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Minolta Autopak 500

Minolta Autopak was manufactured in 1966. The Autopak 500 was the first or one of the first cameras with automatic flash firing in darkness and dim light. The main features for this camera is the fast lens, focusing knob at the side, magicube flash cube turntable connector, and a squared lens tube which has a squared selenium meter window. The selenium cell controls the aperture and fires the flash. In flash mode the aperture is coupled to the focusing knob. The flash cube is rotated after each flash exposure.

This camera type is a viewfinder film which uses 126 film cartridges. The lens is a Rokkor 1:2.8/38mm with 4 elements. The viewfinder has a bright frame with parallax marks, distance symbols mirrored into the finder and a flash indicator. Shutter speed is 1/90 sec. in normal or 1/40 sec. in flash mode. For the film to advance the lever needs to move two positions for the next exposure. Flash is X flashcubes which is fired if needed. The dimensions for this camera is 118 x 71 x 57 mm and weighs 320g.

