

# STEPHEN FINKEL PHOTOGRAPHY

## Kodak Brownie

The original Kodak brownie camera was manufactured in US in February 1900 and discontinued in October 1901. The Box roll-film camera was a leatherette covered card box with a wooden film carrier. The original had no viewfinder but did have a V sighting lines on top. A clip on accessory reflecting finder became available from August 1900. The film winding key was detachable. This was the first camera to use 2 ¼ square format. The Lens was a Meniscus with a rotary shutter. There were 245,000 Brownies made. Original price was \$1.00

The first 15,000 camera made has push-on box lid backs which was unreliable. In March 1900 the back was modified with a bottom hinged back with a sliding latch on top.

This camera is considered one of the most popular camera manufactured because it was so cheap and so easy to operate anyone could own one. In 1900, for less than \$2.00 you could buy the Brownie camera, a roll of film and have it processed. The first Brownie camera was shipped on Feb. 8, 1900.



Manufactured after March, 1900 with an improved hinged card back with a sliding metal latch. The optional viewfinder became available in August, 1900