

XG-1 Around the World Project

Ground Rules

1. Several days before you receive the camera you will receive an email from the person in front of you on the list. Please let him know immediately if there are any problems. If there are no problems please reply to the email and OK the sending of the camera. Please copy this email to me so that I can track the progress of the camera (frank_mueller88@hotmail.com).
2. Once you receive the camera, please email the sender immediately to confirm the arrival. Please copy this email to me so that I can track the progress of the camera (frank_mueller88@hotmail.com).
3. At the same time (ie just after you received the camera, not when you are about to send it) please also send an email to the next person on the list (the guy to whom you will send the camera), to let him know that the camera will be coming to him next. Please copy this email to me as well (frank_mueller88@hotmail.com). This email will give the next person on the list a chance to notify you if there are any problems; ie he has moved house, will be out of town or the like. Only if he OKs the sending of the camera, send it on to him.
4. Please try to keep the camera for no longer than 3 days.
5. The camera is an XG-1 (old body style, serial #1002866), which will arrive loaded with a roll of Fuji Sensia 100, full batteries (hopefully), uncocked shutter, no lens but a body cap on, and protected in a zip-lock-bag. The original owner's manual is included with the camera – please keep it so! The owners manual is available online at:
http://www.minoltausa.com/eprise/main/minoltausa/musacontent/cpg/cpg_manual/cpg_manual_attachments/xg1.pdf
6. The XG-1 offers aperture priority (A-mode), which works just like what you might be used to from any XE, XD, or X-series camera. It also has a manual mode, but this mode is un-metered; ie the meter does not work unless the camera is in A-mode. The shutter release button is a touch-switch button similar to the one found in the X-700 and X-570 – you just need to rest your finger on the shutter release button and the meter will come on (if the camera is in A-mode!). There is no need to slightly depress the shutter release button for the meter to come on like with the XD series. If the camera is not in A-mode and you rest your finger on the shutter release button, nothing will happen. If you slightly depress the shutter release button, you will have taken your picture!
7. Unpack the camera, take it out of the bag, check that the film speed is still set to ISO100 (film is Fuji Sensia 100), attach a lens of your choice, switch the camera on, cock the shutter, make the usual adjustments to achieve correct exposure and take ONE picture only. If you have a project in mind that requires the use of two frames, please contact me well in advance to have this authorised. For any unauthorised frame

that you use somebody else might miss out altogether! Do NOT re-cock the shutter after taking the exposure!

8. After taking the picture, switch the camera off, put the body cap back on, and place the camera in the zip lock bag. Please fill in the camera log sheet and please keep the original owners manual, the log sheets, and a hardcopy of this document with the camera. You should have received an electronic copy of this document by email with the address of the person after you on the list. Please package the camera carefully to ensure that there is plenty of padding on all sides.
9. When posting the camera internationally, please declare it as a gift and state the value as US\$20. This reflects that the camera is not imported as commercial merchandise. Also, US\$20 is a realistic value for an old body-only XG-1 if sold on eBay. If you follow these instructions you will stay out of trouble with customs, and the next person on the list will not have to pay customs duty.
10. There is no need to buy additional insurance for the parcel. If the camera is lost that's my problem and I am willing to bear this risk.
11. If you would like to send the camera using a faster service that happens to include a fixed amount of insurance (such as USPS priority mail) that would be wonderful, but it is not necessary to do this if you are on a budget.
12. If you are posting the camera internationally, please do NOT send it by surface mail. Whatever your post office says about international surface mail, it takes much longer than they say - usually months rather than weeks – and we will all be old and grey before we see the camera again. During surface transport parcels also tend to be subjected to exceptionally rough handling, which the XG-1 might not survive.
13. If you have any question or comments, please feel free to contact me:

Frank Mueller
USA

Phone (home with answer machine) *included in directly emailed version*
Email *included in directly emailed version*

or my deputy chain-cam organizer:

Olaf Ulrich
Germany

Phone (mobile) *included in directly emailed version*
Email *included in directly emailed version*

When calling, please be mindful of different time zones!

Many thanks to everybody for participating. I hope that the XG-1 Around the World Project is as much fun for you as it is for me!