camera back on in case of a camera malfunction due to the effects of electromagnetic fields.
- Do not use the camera in the immediate vicinity of radio transmitters or high-voltage power lines. Their electromagnetic fields may interfere with recordings.
- Always store small parts e.g. the accessory shoe cover as follows:
 - out of the reach of children
 - in a safe location, where they will not get lost or stolen
- State-of-the-art electronic components are sensitive to static discharge. You can easily pick up charges of several 10,000 volts by simply walking on synthetic floor coverings. A static discharge can occur when you touch the camera and especially if it is placed on a conductive surface. A static discharge on the camera housing poses no risk for the electronics. Despite built-in safety circuits, you should avoid direct contact with external camera contacts like those in the flash shoe.
- Take care not to soil or scratch the sensor for lens detection in the bayonet. You must similarly prevent direct contact of the bayonet with grains of sand or similar particles, as these could cause irreparable damage. This component must only be cleaned with a dry cloth (in system cameras).
- Use a cotton or linen cloth instead of a microfiber cloth from an optician's (synthetic) when cleaning the contacts. Make sure to discharge any electrostatic charge by deliberately touching a heating or water pipe (conductive, grounded material). Dirt deposits and oxidation on the contacts can be avoided by storing your camera in a dry location with the lens cap and the flash shoe/viewfinder cap (in system cameras) attached.
- Only use accessories specified for this model to prevent faults, short circuits or electric shock.
- Do not attempt to remove parts of the housing (covers) yourself. Repairs must be done at authorized service centers only.
- Protect the camera against contact with insect sprays and other aggressive chemicals. Petroleum spirit, thinner and alcohol must not be used for cleaning. Some chemicals and liquids can damage the camera housing or the surface finish.
- Rubber and plastics are known to expel aggressive chemicals and should therefore not be kept in contact with the camera for extended periods of time.
- Prevent any sand or dust or water penetration into the camera, e.g. during snowfall or rain or on the beach. Be extra careful when changing the lens (in system cameras) and when inserting or removing the memory card and rechargeable battery. Sand and dust can damage the camera, the lens, the memory card and the battery. Moisture can cause malfunctions and irreparable damage to the camera and memory card.

LENS

- A camera lens can have the effect of a magnifying glass when exposed to direct frontal sunlight. The camera must therefore be protected against extended exposure to direct sunlight.
- Attaching the lens cap and keeping the camera in the shade or ideally in its camera case, will help prevent damage to the interior of the camera.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERY

- Improper use of the batteries or the use of unapproved battery types may result in an explosion!
- Do not expose the rechargeable battery to sunlight, heat, humidity or moisture for prolonged periods of time. Likewise, the batteries must not be placed in a microwave oven or a high-pressure container as this would pose a fire or explosion hazard.
- Do not under any circumstances charge or insert a damp or wet battery into the camera!
- A safety valve in the battery ensures that any excess pressure caused by improper handling is discharged safely. It is nevertheless important to dispose of a bloated battery immediately. It may pose an explosion hazard!
- Keep the battery contacts clean and easily accessible. Although lithium-ion batteries are secured against short circuits, they should still be protected against contact with metal objects like paper clips or jewelry. A short-circuited battery can get very hot and cause severe burns.
- When a battery is accidentally dropped, make sure to check the housing and the contacts immediately for any damage. A damaged battery can damage the camera.

- The battery must be removed from the camera or charger and must be replaced immediately in case of a strange smell, discoloration, deformation, overheating or leakage. Continued use of the battery may result in overheating, which can cause fire and/or explosion!
- Never throw batteries into a fire as they may explode.
- Keep the battery away from sources of heat in case of leakage or if you smell burning. Leaked fluid can catch fire!
- The use of other chargers not approved by Leica Camera AG can cause damage to the batteries – and in extreme cases – cause serious or life-threatening injuries.
- Make sure that the power socket is freely accessible at all times.
- Do not attempt to open the battery or the charger. Repairs must only be carried out by authorized service centers.
- Keep batteries out of the reach of children. Batteries can cause suffocation when swallowed.

FIRST AID

- Battery fluid may cause blindness if it comes into contact with the eyes. Rinse the eyes thoroughly with clean water immediately. Avoid rubbing. Seek medical attention immediately.
- Leaked battery fluid poses an injury hazard when it comes in contact with clothing or skin. Rinse the affected areas thoroughly with clean water.

CHARGER

- Using the charger in the vicinity of broadcasting receivers may interfere with reception. Ensure a distance of at least 1 m (3 ft) between the charger and the receiver.
- When the charger is in use, it may emit a buzzing sound – this is normal and not a malfunction.
- Disconnect the charger from the mains when it is not in use, as it consumes electricity (a very small amount), even if no battery is inserted.
- Always keep the charger contacts clean, and never short circuit them.

MEMORY CARD

- Never remove the memory card during a datasave or card reading process. The camera must not be switched off or be subjected to impact or vibrations while working.
- Do not open the cover/remove the memory card or the battery while the status LED is lit, which indicates memory access. Data on the card may otherwise be destroyed and camera malfunctions may occur.
- Do not drop or bend memory cards as this will cause damage and result in the loss of stored data.
- Do not touch the connections on the reverse of the memory card and keep them clean and dry.
- Keep memory cards out of the reach of children. Swallowing a memory card may cause suffocation.

SENSOR

Cosmic radiation (e.g. during flights) may cause pixel defects.

CARRY STRAP

- Carry straps are usually made of very robust material. You should therefore keep it out of the reach of children. A carry strap is not a toy and poses a strangulation risk.
- Use the carry strap only for its intended purpose on a camera or on binoculars. Any other use poses the risk of injury and may possibly result in damage to the carry strap and is therefore not permitted.
- Carry straps should also not be used for cameras/binoculars during sports activities that pose a risk of entanglement (e.g. when mountain climbing and similar outdoor activities).

Please read the section about “Care/Maintenance” for more information about what to do in case of problems.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CAMERA/LENS

- Make a note of the serial numbers of your camera (engraved in the base of the camera housing) and lenses, as this information will be extremely important in case of loss.
- Make sure to always have a lens or the camera bayonet cover attached to prevent dust or other foreign bodies penetrating the camera.
- That is why you should always replace lenses quickly and in a dust-free environment.
- Never store the camera bayonet cover or the lens back cover in a pants pocket, as they will attract lint and dust, which could then be accidentally introduced into the camera.
- Leica releases firmware updates for lenses at irregular intervals. You can download any new firmware version from our homepage and transfer it to your lens. Please read the section "Installing firmware" (p. 130) for more information.

LCD PANEL

- Condensation may form on the LCD panel if the camera is exposed to great temperature fluctuations. Wipe the screen carefully with a soft, dry cloth.
- The screen image will initially be slightly darker than normal if the camera is very cold when it is switched on. The normal level of brightness will be reached as soon as the LCD panel warms up.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERY

- The battery must have a temperature between + 10°C and + 30°C for charging, as the charger will otherwise not switch on or will switch off again.
- Lithium-ion batteries can be charged at any time, regardless of their current charge level. A partially charged battery will charge to full capacity faster than a fully discharged one.
- The rechargeable batteries come only partly charged ex works and should therefore be charged fully before their first use.
- A new battery only reaches its full capacity after it has been fully charged and – by using it in the camera – depleted 2 to 3 times. This depletion process should be repeated roughly every 25 cycles.
- Battery and charger heat up during the charging process. That is normal and not a malfunction.
- Rapid flashing of the two LEDs (> 2 Hz) when charging commences indicates a charging error (e.g. maximum charging time exceeded, voltages or temperatures outside permitted ranges or a short circuit). Disconnect the charger from the mains and remove the battery. Ensure that the above temperature conditions are met and then restart the charging process. Please contact your dealer, the Leica office in your country or Leica Camera AG if the problem persists.
- Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries generate power by way of internal chemical reactions. These reactions are influenced by ambient temperature and humidity. To ensure a maximum service life of the battery, it should not be exposed to extreme temperatures (high or low) for extended periods of time (e.g. in a parked car in the summer or winter).
- However, every battery has a limited service life! After several hundred charging cycles, this limitation will become evident as the operating times get significantly shorter.

- The replaceable battery supplies power to a backup battery, which is permanently installed in the camera. This backup battery retains the date and time for up to 2 months. Once the backup battery is depleted, it must be replenished by inserting a charged main battery. The backup battery will recover its full capacity after approx. 60 hours with the rechargeable battery in place. The camera does not have to be switched on for the process. The time and date will have to be set again after a full depletion of the backup battery.
- As the battery capacity deteriorates or if using an older battery, warning messages may appear and some functions may be restricted or blocked entirely.
- Remove the battery if the camera will not be used for an extended period of time. Make sure to switch the camera off via the main switch before removing the battery. Leaving the battery in the camera will result in a deep discharge after a few weeks. Voltage levels will decrease significantly, as the camera uses a low idle current to maintain settings.
- Dispose of damaged batteries in accordance with the relevant regulations at an approved collection point for proper recycling.
- The date of manufacture can be found on the battery. The date format is week/year.

MEMORY CARD

- The range of available SD/SDHC/SDXC cards on the market is too extensive for Leica Camera AG to test for compatibility and quality. Generally, any type of memory card may be used without any damage to the camera or memory card. As some "no name" cards may not fully comply with the SD/SDHC/SDXC standards, Leica Camera AG cannot provide any guarantee of function.
- We recommend formatting memory cards from time to time, because fragmented residual data from deleted files may block some of the storage capacity.
- Generally, it is not necessary to format (initialize) memory cards that have been previously used. Formatting will, however, be necessary if you insert an unformatted memory card or a card that was formatted in another device (e.g. a computer) for the first time.
- We recommend backing up your data on a PC, because electromagnetic fields, static electricity and any memory card or camera defects could result in permanent damage or loss of your data.
- SD, SDHC, and SDXC memory cards come with a write protection slider to prevent accidental overwriting. This slider is located on the non-beveled side of the card. All data on the card is protected when the slider is set to its lower position, marked LOCK.

SENSOR

- Any dust or dirt particles stuck to the glass cover of the sensor may result in noticeable dark stains or specks on the pictures.

DATA

- All data, including personal information, may be changed or deleted due to incorrect or accidental operation, static discharge, accidents, malfunctions, repairs and other measures.
- Please note that Leica Camera AG does not accept liability for direct or consequential damage due to the manipulation or destruction of data and personal information.

FIRMWARE UPDATE

Leica is constantly working on developing and optimizing the Leica Q2. As many functions on digital cameras are controlled purely electronically, improvements and extensions to the range of functions may need to be installed on the camera at a later date. Leica releases what are known as firmware updates at irregular intervals. Cameras are always supplied from the factory with the latest firmware. Otherwise you can download it from our website yourself and transfer it to your camera.

You will receive a newsletter informing you of the availability of a new firmware update if you register your camera on the Leica Camera homepage.

Visit the download section or the "Customer Area" for information about how to register or how to get firmware updates for your Leica Q2. Additionally, you can find information about changes or additions to the manual at:

<https://owners.leica-camera.com>

Select menu item "Firmware" (see p. 14) to check whether your camera and lenses are running the latest firmware version.

WARRANTY

In addition to your statutory warranty rights regarding your dealer, you will receive an additional Leica Camera AG product warranty valid from the date of purchase at an authorized Leica retailer. For more information regarding the warranty scope, services and limitations, please visit: **warranty.leica-camera.com**

Leica Q2 comes with splash water and dust protection.

The camera was tested under controlled laboratory conditions and is classes as IP52 in accordance with DIN EN 60529. Please note: The splash water and dust protection coating is not permanent and will diminish over time. The user manual contains instructions on how to clean and dry the camera. The warranty does not cover liquid damage. Any attempt to open the camera casing by an unauthorized retailer or service partner will cause an immediate expiration of the splash water and dust warranty.

TABLE OF CONTENT

FOREWORD	2
SCOPE OF DELIVERY	2
REPLACEMENT PARTS/ACCESSORIES	3
LEGAL INFORMATION	4
SAFETY REMARKS	8
GENERAL INFORMATION	12
WARRANTY	15
TABLE OF CONTENT	16
PART DESIGNATIONS	20
CAMERA	21
LENS "Summilux 28 f/1.7 ASPH."	21
DISPLAYS	22
PHOTO	22
VIDEO	24
PREPARATION	26
ATTACHING THE CARRY STRAP	26
PREPARING THE CHARGER	26
CHARGING THE BATTERY	27
INSERTING THE BATTERY IN THE CHARGER	27
REMOVING THE BATTERY FROM THE CHARGER	27
CHARGE STATUS INDICATORS ON THE CHARGER	27
INSERTING/REMOVING THE BATTERY	28
CHARGE STATUS INDICATOR ON THE LCD PANEL	29
INSERTING/REMOVING THE MEMORY CARD	29
ATTACHING/REMOVING THE LENS HOOD	31
DIOPTER SETTINGS	32

CAMERA OPERATION	34
OPERATING ELEMENTS	34
MAIN SWITCH	34
SHUTTER BUTTON	35
SHUTTER SPEED SETTING DIAL	36
THUMBWHEEL	36
THUMBWHEEL BUTTON	36
DIRECTIONAL PAD/CENTER BUTTON	37
PLAY BUTTON/FN BUTTON/MENU BUTTON	37
TOUCH SCREEN	38
MENU CONTROL	39
CONTROL ELEMENTS	39
STRUCTURE OF THE MENU SCREEN	40
SHOW MENU PAGES	41
MENU NAVIGATION	42
FAVORITES MENU	44
DIRECT ACCESS TO MENU FUNCTIONS	46
CAMERA DEFAULT SETTINGS	48
MENU LANGUAGE	48
DATE/TIME	48
DATE	48
TIME	48
TIME ZONE	48
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME	48
POWER SAVE MODE (STANDBY MODE)	49
LCD PANEL/VIEWFINDER (EVF) SETTINGS	50
LCD PANEL/EVF USE	50
EYE SENSOR SENSITIVITY	51
BRIGHTNESS	51
COLOR RENDERING	52

INFORMATION DISPLAYS	52	OTHER FUNCTIONS	65
AUTOMATIC LCD PANEL SHUTDOWN	52	ISO SENSITIVITY	66
ACOUSTIC SIGNALS	53	WHITE BALANCE	67
ACOUSTIC SIGNALS	53	MANUAL SETTING VIA METERING	68
ELECTRONIC SHUTTER SOUND	53	EXPOSURE	69
AUTOFOCUS CONFIRMATION	53	EXPOSURE METERING METHODS	69
SILENT PHOTOGRAPHY	53	EXPOSURE MODES	70
BASIC PICTURE SETTINGS	54	SCENE MODE	73
PHOTO	54	LONG-TERM EXPOSURE - T	79
FILE FORMAT	54	EXPOSURE CONTROL	80
JPG RESOLUTION	54	AUXILIARY DISPLAYS	84
IMAGE PROPERTIES	55	SERIAL EXPOSURES	87
FILM STYLE	56	INTERVAL SHOOTING	88
MONOCHROME IMAGES	56	SELF-TIMER	89
WORKING COLOR SPACE	57	DIGITAL ZOOM	90
IMAGE STABILIZATION	57	FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY	92
VIDEO	58	COMPATIBLE FLASH UNITS	92
FILE FORMAT	58	FLASH EXPOSURE METERING (TTL METERING)	93
VIDEO RESOLUTION	58	FLASH MODES	94
MICROPHONE	58	FLASH CONTROL	95
WIND NOISE REDUCTION	58	FLASH RANGE	96
VIDEO STABILIZATION	58	FLASH EXPOSURE COMPENSATION	96
IMAGE PROPERTIES	59	FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY	98
EXPOSURE CONTROL	59	VIDEO MODE	100
PICTURE MODE	60	START/EXIT VIDEO MODE	100
FOCUSING	60	START/END VIDEO RECORDING	101
AF PHOTOGRAPHY	60	PLAYBACK/REVIEW MODE	102
AUTOFOCUS MODES	60	INITIATE/EXIT PLAYBACK/REVIEW MODE	102
AUTOFOCUS METERING METHODS	61	SELECTING/SCROLLING THROUGH RECORDINGS	103
MF ASSIST FUNCTIONS	63	DISPLAYS IN PLAYBACK/REVIEW MODE	103
MANUAL FOCUSING (MF)	64	DISPLAYING ASSIST FUNCTIONS	104
MF ASSIST FUNCTIONS	64		

PICTURE SERIES REVIEW	104	LEICA FOTOS	130
CROPPED SECTION ZOOM	107	CONNECTION	130
DISPLAYING MULTIPLE RECORDINGS AT ONCE	108	REMOTE CAMERA CONTROL	132
TAGGING/RATING OF RECORDINGS	110	CARE/STORAGE	134
DELETING RECORDINGS	110	CAMERA HOUSING	134
DELETING INDIVIDUAL RECORDINGS	111	LENS	134
DELETING MULTIPLE RECORDINGS	112	VIEWFINDER/LCD PANEL	135
DELETING ALL RECORDINGS	113	RECHARGEABLE BATTERY	135
DELETING UNRATED RECORDINGS	113	MEMORY CARDS	135
PREVIEW OF LATEST RECORDING	114	FAQ	136
SLIDE SHOW	115	KEYWORD INDEX	142
VIDEO PLAYBACK	116	MENU OVERVIEW	146
VIDEO EDITING	120	TECHNICAL DATA	150
OTHER FUNCTIONS	122	LEICA CUSTOMER CARE	153
USER PROFILES	122	LEICA ACADEMY	153
SAVING CURRENT SETTINGS AS A USER PROFILE	122		
APPLY/ACTIVATE PROFILES	123		
EXPORTING/IMPORTING PROFILES TO/FROM THE MEMORY CARD	123		
DATA MANAGEMENT	124		
DATA STRUCTURE ON THE MEMORY CARD	124		
CHANGING FILE NAMES	125		
CREATING A NEW FOLDER	125		
RECORDING THE IMAGE LOCATION WITH GPS (ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEICA FOTOS APP)	126		
FORMATTING A MEMORY CARD	126		
DATA TRANSFER	127		
USING RAW DATA (DNG)	127		
RESETTING THE CAMERA TO FACTORY SETTINGS	128		
FIRMWARE UPDATES	128		
UPDATING THE FIRMWARE	129		

Definition of the various categories of information found in this manual**Note**

Additional information

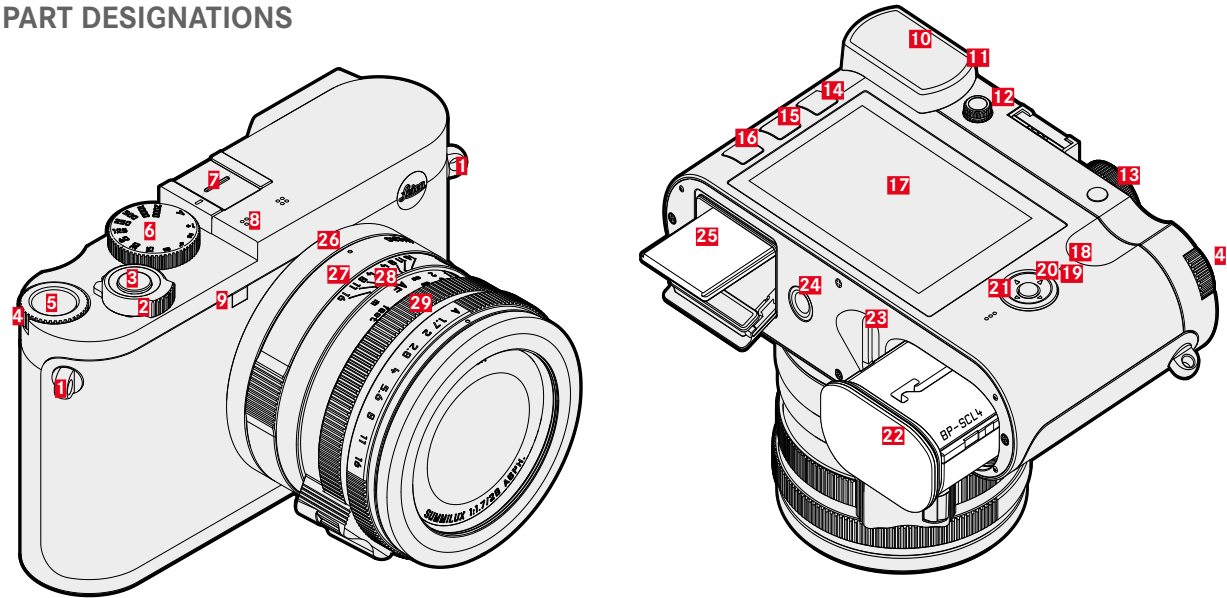
Important

Failure to observe the instructions may result in damage to the camera, the accessories or the pictures.

Attention

Non-compliance may result in personal injury

PART DESIGNATIONS



CAMERA

- 1** Strap lugs
- 2** Main switch
- 3** Shutter button
- 4** Thumbwheel
- 5** Thumbwheel button
- 6** Shutter speed setting dial
- 7** Accessory shoe
- 8** Microphone
- 9** Self-timer LED/AF assist light
- 10** Viewfinder eyepiece
- 11** Eye sensor
- 12** Diopter setting wheel
- 13** Zoom/Lock button
- 14** **PLAY** button
- 15** **FN** button
- 16** **MENU** button
- 17** LCD panel
- 18** Status LED
- 19** Directional pad
- 20** Center button
- 21** Speaker
- 22** Battery compartment
- 23** Battery release lever
- 24** Tripod thread
- 25** Memory card slot

LENS "Summilux 28 f/1.7 ASPH."

- 26** Alignment point for macro function
- 27** Macro setting ring
- 28** Focus ring
- 29** Aperture setting ring
- 30** Thread protection ring
- 31** AF/MF lock release
- 32** Focus tab

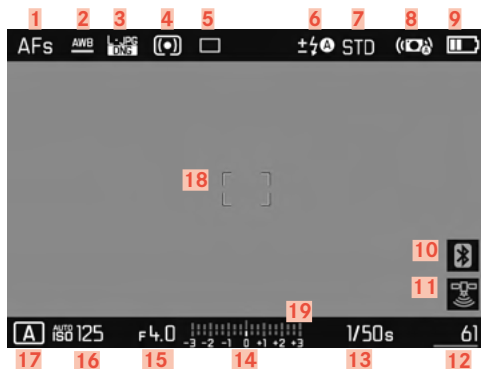
DISPLAYS

The images displayed on the LCD panel and in the viewfinder are identical.

PHOTO

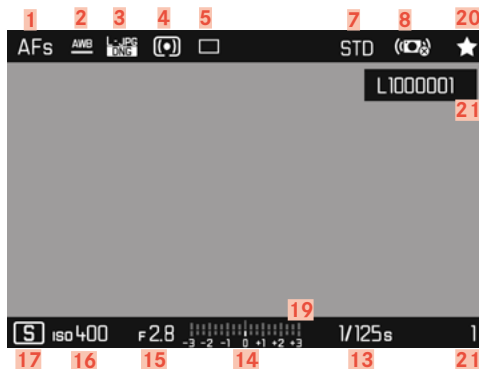
WHEN TAKING A PICTURE

All displays/values refer to the actual settings



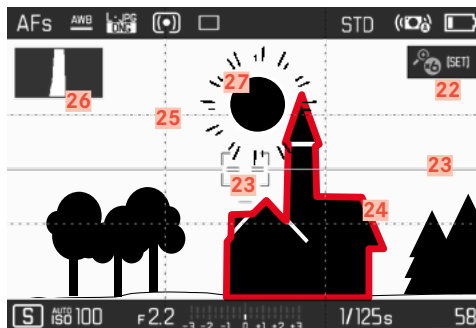
IN PLAYBACK MODE

All displays/values refer to the displayed image



- 1 Focus mode
- 2 White balance mode
- 3 File format/compression level/resolution
- 4 Exposure metering method
- 5 Picture mode (Picture sequence)
- 6 Flash mode/flash exposure compensation
- 7 Color rendering (Film Style)
- 8 Stabilization activated
- 9 Battery capacity
- 10 Leica FOTOS enabled (Bluetooth)
- 11 Automatic storage of the recording location (Exif data)
(Only while connection to Leica FOTOS is active)
- 12 Remaining number of exposures incl. trend detection via
bar chart = remaining capacity of the inserted memory
card
- 13 Shutter speed
- 14 Light balance
- 15 Exposure value
- 16 ISO Sensitivity
- 17 Exposure mode
- 18 AF Field
- 19 Exposure compensation scale
- 20 Icon for marked picture
- 21 File number of the picture shown

Activated Capture Assistants

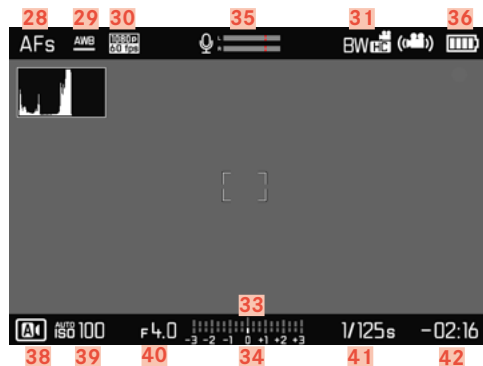


- 22 Automatic magnification as Focus Assist for manual
focusing (+3x or +6x magnification available)
- 23 Horizon display
- 24 Focus Peaking (identification of in sharp edges in the object)
- 25 Grid lines
- 26 Histogram
- 27 Clipping identification of underexposed or overexposed
object sections

VIDEO

WHEN TAKING A PICTURE

All displays/values refer to the actual settings



IN PLAYBACK MODE

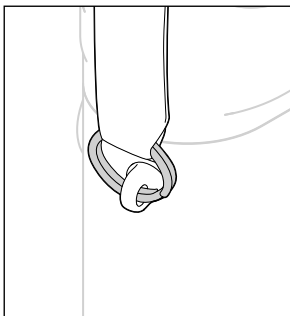
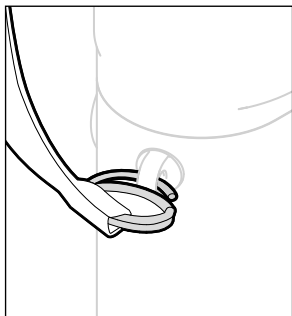
All displays/values refer to the displayed image



- 28 Focus mode
- 29 White balance mode
- 30 Video resolution
- 31 Color rendering (Video Style)
- 32 Stabilization activated
- 33 Light balance
- 34 Exposure compensation scale
- 35 Microphone recording level
- 36 Battery capacity
- 37 Histogram
- 38 Video mode
- 39 ISO Sensitivity
- 40 Exposure value
- 41 Shutter speed
- 42 Total remaining memory capacity/recording time
- 43 Length of recording
- 44 File name
- 45 Number of pictures on the memory card
- 46 Video editing function
- 47 Exiting video playback
- 48 Elapsed playback time
- 49 Playback status bar
- 50 Playback volume

PREPARATION

ATTACHING THE CARRY STRAP

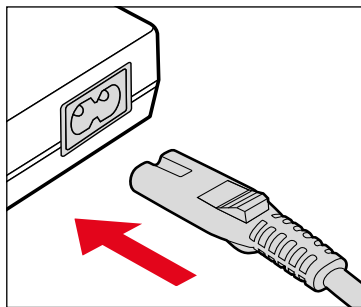


Attention

Once you have attached the carry strap, please make sure that the clips are mounted correctly to prevent the camera from falling.

PREPARING THE CHARGER

Use the mains cable with the matching regional plug to connect the charger to mains electricity.



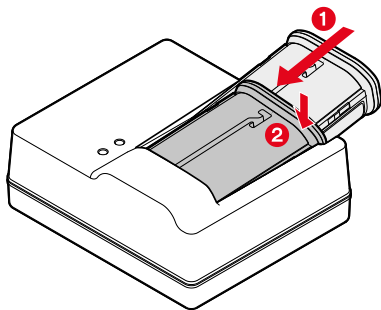
Note

The charger will automatically adapt to local mains voltage.

CHARGING THE BATTERY

The camera is powered by a lithium-ion battery.

INSERTING THE BATTERY IN THE CHARGER

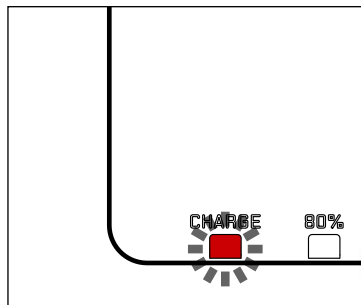


- ▶ Slide the battery into the charger with the groove facing up until the contacts meet
- ▶ Press down on the battery until you can hear and feel it clicking into place
- ▶ Ensure that the battery is fully inserted into the charger

REMOVING THE BATTERY FROM THE CHARGER

- ▶ Tilt the battery up and lift it out at an angle

CHARGE STATUS INDICATORS ON THE CHARGER



The status LED indicates a correct charging process.

Display	Charge status	Charge time*
CHARGE flashes green	battery is charging	
80% lights up orange	80%	approx. 2 h
CHARGE continuous green light	100%	approx. 3½ h

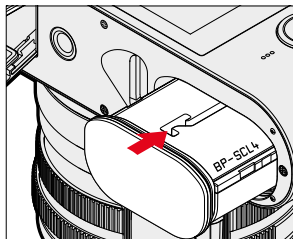
Disconnect the charger from mains electricity when the charging process is complete. There is no risk of overcharging.

* for a completely discharged battery

INSERTING/REMOVING THE BATTERY

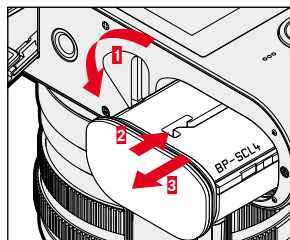
- ▶ Ensure that the camera is switched OFF (see p. 34)

INSERTION



- ▶ Push the battery into the slot with the groove pointing towards the LCD panel until you hear and feel it clicking into place

REMOVAL



- ▶ Turn the battery release lever
 - Battery is pushing out slightly.
- ▶ Press down on the battery lightly
 - The battery unlocks and pushes out fully.
- ▶ Removing the battery







Important

Removing the battery while the camera is switched on may result in the loss of custom settings or damage to the memory card.

CHARGE STATUS INDICATOR ON THE LCD PANEL

You can see the charge level of the battery on the LCD panel if you press the center button.



Display	Charge status
	approx. 88 - 100%
	approx. 63 - 87%
	approx. 47 - 62%
	approx. 36 - 46%
	approx. 26 - 35%
	approx. 0 - 25% The battery needs charging or replacing

INSERTING/REMOVING THE MEMORY CARD

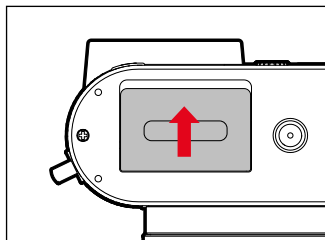
The camera will save exposures to an SD (Secure Digital), SDHC (High Capacity) or SDXC (eXtended Capacity) memory card.

Notes

- SD/SDHC/SDXC memory cards are available from various suppliers in various sizes and with differing read/write speeds. Memory cards with high storage capacities and high read/write speeds offer quick storage and rendering.
- Memory cards with a capacity of less than 1GB are not supported. Memory cards with capacities between 1GB and 2GB must be formatted before first use.
- Check the memory card for correct alignment if you are having difficulties inserting it into the camera.

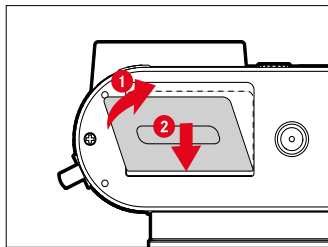
- ▶ Ensure that the camera is switched OFF (see p. 34)

OPENING THE COVER OVER THE MEMORY CARD SLOT



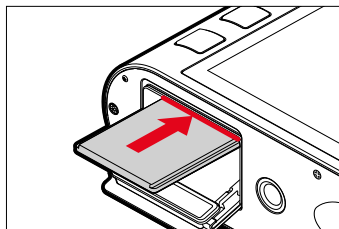
- ▶ Slide the cover as shown in the illustration until you hear a click
 - The cover lifts automatically.

CLOSING THE COVER OVER THE MEMORY CARD SLOT



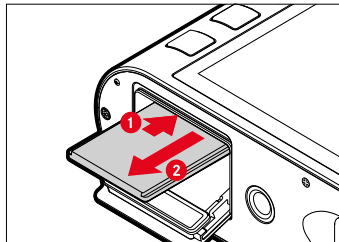
- ▶ Close and hold down the cover
- ▶ Slide the cover as shown in the illustration until it audibly clicks into place

INSERTION



- ▶ Push the memory card into the slot with the contacts pointing towards the LCD panel until you hear and feel it clicking into place

REMOVAL



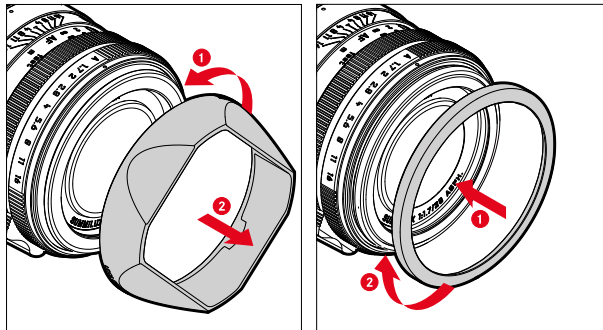
- ▶ Push down on the card until you hear a click
 - The card pushes out slightly.
- ▶ Remove the memory card

ATTACHING/REMOVING THE LENS HOOD

This camera comes with a matching lens hood. It is pre-mounted ex works.

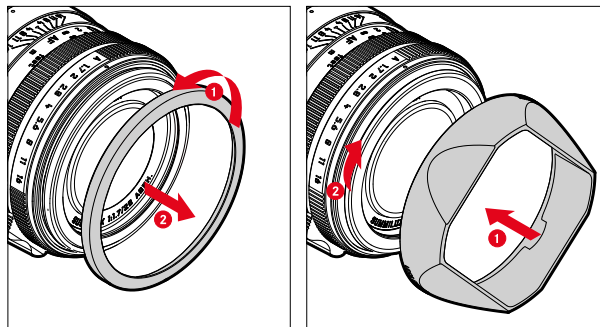
The use of the lens hood is recommended to reduce vignetting.

REMOVAL



- ▶ Unscrew the lens hood in counter-clockwise direction
- ▶ Screw on the thread protection ring

ATTACHING



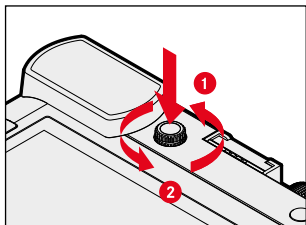
- ▶ Unscrew the thread protection ring in counter-clockwise direction (Fig. 1)
- ▶ Screw on the lens hood in clockwise direction to the stop (Fig. 2)

Notes

- The lens hood cover supplied will only fit the lens hood and cannot be used as lens cover on its own.
- A matching lens front cap E49 (Order No. 14001) is available as an optional accessory for use of the camera without a lens hood: <https://store.leica-camera.com>

DIOPTER SETTINGS

The viewfinder has a diopter setting function with a range between +3 and -4 diopter to allow glasses wearers the use of the camera without eyeglasses (Diopter adjustment).



- ▶ Push the diopter setting wheel into its groove until you hear an audible click
 - This unlocks the diopter setting wheel and it pushes out a little.
- ▶ Look through the viewfinder
- ▶ Turn the diopter setting wheel until you see the image in the viewfinder and the displays in perfect focus
- ▶ Push the diopter setting wheel back into its groove until it audibly clicks into place

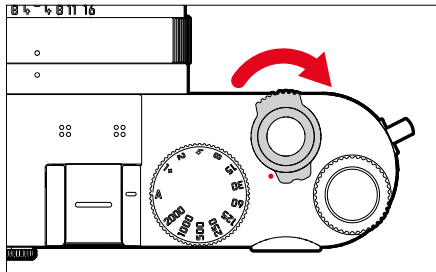
CAMERA OPERATION

OPERATING ELEMENTS

MAIN SWITCH

The main switch switches the camera on and off.

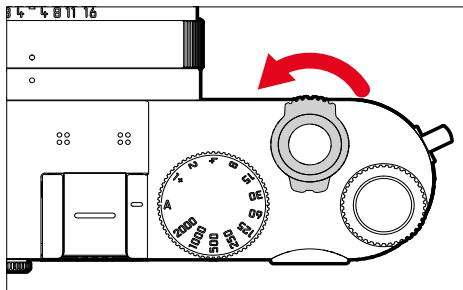
SWITCHING THE CAMERA ON



Notes

- Once switched on, the camera will be ready to use after approx. 1 s.
- The LED lights up briefly and the displays in the viewfinder appear.

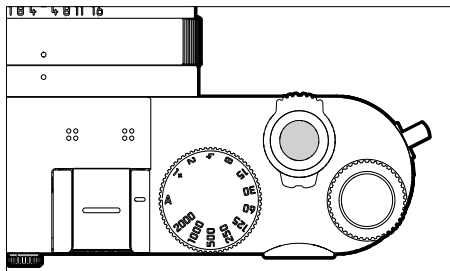
SWITCHING THE CAMERA OFF



Note

The function **Auto Shutdown** (see p. 49) deactivates the camera automatically if no operation occurs within a preset time. Use the main switch to deactivate the camera if this function is **Off** to prevent inadvertent exposures and battery discharge when the camera is not in use.

SHUTTER BUTTON



The shutter button works in two stages.

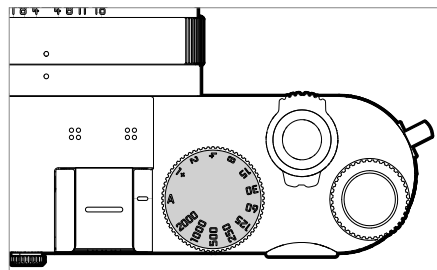
1. **Tapping** (= Pressing the shutter button to the 1st pressure point)
 - activates the camera electronics and rangefinder display
 - saves the metered exposure value in aperture priority mode, i.e. the shutter speed calculated by the camera
 - restarts a self-timer delay in progress (activation via app)
 - reverts the camera back to picture mode:
 - if playback mode is set (activating via app using Visoflex)
 - if menu control is active
 - if the camera is in Standby mode
2. **Press down fully**
 - to take the picture
 - The data is then transferred to the memory card.
 - starts a preselected self-timer delay

Notes

- Press down the shutter button in a smooth motion until you hear the click of the shutter to prevent camera shake.
- The shutter button remains locked
 - if the memory card inserted and the internal buffer memory are (temporarily) full.
 - if the battery has exceeded its performance limits (capacity, temperature, age).
 - if the memory card is write-protected or damaged.
 - if image numbering on the memory card has reached its limit.
 - if the camera prompts for language, date and time settings at first use or after a reset.
 - if the sensor is too hot.
- When the shutter button is released, camera electronics and viewfinder displays remain active for the time set in the main menu item **Power Saving**.

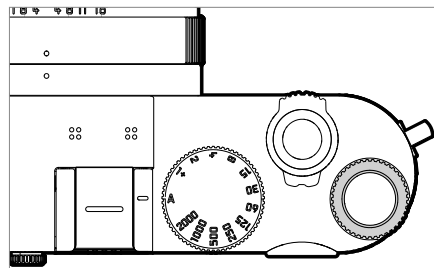
SHUTTER SPEED SETTING DIAL

The shutter speed setting dial has no stop, which means it can be turned in either direction from any position. It will click at each engraved position and for intermediate values. Intermediate positions outside the click positions must not be used. Please read the section “Exposure” (see p. 69) for details about exposure settings.



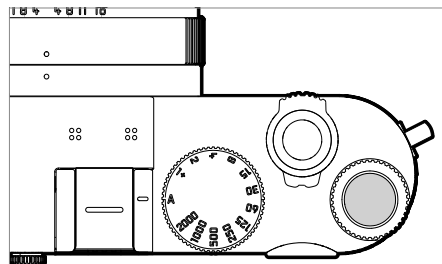
- **A**: Automatic shutter speed control
- **2000 - 1+**: Fixed shutter speeds

THUMBWHEEL



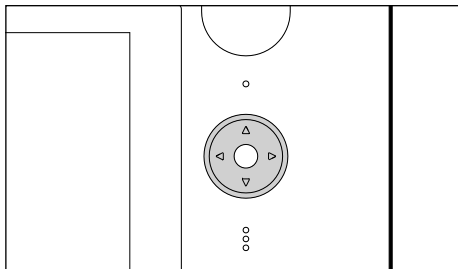
- Menu navigation
- Exposure compensation value selection
- Enlarging/reducing viewed pictures

THUMBWHEEL BUTTON



- Confirming the selection
- Direct access to menu functions

DIRECTIONAL PAD/CENTER BUTTON



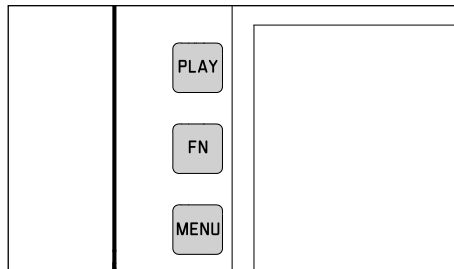
DIRECTIONAL PAD

- Menu navigation
- Setting selected menu items/functions
- Scrolling through the picture memory
- Moving the focal point (Field or Spot AF)

CENTER BUTTON

- Accessing the status display
- Accessing the video function
- Accessing the submenu
- Applying menu settings
- Confirming a deletion
- Display of picture data during review

PLAY BUTTON/FN BUTTON/MENU BUTTON



PLAY BUTTON

- Activation and deactivation of the (continuous) review/playback mode
- Return to full-screen display

FN BUTTON

- Direct access to menu functions
- Direct access to delete function

MENU BUTTON

- Accessing the **Favorites** or **Main menu**
- Exiting the currently displayed (sub) menu

TOUCH SCREEN**TOUCH CONTROL**

Tap briefly



Double tap

Touch and hold,
drag and drophorizontal/vertical
swipe

Two-finger pinch



Two-finger spread

In picture mode

- Set the exposure metering field position (tap the desired location)
- Changing to video mode (horizontal swipe)
- Changing to review mode (vertical swipe)

In Playback/Review mode

- Changing to picture mode (vertical swipe)
- Scrolling through the picture memory (horizontal swipe)
- Zooming in/out of viewed pictures (two-finger pinch/spread)
- Setting an image area for viewfinder live zoom (double tap)

Note

A light touch is enough, do not press down.

MENU CONTROL

Menu sections: **Main menu** and **Favorites**

Main Menu:

- contains all menu items

Favorites:

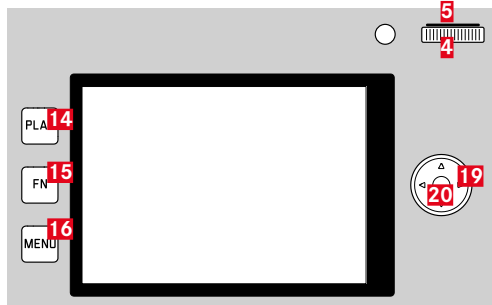
- your custom list (see p. 44 for details on how to manage this list)

Note

The favorites menu can only be displayed if it has at least one menu item assigned.

CONTROL ELEMENTS

The following elements are used for menu control.



14 **PLAY** button

15 **FN** button

16 **MENU** button

5 Thumbwheel button

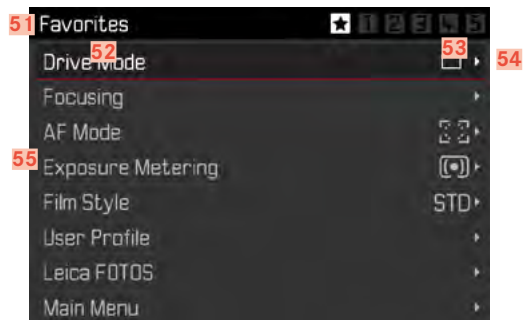
4 Thumbwheel

19 Directional pad

20 Center button

STRUCTURE OF THE MENU SCREEN

MAIN MENU



51 Menu section: **Main Menu**/**Favorites**

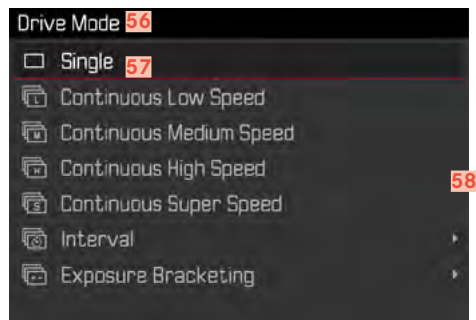
52 Menu item name

53 Setting of the menu item

54 Reference to the submenu

55 Scrollbar: current position in the menu list

SUBMENU



56 Current menu item

57 Submenu item

58 Reference to further submenus

Note

In some cases, an additional scale for value settings or selectable function options is displayed.

SHOW MENU PAGES

DISPLAY “HOME” SCREEN (INITIAL MENU CONTROL SCREEN)

In picture mode

- if there are no menu items assigned to the favorites menu:
 - ▶ Press the **MENU** button 1x
 - **Main Menu** appears on screen.
- if at least one menu item was assigned to the favorites menu:
 - ▶ Press the **MENU** button 1x
 - The **Favorites** menu appears.

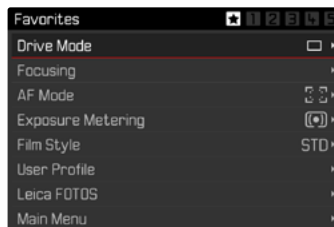
Getting back to the main menu

- if the favorites menu consists of one page:
 - ▶ Press the **MENU** button 1x
- if the favorites menu consists of 2 pages:
 - ▶ Press the **MENU** button 2x
- or
 - ▶ Select **Main Menu** (last item in the favorites menu)

In Playback/Review mode

- ▶ Tap the shutter button
 - back to picture mode
- ▶ Press the **MENU** button
 - The Home screen is displayed

SHOW SUBMENU



- ▶ Press the center button
- or
- ▶ Press the directional pad to the right
- or
- ▶ Press the thumbwheel button

MENU NAVIGATION

NAVIGATING WITHIN THE MENUS

Screen by screen navigation

To scroll forward

- ▶ Press the **MENU** button
 - Continuous scrolling will return the main menu to Screen 1 after Screen 5.
 - Back to the favorites menu:
 - ▶ Press the shutter button
 - ▶ Press the **MENU** button

To scroll backward

- ▶ Press the directional pad left

Line by line navigation

(Function/function option selection)

- ▶ Press the directional pad up/down
- or

- ▶ Turn the thumbwheel
(to the right = down, to the left = up)
 - Once the last menu item has been reached scrolling up or down, the display will automatically jump to the previous or next screen.

Note

- Some menu items can only be accessed under specific circumstances. The text in the relevant line is displayed in gray to signify the existence of a submenu.

CONFIRM SELECTION

- ▶ Press the center button
- or
- ▶ Press the thumbwheel button
 - The screen image changes back to the active menu item. The set function variant is shown on the right in the relevant menu line.

Note

No confirmation is needed for the selection of **On** or **Off**. An automatic save is done.

GO BACK ONE STEP

- ▶ Press the directional pad left
- or
- ▶ Press the **MENU** button 1x

EXITING THE MENU

You can exit the menus and submenus at any time - with/without applying the settings made.

Return to the superordinate menu item

- ▶ Press the directional pad left

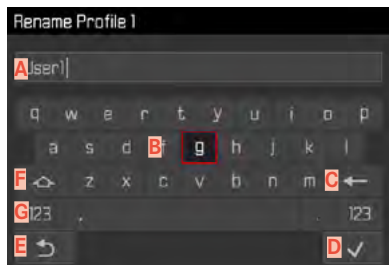
Go to picture mode

- ▶ Press the shutter button

Go to playback mode

- ▶ Press the **PLAY** button

OPERATING THE KEYBOARD/NUMBER PAD



- A** Input line
- B** Keyboard/Number pad
- C** “Delete” button (deletion of the respective last value)
- D** Press "Confirm"
(to apply individual values and the complete settings)
- E** Return to previous menu level
- F** Shift key (toggles between upper and lower case letters)
- G** Changing the character type

Using button control

To move left or right

- ▶ Press the directional pad left/right

To go up or down

- ▶ Press the directional pad up/down

To toggle between upper and lower case letters

- ▶ Use the directional pad to select “Shift” **F**
- ▶ Press the center button

To change the character type (letters/numerals)

- ▶ Use the directional pad to select the **G** key
- ▶ Press the center button

To enter the selected character

- ▶ Press the center button
- or
- ▶ Press the thumbwheel button

To save

- ▶ Use the directional pad to select the **D** key
- ▶ Press the center button

Using touch control

- ▶ Press the button of your choice

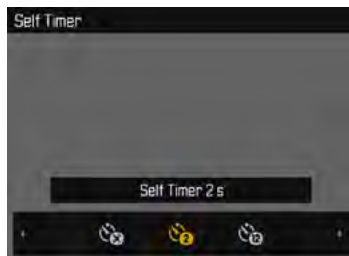
To save

- ▶ Select button **D**

To exit the menu

- ▶ Select button **E**

USING THE MENU BAR (DIRECT ACCESS)



Using button control

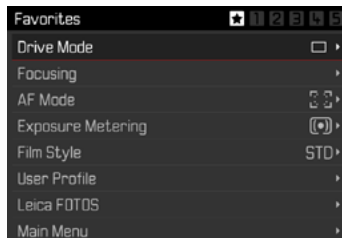
- ▶ Press the directional pad left/right
or
- ▶ Turn the thumbwheel

Using touch control

- ▶ Select the desired function or swipe

FAVORITES MENU

Assign you most frequently used menu items to a favorites menu (up to 15 items) for quick and easy access. The available functions are shown in the list on p. 148.

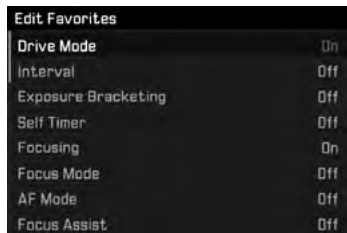


MANAGE FAVORITES MENU

- ▶ Select **Customize Control** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Edit favorites in the submenu**



- ▶ Select the desired menu item



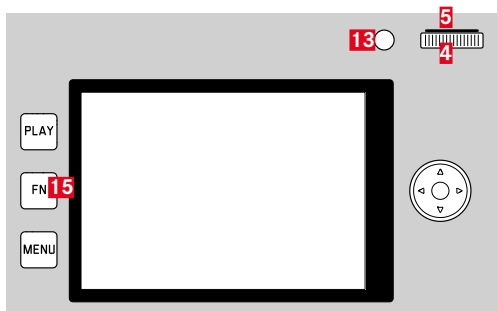
- ▶ Select **On** or **Off**
 - A warning message appears when the favorites menu has reached the maximum of 15 menu items and no further items can be added.

Note

The favorites menu will be deleted completely if all menu items are set to **Off**.

DIRECT ACCESS TO MENU FUNCTIONS

You can assign specific menu functions to the following operating elements for extra quick direct access to menu items in recording mode. The available functions are shown in the list on p. 148.



13 Zoom/Lock button

15 FN button

5 Thumbwheel button

4 Thumbwheel

DYNAMIC DIRECT ACCESS

The two following buttons additionally allow a quick assignment of menu functions from a custom list of items.

- **FN** button (factory setting: Self Timer)
- Thumbwheel button (factory setting: ISO)

Creating the custom list

- ▶ Select Customize Control in the main menu
- ▶ Select FN button/Right setting wheel button in the submenu
- ▶ Select On or Off for each menu item
 - You can activate a maximum of 8 menu items for this list.

Changing the assignment via the custom list

- ▶ Press and hold the **FN** button/thumbwheel button
 - The direct access list you have created will appear on the LCD panel.
 - This list can be modified at any time via the menu item Customized Control.
- ▶ Select the menu item you want by pressing the center button
 - You will not be prompted to acknowledge your selection. The change is applied immediately.

Accessing the assigned menu function

- ▶ Press the **FN** button/thumbwheel button briefly
 - The submenu appears on the LCD panel.
 - Settings can be done via key control or using gesture control on the LCD panel.

STATIC DIRECT ACCESS

The two following operating elements can only be assigned one of the preset functions via menu control. A custom list is not available.

- Zoom/Lock button
- Thumbwheel

ZOOM/LOCK BUTTON

Factory setting: **Digital Zoom**

Alternatively, you can assign automatic exposure metering and/or metering memory lock to the Zoom/Lock button.

- ▶ Select **Customize Control** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Zoom/Lock button** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **Digital Zoom**, **AEL/AFL**, **AEL** or **AFL**

Accessing the assigned menu function

- ▶ Press the Zoom/Lock button briefly

THUMBWHEEL

Factory setting: **Automatic**

You can assign the exposure compensation function to the thumbwheel permanently. Select **Customize Control** in the main menu

- ▶ Select **Wheel Assignment** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **Exp. Comp.**
 - Exposure compensation will be done automatically if **Automatic** is selected.

The thumbwheel has varying functions depending on the exposure mode (see p. 70) when it is set to **Auto**.

	Off	Automatic	Exp. Comp.
P	no function	Mode shift	Exposure compensation
A	no function	Shutter speed	Exposure compensation
S	no function	Exposure compensation	Exposure compensation
M	no function	Shutter speed	Exposure compensation

Accessing the assigned menu function

- ▶ Turn the thumbwheel to the left/right

CAMERA DEFAULT SETTINGS

For details on how to navigate in the menus and for inputs see chapter "Menu control" (p. 39).

- The two menu items **Language** and **Date & Time** appear automatically when switching the camera on for the first time, when activating the camera after a factory reset (see p. 128) or after a firmware update.

MENU LANGUAGE

Factory setting: English

Available menu languages: German, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Japanese, Korean and Traditional or Simplified Chinese

- ▶ Select **Language** in the main menu
- ▶ Select your language
 - Aside from a few exceptions (button names, short names), the language will be changed for all information.

DATE/TIME

DATE

You can choose one of 3 options.

- ▶ Select **Date & Time** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Date Setting** in the submenu
- ▶ Select the desired date format
(**Day/Month/Year**, **Month/Day/Year**, **Year/Month/Day**)
- ▶ Set the date

TIME

- ▶ Select **Date & Time** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Time Setting** in the submenu
- ▶ Select the desired display format
(**12 Hours**, **24 Hours**)
- ▶ Set the time
(Select **am** or **pm** for the 12-hour format)

TIME ZONE

- ▶ Select **Date & Time** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Time zone** in the submenu
- ▶ Select your time zone/current location
 - The Greenwich Mean Time offset is shown on the left of the line
 - Major cities in the relevant time zones are shown on the right

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

- ▶ Select **Date & Time** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Daylight Saving Time** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On** or **Off**.

POWER SAVE MODE (STANDBY MODE)

The camera will switch to the power-saving standby mode after a preset time to extend battery life if this function is activated.

The device has three power save levels.

- Super Save mode:
Activates device standby mode in seconds
- Standard Save mode:
Activates device standby mode in minutes
- Automatic LCD panel shutdown (see p. 52)

SUPER SAVE MODE

The camera will switch to standby mode within a few seconds to maximize battery capacity.

- ▶ Select **Power Save** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Power Save Mode**
- ▶ Select the desired setting
(Off, 3 s, 5 s, 10 s)

STANDARD SAVE MODE

- ▶ Select **Power Save** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Auto Power Off**
- ▶ Select the desired setting
(Off, 2 min, /5 min, /10 min)

Note

The camera can be reactivated from standby mode at any time by pressing the shutter button or by switching the main switch off and on again.

LCD PANEL/VIEWFINDER (EVF) SETTINGS

The camera comes equipped with a 3" liquid crystal color panel, which is protected by a glass cover made of extremely hard and scratch-resistant Gorilla® glass.

The following functions can be configured and used individually:

- Use of the LCD panel and EVF (electronic viewfinder)
- Eye sensor sensitivity
- Brightness
- Color rendering
- Information display
- Automatic LCD panel shutdown (standby mode)

LCD PANEL/EVF USE

You can preset the situations in which EVF and LCD panel should be used.

Factory setting: **Auto**

	EVF	LCD panel
Auto	The eye sensor in the viewfinder automatically toggles the camera between LCD panel and EVF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pictures • Playback • Menu control 	
LCD		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pictures • Playback • Menu control
EVF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pictures • Playback • Menu control 	
EVF Extended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pictures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playback • Menu control

- ▶ Select **Display Settings** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **EVF-LCD** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a setting

Note

Select **EVF** if you want to keep the LCD panel switched off (e.g. on dark environments).

EYE SENSOR SENSITIVITY

You can adjust the eye sensor sensitivity to ensure that the changeover functions reliably if you wear eyeglasses.

Factory setting: **Low**

- ▶ Select **Display Settings** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Eye Sensor Sensitivity** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a setting

BRIGHTNESS

You can adjust brightness for best visibility in various lighting conditions. Brightness is set individually for the LCD panel and the viewfinder. The setting can be selected via key control or touch control.



LCD PANEL

- ▶ Select **Display Settings** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **LCD Brightness** in the submenu
- ▶ Select the desired brightness of **Automatic**
- ▶ Confirm selection

EVF

- ▶ Select **Display Settings** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **EVF Brightness** in the submenu
- ▶ Look through the viewfinder
- ▶ Select the desired brightness
- ▶ Confirm selection

Note

An **Automatic** setting is not available here.

COLOR RENDERING

Color rendering can also be adjusted. Brightness is set individually for the LCD panel and the viewfinder. The setting can be selected via key control or touch control.



LCD PANEL

- ▶ Select **Display Settings** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **LCD Color Adjustment** in the submenu
- ▶ Select the desired color setting
- ▶ Confirm selection

EVF

- ▶ Select **Display Settings** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **EVF Color Adjustment** in the submenu
- ▶ Look through the viewfinder
- ▶ Select the desired color setting
- ▶ Confirm selection

INFORMATION DISPLAYS

The picture data can be displayed in picture mode and in review mode.

DISPLAY OPTIONS

Select one of the three available display options.

- No picture data
 - With picture data
 - Video mode with picture data
(available only in recording mode)
- ▶ Press the center button
 - The display cycles through the display options.

AUTOMATIC LCD PANEL SHUTDOWN

The LCD panel deactivates automatically to save power

- ▶ Select **Power Save** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **All Displays Auto Off**
- ▶ Select the desired setting
(30 s, 1 min, 5 min)

ACOUSTIC SIGNALS

Some functions can be acknowledged with acoustic signals. The following special functions can be configured separately:

- Electronic shutter sound
- AF confirmation

ACOUSTIC SIGNALS

As a warning signal, e.g. when the user attempts to configure unavailable settings.

- ▶ Select **Acoustic Signals** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Acoustic Signals** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On**
- ▶ Select **Volume** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **Low/High**

ELECTRONIC SHUTTER SOUND

- ▶ Select **Acoustic Signals** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Electronic Shutter Sound** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On**
- ▶ Select **Volume** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **Low/High**

AUTOFOCUS CONFIRMATION

A signal sound can be selected for successful AF settings.

- ▶ Select **Acoustic Signals** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **AF Confirmation** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On**
- ▶ Select **Volume** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **Low/High**

SILENT PHOTOGRAPHY

When pictures should be taken as quietly as possible.

- ▶ Select **Acoustic Signals** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Electronic Shutter Sound/AF Confirmation/Acoustic Signals** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **Off** for each of these menu items

BASIC PICTURE SETTINGS

PHOTO

FILE FORMAT

Choose the JPG format **JPG** or the standardized raw data format **DNG** (= digital negative). These can be used individually or simultaneously.

Factory setting: **DNG + JPG**

- ▶ Select **Photo File Format** in the main menu
- ▶ Select the desired format
(**DNG**, **DNG + JPG**, **JPG**)

Notes

- The standardized DNG (Digital Negative) format is generally used for the storage of raw data.
- When picture data is saved in **DNG** and in **JPG** format simultaneously, then the camera will use the resolution setting for the **JPG** format is used for the JPG file (see next section), i.e. the two files may have differing resolutions.
- The **DNG** format always uses the highest resolution (47.4 MP), no matter what **JPG** setting is selected.
- The remaining number of pictures shown in the LCD panel will not necessarily change after every picture taken. A counter change depends on the subject; very fine image structures result in higher data quantities, while homogeneous surfaces mean less data.

JPG RESOLUTION

The **JPG** format setting offers 3 image resolution (number of pixels) options. **L-JPG** (47 MP), **M-JPG** (24 MP) and **S-JPG** (12 MP). You can therefore adjust your settings to the intended use and available memory card capacity.

When the Digital Zoom function (see p. 90) is selected, then images will be saved with the following actual resolutions.

	28 mm	Digital Zoom 35 mm	Digital Zoom 50 mm	Digital Zoom 75 mm
L-JPG	47 MP	30 MP	15 MP	7 MP
M-JPG	24 MP	15 MP	8 MP	3 MP
S-JPG	12 MP	8 MP	4 MP	2 MP

- ▶ Select **JPG resolution** in the submenu
- ▶ Select the desired resolution

IMAGE PROPERTIES

One of the many advantages of digital photography is that it is very easy to change key image properties.

You can manipulate contrast, sharpness and color saturation before the picture is taken.

Note

The functions and settings described in this section apply for pictures taken in **JPG** format only.

CONTRAST

The contrast setting, i.e. the difference between light and dark image sections, determines whether an image comes across as “flat” or “brilliant”. Increasing or decreasing this difference impacts on contrast, meaning that some image sections are rendered with more or less light.

SHARPNESS

The impression of sharpness in a picture is largely determined by edge sharpness, i.e. by how slight the transition area between light and dark is at edges in the picture. Expanding or reducing these areas will therefore change the impression of sharpness.

COLOR SATURATION

The saturation factor in color images determines, whether colors in the picture appear “pale” and pastel-like or “bright” and colorful. While you can’t do anything about weather conditions (clear/misty), you can change the way an image is rendered.

FILM STYLE

Three pre-configured color profiles are available:

Factory setting: **Standard**

- **STD** **Standard**
- **VIV** **Vivid**
- **NAT** **Natural**

- ▶ Select **Film Style** in the main menu
- ▶ Select a profile

CUSTOMIZING PHOTO PROFILES

For each profile, the settings for contrast, sharpness and saturation can be adjusted individually.

- ▶ Select **Film Style** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Film Style Settings** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a profile from the submenu
- ▶ Select **Contrast/Sharpness/Saturation** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a level
(**Low**, **Medium low**, **Standard**, **Medium high**, **High**)

MONOCHROME IMAGES

You can choose to save your images in color or monochrome, provided you take the pictures in JPG format.

Two pre-configured monochrome profiles are available:

- **BW** **Monochrome**
- **BW** **Monochrome HC**

- ▶ Select **Film Style** in the main menu
- ▶ Select a profile

CUSTOMIZING PHOTO PROFILES

For each profile, the settings for contrast and sharpness can be adjusted individually.

- ▶ Select **Film Style** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Film Style Settings** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a profile from the submenu
- ▶ Select **Contrast/Sharpness** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a level
(**Low**, **Medium low**, **Standard**, **Medium high**, **High**)

WORKING COLOR SPACE

Various color spaces can be selected for JPG files depending on the desired purpose.

Factory setting: **sRGB**

sRGB (Standard RGB)	recommended for simple print
Adobe RGB	recommended for sophisticated image editing, e.g. color correction
ECI RGB v2.0	recommended for the professional pre-press stage

- ▶ Select **Color Management** in the main menu
- ▶ Select the desired setting in the submenu

IMAGE STABILIZATION

The less favorable the lighting conditions during recording, the slower will be the required shutter speeds for correct exposure. Visual image stabilization is a great tool for preventing out-of-focus images due to blurring.

Factory setting: **Auto**

- ▶ Select **Visual Image Stabilization** in the main menu
- ▶ Select the desired setting
(**On**, **Off**, **Auto**)

Prerequisite for activating image stabilization with **Auto** set:

- Exposure time is longer than 1/60 s
- During exposure (shutter button pressed down fully)

VIDEO

FILE FORMAT

Videos are recorded in MP4 format.

VIDEO RESOLUTION

Video can be recorded in the formats C4K (Cinema4K) (4096 x 2160 pixel), +4 (3840 x 2160 pixel) or Full HD (1920 x 1080 pixel).

Video can be recorded with different frame rates if **4K** or **Full HD** is selected.

- **4K**: 24 fps (frames per second), 30 fps
- **Full HD**: 24 fps, 30 fps, 60 fps, 120 fps

You can therefore adjust your settings to the intended use and available memory card capacity.

- ▶ Select **Video Resolution** in the main menu
- ▶ Select the desired resolution
(**C4K/24p**, **4K/30p**, **4K/24p**, **Full HD/120p**, **Full HD/60p**, **Full HD/30p**, **Full HD/24p**)

Note

The max. length for an uninterrupted video recording depends on the selected resolution.

MICROPHONE

The sensitivity of the integrated microphone can be set.

Factory setting: **Medium**

- ▶ Select **Video Settings** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Microphone Gain** in the submenu
- ▶ Select the desired level
(**High**, **Medium**, **Medium low**, **Low**, **Off**)

Note

The Autofocus function and manual focal length adjustments generate noise that may be picked up in the recording.

WIND NOISE REDUCTION

Factory setting: **On**

- ▶ Select **Video Settings** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Wind Noise Reduction** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On** or **Off**.

VIDEO STABILIZATION

The stabilization function helps to reduce blurring for handheld recordings.

- ▶ Select **Video Settings** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Video Stabil** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On** or **Off**.

IMAGE PROPERTIES

The color space is set to sRGB for video recording. Other image properties can be set for video recordings.

VIDEO PROFILES

Three pre-configured color profiles are available:

- STD  Standard
- VIV  Vivid
- NAT  Natural

There are two additional profiles available for monochrome video recordings:

- BW  Monochrome
- BW  Monochrome HC

- ▶ Select **Video Style** in the main menu
- ▶ Select a video profile

CUSTOMIZING VIDEO PROFILES

For each profile, the settings for contrast, sharpness and saturation can be adjusted individually.

- ▶ Select **Video Style** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Video Style Settings** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a video profile from the submenu
- ▶ Select **Contrast/Sharpness/Saturation** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a level
(Low, Medium low, Standard, Medium high, High)

EXPOSURE CONTROL

Apertures, exposure and ISO sensitivity are controlled automatically in video recordings.

PICTURE MODE

FOCUSING

Your Leica Q2 allows automatic as well as manual focusing. There are 2 operating modes and 3 metering methods available for AF photography.

AF PHOTOGRAPHY

- ▶ Press and hold the AF/MF release button
- ▶ Turn the focus ring to the AF position
- ▶ position the AF metering field as needed
- ▶ Tap and hold the shutter button
 - Focusing occurs one time (AFs) or continuously (AFc).
 - Metering was successful: The AF metering field lights up green.
 - Metering was unsuccessful: The AF metering field lights up red.
 - Alternatively, focus settings and/or exposure settings can be done and saved via the Zoom/Lock button ("Metering memory lock", see p. 80)
- ▶ Shutter release

MF PHOTOGRAPHY

- ▶ Press and hold the AF/MF release button
- ▶ Turn the focus ring away from the AF position
- ▶ Use the focus ring to manually focus on the object
- ▶ Shutter release

Please read the following chapters for more information.

AUTOFOCUS MODES

The following AF modes are available: **AFs** and **AFc**. The currently selected AF mode is shown in the header line.

AFs (single)

Suitable for objects with little or no movement. Focusing is done only once and the setting remains as long as the shutter button is held at the pressure point. That also applies if the AF metering field is pointed at another object.

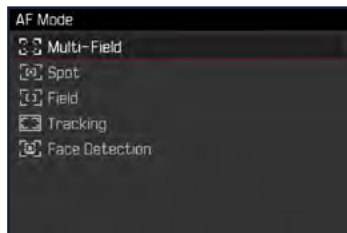
AFc (continuous)

Suitable for objects in motion. As long as the shutter button is held at the 1st pressure point, focusing is continuously adjusted to the object in the AF metering field.

- ▶ Select **Focusing** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Focus Mode** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a setting

AUTOFOCUS METERING METHODS

The AF mode offers various metering methods for focusing. A successful focus setting is identified by a green metering field, an unsuccessful one is shown in red.



- ▶ Select **Focusing** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **AF Mode** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a setting
(**Multi-Field**, **Spot**, **Field**, **Tracking**, **Face Detection**)

Note

AF focusing can be unsuccessful:

- If the distance to the object is too great (macro mode) or too small
- If the object is not sufficiently illuminated

MULTI-FIELD METERING

Several metering fields are detected automatically. This function is particularly useful for snapshots.

SPOT/FIELD METERING

Both methods detect only those parts of the object that are within the relevant AF metering fields. The metering fields are indicated by a small frame (field metering) or a cross (spot metering). The very small measuring range for spot metering allows focusing on tiny details of the subject.

The slightly larger measuring range in field metering is less critical for focusing, but still permits selective metering.

These metering methods can also be used for serial exposures in which the part of the object you want to focus on will always be at the same off-center position in the image.

Simply move the AF metering field to another position.

- ▶ Press the directional pad left or right as needed
or

- ▶ Briefly tap the LCD panel
(while Touch AF is activated)

Note

In both cases, the metering fields remain at their last positions set, even if the metering method is changed or the camera is switched off.

TRACKING

This field metering variant helps in the capture of moving objects. The focus on the object in the metering field is continuously adjusted, once it is detected.

- ▶ Aim the metering field at the desired object
(by panning the camera shifting the metering field)
 - ▶ Tap and hold the shutter button
- or
- ▶ Press and hold the Zoom/Lock button
(provided the **AFL** or **AEL/AFL** is assigned to the button, see p. 80)
 - The camera focuses on the object.
 - ▶ Pan the camera to the desired cropped section
 - The metering field "tracks" the saved object and focus is continuously adjusted.

Note

- This metering method focuses continuously, even if the AF mode **AFs** was set.

FACE DETECTION

In this metering method, the Leica Q2 automatically detects faces in the image field. The focus is set automatically on the faces closest to the camera. Multi-field metering is used if no faces are detected.



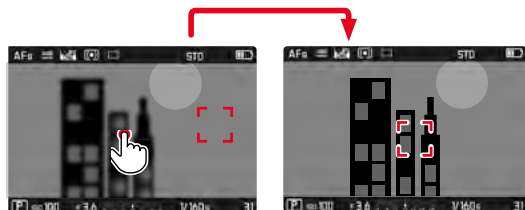
TOUCH AF

Touch AF allows a direct placement of the AF metering field.

- ▶ Briefly tap the LCD panel in the desired position

or

- ▶ Swipe at the desired position



To return the metering field to the center of the screen

- ▶ Double tap the LCD panel

Note

With Spot or Field metering selected, the camera will focus again automatically. If the metering method **Tracking** is selected, the metering field will remain at the selected position and autofocus commences when the shutter button is tapped.

MF ASSIST FUNCTIONS

AF ASSIST LIGHT

The built-in AF assist light extends the operating range of the AF system in poor lighting conditions. This light comes on as soon as the shutter button is pressed, provided the function is activated.

- ▶ Select **Focusing** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **AF Assist Light** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On/Off**

Note

- The AF assist light illuminates an area of up to approx. 5 m.
- The AF assist light switches off automatically, once focusing was successful (AF metering field is green) or has failed (AF metering field is red).

ACOUSTIC AF CONFIRMATION

A successful focus metering in AF mode can be confirmed with an acoustic signal (see p. 53).

Focusing manually may in some situations be a better choice than autofocus.

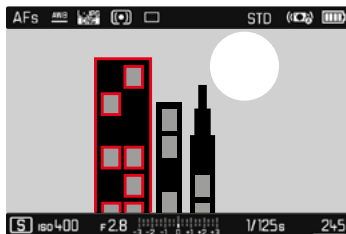
-

- ## MF ASSIST FUNCTIONS

The following assist functions are available in MF mode.

FOCUS PEAKING

This assist function highlights in focus object sections in color. The color can be freely selected.



- ▶ Select **Focusing** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Focus Assist** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **Focus Peaking**
- ▶ Select a setting
(Off, Red, Green, Blue, White)

Note

Focus peaking is based on subject contrast, i.e. differences between light and dark. As a result, high contrast subject parts could be marked, even if they are not completely in focus.

ENLARGEMENT

Turning the focus ring will automatically enlarge the image section in the center, which means the focus quality can be better assessed.

- ▶ Select **Focusing** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Focus Assist** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **Auto Magnification**
- ▶ Select **On**
- ▶ Turn the focus ring
 - The image section in the center is enlarged x3 and an indicator showing the magnification factor is shown at the top right of the image.
- ▶ Press the center button
 - The image section toggles between magnification factors (3x/6x).
- ▶ Tap the shutter button
 - The image is no longer enlarged.

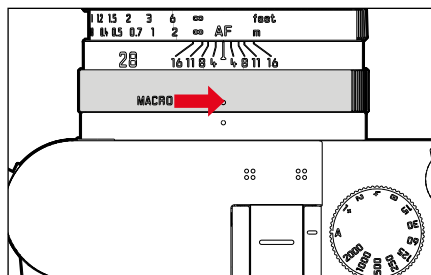
Note

- The enlargement will automatically return to normal viewing size about 5 s after the last turn of the focus ring.

OTHER FUNCTIONS

MACRO FUNCTION

The working range for the focus setting can be switched quickly and easily from the standard focus range (30 cm to infinity) to the macro range (17 cm to 30 cm) using the macro setting ring. AF and MF mode are available in both ranges.

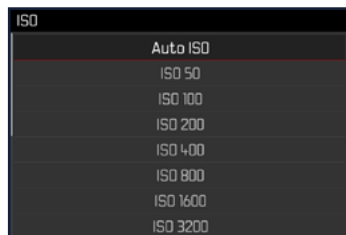


- ▶ Turn the macro setting ring until the alignment point is set to **MACRO**.
 - The distance scales on the focus ring change when the focus ranges change.

ISO SENSITIVITY

The ISO setting covers a range between ISO 50 and 50000, allowing you to adapt to the relevant situation as required.

Factory setting: **Auto ISO**



AUTOMATIC SETTING: **Auto ISO**

The camera automatically adjusts the sensitivity to ambient brightness and/or to the configured shutter speed/aperture settings combination. In conjunction with aperture priority mode, this function extends the range for automatic exposure control.

- ▶ Select **ISO** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Auto ISO** in the submenu

LIMITING SETTING RANGES

A max. ISO value can be set, which will then limit the automatic setting range (**Max. ISO value**). A max. exposure time can also optionally be configured. There are focal length related settings (**1/f**, **1/(2f)**, **1/(3f)**, **1/(4f)**) and fixed max. shutter speeds **1/2** and **1/2000** s available for that purpose.

- ▶ Select **Auto ISO Settings** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Maximum ISO**, or **Min. Shutter Speed** in the submenu
- ▶ Select the desired value

FIXED ISO VALUES

There is more leeway for the use of preferred shutter speed and aperture combinations when setting the exposure manually. You can set priorities within the scope of the automatic setting, e.g. for reasons of picture composition. ISO values between 50 and 50,000 can be selected in 11 increments.

- ▶ Select **ISO** in the main menu
- ▶ Select the desired setting in the submenu

Note

When high ISO values are used or the image is edited later, image noise, as well as vertical and horizontal stripes may become visible, particularly in larger, evenly lit areas of the object.

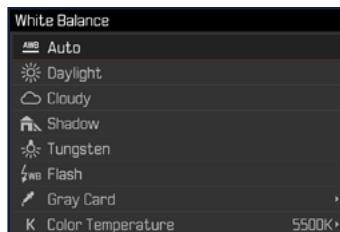
WHITE BALANCE

In digital photography, white balance ensures neutral color rendering in any light. White balance is based on the camera being preset to render a particular light color as white.






Four methods are available:

- automatic control
- fixed presets
- manual setting via metering
- direct setting of the color temperature

AUTOMATIC CONTROL/FIXED SETTINGS



- **Auto**: for automatic control, which delivers neutral results in most situations
- Six fixed presets for most frequently encountered light sources:


 Daylight	for outdoor pictures in sunlight
 Cloudy	for outdoor pictures in cloudy conditions
 Shadow	for outdoor pictures with the main subject in shadow
 Tungsten	for indoor pictures with (predominantly) incandescent lamp light
 Flash	for flash photography

- ▶ Select **White Balance** in the main menu
- ▶ Select a setting

MANUAL SETTING VIA METERING

( Gray Card)



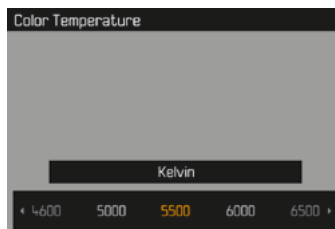
- ▶ Select **White Balance** in the main menu
- ▶ Select  **Gray Card** in the submenu
- ▶ Take the picture
 - Make sure that the image field contains a white or neutral gray (reference) surface.
 - The following will appear on the LCD panel:
 - the image based on automatic white balance
 - a frame in the center of the image
- ▶ Shutter release

Note

A value configured using this method will remain unchanged (i.e. it will be used for all subsequent photographs) until new measurements are taken or one of the other white balance settings is selected.

DIRECT SETTING OF THE COLOR TEMPERATURE

Values between 2000 and 11,500 K (Kelvin) can be set directly. That gives you a very wide range, which covers virtually all color temperatures occurring in real life and within which you can adapt color rendering to any light color and your personal preferences with incredible detail.



- ▶ Select **White Balance** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Color Temperature** in the submenu
- ▶ Select the desired value

EXPOSURE

EXPOSURE METERING METHODS

Optional methods are spot metering, center-weighted metering and multi-field metering. The line on the left of the light balance will flash in the display if the measuring range is undercut/overshot.

- ▶ Select **Exposure Metering** in the main menu
- ▶ Select a metering method

(Spot, Center-Weighted, Multi-Field)

- The selected metering method is displayed in the header line of the screen image.

Note

The right shutter speed for correct exposure or the deviation from a correct exposure setting is shown or determined with the help of the screen display.

SPOT METERING –

Spot metering only captures and analyzes a small area in the middle of the screen image, which is shown in a circle.

CENTER-WEIGHTED METERING –

This method considers the entire image field. The subject elements captured in the center will, however, impact on the calculation of the exposure value more so than areas around the edges.

MULTI-FIELD METERING –

This metering method is based on the detection of multiple values. These values are used in an algorithm to calculate an exposure value appropriate for a good rendering of the assumed main subject.

EXPOSURE MODES

There are four exposure modes available to adjust the rendering of the object or to create the desired picture composition:

- Automatic program (P)
- Aperture priority mode (A)
- Shutter priority mode (S)
- Manual setting (M)

The modes are selected via the shutter speed setting dial and the aperture setting ring. Both have manual setting ranges with locking positions and an **A** position for automatic operation. As long as **P-A-S-M** is selected, the four operating modes can be selected using the following setting combinations:

	Setting via the shutter speed setting dial	Setting via the aperture setting ring
P	A	A
A	A	manual setting
S	manual setting	A
M	manual setting	manual setting

Prerequisite for the use of **P**, **A**, **S** and **M** is the correct setting for the menu item **Scene Modes**.

Note

Should one of the 13 object and situation-related automatic program variants (see p. 73) be selected instead of **P-A-S-M** under the menu item **Scene Modes**, then **P-A-S-M** will be unavailable. The shutter speed setting dial and the aperture setting ring will in that case have no assigned function.

FULLY AUTOMATIC EXPOSURE SETTING

AUTOMATIC PROGRAM – P

The automatic program mode facilitates fast and fully automatic photography. The exposure is controlled by an automatic shutter speed and aperture setting.

- ▶ Select **Scene Mode** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **P-A-S-M** in the submenu
- ▶ Turn the shutter speed setting dial to the **A** position
- ▶ Turn the aperture setting wheel to the **A** position
- ▶ Tap and hold the shutter button
 - The automatically set value pair for aperture setting and shutter speed are displayed.


▶ Shutter release

or

- ▶ Adjusting the automatically set value pair

CHANGING THE PRESET SHUTTER SPEED/ APERTURE COMBINATIONS (SHIFT)

Changing the preset values using the Shift function combines the reliability and speed of fully automatic exposure control with the opportunity to vary the speed/aperture combination selected by the camera at any time to fit in with your own ideas and intentions. The overall exposure, i.e. the brightness of the image, remains unchanged. Faster shutter speeds are a good choice for e.g. sports pictures, while longer speeds will offer more depth of field for e.g. landscape pictures.

- ▶ Turn the thumbwheel to the left/right
(left = greater depth of field, right = faster shutter speeds)
 - Shifted value pairs are marked with an asterisk next to the .

Notes

- The adjustment range is limited to guarantee correct exposure.
- The values will be reset after each shot (and also if exposure metering is set to deactivate automatically after 12 s) to prevent unwanted use.

SEMI-AUTOMATIC EXPOSURE SETTING

APERTURE PRIORITY MODE A

The camera electronics will calculate the correct shutter speed automatically and steplessly in the range between 1/40000 s (electronic shutter) and 120 min (max. exposure time; available only for ISO 100/200) when the shutter speed setting dial is in the **A** position. The calculation includes the set sensitivity, metered brightness and the manually selected aperture. The resulting shutter speed is displayed in half increments for more transparency.

The remaining exposure time after shutter release is counted down in seconds on the display for shutter speeds greater than 2 s. The actual calculated and steplessly controlled exposure time may vary from the exposure time displayed in half step increments: The display shows e.g. 16 (the closest value) before shutter release, but the calculated exposure time is longer, then the countdown after shutter release can start from 19. In extreme lighting conditions, exposure metering may – with all parameters included in the calculation – result in shutter speeds outside their working range. The camera will use the stated min. or max. shutter speeds and these values will flash as a warning in the viewfinder if that is the case.

- ▶ Turn the shutter speed setting dial to the **A** position
- ▶ Set the exposure value setting via the aperture setting ring
- ▶ Tap and hold the shutter button
 - The automatically set value pair for aperture setting and shutter speed are displayed.
- ▶ Shutter release

Notes

- The remaining exposure time after shutter release is counted down in seconds on the display for shutter speeds greater than 2 s.
- Image noise becomes apparent when using higher sensitivities, particularly on uniform dark areas. In order to reduce this annoying phenomenon, the camera will take a second “black picture” (taken with the shutter closed) automatically after pictures taken with slow shutter speeds and high ISO values. The noise metered in this parallel picture is then digitally “subtracted” from the data for the actual picture. Where that is the case, the message **Noise reduction 12s** (time example) will appear on the LCD panel. The doubling of the “exposure” time must be taken into account for long exposure times. The camera must not be switched off during that time.


SHUTTER SPEED PRIORITY – S

Shutter speed priority mode sets the exposure automatically according to the manually selected shutter speed. It is therefore particularly suitable for pictures of moving objects, where the sharpness of the movement depicted is a critical picture composition element.

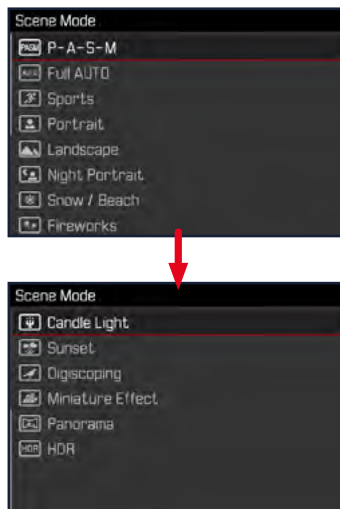
An appropriately fast shutter speed can help to avoid e.g. unwanted motion blurring and will "freeze" the object. Conversely, an appropriately longer shutter speed can help create a better feeling of motion in the image with targeted "tracer effects".

- ▶ Turn the aperture setting wheel to the **A** position
- ▶ Select the desired shutter speed
 - via the shutter speed setting dial: in full increments
 - via the thumbwheel: Fine tuning in $\frac{1}{3}$ increments
- ▶ Tap and hold the shutter button
 - The set shutter speed and the automatically calculated exposure value are displayed in white.
- ▶ Shutter release

SCENE MODE

13 additional automatic program variants are available under the menu item **Scene Modes**. All 13 offer automatically controlled shutter speed and aperture for extra easy photography as with the "normal" automatic program  and a number of additional optimized functions for the selected scene type.

Factory setting: **Fully automatic**



- ▶ Select **Scene Mode** in the main menu
- ▶ Select the desired setting in the submenu

- **Fully automatic:** Automatic snapshot function for general use
- 9 scene modes to match the special requirements of common scene types:
 - **Sports, Portrait, Landscape, Night Portrait, Snow/Beach, Fireworks, Candlelight, Sunset, Digiscoping**
- 3 additional "special" modes:
 - **Miniature Effect:** Limitation of the sharpness range to one horizontal or vertical stripe within the image field
 - **Panorama:** Automatic creation of panorama pictures
 - **HDR:** automatic combination of multiple pictures taken with different exposure values

The following sections offer detailed information about these three functions.

Notes

- The selected program will remain active until a different program is selected (even after the camera is switched off).
- The program shift function and some of the menu items are unavailable.
- The shutter speed setting dial and the aperture setting ring are without function.
- A fixed camera setup on a tripod is recommended for the **Digiscoping** setting.

MINIATURE EFFECT

The effect will make the picture look similar to a closeup photo with its characteristically shallow depth of field. Normal sized objects will appear like a model landscape in the image.

The in-focus areas can be limited optionally to a horizontal or vertical stripe. The width and position of these stripes can be adjusted within the image field.

- ▶ Select **Scene Mode** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Miniature Effect** in the submenu
 - A frame around the area that should be in focus appears in the screen image.



to switch to a vertical frame

- ▶ Press the directional pad up/down

to switch to a horizontal frame

- ▶ Press the directional pad left/right

Changing the frame position

- ▶ Press the directional pad left or right as needed

Changing the frame width

- ▶ Turn the thumbwheel to the left/right
(to the left = smaller, to the right = larger)

Notes

- The function remains active until another function is selected.

PANORAMA IMAGES

The Leica Q2 can capture classic horizontal, as well as vertical panorama images.



- ▶ Select **Scene Mode** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Panorama** in the submenu
 - Auxiliary displays appear on screen
 - a white horizontal/vertical line
 - a progression display indicating the direction
- ▶ Align the camera in such a way that the desired left/bottom edge of the image is not all the way at the left/bottom of the screen image
- ▶ Press and hold the shutter button
- ▶ Pan the camera evenly in the indicated direction along the white auxiliary line
 - Pictures are taken automatically and in quick succession.
 - The image picture is canceled if the camera is panned too slowly or too fast, or if it is tilted too much and a relevant notification will appear on screen.
- ▶ Release the shutter button to stop the picture series
 - The camera generates a single image from the picture series.

Switching between landscape or portrait orientation

- ▶ Press the directional pad
(up/down = portrait, left/right = landscape)

Notes

- The less steady the camera is held along the horizontal line, the smaller will be the overall height of the panorama picture.
- The maximum panning angle is approx. 180°.
- Panorama pictures are always taken in automatic program mode, no matter what the settings for the shutter speed setting dial and the aperture setting wheel are.
- Regardless of the current focal length setting, panorama pictures are always taken with 28 mm.
- Panorama pictures are always stored in **JPG** file format regardless of the current menu setting.
- Panorama pictures cannot be taken with a flash.
- The resolution of a panorama picture depends on the direction of the picture and number of pictures taken.
- Sharpness, white balance and exposure for all pictures are set to the values of the first picture taken in the series. That is why the final panorama picture may not be in perfect focus or have ideal brightness if there are significant changes in the distance between camera and object or the ambient light while the picture is taken.
- Some objects in the picture may appear distorted or there may be visual transitions, because the panorama picture is composed of a series of individual exposures.
- Panorama pictures cannot be created in the following situations:
 - At very slow shutter speeds (longer than 1/60 s)
 - In conjunction with the **time lapse** function

- Panorama pictures may not be possible for the following object types, under the following exposure conditions or the individual images may not be joined up correctly if:
 - Single-color objects or objects with a uniform pattern (sky, beach, etc.)
 - Moving objects (people, pets, vehicles, waves, flowers swaying in the wind, etc.)
 - Objects with changing colors or patterns (e.g. a TV image)
 - Dark locations
 - Objects illuminated by uneven, flickering light sources (e.g. fluorescent lamps, candlelight, etc.)

HDR

HDR generates a picture in which the “overlay” of three different exposures (-2 EV/0 EV/+2 EV) reproduces an improved image of lighter and darker parts of the object, i.e. with less overexposure in the highlights and more definition in the darkest areas.

Due to the consecutive exposures, this operating mode is best suited for immobile objects or those with very little movement, e.g. landscapes. We recommend the use of a tripod for HDR pictures because of the slower shutter speeds and in particular in low ambient light.

- ▶ Select **Scene Mode** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **HDR** in the submenu

MANUAL EXPOSURE SETTING

The following manual settings for shutter speed and aperture are a good choice:

- to create a special image mood that can only be achieved with a very specific type of exposure
- to ensure a perfectly identical exposure for multiple images with different cropped sections
- ▶ Tap the shutter button
- ▶ Set the desired exposure (using the shutter speed setting dial or the aperture setting wheel on the lens).
 - This is done with the help of the mark on the light balance in the footer line of the screen image.
- ▶ Shutter release
 - The exposure compensation is done using the scale of the light balance:
 - No white scale lines = correct exposure
 - White scale lines to the left/right of the center mark = under or overexposure by the displayed value or by more than ± 3 EV (Exposure Value)

Notes

- The shutter speed setting dial must be clicked to one of the engraved exposure shutter speeds or to one of the intermediate values.

The function of the thumbwheel depends in modes A and M on the setting of the shutter speed setting dial.

Shutter speed setting dial	Thumbwheel
all settings from 2 to 1000	Fine tuning of the shutter speed in $\pm 1/3$ EV increments, max. $2/3$ EV
Set to 1+	Longer shutter speeds than 1 s (0.6 s to 120 s in $1/3$ EV increments)
Set to 2000	Shorter shutter speeds than $1/1000$ s ($1/1250$ s to $1/40000$ s in $1/3$ EV increments)

Examples for shutter speed fine tuning settings

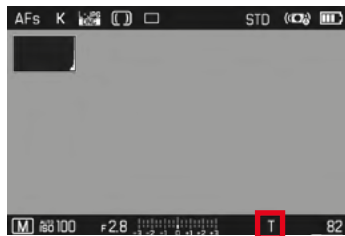
- set shutter speed $1/125$ s + move the thumbwheel one click to the left = $1/100$ s
- set shutter speed $1/500$ s + move the thumbwheel two clicks to the right = $1/800$ s

Note

This menu item is also accessible via direct assignment, provided it has been relevantly configured (see p. 47).

LONG-TERM EXPOSURE – T

In this setting, the shutter remains open after shutter release until the shutter button is pressed again (ax. 2 min depending on ISO setting).



- ▶ Set the shutter speed setting dial to $\frac{1}{100}$
- ▶ Set the aperture setting ring to a fixed value
- ▶ Turn the thumbwheel until the time value in the footer line changes to $\frac{1}{1}$.
- ▶ Shutter release

Notes

- The thumbwheel must have the assignment **Off** or **Automatic** (see p. 47)
- Image noise becomes apparent when using higher sensitivities, particularly on uniform dark areas. In order to reduce this annoying phenomenon, the camera will take a second “black picture” (taken with the shutter closed) automatically after pictures taken with slow shutter speeds and high ISO values. The noise metered in this parallel picture is then digitally “subtracted” from the data for the actual picture. In such cases the message **Noise reduction** will appear with a relevant time value. The doubling of the “exposure” time must be taken into account for long exposure times. The camera must not be switched off during that time.

EXPOSURE CONTROL

(FUNCTIONS FOR AUTOMATIC EXPOSURE)

EXPOSURE SIMULATION

With factory settings in place, the brightness of the screen image in the three automatic exposure modes **P**, **S** and **A** matches the relevant exposure settings¹.

You can now assess and control the effect of the relevant exposure setting on the image before taking the picture.

This function is also available for the manual exposure setting **M**:

- ▶ Select **Exposure Preview** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **P-A-S** (only in automatic, aperture priority and shutter speed priority mode) or **P-A-S-M** (also for manual setting)

Notes

- Depending on ambient lighting conditions, the brightness of the screen image may differ from that of the actual pictures, despite the settings described above. The screen image will appear considerably darker than the – correctly exposed – picture. That is particularly the case in long-term exposures.

METERING MEMORY LOCK

We often want to arrange important subject elements outside the center of the picture for reasons of picture composition and these elements may sometimes be very bright or very dark. Center-weighted metering and spot metering, however, mainly capture an area in the center of the image and are calibrated to an average gray scale value. In that case, the metering memory lock function – in **P**, **S** and **A** exposure modes, and the AF modes spot/field metering – initially allows a metering of the main object and to store the relevant settings until the final image section is set. With the factory settings in place, both lock functions are done via the shutter button. You can, however, divide the lock functions between the shutter button and the Zoom/Lock button or assign both to the Zoom/Lock button.

AEL (Auto Exposure Lock)

The camera stores the exposure value. The exposure value can be placed on another object independent of the focus setting.

AFL (Auto Focus Lock)

The camera stores the focus setting. That makes it easier to focus when exposure values change.

AEL/AFL

This option allows the camera to store the exposure value and the focus setting when the Zoom/Lock button is pressed and held.

¹ This will apply for as long as the object brightness and the exposure setting don't result in excessively low or high brightness values and as long as the internal exposure setting is not greater than 1/60 s.

Menu settings	Shutter button	Zoom/Lock button
AEL/AFL*	no function	Exposure and focus
AFL*	Exposure	Sharpness
AEL*	Sharpness	Exposure

Via the shutter button

- ▶ Aim at the key subject element (using the metering field for spot metering) or alternatively at another detail with average brightness.
- ▶ Tap and hold the shutter button
 - The measurement is taken and saved.
- ▶ Shutter release

Via the Zoom/Lock button

- ▶ Select **Customize Control** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Zoom/Lock button** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a setting
(AEL/AFL, AEL, AFL)
- ▶ Aim at the object
- ▶ Press and hold the Zoom/Lock button
 - The measurement is taken and saved.
- ▶ Select the final image section
- ▶ Shutter release

Notes

- A metering memory lock doesn't make much sense in conjunction with multi-field metering, because a targeted capture of an individual object element will not be possible.
- A change in the aperture setting after the metering memory lock is set will not result in an adjustment of the shutter speed, i.e. the end result would be an incorrect exposure. The metering memory lock is canceled when you release the shutter button.

* The functions include settings and storage.

EXPOSURE COMPENSATION

Exposure meters are calibrated for a medium gray scale value, which matches a standard, i.e. average image object. Should the measured image detail not fulfill that requirement, then the a relevant exposure compensation can be effected.

Specifically where several pictures are taken in sequence, for example if for a series a slightly lesser or greater exposure is desired for a particular reason, then exposure compensation can be a very useful function: Once set, the setting remains active – unlike the metering memory lock – until it is reset.

Exposure compensation can be set in the range $\pm 3\text{EV}$ in $1/3\text{EV}$ increments (EV: Exposure Value).



A Set compensation value (marks at 0 = Off)

- ▶ Select **Exposure Compensation** in the main menu
 - A scale appears as a submenu item.
- ▶ Set the value on the scale
 - The set value is displayed in the scale

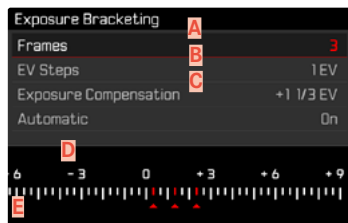
Notes

- This function can be selected for direct access via the thumbwheel (see p. 47). That will allow the user to set the values quickly using the thumbwheel.
- The following applies for set compensation values, no matter how they were initially set: They remain effective until they are manually reset to 0, i.e. even if the camera is switched off and on again in the meantime.

¹ “+X” is a representative placeholder for the relevant value in the positive or negative range.

BRACKETING

Many attractive objects are rich in contrast, which means they have very bright and very dark areas. The image effect can be dramatically different, depending on which of these areas you choose to align your exposure with. The automatic bracketing function in aperture priority mode allows you to produce several alternatives with graduated exposure values and varying shutter speeds. You can then select the picture you like best or use relevant picture editing software to calculate an image with a particularly broad contrast spectrum (HDR).



- A** Number of pictures
- B** Exposure difference between the pictures
- C** Exposure compensation setting
- D** Light value scale
- E** Exposure values of the images marked in red.

(The scale will be offset by the relevant value if exposure compensation is set concurrently.)

You can choose from 5 graduations (0.3EV, 0.7EV, 1EV, 2EV, 3EV) and 3 or 5 pictures per series.

- ▶ Select **Picture Series** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Exposure Bracketing** in the submenu
- ▶ Select the desired number of pictures under **Number of Frames** in the submenu
- ▶ Select the desired exposure offset under **EV Steps** in the submenu
- ▶ Select the desired **Exposure Compensation** value in the submenu
 - The marked exposure values change positions according to the settings selected. In the case of exposure compensation, the scale also shifts.
- ▶ All pictures are taken by pressing the shutter button once or several times

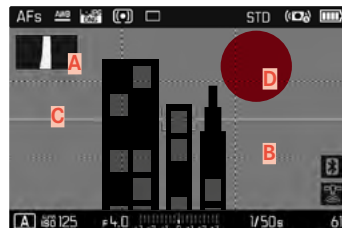
Notes

- The following rule applies when using automatic bracketing: With automatic ISO sensitivity control enabled, the sensitivity calculated by the camera automatically for the raw picture will also be applied to all other pictures in a series, i.e. the ISO value will not change during bracketing. This may mean that the slowest shutter speed specified under **Min. Shutter Speed** is exceeded.
- The focus range for automatic bracketing may be limited (depending on the originally set shutter speed). The specified numbers of pictures will be taken regardless. Several pictures in a series may consequently be taken with the same exposure values.
- The function remains active until another function is selected in the **Drive Mode** submenu or the camera is switched off and on again. If no other function is selected, another series of pictures is taken each time the shutter button is pressed.

OTHER FUNCTIONS

AUXILIARY DISPLAYS

Four functions are available.



- A** Histogram
- B** Grid lines (**Grid Setup**)
- C** Horizon display (**Horizon**)
- D** Clipping

HISTOGRAM

Histogram represents the brightness distribution in the picture. The horizontal axis shows the graduated values from black (left) through gray to white (right). The vertical axis corresponds to the number of pixels at each brightness level.

This type of rendering allows an additional quick and easy assessment of the exposure setting.



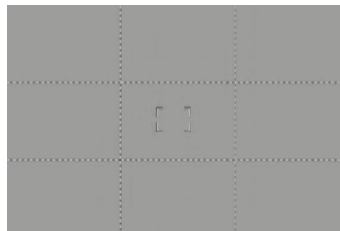
- ▶ Select **Capture Assistants** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Histogram** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On**

Notes

- The histogram is always based on the brightness displayed; depending on the settings used, it may not represent the final exposure.
- In picture mode, the histogram should be regarded as a "trend indicator" and not as a depiction of the exact number of pixels.
- The histograms when reviewing and taking a picture may differ slightly from one another.
- The histogram function is not available for the simultaneous playback of multiple thumbnails or enlarged pictures.

GRID LINES

The grid divides the image field into 3 x 3 equal fields.



- ▶ Select **Capture Assistants** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Grid Setup** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On**

HORIZON DISPLAY

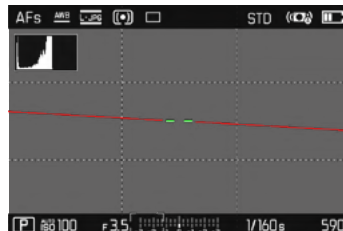
The integrated sensors of the camera show its orientation. These indicators ensure exact camera orientation along the longitudinal and transverse axes of critical objects, e.g. architecture.



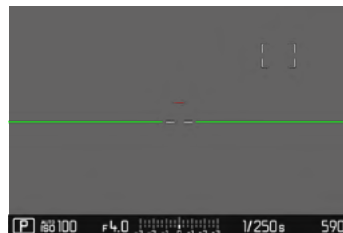
- ▶ Select **Capture Assistants** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Horizon** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On**

Two long lines to the left and right of the image center indicate the longitudinal axis on screen.

- in zero position = green
- in tilted position = red

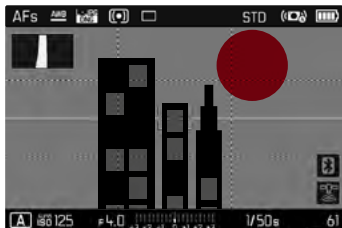


The transverse axis is indicated in level position by two green double-lines immediately left and right of the image center. When the camera is tilted, these lines are white and a short red line appears above or below them.



CLIPPING

The Clipping display marks very bright or very dark image areas. This function is a very easy and exact tool for checking the correct exposure setting.



- ▶ Select **Capture Assistants** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Clipping** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On**

SERIAL EXPOSURES

The camera is set to single shot exposures by default (**Single**). Serial exposures can also be created to e.g. capture motion sequences at various stages.

- ▶ Select **Picture Series** in the main menu
- ▶ Select the desired setting in the submenu
(**Continuous Low Speed**, **Continuous Medium Speed**, **Continuous High Speed**, **Continuous Super Speed**)

Once you have finalized your settings, the camera will take serial exposures as long as you keep the shutter button pressed down fully (and you have sufficient space on your memory card).

Notes

- We recommend deactivating the preview review mode (**Auto Playback/Review**) when using this function.
- The specified picture sequence stated in the technical information refers to a default setting (**ISO 200**, JPG format **L-JPG**). The picture sequence may differ in conjunction with other settings or depending on the picture content, **White Balance** setting and the memory card used.
- Regardless of how many pictures were taken in a series, the last picture in the series or the last picture saved on the memory card while the save process is ongoing will be displayed first in both review modes.

INTERVAL SHOOTING

This camera allows you to capture motion sequences over extended periods of time automatically using the interval shooting function. You must specify the interval between shots and the number of frames in the series.

SPECIFYING THE NUMBER OF PICTURES

- ▶ Select **Drive Mode** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Interval** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **Frames**
- ▶ Enter the desired value

SPECIFYING THE INTERVALS BETWEEN SHOTS

- ▶ Select **Drive Mode** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Interval** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **Interval**
- ▶ Select the desired interval between shots

Notes

- A running series of pictures can only be aborted by switching off the camera. The relevant settings remain unchanged, which means that tapping the shutter button again after switching the camera on will restart the series.
- The camera may switch off and on again if “Auto power off” is set and no other camera operation occurs between the individual shots.
- Interval shooting over an extended period of time in a cold location or in a place with high temperature and humidity may result in malfunctions.
- Interval shooting will be interrupted or canceled in the following situations:
 - if the battery is depleted
 - if the camera is switched off
 Make sure to check the battery for sufficient charge.
- Interrupted or canceled interval shooting can be resumed by switching the camera off, replacing the battery or memory card as needed and then switching the camera back on. The pictures taken after function interruption will be stored in a separate group. A prompt will be displayed on screen if the camera is switched off and on again while the **Interval** shooting function is active.

- The interval function remains active after a picture series is completed, and also after the camera is switched off and on again, until another exposure mode (picture series) is set.
- The availability of this function does not mean that the camera is suitable for use as a monitoring device.
- Regardless of how many pictures were taken in a series, the last picture in the series or the last picture in the series or the last picture saved on the memory card while the saving process is ongoing will be displayed first in both review modes.
- The camera may under some circumstances be unable to take good pictures. That may happen if, for example, focusing was unsuccessful. In that case, the camera will not take a picture and the series will continue with the next interval. The message **Some frames were dropped** appears on screen.

SELF-TIMER

The self-timer function allows taking pictures with a preconfigured time delay. We recommend that the camera is placed on a tripod.

- ▶ Select **Self-timer** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Self-timer 2 s**/**Self-timer 12 s** in the submenu
- ▶ Shutter release
 - The remaining time until exposure is counted down on screen. The self-timer LED at the front of the camera counts down the delay time. It flashes slowly during the first 10 s, then fast for the last 2 s.
 - The self-timer delay time can be canceled at any time by tapping the shutter button; the relevant settings remain intact.

Note

In self-timer mode, the exposure value is set just before the picture is taken and not when the shutter button is pressed.

DIGITAL ZOOM

Three cropped section sizes are available in addition to the Summilux 28 f/1.7 ASPH. image section. They are similar to the focal lengths 35 mm, 50 mm and 75 mm.

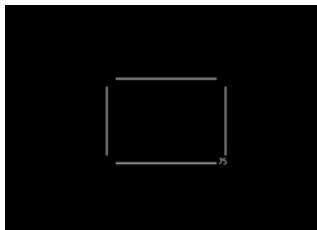
35 mm



50 mm



75 mm



PERMANENT SETTING

- ▶ Select **Digital Zoom** in the main menu
- ▶ Select a setting

DIRECT ZOOM CHANGE

- ▶ Press and hold the Zoom/Lock button
 - A frame appears around the image section on screen, indicating the final image size.
 - Pressing the Zoom/Lock button will toggle the display between 28 mm (full screen), 35 mm, 50 mm and 75 mm.
 - The selected increment will remain set until the next change.

Notes

- The relevant setting must be selected via the menu if the Zoom/Lock button has a different function assigned (direct access, see p. 46).
- The desired cropped section is displayed for DNG recordings, but the entire 28 mm image field will be saved. That will allow a later editing of the full image.
- Only an enlarged cropped section will be displayed and stored for JPG images. A higher zoom value means a lower resolution as shown in the following table. Cropped sections can also be created using editing software.

	28 mm	Digital Zoom 35 mm	Digital Zoom 50 mm	Digital Zoom 75 mm
L-JPG	47 MP	30 MP	15 MP	7 MP
M-JPG	24 MP	15 MP	8 MP	3 MP
S-JPG	12 MP	8 MP	4 MP	2 MP

ELECTRONIC SHUTTER

The Leica Q2 comes equipped with a mechanical shutter and a purely electronic shutter function. The electronic shutter expands the available shutter area and functions completely noiseless, which may be important in some work environments.

- ▶ Select **Electronic Shutter** in the main menu
- ▶ Select the desired setting in the submenu

Off	Only the mechanical shutter is used. Focus range 120 s to 1/2000 s.
Always On	Only the electronic shutter function is used. Focus range 1/2500 s to 1/40000 s.
Extended	You can add in the electronic shutter functions if you need faster shutter speeds than can be achieved with the mechanical shutter. Focus range 120 s to 1/2000 s + 1/2500 s to 1/40000 s.

FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY

The camera determines the necessary flash intensity by firing one or more pre-flashes before taking the actual picture. The main flash fires immediately after, i.e. during exposure

COMPATIBLE FLASH UNITS

The following flash units offer a TTL flash metering function and – depending on the model – a varying number of the functions described in this manual:

- Leica system flash units like the SF 40 and SF 60
- Other commercially available flash units with a standard flash foot and positive center contact¹ (fired via the center/X contact).
- Studio flash units (fired via synchronization cable)

ATTACHING THE FLASH UNIT


- ▶ Switch off the camera and flash unit
- ▶ Pull off the accessory shoe cover and store it in a safe place
- ▶ Slide the foot of the flash unit all the way into the accessory shoe and use the clamping nut (where available) to secure it against accidental movement
 - Movement inside the accessory shoe can interrupt required contacts and therefore cause malfunctions.

DETACHING THE FLASH UNIT

- ▶ Switch off the camera and flash unit
- ▶ Detaching the flash unit
- ▶ Replace the accessory shoe cover

Note

- The accessory shoe cover should always be attached when no accessory is used.

¹ Activate the  WB Flash setting if you will be using flash units that are not directly compatible with the camera and will therefore not automatically adjust the white balance of the camera.

FLASH EXPOSURE METERING (TTL METERING)

The camera offers a fully automated, camera-controlled flash mode in conjunction with system-compatible flash units (see p. 92) and for the auto modes aperture priority and manual setting.

In aperture priority mode and with manual setting, the camera also allows the use of additional flash techniques like flash synchronization and firing with slower shutter speeds than the sync time $1/180$ s, which may be interesting in terms of picture composition. These functions are set on the camera via the menu (please read the next sections for more information).

The camera additionally communicates the sensitivity setting to the flash unit. The flash unit can use this information to automatically adjust its range data, provided the device comes with these displays and the aperture setting selected on the lens is also entered manually on the flash unit. The ISO sensitivity setting cannot be altered via the flash unit on system-compatible units, because the information is received from the camera.

SETTINGS ON THE FLASH UNIT

Operating mode	
TTL	Automatic camera control
A	Aperture priority
M	The flash exposure must be set to an output level to match the aperture and shutter speed settings determined by the camera.

Note

Please read the relevant instructions provided with third party flash units regarding their various operating modes.

FLASH MODES

Select one of the three available operating modes.

- Automatic
- Manual
- Long-term exposure

A AUTOMATIC FLASH ACTIVATION

That is the default flash mode. The flash unit will fire automatically if poor lighting conditions would mean slower shutter speeds, which could result in blurred images.

MANUAL FLASH ACTIVATION

This mode is suitable for backlit pictures in which the main subject does not fill the entire frame and is in shadow, or in situations where a fill-in flash will moderate sharp contrasts (e.g. in direct sunlight). The flash will fire each time a picture is taken, regardless of prevailing lighting conditions. The flash intensity depends on the metered ambient brightness: in poor light it is the same output as in automatic mode, with output decreasing with increasing brightness. The flash will then work as a fill-in light, e.g. to light up dark shadows in the foreground or backlit objects, and to create more balanced overall lighting.

S AUTOMATIC FLASH ACTIVATION AT SLOWER SHUTTER SPEEDS (LONG-TERM SYNCHRONIZATION)

This mode ensures appropriately exposed, brighter dark backgrounds and bright foreground.

The shutter speed is not extended beyond 1/30 s in the other flash modes to minimize the risk of blurring. This may mean, however, that pictures with flash exposure can end up with objects in the background not illuminated by the flash and therefore being underexposed. In this mode, slower shutter speeds (up to 30 s) are permitted to avoid this effect.

FLASH CONTROL

The settings and functions described in the following sections only apply to settings and functions available in this camera and in system-compatible flash units.

SYNC POINT

Flash exposures are lit by two light sources:

- Ambient light
- Flash

Any subject elements lit primarily by the flash will almost always be rendered in perfect focus by the short burst of light, provided the focus is set correctly. All other subject elements in the same frame lit by ambient light or lit from within will be rendered with varying degrees of sharpness. Whether or not these object elements will be rendered in sharp focus or blurred, as well as the degree of "blurriness" depends on two interdependent factors:

- the shutter speeds
- The speed of movement of the subject elements or camera during recording

The longer the shutter speed and the faster the motion, the greater the difference between the two superimposed partial images.

A flash is usually fired at the start of exposure (**Start of Exp.**), right after the first shutter curtain has completely opened the image window. This may result in apparent contradictions, e.g. the picture of a vehicle being overtaken by its own light trail. This camera allows you to synchronize the flash firing with the end of exposure (**End of Exp.**), right before the second shutter curtain closes the image window. The sharp image will in this case be a rendering of the end of the captured motion. This flash technique creates a more natural impression of movement and dynamics in the image. This function is available with all camera and flash unit settings.

- ▶ Select **Flash Settings** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Flash firing point** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a setting

(**Start of Exp.**, **End of Exp.**)

Note

When using the flash with faster shutter speeds, a difference between the two flash times will be barely discernible or only noticeable for very fast movements.

FLASH RANGE

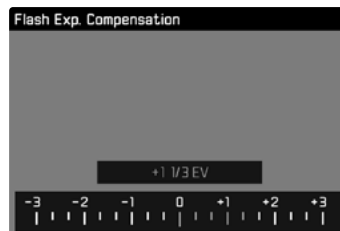
The usable flash range depends on the aperture and sensitivity values set manually or calculated by the camera. It is important to ensure that the subject is within the relevant flash range for sufficient illumination. A permanent setting to the shortest available shutter speed for flash mode (sync time) may often result in unnecessary underexposure of those subject elements that are not lit sufficiently by the flash.

This camera allows the fine tuning of the shutter speed used in flash mode in combination with aperture priority depending on the conditions of the object or your own picture composition ideas.

FLASH EXPOSURE COMPENSATION


This function can be used to selectively reduce or enhance flash exposure regardless of ambient light, e.g. to brighten the face of a person in the foreground when taking a picture outdoors in the evening while retaining the same general lighting mood.

- ▶ Select **Flash Settings** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Flash Exposure Compensation** in the submenu
 - The submenu displays a scale with a red setting mark. The function is deactivated if the value is set to 0.
- ▶ Set the desired value
 - The configured compensation is displayed as **±X EV¹** above the scale.



¹ Example (Plus or Minus): "±X EV" stands for the relevant value.

Notes

- Flash exposure compensation changes the range of the flash unit.
- Once set, the compensation value remains active until it is reset to , no matter how many pictures are taken or if the camera is switched off.
- A compensation value configured on the camera will be overruled when a relevantly equipped flash unit is attached, e.g. a Leica SF 60 and a compensation value is entered on that flash unit.
- The menu item **Flash Exposure Compensation** can only be used in conjunction with flash units on which the compensation value cannot be set manually (e.g. Leica SF 26). The settings on the scale in the camera menu can therefore only be confirmed if a suitable flash unit is connected and switched on.
- A brighter flash illumination with Plus compensation will require a greater flash intensity. Flash exposure compensation will therefore impact on the flash range: A Plus correction will decrease it, a Minus correction will increase it.
- An exposure compensation set on the camera will only affect the measurement of ambient light. If a simultaneous TTL flash exposure metering compensation is desired in flash mode, then it must be additionally set on the flash unit. (Exception: On the Leica SF 26, the compensation value must be set on the camera via menu control.)

FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY

- ▶ Switch on the flash unit
- ▶ Set the desired guide number control mode (e.g. TTL or GNC = Guide Number Control) on the flash unit
- ▶ Switching the camera on
- ▶ Tap the shutter button before each flash exposure to activate exposure metering
 - The flash unit may not fire if this step is missed by pressing the shutter button down completely and skipping these settings.
- ▶ Set the desired exposure mode, shutter speed and/or aperture setting
 - It is imperative to take note of the shortest flash sync speed, as it determines whether a "normal" flash or an HSS flash is fired.
- ▶ Select **Flash Settings** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Flash Mode** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a setting
 - The currently active mode is displayed on screen.



Notes

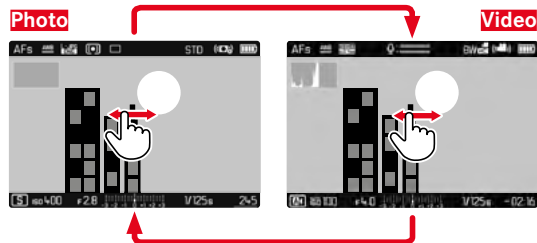
- A flash unit that is not ready to flash may cause incorrect exposures or error messages.
- Studio flash systems may have a very long flash firing duration. It may therefore be advantageous to select a slower shutter speed than 1/180 s when using such a system. The same applies for RF-controlled flash firing for so-called "off-camera" flashes, as the transmission time may cause a delay.
- Serial exposures and automatic bracketing with flash are not available. With the camera set to one of these modes, there will be no flash display on screen even if the flash unit is attached and the flash will not fire.
- The **Long-term synchronization** setting (long-term synchronization) is unavailable and grayed out if a flash unit is attached that is not system compatible.
- Depending on the setting selected in the **Auto ISO Settings** menu, the camera may not support slower shutter speeds, because an increase in ISO sensitivity takes priority.
- Use a tripod to prevent blurring at slow shutter speeds. Alternatively, you can select a higher sensitivity.

VIDEO MODE

START/EXIT VIDEO MODE

This camera is equipped to take pictures and record video. There are two methods for toggling between Picture and Video mode:

Using touch control



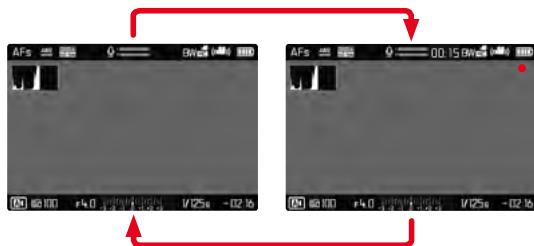
Using button control

- Press the center button repeatedly, until video icons appear

Notes

- As only part of the sensor area is used in video recordings, the relevantly effective focal length is increased, which slightly reduces the size of the image sections.
- You can record up to 29 minutes of uninterrupted video.
- Some menu items are unavailable in Video mode. The text in the relevant line is displayed in gray to signify the existence of a submenu.

START/END VIDEO RECORDING



- ▶ Press the shutter button
 - Video recording begins.
 - The dot flashes red.
 - Recording time is running.
- ▶ Press the shutter button again
 - Video recording ends.
 - The dot lights in gray.

Note

Basic video settings (see p. 57) and **Digital Zoom** (see p. 90) must be configured before recording.

PLAYBACK/REVIEW MODE

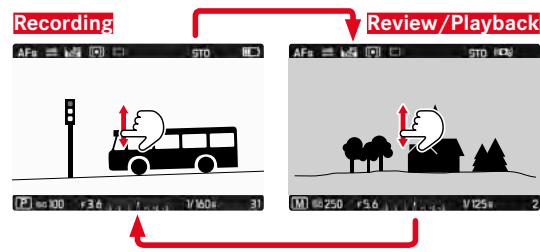
There are two completely independent playback/review functions available:

- short-term rendering directly after exposure (Preview)
- normal Review mode, in which the stored recordings can be viewed and managed for any length of time

The switchover between recording and playback/review mode, as well as most other actions can be completed using gesture or key control. Please see p. 38 for more information about the available gestures.

INITIATE/EXIT PLAYBACK/REVIEW MODE

Using touch control



Using button control

- ▶ Press the **PLAY** button
 - The picture taken last is displayed first with its relevant settings.
 - The following message appears if the inserted memory card does not contain any picture data: **No valid image to display.**
 - The **PLAY** button function differs, depending on the current camera setting:

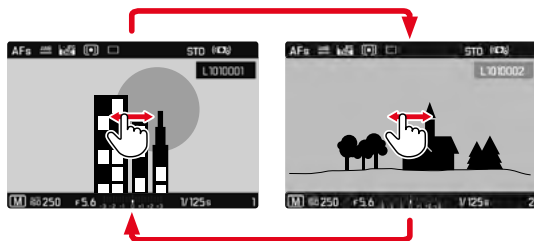
Initial situation	After pressing the PLAY button
Full screen display of a recording	Recording mode
Display of an enlarged cropped section/or several thumbnails	Full screen display of the recording

SELECTING/SCROLLING THROUGH RECORDINGS

The recordings are visually arranged in a horizontal reel. When the end of an image series is reached, it automatically jumps back to the first image in the series. All recordings can therefore be reached by scrolling either right or left.

Using touch control

- Swipe to the left or right



Using button control

- Press the directional pad to the left or right

DISPLAYS IN PLAYBACK/REVIEW MODE

With the factory settings in place, recorded pictures will be displayed without the information in the header and footer lines for an unobstructed view of the image. The configured displays can be accessed at any time.

- Press the center button
 - The displays for **Histogram** and **Clipping** will appear if these functions are activated.



Video recordings are always rendered with header and footer and with **PLAY** ▶.



Notes

- Recorded pictures are not automatically rotated in Review mode to utilize the full screen area.
- It may not be possible to render files with this camera that were not recorded with this device.
- In some cases, the screen image may not have the expected quality or the LCD panel will remain blank and only display the file name.
- The histogram and clipping displays are available only when viewing the full size picture, but not during zooming or in the overview.

DISPLAYING ASSIST FUNCTIONS

The display of histogram and clipping in playback/review mode can be set separately from the relevant settings for the recording mode.

- Select **Playback/Review Mode Setup** in the main menu
- Select **Histogram/Clipping** in the submenu
- Select **On** or **Off**.


PICTURE SERIES REVIEW

Serial and interval shootings often produce a large number of individual images. It would be very difficult to find other pictures that are not part of a series if every image of all these series was displayed individually. Organizing the images in groups creates more clarity in Review mode.

- ▶ Select **Playback/Review Mode Setup** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Group Display Mode** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On** or **Off**.

All images in all series are displayed individually if **Off** is selected. The images are grouped in series and only one representative image will be displayed if **On** is selected. Only that one representative image will be displayed and all other images in that series are hidden during scrolling.



The representative image is shown with **PLAY** in the center and  at the bottom left.

There are two options for viewing the images in a group: manual scrolling or automatic playback. Automatic playback is the default setting.

UNINTERRUPTED PLAYBACK OF THE PICTURE SERIES

The images in a group can be played back from start to finish without interruption. This may be very helpful to get a better idea of the processes or conditions rendered than if the images were scrolled manually.

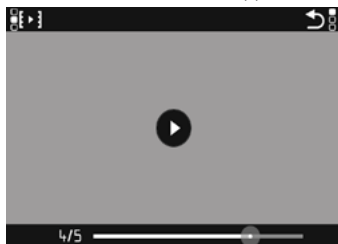
- ▶ Touch **PLAY** briefly
- or
- ▶ Press the center button
 - Auto Review commences.

A prompt screen with additional functions can be accessed while playback is running.

- ▶ Briefly tap the LCD panel
- or

- ▶ Press the center button

Playback stops, the current picture in the series is displayed. Various control elements appear on screen.

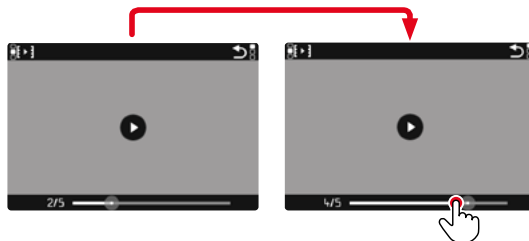


Note

- The icons disappear after about 3 s. Tapping the LCD panel or pressing the center button again will display them again.

JUMPING TO A SPECIFIC PICTURE IN THE GROUP

Touch the playback status bar briefly at the desired position




RESUMING PLAYBACK/REVIEW

While the control elements are visible:

- ▶ Briefly tap the LCD panel
- or
- ▶ Press the center button

SAVE AS A VIDEO


The image series can additionally be saved as a video.

- ▶ Starting and stopping playback/review
 - The control elements appear.
 - ▶ Tap 
- or
- ▶ Start playback
 - ▶ Press the **FN** button
 - The prompt screen for video creation appears.
 - ▶ Select **Yes/No**
 - **Yes**: A video is created
 - A progress screen for the video creation is displayed briefly (while the data is being processed). It also offers the option of canceling the process by pressing the center button.
 - Once video creation is complete, the first frame of the new video is displayed.
 - **No**: Revert to the same picture of the (still paused) automatic review


SCROLLING THROUGH THE INDIVIDUAL PICTURES OF A SERIES

The images in a picture series can also be viewed individually. Switch to the manual scrolling function to do so.





- ▶ Press the directional pad up/down
 - The information displays disappear in full-screen mode
 - When the information displays are activated,  will appear at the bottom left of the image
 - ▶ Press the directional pad left/right
- or
- ▶ Swipe to the left or right

Returning to standard Playback mode

- ▶ Press the directional pad up/down
 -  is displayed at the bottom left of the image

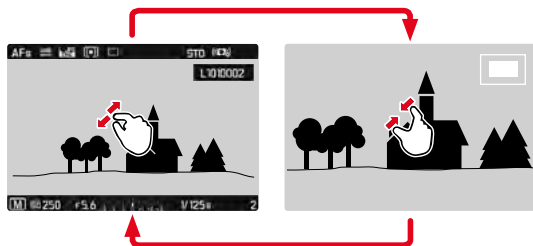
Notes

- The review will be limited to the current picture series for as long as you are scrolling in that series, which also applies to the overview display of 12 or 30 thumbnails.
- The images of a series are marked with  in the header line, those of an **interval** shoot by a .

CROPPED SECTION ZOOM

You can zoom in to any section of an image for closer inspection. You have a five-step zoom factor available via the thumbwheel, while zooming is stepless if you use touch control.

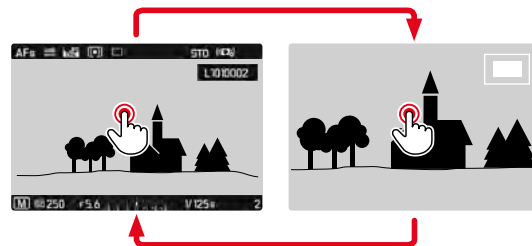
Using touch control



- ▶ Two-finger pinch/spread
 - The central cropped section of the picture is enlarged.



- ▶ Swiping will allow you to move the position of an enlarged cropped section
 - The rectangle within the frame in the top right corner represents the currently magnified section, as well as its position in the image.



- ▶ Double tap
 - Toggles between max. zoom at the tap position and full screen view.

Using button control

- ▶ Turn the thumbwheel
(to the right: increase magnification, to the left: decrease magnification)
- ▶ Press the thumbwheel button
 - Toggles between max. magnification and standard full screen view.
- ▶ Press the directional pad to move the cropped section anywhere in the enlarged image
 - The rectangle within the frame in the top right corner represents the currently magnified section, as well as its position in the image.

You can move directly from one picture to the next in magnification mode, which will then also be displayed with the same magnification.

- ▶ Press and hold the **PLAY** button while turning the thumbwheel to the left/right

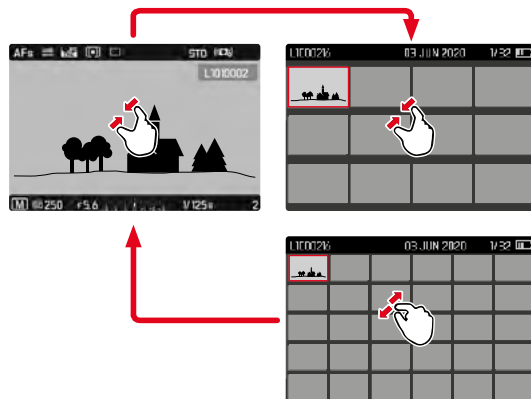
Notes

- It may not be possible to enlarge pictures taken with other camera types.
- Video recordings cannot be enlarged.

DISPLAYING MULTIPLE RECORDINGS AT ONCE

The camera offers an overview function in which several thumbnail images can be viewed on one screen, which makes it easier to find a specific image. You can choose 12 or 30 images per overview.

Using touch control



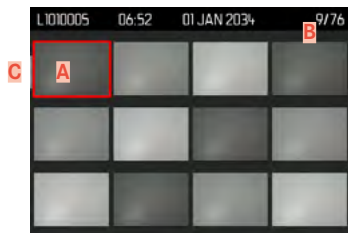
- ▶ Two-finger pinch
 - The display toggles from 12 to 30 thumbnails.

To view other recordings

- ▶ Swipe up or down

Using button control

- ▶ Turn the thumbwheel to the left
 - 12 thumbnails are shown at the same time. Another turn on the thumbwheel increases the number of displayed recordings to 30.



- A** Currently selected recording
B Number of the currently selected recording
C Scrollbar

The currently viewed recording is framed in red and can be selected for a closer look.

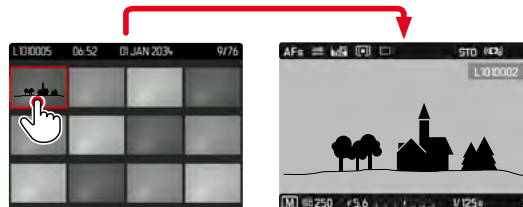
To navigate between recordings

- ▶ Press the directional pad left or right as needed
or
- ▶ Press and hold the **PLAY** button while turning the thumbwheel

To display the recording in full size

Using touch control

- ▶ Two-finger spread
or
- ▶ Briefly touch the image



Using button control

- ▶ Turn the thumbwheel to the right
or
- ▶ Press the **FN** button, the thumbwheel button or the **PLAY** button

TAGGING/RATING OF RECORDINGS

Recordings can be tagged as favorites to find them quicker or to simplify the later deletion of multiple recordings. Tagging can be done in regular view mode or in the overviews.

Tagging a recording

- ▶ Press and hold the Zoom/Lock button
 - The recording is marked with ★. The icon will appear in the header line on the far right when viewing images in full size, and in the top left corner of the thumbnail in overview mode.

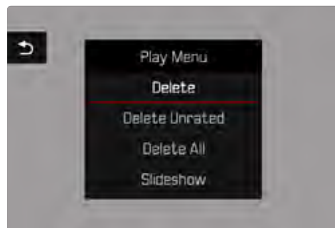
Removing a tag

- ▶ Press and hold the Zoom/Lock button
 - The ★ marking disappears.

DELETING RECORDINGS

There are several methods available to delete recordings:

- Deleting individual recordings
- Deleting multiple recordings
- Deleting all recordings without a tag/ranking
- Deleting all recordings



Important note


Once deleted, recordings are no longer retrievable.

DELETING INDIVIDUAL RECORDINGS

- ▶ Press the **MENU** button
 - ▶ Select **Delete** in the Playback/Review menu
- or

- ▶ Press the **FN** button
 - The Delete screen appears.



- ▶ Select the Delete icon 
 (tap the icon briefly or press the center button)
 - The LED will flash during the delete process. The process may take a few seconds.
 - The next recording will be displayed once deletion is complete. The following message appears if no other recordings are saved on the card: **No valid image to display.**

To cancel deletion and return to the normal Playback/Review mode

- ▶ Press the **PLAY** button
- or
- ▶ Tap the "Go back" icon  briefly

Notes

- The Delete screen can be called up only by pressing the **FN** button when in overview mode, because the menu function **Delete** of the Review menu is not available in this context.
- The "Scroll" and "Magnify" functions continue to be available when the "Delete" screen is active.

DELETING MULTIPLE RECORDINGS

Several recordings can be marked in a Delete overview with twelve thumbnails and can then be deleted all at once. This overview can be reached in two ways.


- ▶ Turn the thumbwheel to the left
 - The overview screen appears.
- ▶ Press the **MENU** button
- ▶ Select **Delete Multi** in the Review menu
 - The Delete overview appears.

or


- ▶ Press the **FN** button
 - The Delete screen appears.
- ▶ Turn the thumbwheel to the left
 - The Delete overview appears.




Any number of recordings can be selected in this view.

- ▶ Select a recording using the directional pad.
 - ▶ Press the center button
- or
- ▶ Briefly touch the image
 - The recordings selected for deletion are marked with a red Delete icon .

To delete the selected recordings

- ▶ Press the **FN** button
- or
- ▶ Tap the Delete icon  briefly
 - The prompt **Delete all marked files?** appears.
 - ▶ Select **Yes**

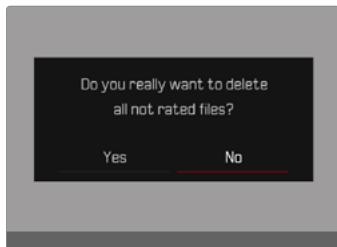
To cancel deletion and return to the normal Playback/Review mode

- ▶ Press the **PLAY** button
- or
- ▶ Tap the "Go back" icon  briefly

DELETING ALL RECORDINGS

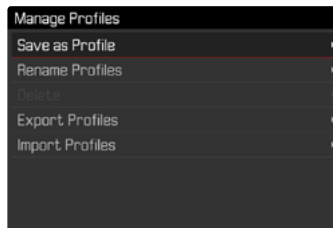


- ▶ Press the **MENU** button
- ▶ Select **Delete all** in the Review menu
 - The prompt **Delete all files?** appears.



- ▶ Select **Yes**

DELETING UNRATED RECORDINGS



- ▶ Press the **MENU** button
- ▶ Select **Delete unrated** in the Review menu
 - The prompt **Delete all files?** appears.
- ▶ Select **Yes**

Note

The LED will flash during the deletion process. The next marked recording appears once deletion is complete. The following message appears if no other recordings are saved on the card:
No valid image to display.

PREVIEW OF LATEST RECORDING

Photo and video recordings can be displayed automatically directly after they are taken to e.g. check the success of the recording quickly and easily. A duration for the automatic display can be configured.

- ▶ Select **Auto Review** in the main menu
- ▶ Select the desired function and/or duration in the submenu (**Off**, **1 s**, **3 s**, **5 s**, **Permanent**, **Shutter pressed**)

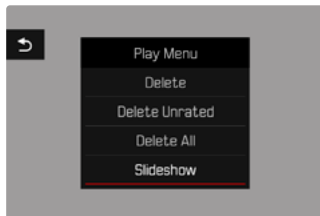
Permanent	The most recent recording is displayed until automatic review is ended by pressing the PLAY button or by tapping the shutter button.
Shutter pressed	The most recent recording is displayed for as long as the shutter button is pressed down.

Notes

- All buttons except the **FN** button, the menu button and the thumbwheel button change to the regular Review mode and execute their normal functions there for the duration of the automatic review. The camera will remain in Review mode until it is exited.
- Tagging and deleting can only be done in regular Review mode and not during automatic review.
- When pictures were taken with the functions Serial exposures or Interval shooting, then the last image in the series will be displayed or – if the save process is still incomplete – the last image in the series saved to the memory card.
- Where display times were configured (**1 s**, **3 s**, **5 s**) automatic review can be ended immediately by pressing the **PLAY** button or tapping the shutter button.

SLIDE SHOW

A slide show function is available in Review mode, in which the saved images are shown automatically in series. The user can choose to see all recordings (**Play all**), only photos (**Pictures only**) or only videos (**Videos only**) and how long these recordings should be displayed (**Duration**).

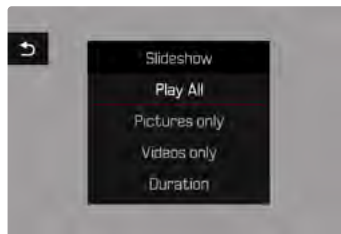


- ▶ Press the **MENU** button
- ▶ Select **Slideshow** in the Review menu

SETTING THE DURATION

- ▶ Press the **MENU** button
- ▶ Select **Duration** in the Review menu
- ▶ Select the desired duration (**1 s**, **2 s**, **3 s**, **5 s**)

STARTING THE SLIDE SHOW



- ▶ Select a setting (**Play All**, **Pictures only**, **Videos only**)
 - The slide show will start automatically with the selected recordings and runs in an endless loop until it is exited.

ENDING THE SLIDE SHOW

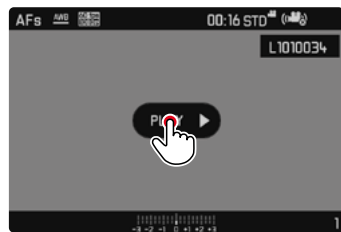
- ▶ Press the **PLAY** button
- or
- ▶ Tap the shutter button
 - The camera switches to the relevant mode.

Notes

- An intermediate screen may appear while the data is prepared for playback.
- The settings in **Duration** remain intact even after the camera is switched off and on again.

VIDEO PLAYBACK

PLAY ▶ Will appear on screen if you have selected a video file for playback.



START PLAYBACK

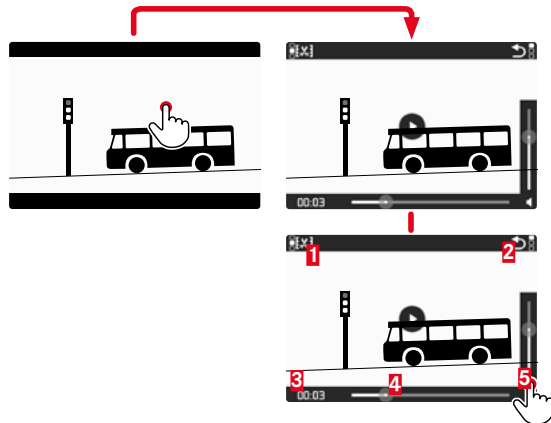
- ▶ Press the center button
- or
- ▶ Touch **PLAY ▶** briefly

ACCESSING THE CONTROL ELEMENTS

The control elements are displayed when playback is stopped.

Using touch control

- ▶ Briefly tap the LCD panel



- 1** Video editing function
- 2** Exit video playback
- 3** Playback status bar
- 4** Elapsed playback time
- 5** Playback volume

Using button control

- ▶ Press the center button

Note

The control elements disappear after about 3 s. Touching the LCD panel or pressing the center button will cause them to be displayed again.

PAUSE PLAYBACK

- ▶ Touch the LCD panel briefly (anywhere)
- or
- ▶ Press the center button

RESUMING PLAYBACK/REVIEW

While the control elements are visible:

Using touch control

- ▶ Touch the LCD panel briefly anywhere in the picture



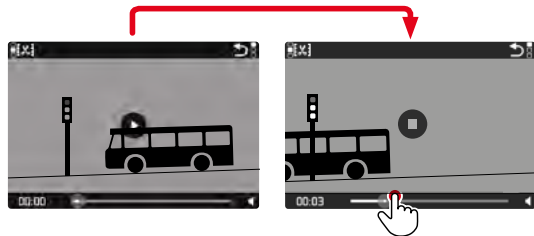
Using button control

- ▶ Press the center button

CONTINUE PLAYBACK FROM ANY POINT IN THE FILE

While the control elements are visible:

- ▶ Touch the playback status bar briefly at the desired position

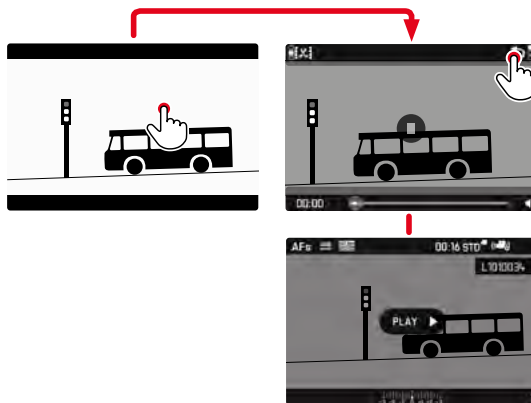


END PLAYBACK

Using touch control

When control elements are visible:

- ▶ Tap the "Go back" icon ↶ briefly



Using button control

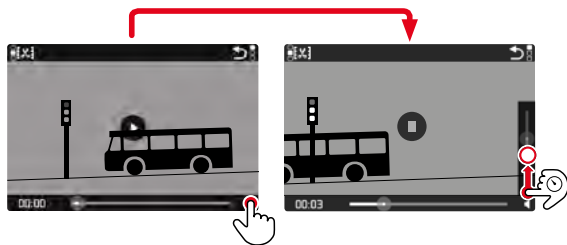
- ▶ Press the **PLAY** button

SETTING THE VOLUME

Using touch control

When control elements are visible:


- ▶ Tap the volume icon briefly
- ▶ Touch the volume status bar briefly at the desired position



Using button control

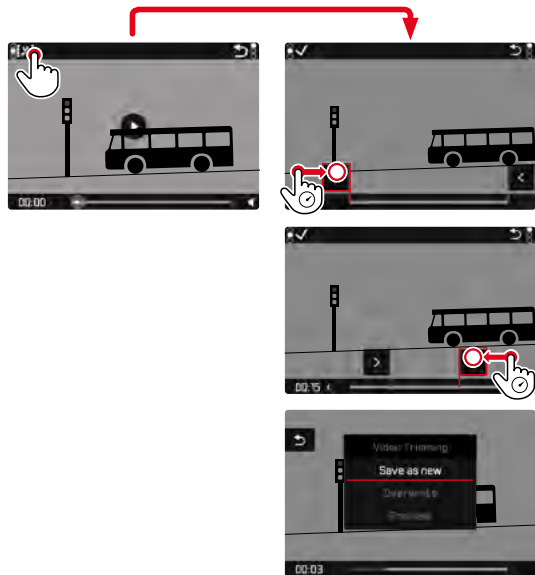
- ▶ Press the directional pad up/down
 - The volume status bar appears.
- ▶ Press the directional pad up (louder) or down (quieter)

Note

Sound is switched off at the lowest part of the bar and the volume icon changes to .

VIDEO EDITING

Using touch control



Using button control

Accessing the video editing function

- ▶ Press the **FN** button
 - The video editing screen appears, the left cutting mark is highlighted in red (= active).

Changing the current cutting point

- ▶ Press the directional pad left/right
 - The selected cutting point is highlighted in red (= active).

Moving the active cutting point

- ▶ Turn the thumbwheel
 - The currently selected time of the relevant cutting point is displayed at the bottom left of the footer line. A still of the video sequence at that point is displayed in the background.

Cutting

- ▶ Press the **FN** button to confirm the cuts
 - The video editing submenu appears.

Note

The editing function can be canceled at any time, provided no selection was made in the **Video editing** menu.

- ▶ Press the **PLAY** button
 - The video playback screen reappears.

- ▶ Select a function from the **Video editing** menu

(**Save as new**, **Overwrite**, **Preview**)

Save as new	The edited video is <u>additionally</u> saved, the original video remains unchanged.
Overwrite	The newly edited video is saved and the original one is deleted.
Preview	The new video is played. The newly cut video is not saved and the original remains unchanged.

Note

In all three cases, a notification screen appears while the data is being processed. Then the new video is played back.

OTHER FUNCTIONS

USER PROFILES

This camera allows the permanent storage of any menu settings, to e.g. access them quickly and easily for recurring conditions/image objects. Six memory slots are provided to store custom settings, plus the factory setting, which is always available and cannot be modified (**Default Profile**). You can assign names for the saved profiles yourself.

Any profiles configured for the camera can be saved to a memory card for use on another camera. Similarly, profiles saved on a memory card can be transferred to the camera.

SAVING CURRENT SETTINGS AS A USER PROFILE

CREATING PROFILES

Saving settings/Creating a profile

- ▶ Create custom settings for the desired functions via menu control
- ▶ Select **User Profile** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Manage Profiles** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **Save as Profile** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a memory slot
- ▶ Confirm the selection

Note

A memory slot can only be deleted via the function **Reset Camera** described in the section "Resetting th camera to factory settings" (see p. 128).

RENAMING PROFILES

- ▶ Select **User Profile** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Manage Profiles** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **Rename Profiles** in the submenu
- ▶ Select a profile
- ▶ Enter a name for the profile via the associated submenu keyboard and confirm your input (see p. 43)

APPLY/ACTIVATE PROFILES

Factory setting: **Default Profile**

- ▶ Select **User Profile** in the main menu
 - A list of profile names will appear if user profiles are saved and activated.
- ▶ Select a profile
 - The selected profile is marked as **active**.
 - Free memory slots appear in gray.

EXPORTING/IMPORTING PROFILES TO/FROM THE MEMORY CARD

- ▶ Select **User Profile** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Manage Profiles** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **Export Profiles** or **Import Profiles** in the submenu
- ▶ Confirm the selection

Note

When importing and exporting, all profile slots are transferred to the card, i.e. including any empty slots. Any existing profiles stored in the camera will be overwritten, during the profile import. Individual profiles cannot be imported or exported.

DATA MANAGEMENT

DATA STRUCTURE ON THE MEMORY CARD

FOLDER STRUCTURE

The files (= pictures) on the memory cards are saved in automatically generated folders. The first three characters signify the folder number (numerals), the last five the folder name (letters). The first folder is assigned the name "100LEICA", the second "101LEICA". A folder will always be created with the next available number; you can have max. 999 folders.

FILE STRUCTURE

The file names in these folders consist of eleven characters. In the factory settings, the first file is named "L1000001.XXX", the second "L1000002.XXX", etc. The first letter can be selected, the "L" from the factory settings denotes the camera brand. The first three characters signify the folder number (numerals). The next four digits denote the sequential file number. Once file number 9999 is reached, then a new folder will be automatically created, in which the file numbering begins at 0001 again. The last three places after the dot denote the file format (DNG or JPG).

Notes

- When using memory cards that were not formatted with this camera, the file numbering will begin with 0001 again. Should the memory card already contain a file with a higher number, then numbering will be continued from that number.
- A relevant message will be displayed on the LCD panel once folder number 999 and file number 9999 are reached, and all numbering must be reset.

CHANGING FILE NAMES

- ▶ Select **Edit File Name** in the main menu
 - A keyboard submenu is displayed.
 - The input line contains the factory setting "L" as the first letter of the file name. Only this letter can be changed.
- ▶ Enter a letter of your choice (see p. 43)
- ▶ Confirm

Notes

- The change to a file name applies to all subsequent pictures or until a new change is made. The sequential number will not be affected; but it will be reset when a new folder is created.
- During a reset to factory settings, the first letter will always be reset to "L" and a new folder will be created, in which the file numbering will once again start with 0001.

CREATING A NEW FOLDER

- ▶ Select **Reset Image Numbering** in the main menu
 - A relevant prompt is displayed.
- ▶ Confirm the creation of a new folder (**Yes**) or cancel the new folder (**No**).

Note

The name part (first letter) of a new folder created this way remains unchanged. The file numbers in that folder will start again at 0001.

RECORDING THE IMAGE LOCATION WITH GPS (ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEICA FOTOS APP)

The GPS (global positioning system) allows the pinpointing of a receiver anywhere in the world. The GPS function is activated automatically when a connection to the Leica FOTOS app is active. The camera will then continuously receive the current GPS data (latitude and longitude, elevation above sea level) and writes this information into the Exif data of the images.

Note

- This function is available only as long as the camera is connected to the Leica FOTOS app (see p. 129)

FORMATTING A MEMORY CARD

Memory cards that have already been in use with this camera will usually not require formatting. An unformatted memory card that is inserted into the camera for the first time will have to be formatted. We recommend formatting memory cards from time to time, because residual data traces (data pertaining to individual pictures) may reduce the card's memory capacity.

- ▶ Select **Format Card** in the main menu
- ▶ Confirm the selection

Notes

- Never switch off the camera while data transfer is in progress.
- All data previously stored on the memory card will be lost during formatting. Formatting will not be prevented by the deletion protection set for individual pictures.
- All images should therefore be regularly transferred to a safe mass storage medium, e.g. the hard disk of a computer.
- A simple formatting process will initially not irretrievably destroy existing data on the card. Only the directory will be deleted, which means the data will no longer be directly accessible. Data access can be restored with appropriate software. Only data subsequently overwritten when new data is saved will actually be irretrievable.
- A memory card should be formatted again in the camera if it was formatted in another device, e.g. a computer.
- Contact your retailer or Leica Customer Care if the memory card cannot be formatted/overwritten (see p. 152).

DATA TRANSFER

The picture data on the memory card can be transferred to a computer via a card reader for memory cards. Alternatively, the data can be transferred to a mobile device via the Leica FOTOS app (see p. 129).

USING RAW DATA (DNG)

You will need specific software for editing data in DNG format, e.g. the professional raw data converter Adobe® Photoshop® Lightroom®.

It allows high-quality conversions of stored raw data. It furthermore provides quality-optimized algorithms for digital color processing, delivering exceptionally low-noise photographs with incredible resolution. During editing, you can adjust parameters like gradation, sharpness etc. in retrospect to achieve the best possible image quality.

You will receive a temporary membership for the Adobe Creative Cloud Foto subscription with the purchase of this camera. You will have to register the camera to take advantage of this membership (<https://owners.leica-camera.com>).

RESETTING THE CAMERA TO FACTORY SETTINGS

This function allows you to reset all your custom menu settings back to the factory settings. You can optionally exclude the user profiles, WiFi and Bluetooth settings, as well as the image numbering from the reset individually.

- ▶ Select **Reset Camera** in the main menu
 - The prompt "Reset Camera Settings?" appears.
- ▶ Confirm or reject the reset to factory settings (**Yes**) / (**No**)
 - Selecting **No** will cancel the reset and the display will return to the main menu. Selecting **Yes** will trigger additional prompts regarding the settings you can opt to keep.
- ▶ Confirm or reject the reset of the user profiles (**Yes**) / (**No**)
- ▶ Confirm or reject the reset of the WiFi and Bluetooth settings (**Yes**) / (**No**)
- ▶ Confirm or reject the reset of the image numbering (**Yes**) / (**No**)
 - The message "Please restart the camera" appears
- ▶ Switch the camera off and on again
- ▶ Select your language
- ▶ Configure the date and time settings, see p. 48

Note

- You reset the image file numbering separately via the menu item **Reset Image Numbering** (see p. 125)

FIRMWARE UPDATES

Leica is continuously working on the further improvement and optimization of your camera. Since many camera functions are entirely controlled by software, some of these improvements and additions to the functional scope can be installed in retrospect. Leica offers firmware updates at irregular intervals, which you can download from our website.

Leica will notify you of any new updates, once you have registered your camera.

Find out which firmware version is currently installed

- ▶ Select **Camera Information** in the main menu
 - The current version designation is displayed next to the menu item **Firmware**

More information about registering, firmware updates and their downloads for your camera, as well as any amendments and additions to the details provided in this manual can be found in the customer area of our website at: <https://owners.leica-camera.com>

UPDATING THE FIRMWARE

- ▶ Download the latest firmware version
- ▶ Save the download to the memory card
- ▶ Insert the memory card into the camera
- ▶ Select **Camera Information** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Firmware** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **Start Update** in the submenu
 - The update will start automatically.

Notes

- The message **Battery low** will appear if the battery is not sufficiently charged. Recharge the battery and then repeat the process described above.

LEICA FOTOS

The camera can be controlled remotely using a smartphone/tablet PC. This will require an installation of the Leica FOTOS app on the mobile device.

- ▶ Scan the following QR code with the mobile device



or

- ▶ The app is available from Apple App Store™/Google Play Store™

CONNECTION

FIRST-TIME CONNECTION TO A MOBILE DEVICE

The connection is established via Bluetooth. A pairing of the camera and the mobile device is required for a first-time connection to a mobile device.

On the mobile device

- ▶ Activate Bluetooth
- ▶ Launch the Leica FOTOS app
- ▶ Select the camera model

In the camera

- ▶ Select **Leica FOTOS** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Bluetooth** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On**
 - Activate the Bluetooth function.
 - The icons “Bluetooth” and “GPS” appear on the LCD panel:
- ▶ Select **Pairing** in the submenu
- ▶ Follow the Leica FOTOS in-app instructions

Notes

- The pairing process may take a few minutes to complete.
- Each mobile device only needs to be paired with the camera once. The process adds the device to the list of known devices.
- GPS data will be automatically determined and written to the Exif data when pictures are taken while the camera is connected to the Leica FOTOS app.

CONNECTING TO KNOWN DEVICES

- ▶ Select **Leica FOTOS** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Bluetooth** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On**
 - Activate the Bluetooth function.
 - The camera connects to the mobile device automatically.

Notes

- Should there be more than one known device in the vicinity of the camera, then it will automatically connect to the first device responding. A favorite mobile device cannot be specified.
- We recommend removing rarely used devices from the list of known devices to prevent unwanted connections.
- Disconnect and reconnect (i.e. deactivating and reactivating Bluetooth in the camera) if the wrong device was connected.

REMOVING DEVICES FROM THE LIST OF KNOWN DEVICES

- ▶ Select **Leica FOTOS** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Delete** in the submenu
- ▶ Select the relevant device
 - A security prompt appears on the LCD panel.
- ▶ Select **Yes**

Note

The pairing process will have to be repeated to reconnect a deleted device to the camera.

REMOTE CAMERA CONTROL

You can take pictures and record video remotely via the mobile device, and can also change image settings or transfer data to the mobile device. A list of available functions and instructions for their use can be found in the Leica FOTOS app.

REMOTE CAMERA ACTIVATION

The camera can be activated remotely from off or standby if this function is activated in the camera. The Bluetooth function must be active.

- ▶ Select **Leica FOTOS** in the main menu
- ▶ Select **Remote Activation** in the submenu
- ▶ Select **On**
 - The camera will scan for known devices and automatically establishes a connection.

Important information

- Remote activation will activate the camera even if it was switched off via the main switch.
- Accidental remote camera activation may result in unwanted pictures taken and high power consumption.
- A third-party device can – provided it has been paired with the camera – access the camera remotely if your own mobile device is not currently connected or its Bluetooth function is deactivated. This poses a danger of unauthorized access to your data or camera functions.

Solution

- Ensure that the function is disabled.
- Disable the function as soon as it is no longer needed.

CARE/STORAGE

CAMERA HOUSING

- Keep your equipment meticulously clean, as any kind of dirt residue presents a breeding ground for micro organisms.
- Only clean the camera with a soft, dry cloth. Stubborn dirt should first be moistened with a watered-down detergent and can then be wiped away with a dry cloth.
- Wet a soft cloth with tap water, wring it out thoroughly and wipe the camera clean of any salt water spray. Then wipe it down thoroughly with a dry cloth.
- Wipe the camera with a clean, lint-free cloth to remove stains and fingerprints. Tougher dirt in hard to reach corners of the camera housing can be removed with a small brush. Take care not to touch the shutter blades.
- Store the camera in a closed and padded container to prevent friction damage and protect it against dust accumulation.
- Keep the camera in a dry, sufficiently ventilated place, where it will not be subjected to high temperatures and humidity. Make sure to remove all moisture from the camera if it was used in humid conditions.
- Do not store the camera in a leather case for extended periods of time to prevent fungal contamination.
- Empty your camera bag completely if it ever gets wet during use. Your equipment might otherwise be subjected to moisture and tanning residue released by the moist leather.
- All mechanical bearings and sliding surfaces on your camera are lubricated. Remember to press the shutter button several times every three months to prevent the lubrication points hardening if the camera will not be used for an extended period of time. We also recommend repeated adjustment and use of all the other operating elements.

- When using your camera in tropical climates, make sure to expose the equipment to sunlight and fresh air as much as possible to prevent fungal growth. Storage in airtight containers or cases is recommended only in conjunction with a desiccant like silica gel.

LENS

- A soft-bristle brush will usually suffice to remove dust from the outer lenses. Remove more severe soiling with a clean, soft cloth that is completely free of foreign matter. Wipe the lens in a circular motion from the center outward. We recommend using microfiber cloths that come in a protective container and are available from photography shops and other optical retailers. These cloths are machine-washable at 40°C. Do not use fabric softener and do not iron them. Never use spectacle lens cleaning cloths, as these are soaked in chemicals, which could damage the glass of the camera lenses.
- Attach a transparent UVA filter for optimal front lens protection in unfavorable conditions (e.g. sand, salt water spray). Please remember that the filter may create unwanted light reflections in some backlight situations and in case of high contrasts.
- The lens caps supplied protect the lens against accidental fingerprint smudges and rain.
- All mechanical bearings and sliding surfaces on your lens are lubricated. Make sure to periodically move the focus ring and the aperture setting ring to prevent seizing if the lens will not be used for an extended period of time.

VIEWFINDER/LCD PANEL

- Switch off your camera and leave it to stand at room temperature for around 1 hour if condensation has formed on or in the camera. The condensation will disappear, once the camera temperature has reached room temperature.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERY

- Remove the rechargeable battery if the camera will not be used for an extended period of time, as the date and time setting will be lost latest after 2 months.
- Lithium-ion rechargeable batteries should only be stored partially charged, i.e. not fully depleted or fully charged. The camera LCD panel will show the current charge level of the battery. Charge the battery twice a year for around 15 minutes to avoid deep discharge in case of very long storage periods.

MEMORY CARDS

- Make sure to store memory cards in their anti-static container when not in use.
- Do not store memory cards where they will be exposed to high temperatures, direct sunlight, magnetic fields or static electricity. Always remove the memory card if the camera will not be used for an extended period of time.
- We recommend formatting the memory card from time to time, because fragmented residual data from deleted files may block some of its storage capacity.

FAQ

Problem	Possible cause to be verified	Troubleshooting suggestions
Battery issues		
Battery is depleted too quickly	Battery is too cold	Warm the battery (e.g. in pants pocket) and only insert directly before use
	Battery too hot	Allow battery to cool down
	LCD panel or EVF set too bright	Reduce brightness
	Power save mode deactivated	Activate power save mode
	High consumption AF mode permanently activated	Select other mode
	Permanent WLAN connection	Deactivate WLAN when not in use
	Continuous use of LCD panel/Live View mode	Deactivate the function
	Battery has been recharged too many times	The battery has reached the end of its useful life, replace battery
Charging process not starting	Incorrect battery polarization or faulty charger connection	Check polarization and connection
Charging takes too long	Battery too hot or too cold	Charge the battery at room temperature
Charging pilot light is on, but battery isn't charging	The battery contacts are dirty	Clean the contacts with a soft, dry cloth
	Battery has been recharged too many times	The battery has reached the end of its useful life, replace battery
Camera problems		
The camera suddenly switches itself off	The battery is flat	Charge or replace the battery
The camera won't switch on	The battery is flat	Charge or replace the battery
	Battery is too cold	Warm the battery (e.g. in pants pocket)
The camera doesn't respond	The camera is connected to Leica FOTOS app	Terminate the connection
Camera is heating up	Heat development due to high-res video recording (4K) or serial exposures with DNG	Not a fault; allow camera to cool down if it gets too hot
Camera does not recognize the memory card	The memory card is not compatible or defective	Check the compatibility of the memory card (See "Technical Data")
	Memory card is incorrectly formatted	Format the memory card (Caution: Loss of data!)
Menus and displays		
Viewfinder is dark	EVF brightness is set too low	Set the EVF brightness
Display language is not English	-	Select English in the Language menu

The LCD panel is too dark or too bright/not clear	The brightness setting is incorrect	Adjust the display brightness
Favorites menu does not appear	The favorites menu is empty	Add at least one function
Live View stops suddenly or doesn't start	The camera is hot due to high ambient temperature, extended Live View operation, extended video recording or serial exposures	Allow camera to cool down
The brightness in Live View mode is not the same as in the pictures	The brightness settings for the LCD panel have no influence over the exposures	Adjust the brightness settings as needed
The number of remaining exposures does not count down after a picture is taken	The exposure requires only very little memory space	This is not a fault; the number of remaining exposures is calculated as approximations
Taking pictures		
The camera won't take a picture/shutter button is deactivated	Memory card is full	Replace the memory card
	The memory card is not formatted	Reformat the memory card (Caution: Loss of data!)
	The memory card is write protected	Deactivate the write protection on the memory card (small lever on the side of the memory card)
	Dirt on the memory card contacts	Clean the contacts with a soft cotton or linen cloth
	The memory card is damaged	Replace the memory card
	The sensor is overheating	Allow camera to cool down
	The camera has switched off automatically (automatic shutdown)	Switch the camera on again deactivate auto shutdown as needed
	Picture data is being written to the memory card and the cache is full	Wait
	Noise reduction function is working (e.g. after night photography with long exposure times)	Wait or deactivate noise reduction
No picture is taken	Battery is depleted	Charge or replace the battery
	Camera is processing a picture	Wait
	The camera is connected to the Leica FOTOS app	End connection and reconnect
Image noise appears on the LCD panel/in the viewfinder when the shutter button is pressed to the first pressure point	The gain is increased to aid image composition if the object is insufficiently lit with reduced aperture opening	Not a fault – picture quality will not be impacted
LCD panel/viewfinder deactivates after a very short time	Power Save settings are activated	Change the settings as needed

The display switches off after the picture is taken/ the LCD panel goes dark after the picture is taken	Flash loads after picture is taken, LCD panel deactivates during load time	Wait until the flash is loaded
Camera does not focus	Desired object part is too close to the camera	Select Macro mode
	Desired object part is very far away	Exit Macro mode
	Object not suitable for AF	Use Focus lock or select manual focus
Flash won't fire	The flash cannot be used with the current settings	Refer to the list of flash function-compatible settings
	Flash is deactivated	Select other flash mode
	The battery is flat	Charge or replace the battery
	Pressing the shutter button while flash is still loading	Wait until the flash is loaded
	Electronic shutter function is selected	Change the setting
	Automatic bracketing or Picture series is activated	Select other mode
The flash does not fully illuminate the object	Object is outside the flash range	Move object into flash range
	Flash is covered	Make sure the flash unit is not covered by your finger or some object
Image does not sharpen automatically	AF is deactivated	Activate AF
No face detection/faces are not recognized	Face is covered (sunglasses, hat, long hair, etc.)	Remove distracting objects
	Face takes up too little space in the picture composition	Change image composition
	Face is tilted or horizontal	Keep face straight
	Camera not held straight	Hold camera straight
	Face is insufficiently lit	Use flash, improve illumination
Camera selects incorrect object	The incorrectly selected object is closer to the image center than the main object	Change the image section or take picture using the focus lock
	The incorrectly selected object is a face	Deactivate face detection
No continuous recording available	The camera is overheated and the function was temporarily disabled to protect the camera	Allow camera to cool down
The image on the LCD panel displays lots of noise	Light enhancement function of the LCD panel in dark surroundings	Not a fault – picture quality will not be impacted
Image storage takes a long time	Noise Suppression is activated for long-term exposures	Deactivate the function
Manual white balance is unavailable	The image object is too bright or too dark	
Viewfinder is out of focus	Check the diopter setting	adjust the diopter setting as needed
AF metering field is framed in red with activated AF; images out of focus	Focusing was unsuccessful	Try to focus again

No AF metering field selectable	Lock lever for AF in locked position	Move lock lever (on the lens) to unlocked position
	Automatic Metering Field Control, Portrait Mode in the Scene Modes menu or Face Detection in AF mode is selected	Select other control mode
	Image Review is activated	Deactivate Image Review
	Camera is in Standby mode	Press the shutter button to the first pressure point
AF assist light does not light up	The AF mode 'AFc' is selected or 'Continuous AF' is activated in AFs mode.	Change the mode
	Camera is recording a video or is in Live View mode	Change the mode
	Function is deactivated	Activate AF
Video recording		
No video is recorded	The camera is overheated and the function was temporarily disabled to protect the camera	Allow camera to cool down
Video recording stops	Maximum length of individual video sequence was reached	
	The memory card's write speed is too low for the selected video resolution/compression	Insert another memory card or change the storage method
Review/playback and video/image management		
Pictures taken in portrait format are displayed in landscape format	-	Adjust the display options
Selected images cannot be deleted	Some of the selected images are write protected	Remove write protection (using the device with which the file was originally set to write protected)
File numbering does not start at 1	The memory card contains previously stored images	
The time and date settings are incorrect or are not displayed	The camera has not been in use for an extended period of time (the battery was removed)	Insert a charged battery and configure the correct settings
The time and date stamp on images are incorrect	Time settings are incorrect	Set the time correctly Caution: Time settings will be lost if the camera is not used/remains in storage with a depleted battery over an extended period of time
The time and date stamp on images are unwanted	Setting was ignored	Cannot be removed in retrospect Deactivate the function as needed

Pictures/recordings are damaged or missing	The memory card was removed while the readiness indicator was flashing	Never remove the memory card while the readiness indicator is flashing. Charge the battery.
	The memory card formatting is faulty or the card is damaged	Reformat the memory card (Caution: Loss of data!)
Review/playback unavailable	The camera is connected to Leica FOTOS app	Terminate the connection
Picture quality		
The picture is too bright	Light sensor was covered while picture was taken	Make sure that the light sensor is not obstructed
Image noise	long exposure times (>1 s)	Activate the noise suppression function for long exposure times
	ISO sensitivity set too high	Decrease ISO sensitivity
Unnatural colors	White balance not or incorrectly set	Adjust white balance to light source or adjust manually
Round white blotches, similar to soap bubbles	Flash photography in very dark environment: Reflection of dust particles	Deactivate the flash
Images are out of focus	Lens is dirty	Clean the lens
	Lens is obstructed	Make sure that lens is unobstructed
	Camera moved during exposure	Use flash or mount camera on a tripod
	Macro Function	Select the appropriate mode
Images are overexposed	Flash is activated in bright surroundings	Change the flash mode
Out of focus/picture stabilizer not functioning	Exposure at a dark location without flash	Use a tripod
The image is grainy or there is image noise	ISO sensitivity set too high	Decrease ISO sensitivity
Horizontal stripes	Picture was taken with electronic shutter under a light source like a fluorescent lamp	Try shorter shutter speeds
Unnatural colors and brightness	Picture taken in artificial light or extreme brightness	Set white balance or select correct lighting presets
Picture is too white	Strong light source in the image	Avoid strong light sources in picture composition
	Picture is too white	(Half) backlight falling into the lens (also from light sources outside the image range)
No images are displayed	Memory card is empty or not inserted	
Images cannot be displayed	File name of the image was changed on a PC	use appropriate software for image transfers from a PC to the camera; available from the Leica AG website
Video quality		
Video recordings show flickering/stripes	Light source interference in artificial lighting	Select a different frame rate (suitable for the local AC grid frequency) under Video Resolution
Camera noise in video recording	The setting dials were used	Avoid using the setting dials during video recordings

No sound on video recording	Playback volume is set too low	Increase playback volume
	Microphone was covered during recording	Make sure the microphone is not obstructed while recording video
	Speakers are covered	Make sure that speakers are unobstructed during playback
	Microphone was deactivated while recording	Activate the microphone
Flickering or horizontal stripes in the video recording	CMOS sensors will display this phenomenon when light sources like LED lamps or fluorescent tubes are used	Quality may be improved by selecting a manual shutter speed (e.g. 1/100 s)
Smartphones/WLAN		
WLAN connection gets interrupted	Camera deactivates when it overheats (safety feature)	Allow camera to cool down
Cannot pair with a smartphone	The camera was already paired with the smartphone	Delete the camera registration from the Bluetooth settings in the smartphone and repeat pairing process
Smartphone connection/image transfer not working	The smartphone is too far away	Bring the devices closer to each other
	Interference from other devices in the vicinity, e.g. other smartphones or a microwave oven	Increase distance to interfering devices
	Interference from multiple smartphones in the vicinity	Re-establish the connection/remove other smartphones
	Smartphone is currently connected to another device	Check connection
Camera does not appear on the WLAN configuration screen of the smartphone	Smartphone does not recognize camera	Switch the WLAN function of the smartphone off and on again

KEYWORD INDEX

A (Aperture priority)	72	Exposure.....	69	Clipping	87
Accessory.....	2	Exposure, automatic.....	106, 25	File format, picture.....	69
AEL.....	80	Exposure, modes	70	File format, video	61
AEL/AFL.....	80	Exposure, manual.....	100	File name.....	125
AF/MF, toggling.....	80	Exposure, settings.....	69	Data transfer.....	144
AF assist light	47	Exposure compensation	36, 116	Date	48
AFc.....	60	Exposure, long-term	71	Picture series.....	87, 91
AF confirmation	146	Exposure, metering methods.....	66	Picture series.....	83, 87, 88
AFL.....	80	Camera information	128	Digiscoping effect.....	150
AF mode	60	Exposure preview	80	Digital zoom.....	90
AFs.....	60	Exposure time, max.....	71	Diopter adjustment	10
Akademie, Leica.....	17	Inserting/removing the battery	28	Direct access.....	46
Aperture	71	Picture, assistant	84	Display, standby.....	52
Aperture, setting.....	70	Image properties.....	55	Display, settings.....	128
Aperture priority	72	Picture, interval.....	88	DNG	73
App.....	144	Image numbering.....	125	DNG resolution	73
Assist function	58, 60	Image stabilization, picture.....	65	Power off, automatic	49, 52
Autofocus	60	Image stabilization, video	62	Rating, recording.....	114
Automatic review	86, 58	Care instructions	134	Rechargeable battery, capacity.....	27
Auxiliary display	58 61	Picture, series.....	87	Rechargeable battery, notes.....	9, 12
Basic setting, camera.....	60	Carry strap	26	Electronic shutter.....	91
Basic settings, recording.....	58	Flash.....	41	Resolution, picture	102
Bluetooth	6	Flash, exposure compensation	127	Power saving.....	49
Bracketing	83	Flash, modes	93	Focusing.....	60
Charging the battery	27	Flash, setting	17 92	Focusing, macro setting ring	144, 80
Displays on the LCD panel/in the		Flash unit, attaching.....	92	Focusing, metering methods	67
viewfinder	48	Flash units, compatible	92	Disposal.....	5
Eye sensor	128, 23	Flash, control.....	144	Replacement parts.....	3
Brightness, LCD panel/viewfinder	51	Flash, synchronization.....	53	EVF.....	128
Button assignment	46	Flash, synch. time	53	EV level.....	116
Control element.....	59	Flash, firing point	53	FAQ	136
		Center-weighted metering	69	Color settings, EVF.....	50
		Focal length.....	57, 90	Color settings, LCD	50

Color saturation	55	Connection	129	Scope of delivery	2
Color temperature	68	Information, regulatory	4	License	4
Favorites, pictures	114	Information, care	61	Language, setting	48
Favorites, menu	44	Histogram	66	LCD panel	22, 50
Resolution, video	144	Horizon	86	Magnifying glass	65
Error message	136	Custom settings	46, 122	LV zoom	65
Remote control	132	Information displays	22, 103	M (manual setting)	78
Film style	56	Interval shooting	88	Macro	65
Firmware	14, 128	ISO setting wheel	20	Manual, setting (M)	78
FN button	71	ISO settings	66	Shutter button	35
Focus peaking	134	ISO sensitivity	66	Maximum exposure time	66
Focus mode	60	ISO value	66	Multi-field metering (exposure)	69
Focus assist	73, 124	JPG	110	Multi-field metering (focusing)	61
Focusing, automatic	60	JPG resolution	78	Menu items	39
Focusing, manual	80	Reset Camera	128	Menu language	48
Format	69, 61	Contact. Leica	152	Menu control	39
Formatting	126	Settings, custom	122	Menu screen	22, 40
Sensitivity, eye sensor	23	Contrast, image properties	55	Metering field	61
Noise	42	Customer service, Leica	152	Metering methods (AF)	60
Face detection	22	Deletion, recording	110	Metering memory lock	80
Grid lines	85	Deletion, user profiles	128	Microphone, level	58 80
GPS	50	Factory settings, reset	128, 146	Miniature effect	74
Gray Card	68	Firing point	95	Legal information	4
Charger	65	Folders	124	Lens	8
Charger, connection	27	Horizon display	86	Monochrome, picture	56
Grouping, recording	61	Landscape exposure	75	Name, file	125
Main menu	61	Long-term exposure	95	Name, folder	124
HDR	77	Settings, LCD panel	128	Navigation, menu	42
Charge status, charger	27	Settings, store	122	Magnification, picture mode	65
Charge status, rechargeable battery	27, 2	LCD	50	Magnification, Playback/Review mode	107
Configuration, thumbwheel	46, 36	Settings, viewfinder	128	Panorama	75
Information, general	61	Light sources	95	Memory card, compatibility	29
Information, legal	4	Light balance	69	Portrait	73

Problems	136	Power save	49	Video Style	25
Profiles, user	122	Standby mode.....	49	Volume	53, 116
P (automatic program).....	71	Preview	114	Warranty	8
Noise reduction	138	Storage	134	White balance	23, 67
Monochrome photography	56	Shutter, electronic.....	91	Wi-Fi/WLAN	6
Regulatory information.....	4	Sounds	53	Zoom	90
Shutter priority mode (S).....	129	Storage, file	127	Zoom/Lock button.....	47 21, 47, 80
Raw data.....	142	Switching off.....	34	Leica FOTOS.....	129
S (Shutter speed priority mode).....	73	Shutter speed, automatic	71	Playback / Review displays	144
Saturation (image properties)	55	Sync point	95	Repairs	144
Sharpness (image properties).....	55	Tagging, recordings.....	110	Reset.....	128, 146
Sharpness setting (focusing)	60	Tagging/Rating of recordings	114		
Quick access	46	Submenu	41		
Parts, overview	20	Technical data.....	150		
SD card	10	Shutter speed, manual	66		
Self-timer.....	89	Thumbwheel	36, 46		
Sensor.....	150	Shutter speed, setting	71		
Picture sequence	87	Shutter speed setting dial.....	36		
Service	144 152	Thumbwheel button.....	36, 46		
Shift	71	Time	48		
Short cut	46	Time, settings	48		
Safety remarks.....	8	Time lapse	88		
Signals, acoustic.....	53	Touch AF.....	63		
Silent.....	53	Touch control.....	38, 63		
Saving, energy	49	Tracking (AF mode)	62		
Playback/Review, automatic	114, 115	Transfer, file	127		
Smartphone.....	129	Troubleshooting	136, 152		
Sounds	53	TTL metering.....	93		
Spot metering, exposure	69	Updates (firmware).....	128		
Playback/Review mode.....	102	User profile	122		
Spot metering, focusing	61	Video.....	100, 116		
Stabilization, recording.....	57	Video, from picture series	106		
Silent operation	53	Video, settings	58, 59		

MENU OVERVIEW

DYNAMIC DIRECT ACCESS

Factory setting

	Favorites menu	FN button	Thumbwheel button
Picture series	•		•
Self-timer		•	•
Focusing	•		
Exposure Metering	•	•	•
Exposure Compensation		•	
ISO			•
Auto ISO Settings			
White Balance		•	•
Photo File Format		•	•
JPG Resolution			
Color Management			
Film Style	•		
Scene Modes		•	•
Digital Zoom			
Optical Image Stabilization			
Electronic Shutter			
Flash Settings			
Exposure Preview			
User Profile	•	•	•
Video Resolution			
Video Settings			
Video Style	•		
Capture Assistants			

	Favorites menu	FN button	Thumbwheel button
Display Settings			
Auto Playback/Review			
Customize Control			
Leica FOTOS	•	•	
Edit File Names			
Reset Image Numbering			
Power Saving			
Acoustic Signals			
Play Mode Setup			
Format Card			
Camera Information			
Date & Time			
Language			
Reset Camera			

STATIC DIRECT ACCESS

	Zoom/Lock button	Thumbwheel
Exposure Compensation		•
Digital Zoom	•	
Metering memory lock (AEL/AFL, AEL, AFL)		

DYNAMIC DIRECT ACCESS**Available settings**

	Favorites menu	FN button	Thumbwheel button
Picture series	•	•	•
Interval	•	•	•
Bracketing	•	•	•
Self-timer	•	•	•
Focusing	•	•	•
Focus mode	•	•	•
AF mode	•	•	•
Focus assist	•		
Auto Enlargement		•	•
Focus Peaking		•	•
Exposure Metering	•	•	•
Exposure Compensation	•	•	•
ISO	•	•	•
Auto ISO Settings	•	•	•
White Balance	•	•	•
Gray Card	•	•	•
Color Temperature		•	•
Photo File Format	•	•	•
JPG Resolution	•	•	•
Color Management	•		
Film Style	•	•	•
Scene Modes	•	•	•
Digital Zoom	•	•	•
Optical Image Stabilization	•	•	•
Electronic Shutter	•	•	•
Flash Settings	•	•	•

	Favorites menu	FN button	Thumbwheel button
Exposure Preview	•	•	•
User Profile	•	•	•
Video Resolution	•	•	•
Video Settings			
Video Style	•		
EVF LCD	•	•	•
LCD Brightness	•		
EVF Brightness	•		
Capture Assistants			
Display Settings			
Auto Playback/Review			
Customize Control	•		
Edit Favorites	•		
Wheel Assignment	•	•	•
Zoom/Lock button	•	•	•
Leica FOTOS	•	•	•
Edit File Names			
Reset Image Numbering			
Power Saving			
Acoustic Signals			
Play Mode Setup			
Format Card	•	•	•

STATIC DIRECT ACCESS

	Zoom/Lock button	Thumbwheel
Exposure Compensation		•
Digital Zoom	•	
Metering memory lock (AEL/AFL, AEL, AFL)	•	

TECHNICAL DATA

CAMERA

Designation

Leica Q2

Camera type

Digital 35 mm compact camera

Type no.

4889

Order No.

19 050 EU/JP/US, 19 051 ROW (black)

Buffer memory

DNG™: 14 recordings

JPG: 25 recordings

Storage medium

UHS-II (recommended), UHS-I, SD/SDHC/SDXC memory card

Material

Full metal housing: Magnesium die-cast, leather covering

Operating conditions

0/+40°C

Tripod thread

A 1/4 DIN 4503 (1/4") made of stainless steel in the base

Dimensions (WxHxD)

130 x 80 x 87 mm

Weight

approx. 718 g/637 g (with/without battery)

SENSOR

Sensor size

CMOS sensor, 50.4/47.3 MP (total/actual)

File formats

Photo: DNG™ (raw data), DNG+JPG, JPG

Video: MP4 (AAC sound recording format)

Picture resolution

DNG™: 8368 x 5584 pixels (46.7 MP)

JPG: 8368 x 5584 pixels (46.7 MP), 6000 x 4000 pixels (24 MP), 4272 x 2848 pixels (12 MP)

Color depth

14 bit

Color space

Picture: sRGB, ECI-RGB v2.0, Adobe RGB

Video: sRGB

File size

DNG™: 84.4 MB, JPG: Depending on resolution and image content

Video resolution/frame rate

C4K (4096 x 2160 pixels): 24 fps

4K (3840 x 2160 pixels) 24 fps, 30fps

FULL HD (1920 x 1080 pixels): 24 fps, 30 fps, 60 fps, 120 fps

LENS

Designation

Leica Summilux 28 f/1.7 ASPH., 11 lenses in 9 segments, 3 aspherical lens areas

Lens filter thread

E49

Digital Zoom

Optionally approx. 1.25x (equivalent to 35 mm), approx. 1.8x (equivalent to 50 mm) or approx. 2.7x (equivalent to 75 mm)

Image stabilization

Visual compensation system for picture and video recordings

Aperture range

1.7 to +16 in 1/3 EV increments

VIEWFINDER/LCD PANEL

Viewfinder (EVF)

Resolution: 3.68 MP, 120 fps, magnification: 0.76x, aspect ratio: 4:3, exit pupil position: 20 mm, setting range +3/-4 diopters, with eye sensor for automatic switchover between viewfinder and LCD panel

LCD panel

3" TFT LCD, 1.04 MP, touch control available

SHUTTER

Shutter type

Mechanical central shutter or optional electronic shutter

Shutter speeds

Mech. shutter: 120 s to 1/2000 s

Electronic shutter function: 1/2500 s to 1/40000 s

Flash Synchronization: up to 1/500 s

Shutter button

Two-step (1. step: Activation of the camera electronics including exposure metering and metering memory lock (in aperture priority mode); 2. step: firing)

Self-timer

Delay time: 2 s or 12 s

Picture series

Continuous Low Speed: 2 fps

Continuous Medium Speed: 6 fps

Continuous Medium Speed: 10 fps

Continuous Super Speed: 20 fps

FOCUSING

Working range

30cm to ∞

With macro setting: from 17 cm

Setting

Automatic (Autofocus) or manual

With manual setting: optional magnifying glass function

(Auto Magnification) and edge marking (Focus Peaking) available as focus aids

Autofocus system

Based on contrast metering

Autofocus modes

AFs (exposure only after successful focusing), AFc (anytime exposure), AF setting can be saved

Autofocus metering methods

Spot (can be shifted), Field (can be shifted), Multi-field, Face detection, object Tracking, optional Touch AF

EXPOSURE

Exposure metering

TTL (exposure metering through the lens), with working aperture

Exposure Metering Methods

Spot, Center-Weighted, Multi-Field

Exposure modes

Automatic (Scene Programme): P-A-S-M, Full AUTO, Sports, Portrait, Landscape, Night Portrait, Snow/Beach, Fireworks, Candlelight, Sunset, Digiscoping, Miniature Effect, Panorama, HDR

Manual: Manual settings for shutter speed and aperture

Exposure Compensation

± 3 EV in 1/3 EV increments

Automatic bracketing

3 or 5 exposures, up to ±3 EV, in 1/3 EV increments

Shift function: up to ± 9 EV

ISO sensitivity range

Auto ISO: ISO 200 to ISO 50000

Manual: ISO 50 to ISO 50000

White balance

Automatic (**Auto**), presets (**Daylight**, **Cloudy**, **Shadow**, **Tungsten**, **Flash**), one memory slot for manual measurements (**Gray Card**), manual color temperature setting

FLASH**Flash unit connector**

About the accessory shoe

Flash sync time

⚡ : 1/500 s, slower shutter speeds available, automatic changeover to TTL linear flash mode with HSS-compatible Leica system flash units if sync time is undercut

Flash exposure metering

Using center-weighted TTL pre-flash metering with Leica flash units (SF 26, 40, 40MkII, 58, 60, 64) or with system-compatible flash units, flash remote control SF C1

Flash exposure compensation

SF 40: ± 2 EV in 1/2 EV increments

SF 60: ± 2 EV in 1/3 EV increments

EQUIPMENT**Microphone**

Stereo

Speaker

Mono

WLAN

The Leica FOTOS app is required to use of the WLAN function. The Leica app is available from the Apple App Store™ or the Google Play Store™. Complies with WiFi standard IEEE802.11b/g/n, 2.4 GHz, channel 1-11 (2412-2462 MHz) and Wi-Fi IEEE802.11ac, 2.4 GHz & 5 GHz, channel 39-48 (5180-524 0MHz), channel 52-64 (5260-5320 MHz), channel 100-140 (5500-5700 MHz) (standard WLAN protocol), encryption method: WLAN-compatible WPA™/WPA2™

Bluetooth

Bluetooth v4.2 (Bluetooth low Energy (BLE)), 2402 to 2480 MHz

Menu languages

English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Japanese, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean

POWER SUPPLY**Rechargeable battery (Leica BP-SCL4)**

Lithium-ion rechargeable battery, rated voltage: 7.2 V (DC); capacity: 1860 mAh (min.), approx. 370 recordings (based on CIPA standard, without EVF); charging time: approx. 140 min (after deep discharge); manufacturer: Panasonic Energy (Wuxi) Co. Ltd., Made in

Charger (Leica BC-SCL4)

Input: AC 100–240 V, 50/60 Hz, 0.25 A, automatic switchover; output: DC 8.4 V 0.85 A; manufacturer: Salom Electric (Xiamen) Co., Ltd., Made in China

LEICA CUSTOMER CARE

Please contact the Customer Care department of Leica Camera AG for the maintenance of your Leica equipment and for help and advice regarding Leica products and how to order them. You can also contact the Customer Care department or the repair service provided by your regional Leica subsidiary for repairs or warranty claims.

Leica Camera AG

Leica Customer Care
Am Leitz-Park 5
35578 Wetzlar
Germany

Phone: +49 (0)6441 2080-189

Fax: +49 (0)6441 2080-339

Email: customer.care@leica-camera.com

www.leica-camera.com

LEICA ACADEMY

Have a look at our full seminar program with many interesting workshops on the topic of photography at:

us.leica-camera.com/Leica-Akademie/Global-Leica-Akademie