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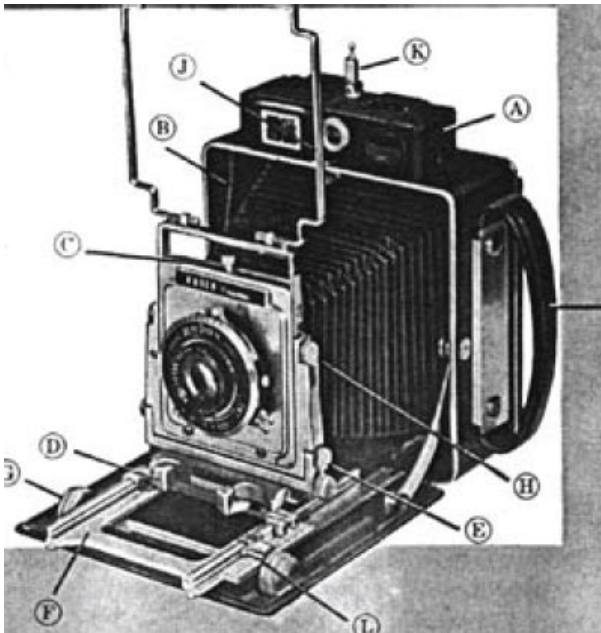
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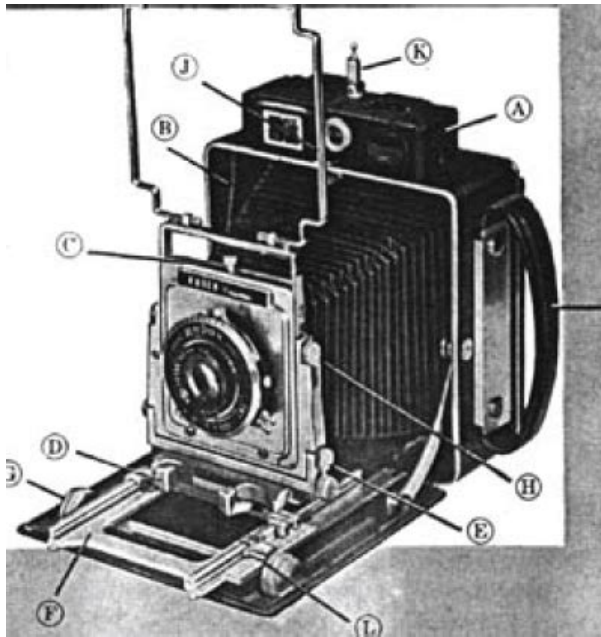
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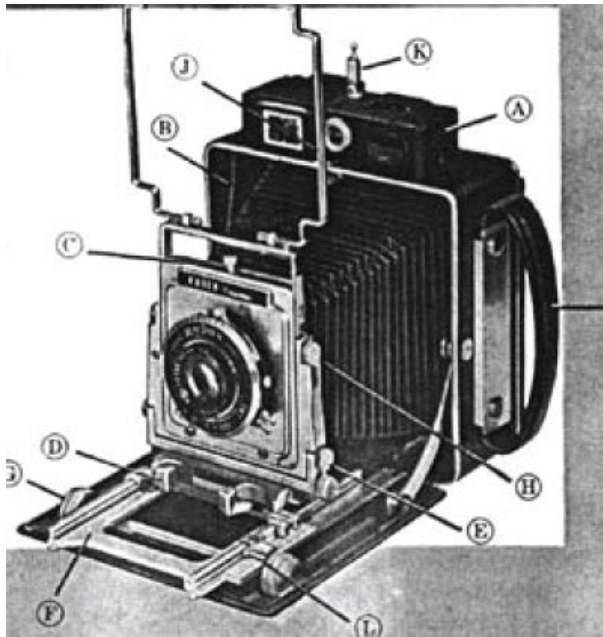


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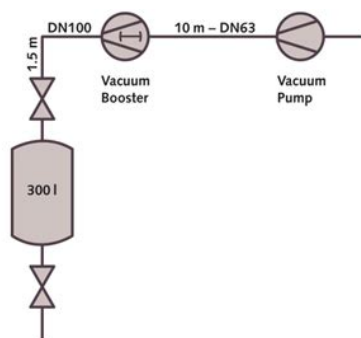
There are two ways to use roll film with a 2x3 Pressman 120 film in an AdaptARoll 620 holder, which will feed from a 120 spool but must take up on a 620 spool; replace the Busch spring back with a Graflok back taken from a 2x3 Graphic, and then use any of the roll holders that can be attached to a 2x3 Graflok. RF needs calibrating, found instructions for that. Im curious though on these press cameras, whats the odd cylindrical thing above the lens, with a hook connecting to the shutter release, that seems to have oldschool flash contacts on it See pic. The shutter already has a set of contacts whats the purpose of the extra, umm, thingie And. anyone know where to get a replacement hand strap Oldtime photographers from the early days of flash bulbs found using a solenoid more convenient than the release on the shutter. It could be triggered by other methods for remote operation of the shutter. It also provided flash synchronization for shutters which had no sync for flash bulbs.Thanks for the info. I have a 4x5 monorail, but this is a really lovely piece of engineering, Im a sucker for all that milled metal. Imagine Ill run a few sheets through it and see how it works shutter seems solid, Ill do some research on the lens quality, sounds like it could take a Nikkor or many other lenses as well.I had lenses ranging from 210mm, down to 90mm. Fortunately they had X and M sync shutters. Theyre amazingly light, with their aluminum frames. I still regret selling mine.But parts for the Pressman arent nearly as easy to find. Personally, Id just make my own, if I were you. You could probably do it out of a leather belt of the right width. I bought my fiance a Pressman C and needed several parts. Ive been looking for years, and short of buying another one and dismantling it for parts which makes little sense, I havent be able to find much for it. So Ive been reduced to fashioning my own parts out of what I can. I made my own handle out of scrap leather.<http://metagrhyd.com/infopub/pub/dell-c-bg17-dual-manual.xml>



I tore apart the original one that had cracked and used it as a template. Then I cut a new one out of scrap leather, glued it together with contact cement, and then sewed it with waxed upholstery thread. Looking back, I wish I spent more time lining up those thread holes. But it works and looks fine from a distance. That camera has a whole bunch of nonoriginal parts, and on a close inspection you'll notice all kinds of things that look out of place. It's got several screws with the wrong heads and unmatching knobs. But it looks perfectly fine from 10 ft. I could try a ghetto shutter flush or send it in to someone. Hey, if anyone knows the answer the rangefinder is way off the infinity stops are correctly set, and ground glass with a loupe matches the focus guide on the rails. I've read calibration articles that say the RF is accurate to 4. Should I assume that's the first calibration step IE, should the RF arm contact the focus rail at 4. I pulled the focus lightbulb thing but not sure how the case opens up for adjustment. As you can imagine, the RF could use a good gentle cleaning. Other than that, the ground glass is dirty but good, the bellows look like new, and the leather is overall very clean and well preserved. Getting some film in the thing just feels like the right thing to do. Download the service manual and have a go at it. It's between a 4 and 6 on a scale of difficulty depending on your skill level. I have CLAed several and have never had to fully disassemble the flash delay assembly. What rangefinder is on the camera Kalart or Hugo Meyer. Take the ground glass out, wash it in warm water and dish detergent rubbing with your finger tips only, rinse thoroughly, then a mild PhotoFlo final rinse, stand on edge and let air dry or dry with a lint free towel. Some have used a nylon dog collar or leash for a handle strap. It's a Kalart RF. Yep, I've washed GGs before, this one doesn't seem to have a fresnel. Slight crack but looks like it will hold up out of the mount.

Slight crack but looks like it will hold up out of the mount. Click to expand. Now for the version of Kalart you have. Start at the Kalart pages and take Mr. Lommen's instructions with a Grain of Salt. The actuator arm has likely come loose and needs to be reset. I would remove it, remove the rangefinder from the body, disassemble the rangefinder, clean, lube, and reassemble it. The beamsplitter silvering goes bad giving a weak image and frequently rubs off with a dry cotton swab or window cleaner. If that's the case the beamsplitter has to be replaced. I have some I purchased off eBay, I can sell you a piece if needed, use the pm function. Download this copy of the Kalart manual. It covers the model used on press cameras from the 1940s through mid 1950s. It underwent production changes without a model change but all work and adjust the same. Beamsplitter mount changed, adjustment location changed. Some shafts have flats, others do not. Pull the front standard out to the infinity stops then check GG and RF infinity. If RF infinity is not correct adjust the eccentric for correct RF infinity. Check other distances for coincidence. A dirty or dry lubricant RF is slow to operate and a PITA to adjust. A smooth operating RF is a breeze. Click to expand. But looking closer,

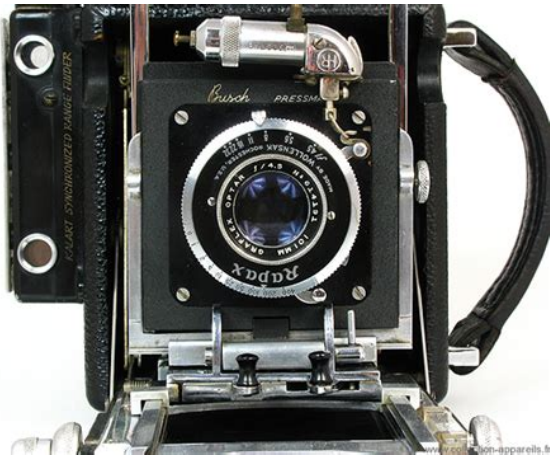
I noticed there's a metal clip in the bottom of the bed, which keeps the arm from swinging any more forward than it does now; so it seems the arm is not actually able to begin moving the RF mirror until the focus has moved back closer to 5; it's physically prevented from touching the focus bed at 4, adjusting the arm won't let it move forward any further. The clip that stops the arm is in a permanent slot. The focus guide on the rails is accurate via groundglass at 4 and at infinity, though I'll check it again when this damn rain stops and I can get outside; I'll get out a good focusing light to verify the 4 focus, but seems good.



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I think the internals are fine the arm moves freely and the image seems more like 35mm rangefinders I've cleaned in the past could use a little more contrast, but really not terribly bad and quite usable as is. But it might as well be cleaned when opened. Click to expand. Mr. L states that the distance between the flat edge of A and the case should be 9mm but I've found it to vary with RF, usually 9.25mm to 9.5mm to be more accurate. The clip that stops the arm is in a permanent slot. Click to expand. Fixed to the bed the arm is out of position. The piece on the rails should limit the arm moving forward with the rails until its forward movement limit is reached. Set the rails so that the RF indicates infinity. Move the front standard and infinity stops until the lens is sharp on the infinity target. Could be that someone changed the lens and did not reset the RF. Bed is the fixed part of the camera that folds down, the rails are what the lens standard called front standard moves and the focus knob moves. The beamsplitter is fixed position, left top side in picture, the moveable mirror was a prism early on then changed to a front surface mirror bottom right side in the picture. A is the pivoting arm to the RF; B shows the metal clip there's a milled part of the arm that hits that and prevents the arm from swinging forward any more. C is the gap when at 4 between the RF arm and the rail piece on the bed that pushes against the RF arm. The RF arm is fully forward. As the rail racks back towards 5, the rail piece finally hits the RF arm and will push it backwards the further you focus. It doesn't seem to be an issue with the position of the RF arm the clip on the bed B prevents it from contacting the rail at 4. Seems designed that way. There's no mention of the Pressman in the RF docs, so not sure if the RF can only be used from 5 to infinity on this camera it's not a Graflex.

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Just to be clear, even if the arm has slipped or is adjusted incorrectly, it cant go any further forward. The Pressman should setup similarly. 5 feet to 6 feet sounds about normal for a 135mm close focus distance before needing to compensate for bellows draw, a 90mm close distance is about 3 feet. Busch Pressman were also marketed by Sears as Tower Press. Obviously not good, still operates fine with a shutter release, but still is subject to any vibrations, movements of the while rig. Im trying to find how the dovetail piece which slides back and forth for focus shifting is held in to the metal arm on the rail to see if I can tighten it. Any insight would be appreciated! You can move the focusing rail forward, squeeze the two tabs and slide the standard out until it clears the dovetails in the body. Then maneuver the front standard into the dovetail; it should slide all the way into body and be rigidly in place when the lens standard releases are relaxed. When extending the lens standard, insure it engages the focus rail dovetails. The entire assembly should be rigid. It is exactly the same as the Mod. D were talking about. The biggest drawback in comparison to a Graphic press camera is the lens boards. They are harder to find and to small to allow larger lenses to be used. They also had no Graflok style back. You can modify the ground glass spring brackets to take Singer style rollbacks. I just used a Calumet 6x7 slidein roll film adapter and it worked great. I liked the camera very much, but ended up buying a Toyo field camera and dont miss the Mod. D. One note! I thought I would miss the rangefinder, but found that not to be the case for my style shooting. JW It is exactly the same as the Mod. D were talking about. The biggest drawback in comparison to a Graphic press camera is the lens boards. They are harder to find and to small to allow larger lenses to be used. They also had no Graflok style back.

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If the advice to convert the camera to a Graflok back and to obtain 120 rollfilm holders for it seems like a lot of effort to go to yes, it is. The Graflok backs in this size are scarce and there's some hacksie involved to swap them out. Slightly complicating matters is that to use this arrangement handheld or conveniently, even from a tripod, the rangefinder adjustment as it relates to the film plane will have to be precisely accurate in order to focus. This also assumes you have a Mod C version with a Kalart rangefinder, which may or may not still be present after all this time if it even was purchased with one. So why bother with any of that. For starters, you could ditch having to have a darkroom to develop sheet film because you're much more likely to find a lab that can run 120 roll

film still. Which may, or may not be, worth all the bother. You say you've turned the focus knobs. That indicates you have the front door open and locked in position. Also you indicate you found the hidden button to open the door. That's where you lost me. Do you mean you can't get the lens standard to move forward, as I assume. There are two little knobs on the bottom of the standard. Pinch them together and the standard will pull forward. Be sure the focus rail is all the way back when you do this. Move the standard out to the infinity stops. If your rangefinder is in proper working order, it should agree with the focus scale on the bed and the image on the ground glass. If you want to shoot roll film, there are options out there that will allow you to do so without hacking your camera. The AdaptARoll 620 will work fine and will take 120 film on the supply side. You would need a 620 take up spool. Also, the Graham roll film holder is a really neat one for 120, though very rarely seen. Do you have sheet film holders This is a sturdy, precise, Engineering, materials and assembly are first rate. The drop bed provides drop movement and helps control Press Cameras Advertisement Busch Model D.

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Pressman Pressman Model D Features. Jo Lommen Camera. Graflex seems to be more expensive and with less movements so I bought an this old, ugly, beaten up and modified Busch Pressman. Well, more movements and the modification was to allow for movements of the back which can actually be very useful at times. Being a press camera, you would think it's easy to operate hand held, well, it is possible but it's not easy. The thing is very heavy so it should really be used on a tripod for best results. I will report you to ebay if I discover such a violation taking place. This may result in your account being cancelled. I also reserve the right to file claim for civil penalties. It may not display this or other websites correctly. You should upgrade or use an alternative browser. If you want to focus on GG, then your best option is the despised AdaptARoll 620. Read about it at www.graflex.org. Oh, and by the way, I wrote the FAQ on it there. Or sell the Busch and get a Graphic with a Graflok back. The Busch is slightly more capable but, IMO, less useful than a 2x3 Pacemaker Graphic because splicing a Graflok on one is a major job and because boards for the Busch are very hard to find. Nice camera, it's a pity they are so poorly supported. Good luck, have fun, Dan Read about it at www.graflex.org. Oh, and by the way, I wrote the FAQ on it there. Click to expand. Thanks for the FAQ by the way. Nathan Have three, use em. But for some odd reason, most of the times that I suggest the AAR as a solution to a problem A solution, rarely THE solution, negative comments come back. I don't know whether the comments reflect bad experiences or lack of willingness to put up with the quirks. Cheers, Dan Thanks for the FAQ by the way. Nathan Click to expand. I wrote only the AdaptARoll 620 section. Cheers, Dan From what I've heard, it's possible to convert them to use 120, at least on the supply side.

Are they as much of a pain to load as it looks like they'd be just stick a 120 on the supply side and it's a go. IF you have a 620 take up spool. Big thing is to clean the things. I bet on average many have been sitting unused for years. Loading for me was VERY wierd until I read the manual. Then it was easy. Im not saying it's the worlds greatest holder but mine worked just fine once it was cleaned up. FWIW mine is the 4x5 model but I don't think that makes much if any difference. I typed it once, Im not going to do that again. I didn't say it in the FAQ, but threading the paper leader through to the takeup spool is very easy. By continuing to use this site, you are consenting to our use of cookies. If you have a Photrio account, please log in and select stay logged in to prevent recurrence of this notice. We may receive a commission for purchases made through these links. To read our full affiliate disclosure statement please click [Here](#). The front lens board is brushed aluminum. The serial number stamped inside the camera body is 39155. The Vue Focus setup was introduced toward the end of production. I ask because I thought, with no data at all to support the idea, that Busch cameras, like Meridian, Printex, Rilex, Brand,, were all post WWII. I don't know as I am not that

old There is a note at the beginning of the catalog explaining this. The Vue Focus has the large B and Busch Pressman on the door, the Kalart equipped one has nothing. While there's no way to know for sure I think the lens is original to the camera. When I got it, it looked like it had been used maybe a couple of times then put in the case and never touched again. The Vue Focus was frozen solid from sitting so long. There was a half used xx film pack with it that I managed to get one very fogged negative of someone's wedding out of, the clothing and hairstyles have a late 40s or early 50s look to them.

Any guesses as to the date of manufacture? Most of the manuals have been put on the web. In any case, if your camera doesn't have only some of the Konica manuals are online. This page and its images may not be used in eBay auctions strictly prohibited, violators will be reported. Please do not jeopardize Federal and International Copyright law as well as eBay terms of service. In a small town like ours was, there wasn't for better or for worse much "hard" news going on during the weekends. The best we could usually hope for was an antique car show or the county fair to serve up some interesting feature opportunities. And that left me under a great deal of stress each Saturday to come up with something to be worthy of the front page of the Sunday edition. For somebody like me who enjoyed the relatively laidback atmosphere of the darkroom, the pressure to find something worth shooting made me glad I didn't do that all the time. So just think how out of place I'd have been in a busy newsroom in a major city. And when you consider those stresses and pressures, equipment plays a big part. The 35mm systems just like today's digital were small, lightweight, and had plenty of accessories, lenses, and flashes to round them out. But before 35mm took over the world of newspaper photography, the daily shooter earned his keep with medium and large format equipment. What'd I tell you Google Images. Think of the stereotypical, fedora-wearing, cigar-chomping, press photographer of the old days, and all bets are that he has a Speed Graphic in his clutches. On the top is the eyepiece viewfinder. The Busch cameras set themselves apart from Graflex in several ways they were smaller; they were made of metal instead of wood; and they featured a revolving back so that the film could be shot in vertical or horizontal orientation without having to hold the camera any differently. This last feature is important for larger cameras since their weight can make handheld shooting difficult at best.

I was more into "collecting" old cameras than "using" back then, so the camera sat on a shelf for a few years. And like the "crack cocaine" of photography, I was hooked on large format from that moment on. The bellows was still quite pliable and there weren't any noticeable holes. I discovered the lens' shutter was stuck, but I was undeterred as I quickly found a working replacement lens on eBay. And after a month of complete tear down, cleaning, and reassembly I was ready to shoot. And, man, was that an eyeopener. I quickly developed a new admiration for all of those photojournalists who shot Pulitzer-winning shots on these cameras. Large format photography is a pain. But it's a pain that pays off. The shutter opens to allow light to pass through to the ground glass. The first two of these are aided by the built-in rangefinder for focusing. But my rangefinder was missing the extension tube that you have to look through. Ground glass focusing is more accurate, anyway, but the existing popout viewing hood still didn't give the best view of the upside-down and reversed image. I ended up removing the rear viewing hood easy to do and using a loupe to inspect the dim image. Focusing is done by rotating the knobs on the camera's baseboard. Now you have TWO photos. I'd be a basketcase. Using the Busch Pressman for leisurely shooting, however, is a great exercise in photographic discipline. The camera is built like a tank, and the craftsmanship is excellent. If you're interested in large format but don't have the cash to lay out for a modern field camera, the Pressman is a great and I believe superior alternative to the ubiquitous Graflex press cameras that you're likely to find on eBay and similar sites. Finder Ground glass, Eyepiece Finder, Sports Finder. Parallax correction. Mirror No Other points of note Revolving Back At this point of my foray into LF I was still experimenting with developing tanks and methods. This led to uneven development.

That has been mostly solved by using the MOD54 film holder and Paterson tanks. It enables processing of 6 sheets of film at a time. I think I have heard that the Rodenstock 90mm's will fit ok, too. I just picked one of these up and am enjoying learning about them. Small and tough. It is a thing of beauty. Does anyone know why they made this color combo Drip by drip I am learning more about this lovey camera. This one is in amazing condition for its age. The rangefinder needs work but that is it! I was trying to make it fit in an old camera bag, and all that extra stuff was too much. Besides, I knew the rangefinder was out of whack and would take work. I'll get back to that one day. Maybe. The case is painted a tan color, and the leather surrounding the case and the bellows leather are both an orangeish "saddle tan" like color not mod at all. I also located a matching tan Busch Pressman film holder to go with the kit. I have seen these versions referred to as a "safari" edition, which makes sense since I have seen at least one offered with what appeared to include what appeared to be a safari themed hard case covered in some sort of woven grass material. Busch and their cameras. I think I'll change my name to match the camera, I think it is really beautiful. Also small and solid. This one even has the instruction manual for the camera and the viewfinder. I've also read where manufacturers would do that to present to an employee for reaching a certain status within the company. At the very least you have a camera with provenance. A great find! Gotta admire you for that! Glad you enjoyed! I bought mine from a gentleman who decided to quit photography. Since then, I've purchased a Cambo SC, and another Super Graphic. The weather here in Michigan has been awfully cloudy. Just waiting to get some sunshine, and get mine out. Would you please tell us more about what lenses would fit. And what lens did you use to get those astonishing images. Greetings from Frankfurt!

Good to hear from another Busch user. Congrats on picking up a fine camera. You will love it, I'm sure. Yes, all these images were taken with that old Wollensak glass. I did eventually pick up a nice Schneider 150mm 5.6 to replace it. The Schneider fits perfectly with the stock lens board and allows for good movements on the camera. The only negative I really find with the Busch is that the small design and narrow bellows do restrict what lenses will mount. Lenses with a large rear element will be trouble. All this being said, I like the old Wollensak. At least the Schneider does for me. Notify me of new posts via email. To find out more, including how to control cookies, see here. I've used during the years. For a more in depth review of each object just click on the corresponding link, if present. Well assume you're ok with this, but you can opt out if you wish. Out of these cookies, the cookies that are categorized as necessary are stored on your browser as they are essential for the working of basic functionalities of the website. We also use thirdparty cookies that help us analyze and understand how you use this website. These cookies will be stored in your browser only with your consent. You also have the option to opt out of these cookies. But opting out of some of these cookies may have an effect on your browsing experience. Necessary Always Enabled Necessary cookies are absolutely essential for the website to function properly. This category only includes cookies that ensures basic functionalities and security features of the website. These cookies do not store any personal information. Nonnecessary Nonnecessary Any cookies that may not be particularly necessary for the website to function and is used specifically to collect user personal data via analytics, ads, other embedded contents are termed as nonnecessary cookies. It is mandatory to procure user consent prior to running these cookies on your website.

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