



Why is more limited range 35-70mm f/3.5 Nikkor (left) larger, heavier than 35-105 f/3.5-4.5 Nikkor, right? Read text.

Practical comments: Very diverse lenses. 35-70mm (10 elements in 9 groups) is two touch (separate zoom and focusing controls) with macro available only in 70mm position by means of special button allowing lens focusing to continue beyond usual range. 35-105mm (16 elements in 12 groups) is actually smaller than 35-70mm, uses single touch (combined zoom and focusing ring) with macro ring extending entire lens forward, providing max. macro at 35mm but closer focusing than normal at all focal lengths. Has macro magnification scale (which 35-70mm does not) but decreases in aperture $\frac{2}{3}$ f/stop from min. focal length to maximum (which 35-70mm does not). Both lenses focus counter-clockwise from infinity to closest focusing distance. Higher price of 35-70mm

indicates more complicated optical design caused by more sophisticated macro mode, constant aperture through zoom range. Both lenses made and finished to usual high Nikkor standard.

Field test slides: The 35-105mm f/3.5-4.5 Nikkor slides showed some softness wide open at 35mm with sharpness increasing to f/8 after which it was maintained. Pictures made at 50 and 105mm showed similar results. However, a complex mustache-shaped linear distortion was seen at 35mm. Overall, slides were crisp and snappy with an average to above average performance for a lens of this type. However, macro performance was above average.

The 35-70mm f/3.5 Nikkor also had very slight softness wide open but sharpness increased

measurably by f/5.6. This was also true at 50 and 70mm. Corners at all focal lengths held up well with flare always well controlled. Macro quality was above average for a lens of this type (see charts). Overall performance in picture taking was judged to be superior.

Optical bench analysis (for optical experts only): On axis, the 35-105mm f/5-4.5 Nikkor on axis at 35mm showed slight overcorrected spherical aberration and slight axial color. It was diffraction limited by f/8. Off axis, slight skew-ray flare was mixed with very slight astigmatism. There was lateral color throughout. At 50mm on axis, performance was similar to that at 35mm. Off axis, performance was also similar to 35mm but with slight coma instead of astigmatism. At 105mm, spherical aberration was slightly undercorrected on axis, mixed with very slight yellow flare. It was diffraction limited by f/8. Off axis, slight skew-ray flare persisted with slight astigmatism but again with lateral color throughout.

The 35-70mm f/3.5 Nikkor exhibited slight axial color on axis at 35mm with very slight overcorrected spherical aberration. It was diffraction limited by f/8. Off axis we could see slight skew-ray flare mixed with astigmatism. Lateral color was present throughout. On and off axis at 50mm performance was similar to that at 35mm. The same was true on axis at 70mm but off axis the previously noted astigmatism gave way to coma.

MACRO RESOLUTION

NIKKOR 35-70mm f/3.5 at 70mm at 1:4					
f/	Center (l/mm)		Corner (l/mm)		
3.5	Accept	36	V. Good	29	
5.6	Accept	40	Good	29	
8	Accept	45	Accept	29	
11	Good	45	Good	32	
16	Good	45	Good	32	
22	Good	45	Good	32	

PERFORMANCE

Our Standard	as Tested
Focal length: $\pm 5\%$ (33.25-36.75mm) 35.84mm (66.50-73.50mm) 69.69mm	
Aperture: $\pm 5\%$ (f/3.33-3.68) f/3.58 at 70mm: (f/3.33-3.68) f/3.67	
Distortion: 35mm: ($\pm 2.5\%$) under 1% (barrel) 70mm: ($\pm 2.2\%$) under 1% (pinchsn)	
Light falloff: at f/5.6 + 1 stop from theoretical limit 35mm: (0-1.9 stops) 1.3 stops 70mm: (0-1.3 stops) 0.2 stops	

NIKKOR 35-105mm

RESOLUTION

NIKKOR 35-105mm f/3.5-4.5 at 35mm at 1:49					
f/	Center (l/mm)		Corner (l/mm)		
3.5	V. Good	49	Excellent	44	
5.6	V. Good	49	Excellent	49	
8	V. Good	55	Excellent	49	
11	Excellent	62	Excellent	55	
16	Excellent	55	Excellent	49	
22	Excellent	55	Excellent	49	

RESOLUTION

NIKKOR 35-105mm f/3.5-4.5 at 50mm at 1:49					
f/	Center (l/mm)		Corner (l/mm)		
3.5	Excellent	55	Excellent	49	
5.6	Excellent	62	Excellent	49	
8	V. Good	62	Excellent	55	
11	Excellent	62	Excellent	55	
16	V. Good	55	Excellent	49	
22	V. Good	55	Excellent	49	

RESOLUTION

NIKKOR 35-105mm f/3.5-4.5 at 105mm at 1:49					
f/	Center (l/mm)		Corner (l/mm)		
4.5	Excellent	55	Excellent	49	
5.6	Excellent	62	Excellent	49	
8	V. Good	62	Excellent	55	
11	Excellent	62	Excellent	55	
16	V. Good	55	Excellent	49	
22	V. Good	55	Excellent	49	

CONTRAST

NIKKOR 35-105mm f/3.5-4.5 at 105mm at 30 lines/mm					
f/	Center (%)		Corner (%)		
4.5	High	55	High	45	
5.6	High	59	High	51	
8	High	63	High	53	
11	High	72	High	55	
16	High	60	High	47	
22	High	44	High	38	

CONTRAST

NIKKOR 35-105mm f/3.5-4.5 at 50mm at 30 lines/mm					
f/	Center (%)		Corner (%)		
3.5	High	50	High	47	
5.6	High	59	High	50	
8	High	63	High	51	
11	High	71	High	54	
16	High	61	High	43	
22	Medium	43	Medium	36	

CONTRAST

NIKKOR 35-105mm f/3.5-4.5 at 35mm at 30 lines/mm					
f/	Center (%)		Corner (%)		
3.5	High	57	High	51	
5.6	High	65	High	53	
8	High	71	High	55	
11	High	74	High	46	
16	High	62	High	40	
22	High	47	Medium	38	

MACRO RESOLUTION

NIKKOR 35-105mm f/3.5-4.5 at 35mm at 1:4					
f/	Center (l/mm)		Corner (l/mm)		
3.5	Accept	32	V. Good	29	
5.6	Accept	32	V. Good	29	
8	Accept	36	Good	29	
11	Good	40	Good	29	
16	V. Good	45	Accept	25	
22	V. Good	45	Accept	25	

PERFORMANCE

Our Standard	as Tested
Focal length: $\pm 5\%$ (33.25- 36.75mm) 36.30mm (99.75-110.25mm) 103.25mm	
Aperture: $\pm 5\%$ (f/3.33-3.68) f/3.48 at 105mm: (f/4.28-4.73) f/4.71	
Distortion: 35mm: ($\pm 2.5\%$) under 1% 105mm: ($\pm 2.5\%$) 1.38% (pinchsn)	
Light falloff: at f/5.6 +1 stop from theoretical limit 35mm: (0-1.9 stops) 1.4 stops 105mm: (0-1.1 stops) 0.5 stops	

SUPERWIDE PC LENS FROM OLYMPUS

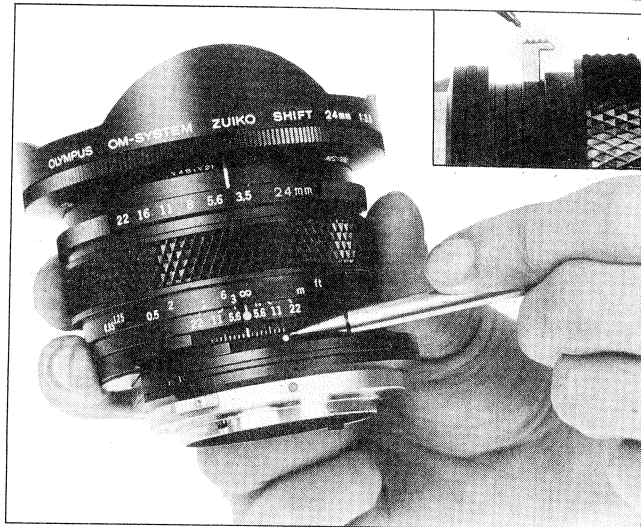
Specifications: 24mm f/3.5 Olympus Zuiko Shift in fixed bayonet mounts for Olympus OM series SLRs; f/3.5-f/22, click stops at full stop intervals; min. foc. dist. 1.25 ft. (.35m). Shifts ± 8 mm and rises ± 10 mm; built-in 4 filter turret; no provision for front-mounted accessories, integral cut-away lens shade; semi-automatic control of diaphragm. Serial No.: 101456. Size: $3\frac{3}{8}$ in. diam. \times 3 in. long (85mm \times 76mm). Weight: 1 lb. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. (522g) Price: \$1085.00 with fitted case.

Practical comments. Perspective control (better known as PC) lenses have been around for a long time, but this one allows the user to move the lens up to 10mm off the optical axis without appreciable loss of sharpness or fall-off in illumination despite its ultrawide length and relatively wide f/3.5 aperture. To achieve this requires the lens to cover a 57mm circle—an angle of view of about 100°, so the Olympus' 24mm Shift uses 12 elements in 10 groups, one of which is a deeply curved 72mm front element reminiscent of a fish-eye lens. At first glance, its optical construction looks like that of a fish-eye, yet the lens shows a low 1.09% barrel distortion. Light fall-off at the extreme edges of the image in full shift position is a measured 2.3 stops. In actual field tests, however, it is barely noticeable, even at the extreme off-axis position.

Because of its wide angle of view and high speed, front-mounted filters and attachments cannot be fitted. Instead, the 24mm PC has a rotating, click-stopped filter wheel positioning neutral, Y48 yellow, Q56 orange and R60 red filters within the barrel of the lens.

Although the rear cell of the lens is easily accessible, it is unthreaded. With some ingenuity, it could be adopted to take small screw-in auxiliary filters or gelatine cut-outs.

The lens is lightweight and well-balanced in spite of its impressive size and is easy to handle in all respects. Like its older but more conservative brother, the Zuiko 35 Shift, the 24 has a bottom-mounted diaphragm stop-down lever. Push it



Olympus 24mm F/3.5 Shift lens at maximum 8mm shift to left. Filter turret set for yellow. Olympus PC lens has convenient, manual stop down latch (inset).

in and the lens stops down for shooting. Push again, and it opens up for focusing and viewing—a commendable convenience but you must keep your wits about you when changing lenses rapidly lest you forget that you've now mounted a lens without an automatic diaphragm. If your Olympus SLR is in aperture-preferred auto-exposure mode, a glance at the shutter speed indicator should remind you. However, in manual mode, it is recommended that you read your set aperture with the lens centered, and then shift. Also, in automatic mode, the exposure indicated in the finder may not be correct when the lens is shifted but the exposure on film proved to be quite accurate when using Olympus models which read off the film plane (e.g. the OM-2, OM-2 S program, and OM-4).

Controls, from front to rear are as follows: A thin $\frac{1}{8}$ in. wide knurled filter setting ring clicks into position (make sure it does

as intermediate position, will blend filter effects unpredictably). Next, a $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide aperture ring sets white engraved f/stops opposite a white indicator. A $\frac{3}{4}$ in. in wide Olympus diamond patterned rubber focusing grip comes next. Footage scales are in gold, meters in white, and white depth of field indicators engraved for every other f/stop. Engraved, white millimeter scales with central indicators and click stops indicate the degree of sideways shift and vertical rise or fall. No creep was found on either setting, a tribute to the effective oil damping of the twin dove-tail sliders. Mechanical stops on both movements keep you from exceeding the lens' coverage in any direction. In practice, you just look through the finder and move the lens whichever way you want with your focusing hand. It's very fast and easy to use. The lens close-focuses to 15 in. without changing length—the focusing mechanism is internal.

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All in all, this is a lens to gladden the heart of any architectural photographer working in confined spaces inside or out. And the optical quality is remarkably good for a lens of this type.

Field test slides: Our Kodachrome slides were sharp and contrasty at all settings, and were judged excellent 2 or 3 stops down from maximum aperture. Unshifted, slides were sharp and contrasty without color fringing. The colors showed slight softness wide-open, and slight green-purple fringing. Performance was much improved when stopped down 2 stops. At 10mm (full) shift, sharpness was still good centrally with slight loss of contrast. Corner images showed slight softness due to astigmatism but improved greatly at f/5.6 on down.

Optical bench analysis (for optical experts only): On axis, very slight overcorrected spherical aberration at f/3.5, with the lens diffraction limited by f/8. Off axis, slight skew-ray flare with slight coma and slight astigmatism which were gone by f/8. A slight lateral color was present throughout. With the lens shifted 5mm, we found a slight high order coma, with very slight lateral color. Coma was gone by f/5.6. Shifted 10mm, we saw a slight yellow skew-ray flare to f/5.6. Lateral color negligible.

FOUR PENTAX LENSES IN KA MOUNT

Specifications: 24mm f/2.8 Pentax-A, for Pentax K-mount bayonet; No. 5212747; accepts 52mm filters; f/2.8 to f/22 and "A", 1/2 stop detents; min. foc. dist. .79 ft. (.25m); 1 1/2 in. long, 2 3/8 in. diam. (41.5 x 63mm); 7.2 oz. (205 g); \$222.

Specifications: 28mm f/2.8 SMX Pentax-A in KA bayonet mount; No. 5092365, accepts 49mm accessories; f/2.8 to f/22 plus A setting with half-stop detents to f/11; full stop detents to f/22; min. foc. 1 ft. (0.3m); focusing turns clockwise 90° to inf.; 1 1/8 in. long, 2 1/8 in. diam.



PERFORMANCE			
Our Standard		as Tested	
Focal length: ±5% (22.80-25.20mm)		24.06mm	
Aperture: ±5% (f/3.33-3.68)		f/3.43	
Distortion: (±4%)		1.09% (barrel)	
Light falloff: at f/5.6 +1 stop from theoretical limit (0-3.0 stops)		2.3 stops	

RESOLUTION			
OLYMPUS SHIFT 24mm f/3.5 at 1:49			
f/	Center (l/mm)	Corner (l/mm)	
3.5	Excellent	55	Excellent
5.6	Excellent	62	Excellent
8	Excellent	69	Excellent
11	Excellent	69	Excellent
16	Excellent	62	Excellent
22	V. Good	55	Excellent

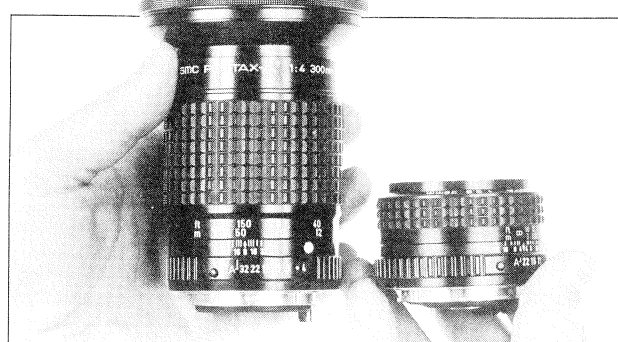
CONTRAST			
OLYMPUS SHIFT 24mm f/3.5 at 30 lines/mm			
f/	Center (%)	Corner (%)	
3.5	High	48	High
5.6	High	58	High
8	High	58	Medium
11	High	56	Medium
16	High	51	Medium
22	Medium	37	Low

(37mm x 60mm) 6 oz. (170g); \$130.00

Specifications: 135mm f/2.8 Pentax-A, for Pentax K-mount bayonet; No. 5008191; accepts 52mm filters; f/2.8 to f/32, 1/2 stop detents; min. foc. dist. 4 ft. (1.2m); 3 in. long, 2 1/2 in. diam. (76.5 x 65 mm); 12 oz. (340 g); \$142.

Specifications: 300mm f/4 SMC Pentax-A in KA bayonet mount; No. 5304067, accepts 77mm accessories; f/2.8 to f/32, half-stop detents to f/16; full stop to f/32; min. foc. 13 ft. (4m); focusing turns clockwise 225° to inf.; 5 1/8 in. long, 3 1/4 in. diam. (130mm x 83mm); 30 oz. (850g); \$633.00

Practical comments: "A" series is designed specifically for Super Program camera but works with all bayonet-mount Pentax cameras. 24mm f/2.8 compact, well-balanced wide-angle is about size and weight of "normal" lens; nicely finished in typical Pentax fashion; deeply



Compact 28mm f/2.8 and 300mm f/4 Pentax-A lenses are in KA-mount for new program exposure Pentax SLRs as well as all K-mount Pentaxes and other cameras.

knurled rubber focusing ring and 3/8 in. wide aperture ring; close focus to infinity in about 90°.

28mm f/2.8 features bright satin black finish, heavily knurled rubberized focusing rings, raised white mounting indicator dots, blue footage, yellow meter markings.

135mm f/2.8 has well-knurled aperture ring for auto operation; 1 1/4 in. wide focusing collar; built-in sliding lenshood; good finish and fine detailing.

300mm f/4 has built-in sliding lens hood, smooth focusing and aperture controls, rugged quality construction, 28mm has 7 elements in 7 groups; 300mm has 7 elements in 8 groups.

Field test slides: 24mm: Distortion is minimal and flare is well controlled. Center of field is sharp with some loss of sharpness evident at corners, especially at wider apertures. Above average performance overall for this type.

28mm f/2.8 produced crisp, snappy images which were well exposed by camera with crisp detail in corners, flare very well controlled.

135mm f/2.8: Sharpness good in center, softer at corners,

especially at wider apertures. Average for lens of this type.

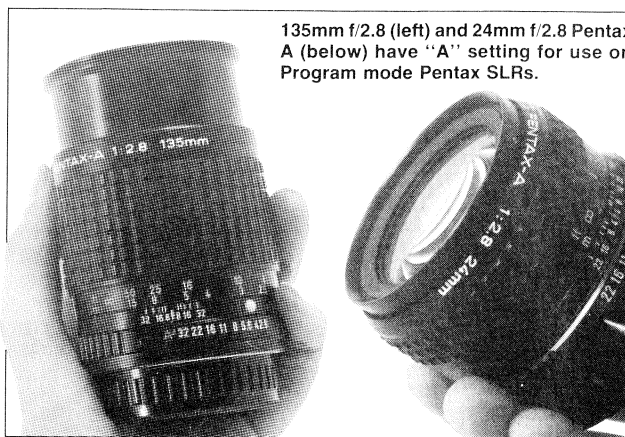
300mm f/4 provided somewhat soft images at widest apertures with the fine detail slightly lacking.

Optical bench analysis (for optical experts only): 24mm f/2.8: On axis, undercorrected primary photographic chromatic aberration, diffraction limited by f/8. Off axis, high coma mixed with skew-ray flare, improved at smaller apertures. No lateral color or visible.

28mm f/2.8 on axis showed very slight orange flare at f/2.8 which was gone by f/5.6. The diffraction limit was reached by f/5.6. Off axis, slight skew-ray flare was nearly gone by f/5.6. There was slight lateral color.

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PERFORMANCE			
Our Standard		as Tested	
Focal length: ±5% (22.80-25.20mm)		25.16mm	
Aperture: ±5% (f/2.66-2.94)		f/2.85	
Distortion: (±4%)		1.13% (barrel)	
Light falloff: at f/5.6 +1 stop from theoretical limit (0-3.0 stops)		1.2 stops	



RESOLUTION			
PENTAX SMCP 24mm f/2.8 at 1:49			
f/	Center (l/mm)	Corner (l/mm)	
2.8	V. Good	49	Excellent
3.5	Excellent	69	Excellent
5.6	Excellent	78	Excellent
8	Excellent	69	Excellent
11	Excellent	62	Excellent
16	V. Good	55	Excellent
22	Good	49	Excellent

CONTRAST			
PENTAX SMCP 24mm f/2.8 at 30 lines/mm			
f/	Center (%)	Corner (%)	
2.8	High	46	High
3.5	High	48	High
5.6	High	55	High
8	High	65	High
11	High	60	High
16	High	61	High
22	High	56	High

PERFORMANCE			
Our Standard		as Tested	
Focal length: ±5% (26.60-29.40mm)		28.68mm	
Aperture: ±5% (f/2.66-2.94)		f/2.84	
Distortion: (±2.5%)		less than 1% (barrel)	
Light falloff: at f/5.6 +1 stop from theoretical limit (0-2.0 stops)		1.6 stops	

RESOLUTION			
PENTAX A 28mm f/2.8 at 1:51			
f/	Center (l/mm)	Corner (l/mm)	
2.8	Excellent	57	Excellent
4	Excellent	64	Excellent
5.6	Excellent	72	Excellent
8	Excellent	64	Excellent
11	Excellent	64	Excellent
16	Excellent	57	V. Good
22	Good	45	Good

CONTRAST			
PENTAX A 28mm f/2.8 at 30 lines/mm			
f/	Center (%)	Corner (%)	
2.8	High	50	High
4	High	64	High
5.6	High	64	High
8	High	64	High
11	High	60	High
16	High	56	High
22	Low	43	High

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Minimum Resolution Standards

Type	Aperture							
	Max.		Next		Middle		f/11-22	
	lines/mm	lines/mm	lines/mm	lines/mm	lines/mm	lines/mm	lines/mm	lines/mm
35mm Camera Lenses								
Fisheye (to 16mm)	36	20	36	20	40	22	40	24
17 to 24.5mm	36	20	36	20	40	28	40	28
25 to 39.5mm	36	25	36	25	40	28	40	32
to 39.5mm/faster than f/2.1	36	22	36	22	40	27	40	28
40 to 60.5mm	40	25	40	30	45	36	45	36
40 to 60.5mm/faster than f/1.4	36	24	40	25	45	32	45	36
61 to 135mm	36	25	36	28	40	32	40	32
136 to 250.5mm	32	25	32	28	40	32	40	32
251 to 500.5mm	32	24	32	24	36	32	32	32
501mm and longer	32	24	32	24	36	32	32	28
Zoom Lenses								
to 39.5mm	32	23	32	23	36	25	36	25
40 to 60.5mm	36	25	40	28	45	36	40	32
61 to 135.5mm	36	23	40	25	45	28	40	28
136mm and longer	28	23	28	23	36	28	32	28
2 1/4 x 2 1/4 Camera Lenses								
to 74.5mm	28	14	32	18	32	18	32	22
75 to 94.5mm	28	18	32	20	36	22	32	22
95mm and longer	25	18	28	20	32	20	28	20
2 1/4 x 2 3/4 Camera Lenses								
to 59.5mm	16	9	18	10	22	12	22	14
60 to 89.5mm	18	11	20	12	22	14	25	16
90 to 119.5mm	20	12	22	14	25	16	25	18
120 to 499.5mm	18	11	20	12	22	14	25	16
500mm and longer	16	11	18	12	20	14	22	16
4 x 5 Camera Lenses								
all	28	22	28	22	34	25	34	25

MODERN PHOTOGRAPHY Minimum test requirements for Seal of Approval

Still camera and lens field-test standards

All features and controls must operate properly for the equivalent of 25 rolls of film, producing adequately exposed photographs of sufficient quality to meet professional standards for a camera and lens of that size and negative format when 11 x 14 in. black-and-white prints made from negatives of that camera and/or lens, or slides are projected on a 40 x 40 in. screen and are viewed at normal viewing distances.

Still camera & lens laboratory standards

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Resolution: See chart. **Exposure accuracy:** ±1 stop of proper

exposure. Shutter-speed accuracy: ±1/2 stop of marked speed.

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