

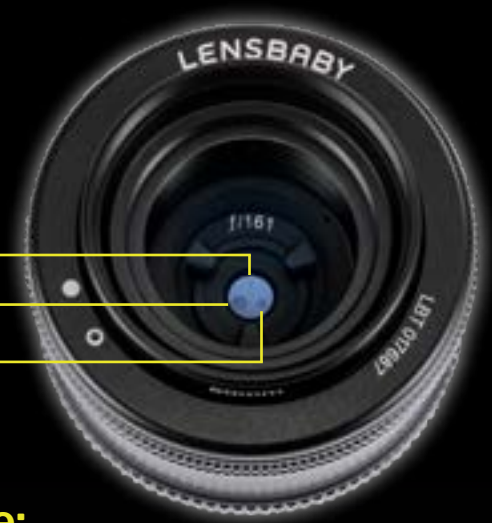
LENSBABY[®] OBSCURA

User Guide 2021

What is Obscura?

Lensbaby Obscura is inspired by the mechanism behind the very first photographs: pinhole photography, which allows light to enter from one direction with no focusing. So unlike other lenses, Obscura isn't technically a lens and does not have a focus ring, just three aperture settings, listed below.

Pinhole ○
Zone Plate ○
Pinhole Sieve ○



The Apertures:

Pinhole

Vast depth of field with full focus, yet a softer image without sharp detail.

Pinhole Sieve

Uses a field of pinholes with the largest at the center. Lets in more light from various holes, creating unique artifacts, flare, and glow. More fine detail than the simple pinhole setting.

Zone Plate

Lets the most light in with multiple circular rings surrounding a center hole. Produces a central area of detailed focus, which fades into blur towards the edge of the image.

How To Use:

On the Optic Swap Obscura optic look for the f/-- settings inside of the optic. **Reach inside the optic and rotate the mechanism with a finger to change your setting.**

- F/161 is the Pinhole setting.
- F/64 is the Pinhole Sieve setting.
- F/32 is the Zone Plate setting.

On the mirrorless Obscura, look for the f/-- settings on the front/inside of your Obscura. **Reach inside the front of your Obscura and rotate the mechanism with a finger to change your setting.**

- F/90 is the Pinhole setting.
- F/45 is the Pinhole Sieve setting.
- F/22 is the Zone Plate setting.

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