

Ikelite Gamma II Flashlight

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Ikelite Underwater Systems is headquartered in Indianapolis Indiana USA and distributes worldwide through dive centers, water-sports and camera stores. With over fifty years in business Ikelite has earned a reputation for outstanding customer service with both new and aging equipment, offering upgrades and speedy service to their many loyal customers. With an ever expanding catalog of quality products Ikelite has recently introduced the Gamma II waterproof flashlight.

This small flashlight is beautiful in both functionality and design using cutting edge LED technology Ikelite has improved brightness by sixty percent. Ikelite's special light concentrating optical design produces a narrow ten degree beam angle of 350 lumen.

The Gamma II is precision-machined from aircraft grade aluminum with a military-grade anodized finish. The Gamma II has a non-slip contoured body which is 142 mm in length and only 36 mm in diameter (5.6 X 1.4 in). The flashlight weights in at a mere 113 g (4 oz) and is powered by two included CR 123 batteries which provide over ten

hours of burn time. The batteries are installed by removing the threaded tail piece which has two O-rings to provide an excellent seal. When installing the batteries the sealing surfaces should be clean and a small amount of the included O-ring grease should be applied.

Once assembled the Gamma II is depth rated to 120 m (400ft) and has a color temperature of 6500K. The on/off switch is recessed in the bottom of the tail piece to prevent accidental activation. As with all battery powered devices the batteries should be removed for travel. After each dive the Gamma II should be thoroughly rinsed in fresh water and dried. When storing, the batteries should be removed and stored in a cool place.

The Gamma II ships with an O-ring, wrist lanyard with slip locking device, a 2cc silicone lubricant tube and a set of two CR 123 batteries. The Gamma II is available in Black, Silver, Purple, Red and Pink with a US retail price of around \$130.00. A two pack of CR 123 replacement batteries can be found for US \$4.00.

How you decide to mount the Gamma II will depend on your personal needs. If you are using the



Gamma II as a flashlight the lanyard can be used to hang the light from your BCD or your wrist. Ikelite has several mounting kits for a verity of lighting configurations.

A top mounting kit can be used with a single ball mounting clamp on the top of the housing as a narrow beam focusing light and flashlight, the light can be integrated into just about any ball arm system using a triple clamp or single clamp.

Ikelite Flex arms can be used to mount the Gamma II on the Ikelite Steady Tray for GoPro making a single or duel light video lighting system with the M27 Diffuser for Gamma and more. Several of the Ikelite mounts have a reusable mounting system much like a Zip-Tie



to secure the light to a verity of strobe and video arms.

This is an excellent light for your boat, home or car and an excellent multi-purpose dive light. I like to keep one handy for a number of different uses. I like the narrow beam angle as a focus light for macro and as a secondary light while night diving. A single set of batteries will get you through most dive vacations but I always carry spares just in case.

Because the Gamma II is small and light weight it packs neatly into any piece of luggage or it could be carried in your pocket.

Contact your authorized Ikelite dealer for more information and pricing on this excellent flashlight. You can also checkout Ikelite's full line of flashlights and video lighting at Ikelite.com.

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