

New products

Nexus Wet Lenses

An interesting and inexpensive solution to getting closer are Nexus Wet Lenses. These simple close up lenses push fit onto the outside of your housing port. They don't interfere with autofocus or reduce the light passing through the lens as teleconverters do and aren't stuck to your lens like normal close up lenses when you really need infinity focus.

Equipped with a lanyard so you can easily carry them until needed, they are available in 90mm, 100mm and 110mm fittings for Nexus ports, Subal ports and some Sea and Sea ports.



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Inon Ring Flash

There's increasing interest in using ring flashes underwater, but up to now almost nothing has been available off the shelf. Those that are in private use have been built to order as one offs.

The attraction of ring flashes is the quality of light they produce, the lack of shadows and the ability to lose the strobe arms and work with a very compact point and shoot macro rig which makes many shy animals much more approachable.

Inons Quad Flash is an innovative new strobe that combines the build quality you expect from top end designers, while benefitting from lower manufacturing costs enabling the Quad to offer an outstanding specification at a surprisingly modest price.

The Quad uses four small flash tubes set at 90 degrees to assure even coverage. Naturally it is TTL compatible with Nikonos and most housed Nikon cameras. But the Quad also boasts important features for adding creativity to your shots including a choice of Full, Half and Quarter power for more subtle lighting than TTL which is often quite harsh. A nice feature is the built in rotating shade that allows you to mask off two of the flash tubes for adding shadows. There's also a clip on diffuser to



soften the light further or for reducing power by an extra stop - giving Quad users a total of four manual power settings. A built in focusing light lets you see your subject and is automatically turned on when you activate the camera.

The Quad mounts to ports approximately 90mm in diameter including 105mm ports for the Nexus and some Sea and Sea housings. It is threaded on the front to accept a dedicated wet lens that doubles the magnification of your camera lens. Even this bears the hallmark of Inons attention to detail - it's actually a doublet meaning it has two elements. Usually close up lenses use a single element. The

doublet yields higher image quality.

The Quad has a mounting point for use with normal flashgun arms allowing it to be swung in and out of place rather than mounted directly to the port or for use as a conventional strobe. It uses Sea and Sea Nikonos fit TTL cables. Power is from 4 AA batteries.

The Inon Quad Flash is one of the most exciting additions to underwater lighting in a very long time. Currently one is on test with top British photographer Charlie Hood and a full report is expected soon.

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