

Patima Housing for Canon G10

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Patima housings are well known for their solid construction and well laid out control buttons. The housing for the Canon G10 is no different.

Made of CNC aluminium alloy and anodized in nice, sexy and shiny black, it comes with 2 ports and a new touch sensitive shutter lever works like silk underwater!

The housing weighs 1750 grams with the standard port and the dimensions without port are 185x 120x 80mm. Access to all controls are provided in a cleverly designed layout.

The basic port allows full zoom

and utilizes the full wide angle of the G10 at 28mm, this port can be easily confused with the other included port which Patima calls wide port. The latter is a short port with M67 thread, it allows one to attach external wet lens such as the Inon UWL-100 (hence the name “wide port”) or any M67 macro lenses. Full zoom is not possible with this port, the moment the camera’s lens touches the port glass, a “Lens Error” message will appear and one has to switch the camera OFF and back ON again to restore functionality.

Nevertheless the housing handles



extremely well underwater, the control buttons are well laid out and easy to use but the zoom toggle might be a bit small for users with big hands or gloves. The menu dial control is cleverly designed and located at the right side on the housing, so one almost never has to remove the right hand from the comfy neoprene hand strap.

The camera inserts into the housing via a baseplateplate which allows battery and memory card access without removing the plate, a nice touch! Standard locking latches are located on each side of the housing. The housing can be ordered

with a standard Nikonos bulkhead or Patima's TTL 6 pin (for Canon 580EX, 580EX II and Sunpak housing) .

The hotshoe connector inside the housing comes packed in a nice, cute little neoprene pouch. For fiber optic connection, an adapter is available right in front of the camera's flash, a simple screw in design. Fiber optic cable goes straight in without any adapter, tighten the screw and voila!

The port lock mechanism needs to be mentioned as well, just lift up the port lock knob on top of the port and turn the port anti-clockwise 45 degrees to unlock and vice versa to attach the port. Changing ports is almost effortless!

Housing specs:

Patima PDCH-G10 Housing

Materials: High- quality aluminum alloy, stainless steel, acetal, copper

Manufacturing: CNC machining out of aluminium ingot

Finishing: Black anodized after barrel, sanding

Port: UW removable wide conversion lens adaptable exclusive wide angle port (zoom

operation not possible)

Basic port (zoom operation possible)

Bulkhead: Patima type TTL 6 pin or Nikonos V

Depth rating: 120m

Size: 185 x 120 x 80mm (without port)

WeightL:1750g on land (including basic port)

Controls: Control Dial, Strap holder, Zoom lever, Accessory Show, Bulkhead, Sub-handle, Port x 2, Housing lock latch, Shortcut key , Exposure, Power , Shutter lever, Play, AE Lock, Setting, Menu, Display, Erase, Close-up, MF, Flash, Continuous Shooting, Strap

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