

SAGA 67mm Flip Lens Holder

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SAGA Diving Technology is a Spanish manufacturing company located in Barcelona. They produce a wide variety of underwater photography products from strobe arms and trays to the completely unique fiber optic ring flash which always draws stares and a “what is that thing” from the DEMA show crowd each year.

There are several product like the cell phone and I-Pad that until you have one you never realize how you were able to get along without it. The SAGA 67mm Flip Lens Holder is one of those types of products. I have been using 67mm threaded closeup lenses for many years now and I have always had them mounted onto a threaded caddy or stuck into a BCD pocket when not in use. Once I found a subject tiny enough to need magnification beyond the range of my 1:1 macro lens I would fumbled to attach the closeup lens to my threaded macro port often losing sight of my subject in the process. With the SAGA flip holder I acquire focus on a subject, flip the closeup lens into place and then reduce distance to regain focus all without taking my eye away from the viewfinder.

This greatly improves my ability to gain quick focus with the lens and is much less disruptive to the subject you are trying to photograph. The SAGA flip holder is a well crafted tool made from anodized aluminum with a total diameter of 85mm and a total length overall of 110mm when in the closed position. When a closeup lens is in use it is locked into place by a ball bearing and spring housed in the movable joint attaching the two halves of the lens holder. When the lens is flipped out of the way it locks again when opened 180 degrees. A 67mm mounting ring secures the lens holder to the threaded macro port. The lens holder can be secured in any position around the port. So it can flip to the top, sides, bottom or anywhere in between. Once you position the lens holder on the port two metal pins are used to tighten the mounting ring securely to the macro port. A counterclockwise turn will loosen

Hermit Crab, Panasonic 45mm Macro, ISO-200, F/20, 1/60th, SubSee +10 Closeup Lens





Jawfish, Panasonic 45mm Macro, ISO-200, F/16, 1/250th, SubSee +10 Closeup Lens



the mounting ring at the end of your dive so that the flip lens holder can be removed for proper cleaning in fresh water.

The single flip lens holder is available on the sagadive.com site for 150,00€ and in the US for around \$198.00. A dual flip lens holder for two powers of closeup lenses is 250,00€ and \$300.00 in the US.

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