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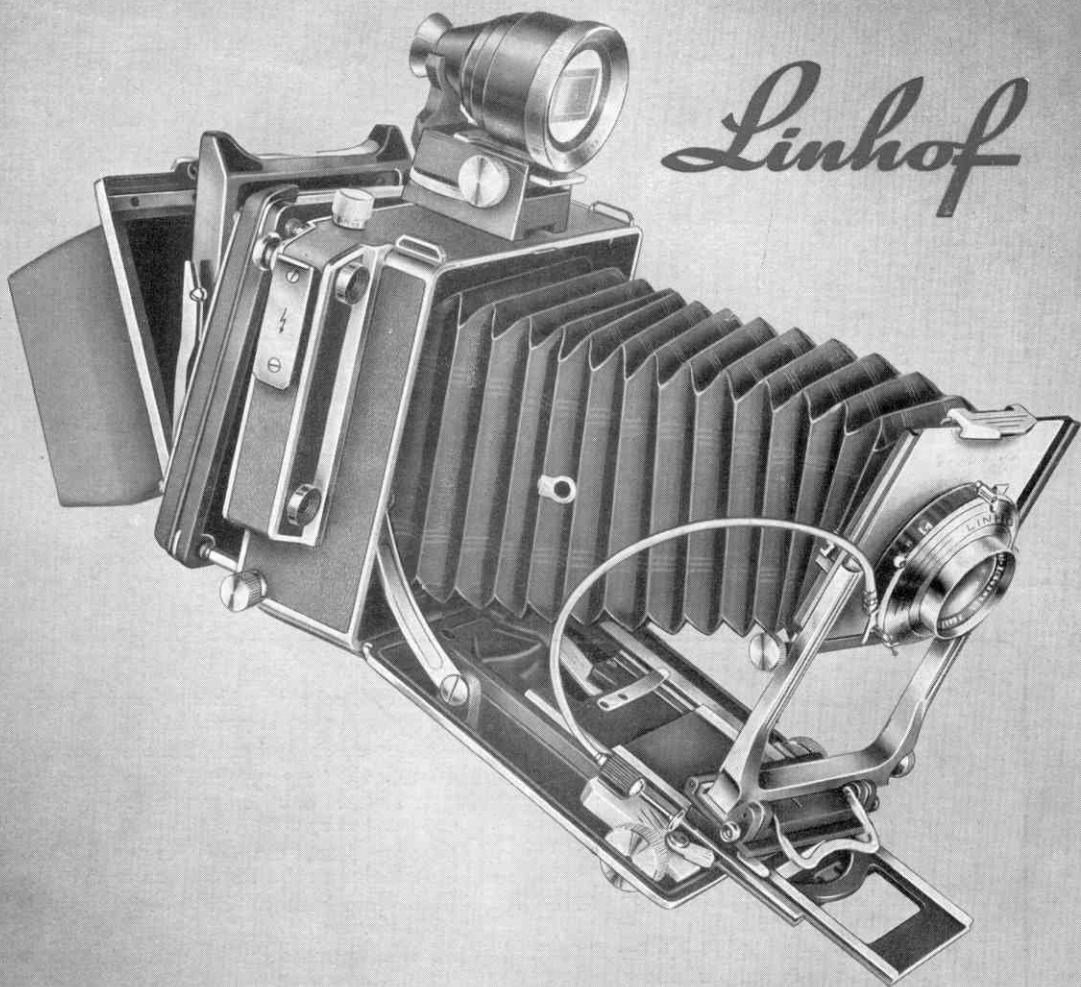
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*Linhof*

TECHNIKA

MODELL III 9x12cm 4x5"

Operating instructions

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE *Linhof* TECHNICA MODEL III 9 x 12 cm · 4 x 5"

**To open camera** - press down triangular catch at top center of camera bed, releasing bed and letting it down gently until struts (14) lock in the lower notches (see illustration).

**To close camera** - first make sure that all adjustments have been returned to "zero" position. While holding in infinity catch (45) push lens standard slowly back into housing. (Avoid sudden compression of bellows). Press down struts (14) and close camera bed until it locks.

**To pull out lens standard** - grasp hinged handle (42) and pull forward until front clicks into infinity stop for the desired lens.

**Infinity stop(s) and distance scale(s)** - If your Technika was factory-equipped with two or more lenses, it may be supplied with two or more distance scales (48) whose infinity (∞) calibrations match corresponding infinity notches on the upper track (50). For easy identification, notches are marked with colored dots:

black	—	—	90 mm wide angle lens
red	—	—	127 mm, 135 mm, or 150 mm normal lens
green	—	—	240 mm or 270 mm telephoto lens
blue	—	—	360 mm telephoto lens

Distance scales are calibrated and engraved specifically for each lens. Scales for normal and wide-angle lens are combined on one slide; separate scales are required for long focus and telephoto lenses. Each scale is easily interchangeable with scales for other lenses by sliding it off the slide shoe and replacing it with the applicable scale slide. The normal position of each slide is fixed by a spring lock.

For some long focus and telephoto lenses the scale slide must be pulled out beyond the camera bed until the slide clicks into a secondary fixed position. In this position the distance index line (46) will match the infinity mark of the distance scale for the telephoto lens.

**Changing lenses** - Each lens is supplied on its own lens board (30). To remove lens from camera, grasp shutter housing with right hand, push back grooved lock bar (29) with left thumb; lift lens with lens board from standard. To insert, slip lower edge of lens board into bottom groove of standard; press upper edge of board against lock bar until it snaps into position.

## Basic adjustments for specific lenses:

**Wide-angle.** Pull out U-standard until it clicks into first (black dot) infinity notch. Drop camera bed by pushing down on struts (14) - as if closing the camera - simultaneously pressing down camera bed until struts lock in upper notches. Re-align standard by pressing in release buttons (18) on both sides of hinged base (52); tilt lens standard back until it locks. Then press down front release for upper track (49), push back upper track until it clicks into a secondary fixed position. The index line (46) will match the infinity mark on the scale (48) for the wide angle lens after this procedure has been followed. The camera can now be focused by means of the rangefinder in the usual way after the cam has been exchanged too. To bring the camera back to normal position, first depress second release for upper track (41), pull track forward, and then press down first release for upper track (49). The track will click into the normal position.

**The universal (multifocus) range finder is adjusted at the factory for wide-angle lenses to operate only with dropped bed.** Dropping the bed prevents the front edge of the bed from vignetting the picture area.

**Normal lens.** Camera bed and U-standard in normal position. (Struts locked in lower notches, standard vertical). Press down infinity release (45) so that the lens standard can be pulled out to the (red dot) infinity notch for the normal lens. Index line (46) will match the infinity mark on normal lens scale (48).

**Telephoto lenses 240 mm or 270 mm.** Camera bed and U-standard in normal position. Press down infinity release (45) so that the lens standard can be pulled out to the (green dot) infinity notch. Insert correct distance scale slide (48). When using a 270 mm lens, pull out the distance scale slide about 15 mm (5/8") until it clicks into secondary locked position; index line (46) will match the infinity mark on scale slide.

**Telephoto lens 360 mm.** Camera bed and U-standard in normal position. Pull out standard until it clicks into (blue dot) infinity notch. Now press down upper track releases (41+49) and pull out upper track (50) about 30 mm (1 1/4"). Insert special distance scale for 360 mm lens; pull out scale slide until it clicks into secondary locked position; index line (46) will match the infinity mark on scale slide (48).

**Note:** The upper track and the distance scale slide must be pulled out also for any "normal" lenses beginning with 210 mm focal length.

**Critical focusing** is done by turning focusing knob (21) while using universal (multifocus) range finder or ground glass. The focusing position is locked by using lever (22).

## Universal (multifocus) range finder:

**Cams.** Each lens coupled to the range finder is supplied with an individually calculated and plotted precision cam (40) on which the focal length and serial number of the lens, and the serial number of the camera are engraved in the same color as the corresponding infinity notch and distance scale.

**To remove cam.** The cam becomes accessible if the standard is pushed into the camera housing and the track is racked out by turning focusing knob (21). Lift cam slightly from camera bed and pull it out of the cam shoe (39).

**To insert cam. (Standard in housing, track racked out).** Lift shoe (39) slightly, insert cam and push in as far as it will go against stop pin.

**Range finder focusing.** Make sure that cam matches the lens used, and that the standard has been placed at correct infinity position. The swinging back (6) must be locked against camera body.

Two images are seen through the range finder eye piece (8); a "direct" image through the upper aperture, a "reflected" image from the lower aperture (13). Turn focusing knob (21) until the direct and the reflected image become one. The lens is perfectly focused when the two images coincide in this manner. Look straight through the center of the range finder eye piece (8) to obtain consistently accurate results. A few practice comparisons of range finder focusing with ground glass image will give you the proper "touch" and assurance.

**The upper track (50)** for triple extension is used with long focus lenses, and for macro- and copy work. Press down upper track releases (41+49) and pull out track to locking position. The bellows will un-hook automatically. (Remove cable release from body shoe before pulling out upper track.)

**Rising and falling front.** Turn adjustment knob (15) to raise lens for correction of converging lines. Zero position is indicated by index line.

**Lateral shift.** Turn adjustment knob (43) to shift lens standard to right or left. Zero position is shown by index line.

**Swinging front.** While holding down front release lock (20) swing standard left or right from its vertical axis. Zero position is indicated by a click stop.

**Swinging and tilting back (6)** can be un-locked by loosening the four lock knobs (7). The back can be drawn back and, if desired, tilted in any position including the diagonal; it is locked in any position by tightening lock knobs (7). The back affords a means of controlling distortion, depth of field, and perspective. The universal (multifocus) range finder is, of course, inoperative when the swinging and tilting back is being used.

**Use ground glass when employing swings, tilts, or shifts.** For complete information see the "LINHOF Guide" booklet.

**Extreme wide-angle Angulon 65 mm.** The Technika can be modified for use with this lens which is of decisive value for certain Architecture and Engineering subjects. Information about the necessary modification will be furnished on request.

## Care of leather bellows on LINHOF Technika Cameras:

Always open or close bellows slowly.

The triple extension bellows for Linhof cameras are made of the finest quality leather for utmost flexibility in using swings and tilts, and for lasting service.

Care must be taken to pull out bellows slowly; if it is done quickly, a vacuum is created, causing the bellows to collapse. This is particularly true when a film holder or magazine is left in the camera back making the camera airtight.

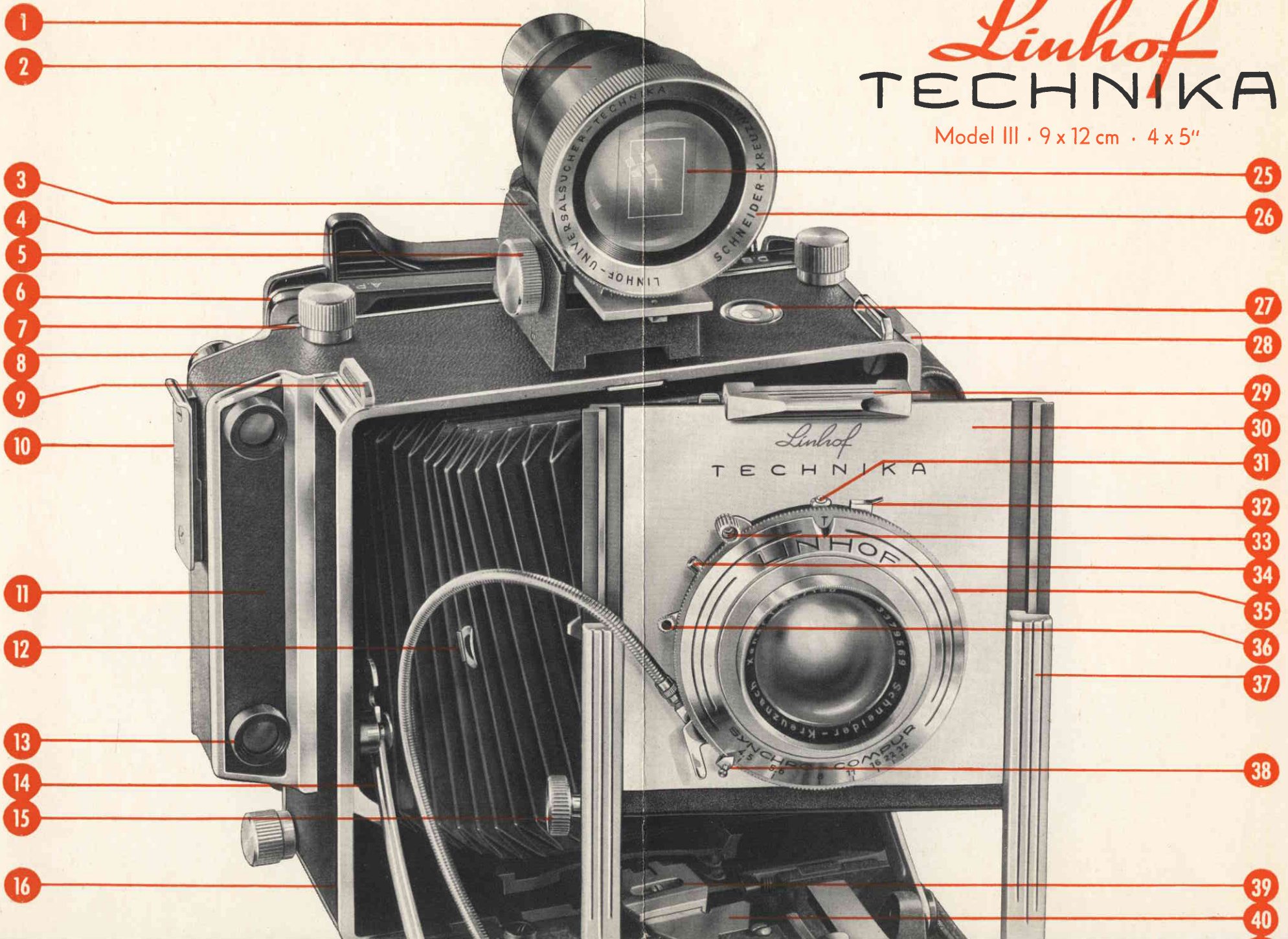
The same slow movement is recommended when closing the bellows; sudden compression tends to "balloon" the bellows and may cause permanent damage.

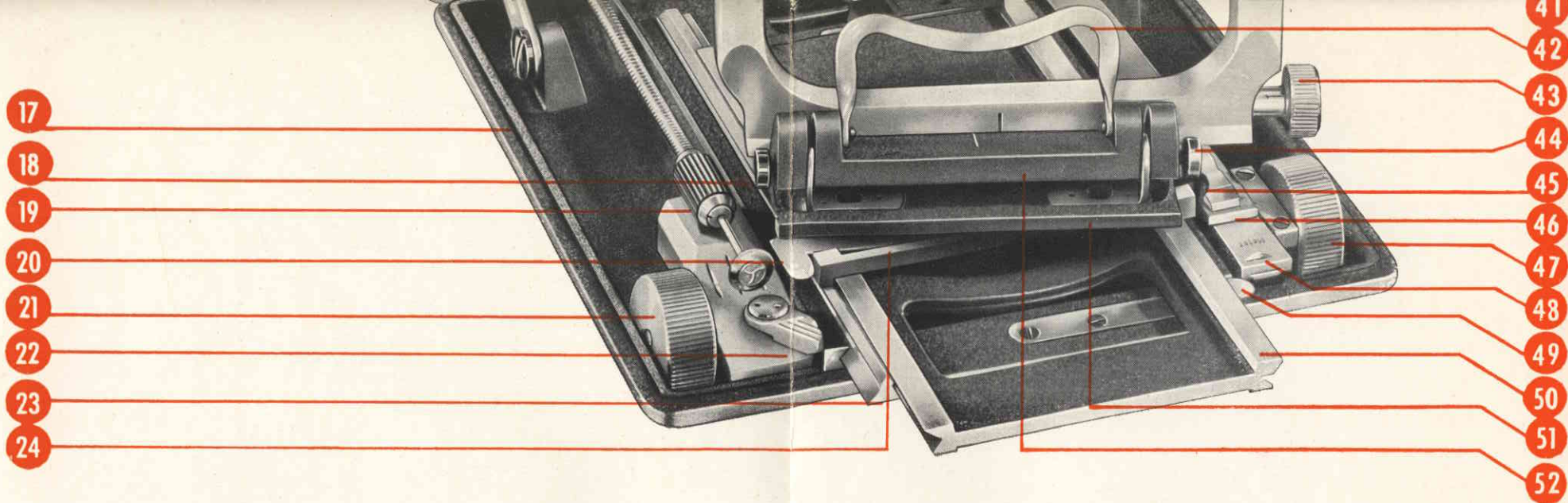
These facts apply to all bellows cameras, but are particularly important on the Technika because of its triple extension bellows.

**IMPORTANT:** Before closing camera, always return lens standard to zero position indicated by index lines on side and base of the U-standard!

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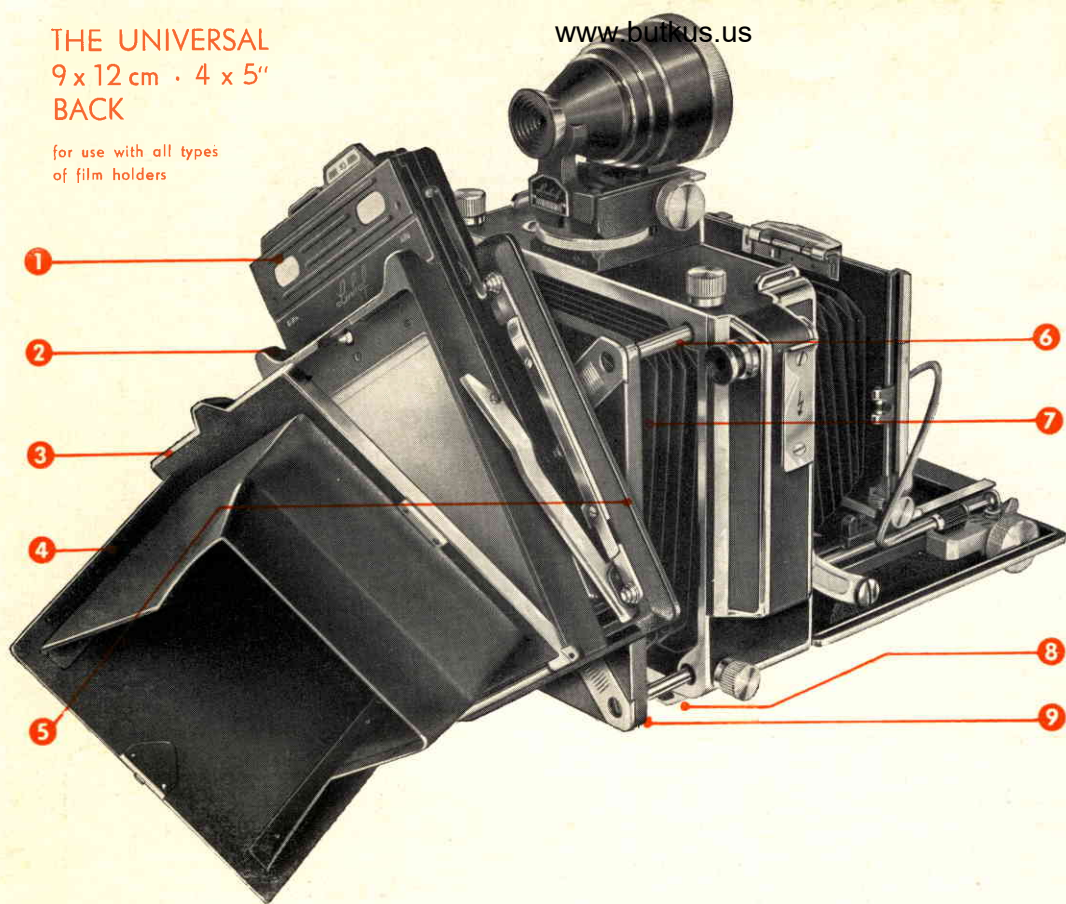
- 1 Multifocus viewfinder eye piece
- 2 Telescoping viewfinder housing
- 3 Focal length setting scale for 9 x 12 cm / 4 x 5" lenses. (Scale on opposite side for 13 x 18 cm / 5 x 7" lenses)
- 4 Ground glass frame of universal camera back
- 5 Rack and pinion knob for setting focal length
- 6 Swinging and tilting back for distortion control and increase of depth of field
- 7 Lock knobs for swing back (4 each)
- 8 Rangefinder eye piece
- 9 Eyelet for neck strap
- 10 Flash gun bracket
- 11 Multifocus rangefinder
- 12 Triple extension bellows (full extension 15") with hook and eye to hold bellows in place
- 13 Lower rangefinder window (rangefinder has a base of 90 mm)
- 14 Drop bed strut with notches for regular and wide angle position
- 15 Geared rising front adjustment knob
- 16 Camera housing, cast of a corrosion-resistant and extremely sturdy light metal alloy
- 17 Drop bed, cast of the same sturdy material as the camera housing
- 18 Release knob for tilting lens standard (same as 44)
- 19 Cable release with special shoe for attachment to the cable release socket
- 20 Swing front release lock (illustration shows front swung to the right)
- 21 Rack and pinion focusing knob for triple extension rack (same as 47)
- 22 Track locking lever
- 23 Lower track with helical racks
- 24 Lower part of U-standard base
- 25 Outline of 6 x 9 cm / 2 1/4 x 3 1/4" area, when using 120 ROLLEX with the TECHNICA 9 x 12 cm / 4 x 5". When finder is used with the TECHNICA 13 x 18 cm / 5 x 7", outline shows 9 x 12 cm / 4 x 5" area. In the latter instance the field is approximately correct.
- 26 Revolving front lens mount for vertical and horizontal adjustment of multifocus rangefinder outline
- 27 Spirit level (recessed in camera body)
- 28 Cable release socket (body release)
- 29 Quick change lensboard lock bar
- 30 Removable lensboard
- 31 Delayed action knob (Compur I shutter only)
- 32 Press focusing button, can be used only after shutter has been cocked
- 33 Cocking lever of Compur shutter
- 34 Socket for flash cable (shutter features internal synchronization)
- 35 Time setting ring of Compur shutter
- 36 Synchronization lever (position X for electronic flash, position M for bulbs)
- 37 U-shaped lens standard; extra strong and wide to accept large long focus and high speed lenses
- 38 Diaphragm setting lever
- 39 Prismatic shoe for rangefinder coupling cams
- 40 Interchangeable cam for rangefinder coupling
- 41 Second (back) release for upper track
- 42 Hinged pull-out handle for lens standard
- 43 Geared adjustment knob for lateral shifting of lens standard
- 44 See number 18
- 45 Infinity notch release knob
- 46 Distance index with magnifier
- 47 See number 21
- 48 Interchangeable distance scale slide, engraved for normal and wide angle or for telephoto lens
- 49 First (front) release for upper track
- 50 Upper track (triple extension)
- 51 Middle part of U-standard base (swings)
- 52 Upper part of U-standard base (tilts).

A sportsfinder or wire-frame finder may be used instead of the multifocus (universal) viewfinder shown above.

# THE UNIVERSAL 9 x 12 cm · 4 x 5" BACK

for use with all types  
of film holders

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- 1 LINHOF 9 x 12 cm double cut film and plate holder
- 2 Detachable ground glass spring back
- 3 Hinged focusing hood; can be swung open to permit use of magnifier directly on ground glass
- 4 Reinforced focusing hood
- 5 Detachable revolving back for horizontal or vertical pictures with click stops at 90° intervals. (Single 9 x 12 cm holders or the 6 x 9 cm (2 1/4 x 3 1/4") Rollex roll film holder may be used with an adapter)

- 6 Adjusting pin for swinging, tilting, extension back
- 7 Swinging and tilting back frame
- 8 Sturdy base plate with tripod socket
- 9 Lock slide (one at each corner) for quick change of entire back

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Ask for special folder with complete operating instructions for the Universal 9 x 12 cm / 4 x 5" Back.



For more Information about the LINHOF System see your LINHOF Dealer