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

• 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.

### 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, 35576 Wetzlar, Germany

Product dependent (see technical data)

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- **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/BLUETOOTH® (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.
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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
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
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
Focus mode
White balance mode
Video resolution
Color rendering (Video Style)
Stabilization activated
Light balance
Exposure compensation scale
Microphone recording level
Battery capacity
Histogram
Video mode
ISO Sensitivity
Exposure value
Shutter speed
Total remaining memory capacity/recording time
Length of recording
File name
Number of pictures on the memory card
Video editing function
Exiting video playback
Elapsed playback time
Playback status bar
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.

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

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<td>approx. 63 - 87%</td>
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<td>approx. 47 - 62%</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="Battery Icon" /></td>
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<td>approx. 26 - 35%</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="Battery Icon" /></td>
<td>approx. 0 - 25%</td>
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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.
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 drop**
- **horizontal/vertical swipe**
- **Two-finger pinch**
- **Two-finger spread**

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**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.

1. **PLAY** button
2. **FN** button
3. **MENU** button
4. Thumbwheel
5. Thumbwheel button
6. Directional pad
7. Center button
STRUCTURE OF THE MENU SCREEN

MAIN MENU

Menu section: **Main Menu**/Favorites

Menu item name

Setting of the menu item

Reference to the submenu

Scrollbar: current position in the menu list

SUBMENU

Current menu item

Submenu item

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

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)
**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
   ▶ Press the thumbwheel button

To save
   ▶ Use the directional pad to select the D key
   ▶ Press the center button

Using touch control

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

Customize Control

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- Select the desired menu item

Edit Favorites

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<td>Focus Assist</td>
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- 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.

- **Zoom/Lock button**
- **FN button**
- **Thumbwheel button**
- **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.

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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

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▸ 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 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.

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<td>S-JPG</td>
<td>12 MP</td>
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<td>2 MP</td>
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▸ 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:
- B&W Monochrome
- B&W 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

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<td>sRGB (Standard RGB)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adobe RGB</td>
<td>recommended for sophisticated image editing, e.g. color correction</td>
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<tr>
<td>ECI RGB v2.0</td>
<td>recommended for the professional pre-press stage</td>
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- 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 AFE 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).
MANUAL FOCUSING (MF)
Focusing manually may in some situations be a better choice than autofocus.
- the same setting is used for several exposures
- it would take longer to use the metering memory lock function
- the setting is to be kept at infinity for landscape pictures
- poor, i.e. very dark lighting conditions prevent AF operation or would slow it down

▸ Move the focus ring out of the AF position (press and hold the AF/MF lock release)

▸ Turn the focus ring until the desired part of the object is in clear focus

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

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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 1/2000s 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:

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<td><strong>Cloudy</strong></td>
<td>for outdoor pictures in cloudy conditions</td>
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<td><strong>Shadow</strong></td>
<td>for outdoor pictures with the main subject in shadow</td>
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<td>for indoor pictures with (predominantly) incandescent lamp light</td>
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<td>for flash photography</td>
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- 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:

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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 A.

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 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 P 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.

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<th>Thumbwheel</th>
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<td>all settings from 2 to 1000</td>
<td>Fine tuning of the shutter speed in +/− 1/3 EV increments, max. 2/3 EV</td>
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<tr>
<td>Set to 1+</td>
<td>Longer shutter speeds than 1 s (0.6 s to 120 s in 1/3 EV increments)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Set to 2000</td>
<td>Shorter shutter speeds than 1/1000 s (1/1250 s to 1/40000 s in 1/3 EV increments)</td>
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**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
▸ Set the aperture setting ring to a fixed value
▸ Turn the thumbwheel until the time value in the footer line changes to T.
▸ 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 settings\(^1\).

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.

\(^1\) 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 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 ± 3EV in 1/3 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 “XYZ” is a representative placeholder for the relevant value in the positive or negative range.
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).

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

| 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.) |
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.

- SelectCapture Assistants in the main menu
- SelectClipping in the submenu
- 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.

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).
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 an 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.

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<th>Digital Zoom 35 mm</th>
<th>Digital Zoom 50 mm</th>
<th>Digital Zoom 75 mm</th>
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<td>L-JPG</td>
<td>47 MP</td>
<td>30 MP</td>
<td>15 MP</td>
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<td>M-JPG</td>
<td>24 MP</td>
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<td>S-JPG</td>
<td>12 MP</td>
<td>8 MP</td>
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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

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Off</th>
<th>Only the mechanical shutter is used. Focus range 120 s to 1/2000 s.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Always On</td>
<td>Only the electronic shutter function is used. Focus range 1/2500 s to 1/40000 s.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Extended</td>
<td>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.</td>
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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 contact\(^1\) (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 \(^{\text{WB}}\) 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**

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<td>The flash exposure must be set to an output level to match the aperture and shutter speed settings determined by the camera.</td>
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**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

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.

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 ±EV above the scale.

1 Example (Plus or Minus): "X" 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 0, 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.)
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▸ 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 ⏰ 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

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.

Press the center button repeatedly, until video icons appear.
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:

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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 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(ls).
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.

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

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

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.

DELETING UNRATED RECORDINGS

▸ Press the MENU button
▸ Select [Delete unrated] in the Review menu
   • The prompt [Delete all files?] appears.
▸ Select [Yes]
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)

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<td>Shutter pressed</td>
<td>The most recent recording is displayed for as long as the shutter button is pressed down.</td>
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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 an 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 (1s, 2s, 3s, 5s)

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

START PLAYBACK
- Press the center button
- Touch 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)

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<td>Overwrite</td>
<td>The newly edited video is saved and the original one is deleted.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Preview</td>
<td>The new video is played. The newly cut video is not saved and the original remains unchanged.</td>
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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 the 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™

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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

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**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
- The memory card formatting is faulty or the card is damaged

Never remove the memory card while the readiness indicator is flashing. Charge the battery.
Reformat the memory card
(Caution: Loss of data!)

### Review/playback unavailable
- The camera is connected to Leica FOTOS app

Terminate the connection

### Picture quality

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The table above outlines the menu items and their associations with the Favorites menu, FN button, and Thumbwheel button. The STATIC DIRECT ACCESS section highlights specific settings that can be accessed without navigating through the menus.
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 (Szene Programme): P-A-S-M, Full AUTO, Sports, Portrait, Landscape, Night Portrait, Snow/Beach, Fireworks, Candlelight, Sunset, Digiscoping, Miniature Effect, Panorama, iDR
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**
\[-\rightarrow\] : 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 MHz), 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 China

**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
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