

# Minolta Maxxum Series Cameras: *They've got the "X" Factor!*

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Minolta Cameras got their first commercially successful autofocus single lens reflex (SLR) line with Minolta Maxxum series. In 1985, the party started when Minolta showed up with Maxxum 7000! It was the world's first auto focusing 35mm SLR camera. And it forever changed the way we take pictures. For the first time, professional photographers found an Autofocus system that they could depend upon for professional quality result.

Of all the cameras in the Minolta Maxxum Series, the Maxxum 7000 is fondly remembered by many people for its ground breaking technology. It punched both Canon and Pentax to capture the pockets and hearts of many aspiring photographers. In fact Minolta was so well prepared that within a year of 7000s release, it introduced 2 more cameras from the Maxxum series.

The Minolta Maxxum Series cameras encompasses many years of technological research and advancement. From its amazing beginnings in 1985 up till now, it includes i-series, xi-series, si-series, and the latest single digit 9, 7, 5 Cameras. Today's Minolta Maxxum Series offers the best of focusing speed & accuracy and very user-friendly controls.

After Maxxum 7000, came the Minolta 5000, considered a "budget version" of the 7000, it was missing quite a few of the advanced options that its predecessor had to offer. Still it was considered one of the best cameras for starter and hobby photographers.

Another gem of the Minolta Maxxum Series cameras was the Maxxum 9000. It was considered way ahead of its time and with features like 6fps motor drive for film advance, an exchangeable digital back, and a full line of AF lenses and flashes, and it was!

Maxxum 9000 is modern day gem for 35mm camera lovers. Although, many new features have been introduced in modern cameras, Maxxum 9000 is still the weapon of choice for many photographers. Reason? Simple! Its heavy duty construction means that it won't go out without a serious fight! Many new cameras don't stand a chance when treated roughly.

Other worth mentioning cameras from the Maxxum series include the Minolta Dynax 800si. It also became a legend because of its high quality lens and extreme user loyalty. It was given the highest marks for its usability by many consumer organizations.

Maxxum 7 and 9 are newest noticeable additions to Minolta Maxxum Series cameras. The Minolta MAXXUM 9xi provides another success by being the world's first auto-focus SLR camera with a shutter speed of 1/12,000 sec.

Minolta Maxxum Series cameras promise every cool feature that a photographer can pray for. Get yourself one of these; and soon you will wish that all cameras were made this way.