

Readers Lives

Dome reflections

Hi Peter, don't know if this is of interest to the readers?

Anyone using the Nikkor 10.5mm will probably experience some internal lens reflection from the dome port - not the actual lens. This



is due to the shiny surface of the lens body and the gold writing. A simple solution is to make a thin neoprene sleeve to fit over the lens see pic. I've lowered the contrast as black on black loses detail!

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Mustard slur

Peter, In these days where the advances in underwater photography are coming thick and fast I always look forward to reading what Alex Mustard is up to. What a truly wonderful photographer he is. Imagine my surprise, shock and disgust then when I saw what he wrote about you !!

"Obscuring the sun behind a large object like Peter Rowlands can help with over exposure" Shocking to have such a personal attack sneakily hidden in what was otherwise a fascinating article. My heart goes out to you.

On a personal note - have you tried the Atkins and colonic irrigation combo? - I'm told the pounds just fall off!

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I think you're forgetting that everything looks a third bigger underwater... Regards Ed



Condensation follow up

Great publication.

I had internal condensation with a Canon s-50 in the Canon housing, and gel alone did not solve it below 60 feet. The solution that has worked is to hit the open housing, with camera in it, with a hair dryer for about 20-30 seconds. I keep my fingers in front of the blower air to regulate temps, make sure the camera is on, and then close the housing and keep it closed. I also pre-stuff in a silica gel for measure, but have found it is not essential. This was the end of condensation problems, even when I have taken the housing to +110 feet. At these depths the housing will leak a tiny bit if the buttons are not pressed "straight on", but will remain condensation free. I use 1gig cards and higher capacity aftermarket batteries to allow 2 dives, but on several occasions have changed batteries and cards on the boat. I do this as quick as possible and no condensation problems have occurred. Those dives are not as deep, and the silica may help, having had a chance to work during the first dive(s).

As a minimum precaution

against condensation I always make sure I use a fresh, dry sachet of silica gel dessicant.

Again, great publication.

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