

# Photographica Condition Classes

For the guidance of buyers, condition codes have been given in the Photographica section of this catalogue, with further descriptive comments added where appropriate; extra condition details and images for certain lots, usually the higher value ones, are available in the online catalogue on our website when the printed catalogue is published. The condition codes relate primarily to the camera body: specific defects may still not be noted – especially to parts such as light meters, rangefinders and the electronics on more modern cameras. Prospective buyers should always satisfy themselves as to the detailed condition of a lot and are referred to our conditions of sale at the end of the catalogue.

Our specialists are pleased to answer specific questions and can provide additional condition reports and images via [mail@specialauctionservices.com](mailto:mail@specialauctionservices.com) on request.

Lots marked (a lot) are sold as found – these can be large lots of varied condition or quality – and should be carefully inspected prior to the auction.

## Cosmetic Condition

E – Excellent – As new ex-factory condition camera, apparently unused, and lens body, where fitted

VG – Very Good – Minimal marks or wear to camera body, and to lens body, where fitted

G – Good – Light marks, wear or spotting to camera body, slight brassing to some edges possible, and to lens body, where fitted

F – Fair – Normal use and wear to camera, some brassing or abrasion likely, and to lens body, where fitted

P – Poor – Heavy use and wear to camera, some damage or missing part likely, and to lens body, where fitted

## Mechanical

Shutter function is indicated as working, not working, inaccurate, not functioning accurately at slower speeds or not tested in the case of cameras with electronic shutters that require batteries; as shutters are often fragile, continued function throughout the auction process cannot be guaranteed and prospective buyers should satisfy themselves of their function, either in person or via our condition reports.

## Lenses

E – Excellent – As new ex-factory condition, apparently unused and pristine

VG – Very Good – Minimal marking or wear, some external dust specks possible

G – Good – Light marks, wear or spotting, possible cleaning marks or slight imperfections to lens coatings

F – Fair – Normal use and wear, some cloudiness to exterior and internal elements possible, spotting likely

P – Poor – Heavy use and wear, including cloudiness, damage, damp damage, glue discolouration, fungal growth or element separation

Where lenses are lotted individually or in small groups, the cosmetic condition of the lens bodies and lens elements are described separately; in some cases, lenses on cameras are given a separate grading if their condition differs significantly from the body