

FILM LOADING CONTINUED

Insert the tip of the film leader in between the petals of the RLK take-up spool as shown (fig 1). *Take care to feed the leader below the central post of the spool* to ensure correct operation. See fig 1.

Make sure the film is correctly aligned with the sprocket holes of the camera. The easiest way to do this is by using light thumb pressure to level the film onto the film sprockets as shown in fig 2. Only light pressure is needed. Avoid touching the shutter. You may advance the film a little at this stage to ensure the film is correctly engaged in the sprockets.

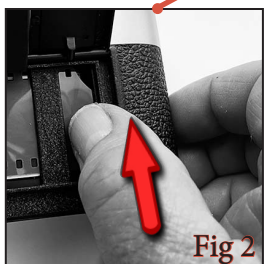


Fig 2

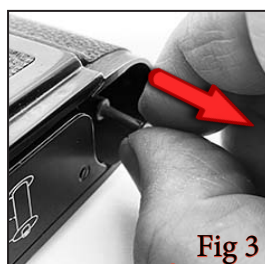


Fig 3

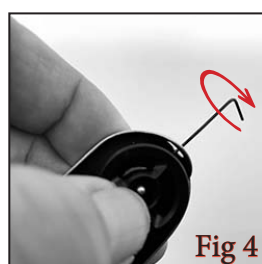


Fig 4

Close the film door and replace the bottom plate. Make two exposures as usual and set the frame counter to '1'. The Leica M3 automatically resets the counter when the original spool is removed to load the film. Before loading an M3 therefore, the RLK spool needs to be slightly pulled out and pushed in again. The small red retractor can be drawn out to facilitate this.

Take up any slack by turning the rewind knob a little in the direction of the arrow. When the shutter is tensioned a third time, the inner portion of the rewind knob will rotate, thus indicating that the film has been properly loaded and is being advanced.

Our manufacturing partner, QF WORKS, has worked tirelessly to improve & perfect the quick load concept for Leica cameras.

We hope you enjoy the speed and simplification of film loading our Rapid Load Kit provides.

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RAPID LOAD KIT

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RLK for M3 M2

M1 MP

Leica

INSTRUCTIONS



The cameraworks-uk Rapid Load System is designed to simplify and expedite film loading of LEICA models M3, M2, M1 and first generation MP cameras.

The system is supplied as a kit (RLK), which is quick and simple to fit, requiring no special tools. Fitting of the kit will not permanently mar or damage your camera. The process may be reversed easily, thus restoring your camera to its original condition.

The component parts are precision made from high quality materials such as brass alloy and aircraft grade aluminium and as such, require no maintenance.

The RLK consists of the following components

Rapid Load Spool
Bottom plate spinner
Hex key
PH00 screwdriver
Loading diagram adhesive sticker
Instruction leaflet
Storage tube

USING THE RLK SPOOL WITH M3 AND M2 CAMERAS

The frame counter system on the M2, M1 & MP is manually reset by the user, however, the frame counter on the M3 resets automatically. This happens each time the original Leica spool is removed from the spindle in order to load a film.

To facilitate counter reset on the M3, the RLK spool is equipped with a retractor (fig 3), that allows the RLK spool to be withdrawn slightly and then pushed back in. The retractor will naturally drop down if tilted toward the ground. *There is no need to remove the spool.*

The spindle on the M2, M1 & MP has a different design, and will not accommodate the retractor. It can easily be removed by undoing the small screw on the reverse, using the screwdriver supplied. Simply hold the retractor and turn the screw anti-clockwise. Remove the screw. The retractor and the small extension tube will drop out.

Please keep these parts safe so that you can fit them back onto your RLK spool, should you wish to use it on a M3 camera in the future.

FITTING INSTRUCTIONS M2, M1 & MP

Remove the bottom plate from the camera. Fit the RLK spinner to the spigot on the bottom plate, ensuring that it is *pressed down firmly*, as far as it will go. Rotate the spinner until the small hex screw is visible through the access hole at the side. Tighten the hex screw, using the hex key provided, *while keeping pressure on top of the spinner* (fig 4). When fitted, the spinner should turn freely.

Remove the retractor from the RLK spool as previously described. Remove the original Leica spool and replace it with the RLK spool and the camera is now ready for use.

FITTING INSTRUCTIONS M3

Remove the bottom plate from the camera. Fit the RLK spinner to the spigot of the bottom plate, *ensuring that it is pressed down firmly, as far as it will go*. Rotate the spinner until the small hex set screw is visible through the access hole at the side. Tighten the hex screw using the hex key provided, *while keeping pressure on top of the spinner* (fig 4). When fitted, the spinner should turn freely.

Replace the Leica spool with your new RLK spool. Push down into place. Your camera is ready for use.

Reset the frame counter by pulling down on the central red tab until the RLK spool is released slightly and the counter springs back to zero. *You do not need to remove the spool completely.*

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