

Epoque ERX-C1010/ C-1010-X2 by Sim Chee Ghee

Introduced at the DEMA 2008 show, alongside a housing for Leica M8 (!), this compact housing ERX-C1010 is built for the Canon EOS 1000D/ Kiss F/ Rebel XS and the ERX-C1010-X2 for 450D/Kiss X2/Rebel XSi . Their housing for the new Canon EOS 500D/Kiss X3/ Rebel T1i will be released towards the end of May 2009, code named the ERX-X1010-X3.

The housing body retails at only ¥75,000 for the C-1010 and ¥80,000 for the C-1010- X2(Japan RRP without shipping & TAX), these housings are indeed very interesting for entry-level DSLR users, as well as compact camera upgraders, especially as both the Canon EOS 1000D and 450D are being offered everywhere at low prices!

Weighing at only 1930g on land, the housing is made of ABS resin and high intensity polycarbonate. Peculiarly designed, the semi circle top allows the camera flash to be raised, therefore enabling triggering of external strobes in slave mode. Coupled with a full diffuser, the



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camera flash can actually be used as it is underwater, with a limitation on the distance of course.

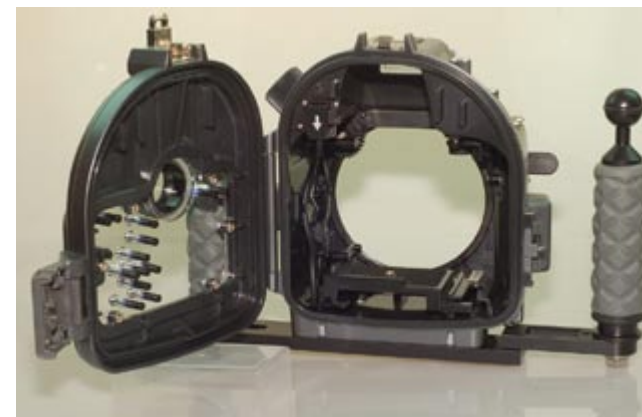
Fiber optic cables can be connected to the diffuser via Epoque's Fiber connector DS or industrial 3M velcro, which usually comes standard with OEM fiber optic cable set i.e. 10bar, Fantasea

The housing opens/closes with an oversized latch on the right side and a small latch on the top. The back cover is attached to the housing via a hinge on the left hand side. The camera screws on to an adapter plate, which slides and locks securely into the housing. A nice little touch is the docking groove for the hotshoe connector, which keeps it neatly in place should it not be needed.

Controls for almost all camera functions are available, including popping up the flash! A standard S6



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bulkhead is provided and a selection of optional accessories (listed below) are available. Interesting for this price category is the availability of the ERX pickup finder, to be used with Canon's Eyepiece Extender EP-EX15II. This allows a 100% frame viewing and a 1.5x magnification. The pickup finder can be installed without any tools.

A comprehensive manual in Japanese and English is provided, as well as a spare O-ring, silicon grease and a tool to open the small top latch.

Ports , zoom and focus gears are available for selected Canon lens:
Flat port M60: EFS 18-55mm f3.5-5.6 IS/ EFS 60mm f2.8 Macro USM
Flat-port M50: EF 50mm f2.5 Macro



Flat port M100: EF 100mm f2.8
Macro USM
Dome port 170: EF 20mm f2.8 USM/
EF 24mm f2.8/EF15mm f2.8 Fisheye
Dome port 200: EFS 10-22mm f3.5-
4.5 USM
Specs:
Model: ERX-C1010/ERX-C1010-X2
Depth rating : 45m
Applicable camera: Canon EOS
1000D, Canon EOS 450D
Material: ABS resin, high intensity
polycarbonate, Brass, NBR,
Silicon rubber, corrosion resistance
aluminium alloy
Dimension: H200 x W198 x D130mm
Weight: 1930g (land), -100g
(underwater)

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*Optional accessories:

- ER strap kit
- DX adapter kit
- ER Pickup Extender (needs Canon
EP-EXII)
- EUS- C430 (Housing for Canon
Speedlite 430EX/430EXII)
- Sync cord C (6pin)
- Sync cord N (5 pin)
- Fiber connector DS

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