

**~General Instructions and Tips for the installation of leather camera cover~
(Please observe international copyright laws as respects these instructions)**

You will need the following:

1. A safe work surface. This will not be dirty work such as replacing light seals or mirror dampers, but you should protect the surface beneath you, because you will be using solvent.
2. A suitable solvent. I prefer to use denatured alcohol to remove the old adhesive and glue. You can also use naphtha (lighter fluid), but this is my second choice. Please do not use acetone. It could dissolve or damage the paint on your camera.
3. an old rag (dishtowel, old underwear, something like that).

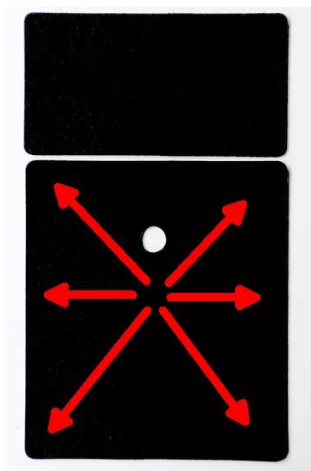
Please take your time and read the instructions completely before starting to replace your camera's covering.

~REMOVING THE OLD CAMERA COVERING~

You can use the point of a knife blade or a screwdriver to scrape the old covering from the camera.

Before you start with the removal you have to take the denatured alcohol and drip the whole old cover of the area you want to remove with about 10 to 15 drop and allocate it. The alcohol will relative fast evaporate so you have to repeat it at least 3 times. The background for this action is that the old leather can be removed much easier from the ground and it also can be possible to remove bigger parts.

You have always to start to remove the old cover at the middle of each area, so always from the inside to the outside.
(watch the example picture)



The reason for this is:

- 1) The aluminium underground is very thin and it really can happen that you will deform this aluminium if you start from the outside and this is what you have to avoid. If the SX-70 got a plastic underground it doesn't matter. If the aluminium is really deformed you will get a problem to bend it in the old correct position and then you only can solve this problem with a strong glue to get it back in the old position.
- 2) It is much easier to keep hold the cam in your hand.

Now place the old dishtowel on the table and place the cam on it. Take care that your hand which hold the cam is NOT in the direction of the force of your knife or screwdriver, if you glide off it can happen that your hand will jab with this tool and this is of course very very painful. SO PLEASE BE CAREFUL !!!!

The old cover get a very strong glue. Now start in the middle of the old cover and press the tool and penetrate it, very soon you will find out that cover break and you can only remove smaller parts and the material begins to crump.

When you are finish to remove the bigger parts then take the alcohol and drip the areas on which you find the smaller parts of the leather and comminute with the dishtowel, after that it is easy to scrape it with the knife.

A minimum of the pickings mentioned on the picture is absolutely ok. Tap with your finger and you feel that the old glue still got a strong adhesive strength, Polaroid make a good job.

THE UNDERGROUND HAVE TO LOOK LIKE THIS AFTER YOUR CLEANING:



~CLEANING OF THE CAMERA~

Now your camera is beautifully naked, and you may proceed with the cleaning. You can use the old cloth and alcohol, or you may also use an old toothbrush with alcohol or any other common household cleaning solution. The toothbrush is good because the bristles are stiff but not too stiff...you will not damage your camera with a toothbrush. Clean the entire camera, removing all of the old oils, dirt, dust, etc. Now is a good time to make it all nice again. (Sample pics of a Yashica FX-D)



~ATTACHING THE NEW LEATHER COVERING~

PLEASE NOTE: When installing a self-adhesive product, you should lick the adhesive side before installing it. Your saliva will allow you time to adjust the piece as needed...it will keep the adhesive from being too sticky. When your saliva has dried, then your piece will adhere to the camera as it should. It is important to never use any solvent on the self-adhesive side of your leather piece...only saliva. Solvent like alcohol or naphtha will destroy the self-adhesive quality of your leather piece, but your saliva will not harm the self-adhesive material at all.

When you are finished, use your thumbs to be sure the piece aligns well with all edges, and then set your camera aside for 1 day to become completely dry. Then press all pieces down firmly with your thumbs once again.

PLEASE NOTE: My instructions and tips for the installation of your camera leather covering have been carefully written to help you achieve a professional result. However, I can not be responsible for incorrect installation on your part or for any damage to your camera, your camera's lens, shutter, mirror, etc.

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