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## Graflex #2 - 4 X 5" Speed Graphic Press Camera

CA\$175 / week

Graflex 4x5" Speed Graphic Press Camera

Comes with Kodak 127mm f/4.7 Ektar Lens, Graflex Flash Unit and a variety of film holders and accessories.

The Speed Graphic was a press camera produced by Graflex in Rochester, New York. Although the first Speed Graphic cameras were produced in 1912, production of later versions continued until 1973 with the most significant improvements occurring in 1947 with the introduction of the Pacemaker Speed Graphic and Pacemaker Crown Graphic, which was one pound lighter and lacked the focal plane shutter.

Despite the common appellation of Speed Graphic, various Graphic models were produced between 1912 and 1973. The authentic Speed Graphic has a focal plane shutter that the Crown Graphic and Century Graphic models lack. The eponymous name "speed" came from the maximum speed of 1/1000 sec. that could be achieved with the focal plane shutter. The Speed Graphic was available in 2¼ x 3¼ inch, 3¼ x 4¼ inch, 5 x 7 inch and the most common format 4 x 5 inch. Because of the focal plane shutter, the Speed Graphic can also use lenses that do not have shutters.

The Speed Graphic was a slow camera. Setting the focal plane shutter speed required selecting both a slit width and a spring tension. Each exposure required the photographer to change the film holder, open the lens shutter, cock the focal plane shutter, remove the dark slide from the inserted film holder, focus the camera, and release the focal plane shutter.

#### Details

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