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**Cameras That the Flash Can Be Attached to** 

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## **⚠** Battery Warnings

**FL-20** 

### ⚠ BATTERIES MAY LEAK, GENERATE HEAT, IGNITE, OR EXPLODE.

- ODo not use batteries not specified for this product.
- O Do not try to recharge non-rechargeable batteries.
- ODo not throw batteries into fire, expose them to excessive heat, or short-circuit them.
- ODo not mix new and old batteries or different brands of
- ODo not place the batteries with the ⊕ or ⊖ terminals facing the wrong direction.

#### **MCHILDREN MAY SWALLOW BATTERIES.**

Neep batteries out of the reach of children. If a child swallows a battery, contact a doctor immediately.

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- O Do not point the flash at a driver or rider of a vehicle (bicycle, automobile, train, etc.) and fire the flash. This may cause a traffic accident. Turn off the flash or make sure the flash does not fire before shooting this kind of subject.
- O Do not fire the flash close to the eyes of a human or animal. Eyesight may be temporarily impaired.

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Tested To Comply With FCC Standards

FOR HOME OR OFFICE USE

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1) This device may not cause harmful interference.

(2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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This Class B digital apparatus meets all requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations.

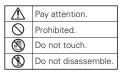
#### For customers in Europe

"CE" mark indicates that this product complies with the European requirements for safety, health, environment and customer protection. "CE" mark flashes are intended for sales in Europe.

In order to obtain optimum performance and a longer service life from your new flash unit, please read these instructions carefully. Always keep this leaflet in a readily accessible place for later reference. To prevent potential hazards that could cause injury or damage to property, always pay close attention to the important remarks indicated with the symbols and terms below.

**Safety Precautions** 

Narning	Ignoring this warning and using the unit incorrectly could result in death or serious injury.
<u>N</u> Caution	Ignoring this warning and using the unit incorrectly could result in serious injury.



## ⚠ Flash Warnings

- ⚠ If an internal component is exposed because the unit was dropped or otherwise damaged
- Never touch the exposed component.
- (2) Immediately remove the batteries, being careful not to expose yourself to electric shock, burn yourself, or otherwise injure yourself,
- ③Send the unit to your camera store or Olympus service center. The unit contains a high-voltage circuit that could cause electric shock, burn you, or otherwise injure you.
- Do not try to disassemble, repair, or modify the unit. The unit contains a high-voltage circuit that may cause electric shock, burn you, or otherwise injure you.
- 🛇 Do not activate the flash when your skin or other object is in contact with the flash reflector. Do not touch the flash reflector after the flash has fired repeatedly. You may burn yourself. O Do not use the unit near flammable gas or substances (such as gasoline, benzine, or thinner). This can cause
- ⚠ If the unit is dropped in water, or if water, metal particulate, a flammable foreign object gets into the unit:
- (1) Remove the batteries immediately.
- ② Send the unit to your camera store or Olympus service center. Using the unit in this condition may cause fire
- O Do not wet the unit or touch the unit with wet hands. This could cause electric shock.

## **Specifications**

## Guide number

Standard — GN20 (ISO100 • m). GN66 (ISO100 • ft).

With wide-angle converter — GN14 (ISO100 • m). GN46 (ISO100 • ft)

## Illumination angle

Standard — Covers the image angle of a 35 mm lens (assuming the use of 35 mm film)

With wide-angle converter — Covers the image angle of a 24 mm lens

#### Color temperature 5500°K

### Flash duration

Approx. 1/30000 to 1/1200 sec.: AUTO modes. Approx. 1/1200 sec.: MANUAL mode.

## Maximum number of flashes

Approx. 250 times (when using two AA alkaline batteries (LR6))

## Required charge time

Approx. 0.5 to 5.0 sec. (when using two AA alkaline batteries (LR6))

## Flash modes

**1)TTL AUTO. 2)AUTO. 3)MANUAL** 

## Power supply

AA alkaline batteries (LR6), lithium batteries (FR6), nickel-manganese batteries (ZR6D), NiMH batteries, NiCd batteries, x 2

## Dimensions & weight

W56 x H96 x D28 mm (2.2" x 1.1" x 3.8"), approx. 74 grams (2.6 oz) (excluding batteries)

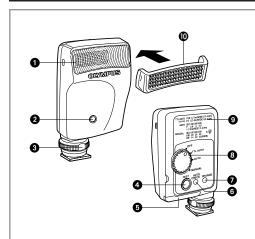
#### Accessories

Wide panel, soft case

 $\bullet$  The values above are typical at normal temperature (20°C / 68°F). (The maximum number of flashes and required charge time were measured at our in-house test conditions.) Actual values may vary depending on the batteries used and ambient temperatures.

Design and specifications are subject to change without any notice or obligation on the part of the manufacturer.

## Names of Parts/Attaching the Wide Panel



- (Front) 1 Flash tube
  - 2Photoelectric sensor window Shoe lock dial
- (Rear) 4TEST button Battery compartment cover
  - **6**AUTO CHECK lamp:
  - **OCHARGE** lamp
  - 8 Mode dial (Power/Mode switch)

Blinks when flashing light intensity is optimum.

- **@**Wide panel

The wide panel covers an angle equivalent to a 24 mm wide-angle lens assuming the use of a 35 mm film.

## Loading Batteries/Test Flashing





#### **Batteries**

Insert two "AA"-size alkaline batteries, lithium batteries, nickel-manganese batteries, NiMH batteries or NiCd batteries as shown in the

Note that "AA"-size manganese (zinc-carbon) batteries cannot be used.

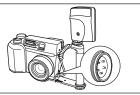
- 1 Set the Mode dial to AUTO.
- 2 When the CHARGE lamp lights up, press the TEST button and confirm flashing.

## Mounting the Flash on the Camera



hot shoe, mount the flash directly on the hot shoe.

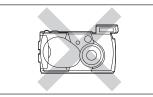
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If the camera is equipped with a 
If the camera is equipped with an You cannot use the FL-20 flash if external flash terminal, mount the flash using the flash bracket and bracket cable

ON

Charge completed



the camera is not equipped with a hot shoe or external flash terminal

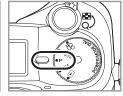
## Mounting the Flash on a Hot Shoe 1 Slide the flash all



- the way into the hot shoe. 2Turn the shoe
- lock dial to secure the flash in place

# TTL AUTO Operation < Flash must be connected to the camera through a hot shoe or 5-pin external flash terminal>





Set the FL-20's Mode dial to TTL AUTO and set the camera's MODE DIAL to P or AUTO .

In the TTL AUTO mode, the flash adjusts the light intensity automatically according to changes in the camera's aperture. (TTL AUTO mode operation requires that the camera's mode is set as shown in the above illustration.)

If the camera is not set correctly, the CHARGE lamp blinks

The AUTO CHECK lamp will blink when the flash illumination reaches optimum intensity. If the AUTO CHECK lamp does not blink, move closer to the subject or reduce the camera's aperture. The AUTO CHECK lamp does not blink on the following models (as of January, 2003): C-4000ZOOM, C-4040ZOOM, C-3000ZOOM, C-3040ZOOM, C-2040ZOOM

## Camera aperture numbers and applicable shooting ranges

ISO speed f-st	ор	1.4	2	2.8	4	5.6	8	11	16
100	m	2.0 – 14	1.4 – 10	1.0 – 7.1	1.0 – 5.0	1.0 – 3.5	1.0 – 2.5	1.0 – 1.8	1.0 – 1.3
100	ft	6.6 – 45.9	4.6 – 32.8	3.3 – 23.3	3.3 – 16.4	3.3 – 11.5	3.3 – 8.2	3.3 – 5.9	3.3 – 4.3
000	m	2.8 – 20	2.0 – 14	1.4 – 10	1.0 – 7.0	1.0 – 4.9	1.0 – 3.5	1.0 – 2.5	1.0 – 1.8
200	ft	9.2 – 65.6	6.6 – 45.9	4.6 – 32.8	3.3 – 23.0	3.3 – 16.1	3.3 – 11.5	3.3 – 8.2	3.3 – 5.9
400	m	4.0 – 28	2.8 – 20	2.0 – 14	1.4 – 10	1.0 – 7.1	1.0 – 5.0	1.0 – 3.5	1.0 – 2.5
400	ft	13.1 – 91.8	9.2 – 65.6	6.6 – 45.9	4.6 – 32.8	3.3 – 23.3	3.3 – 16.4	3.3 – 11.5	3.3 - 8.2
000	m	5.6 – 40	4.0 – 29	2.8 – 20	2.0 – 14	1.4 – 10	1.0 – 7.1	1.0 – 5.0	1.0 – 3.6
800	ft	18.4 – 131.1	13.1 – 95.1	9.2 – 65.6	6.6 – 45.9	4.6 – 32.8	3.3 – 23.3	3.3 –16.4	3.3 –11.8

When the wide panel is used, use the approx. 0.7X distances shownabove as reference The above distances may become shorter with some models

# **AUTO Operation**

lamp

**AUTO CHECK** 

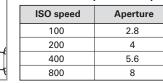


Set the FL-20's Mode dial to AUTO, set the camera's MODE DIAL to M and adjust the camera's aperture. The aperture setting varies depending on the ISO speed set to the camera (see table)

In the AUTO mode, the flash adjusts the light intensity automatically regardless of the distance to the subject

The AUTO CHECK lamp will blink when the flash illumination reaches optimum intensity. If the AUTO CHECK lamp does not blink, move closer to the subject.

## Camera's ISO speeds and apertures



OFF

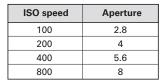
Blinking

1 to 7.1 m / 3.3 to 23.3 ft when the wide panel is used)

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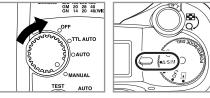
Effective flash distance (0.7 to 4.9 meters / 2.3 to 16.4 ft

The above distances may become shorter

## MANUAL Operation

(The camera is OFF, set to the wrong mode, etc.)

Communication errors



Indicator Lamps The following lamps indicate the flash status.

Regular blinking

Communication error

Low battery warning

Set the FL-20's Mode dial to MANUAL, set the camera's MODE DIAL to M and adjust the camera's ISO speed, aperture and shutter speed.

## Aperture calculation formula (ISO 100)

Aperture (F) = Guide Number (GN)/Range (in meters)

The flash emits light at the maximum intensity. The AUTO CHECK lamp does not blink in this

The CHARGE lamp blinks when the camera's LCD monitor is turned off on the following models

as of January, 2003): C-4000ZOOM, C-4040ZOOM, C-3000ZOOM, C-3040ZOOM, C-2040ZOON

## **Optimum shooting ranges**

When the FL-20 mode is: TTL AUTO: Error communicating with the camera

ISO speed 1-Stop		GN	1.4	2	2.8	4	5.6	8	11	16	ı
100	m	20	14	10	7.1	5.0	3.5	2.5	1.8	1.3	ı
100	ft		45.9	32.8	23.3	16.4	11.5	8.2	5.9	4.3	ı
000	m	28	20	14	10	7.0	4.9	3.5	2.5	1.8	ı
200	ft		65.6	46.0	32.8	23.0	16.1	11.5	8.2	5.9	ı
400	m	40	28	20	14	10	7.1	5.0	3.5	2.5	ı
400	ft	40	91.8	65.6	45.9	32.8	23.3	16.4	11.5	8.2	ı
000	m ft		40	29	20	14	10	7.1	5.0	3.6	ı
800		57	131.1	95.1	65.6	45.9	32.8	23.3	16.4	11.8	ı

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This limited warranty must be presented at an Olympus Service Center before any repair can be made under conditions of the warranty

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