

3.5 Rolleiflex MX-EVS (type 1)

Factory Designation: Rolleiflex Automat 6x6

Dates: April 1954 - 1955

Serial Numbers, above nameplate: 1,428,000 - 1,499,999
(See notes in serial number appendix.)

Taking Lens: 75mm f/3.5 Zeiss Tessar or Schneider Xenar

Finder Lens: 75mm f/2.8 Heidosmat

Shutter: Synchro-Compur MX, 1 - 1/500, B

Bayonet: Size I

Dimensions: 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ x 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ x 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches

Weight: 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz

Prices: \$234.50 with Xenar, \$249.50 with Tessar (1954); \$217.50 with Xenar, \$232.50 with Tessar [1955]

US Distributor: Burleigh Brooks, Inc.

Identifiers: This is the only 3.5 model Rolleiflex with MX sync plus the EVS system and a Tessar or Xenar lens. The 3.5 E type 1 also had MX sync plus the EVS, but it used a Planar or Xenotar lens. Additionally, the 3.5 E type 1 had a built-in meter while the MX-EVS did not. The two types of MX-EVS can be distinguished by examining the aperture wheel. On the type 1, the EVS system can be uncoupled only by holding down the button in the center of the aperture wheel; on the type 2, the system can be used either coupled or uncoupled by changing the position of the slotted detent in the center of the aperture wheel.

Features: The MX-EVS introduced the Exposure Value System which was incorporated on the face of the knurled wheels for the aperture and shutter speeds. The MX-EVS was also the first to incorporate the large focusing knob which is found on all subsequent models. This model also saw the addition of a multiple exposure enabling switch just below the winding crank. A new type shutter lock rotates from the center of the shutter release instead of from a separate pivot. A similar change was made for the lever which changes synchronization.

Remarks: Unless a photographer is concerned about a built-in light meter and/or a removable hood, this model camera will, in most circumstances, perform as well as the later models.

Variations: a. Tessar lens.
b. Xenar lens.

