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You will find the reference to the update file at the end of the License Agreement**

RICOH IMAGING COMPANY, LTD. wishes to announce the release of  
Firmware Update Software Version 2.10 for PENTAX K-3 Mark III (**not K-3 Mark III  
Monochrome**)

\*Firmware in this document is the software that runs inside digital cameras.

Changes to V2.10 / 07.09. 23

## [Enhanced features]

- **Added a new custom image Special Edition [Gold].**

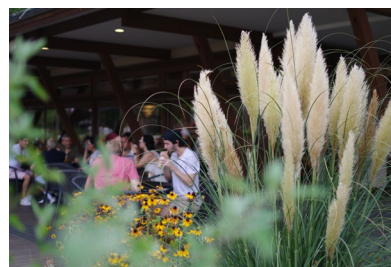
This firmware adds the new Gold Custom Image mode to your camera. With scenes accentuated by light, this mode is designed to create gold-tinted images by applying yellow-toned finishes to brighter areas while expressing darker, shadow areas with bluish tones. Yellow tones become more intense in highlighted areas.

Custom Image mode GOLD

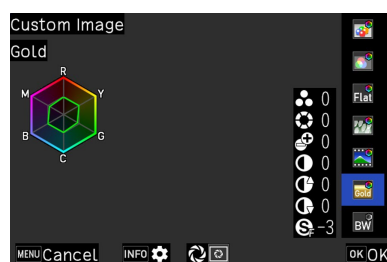


HD PENTAX-FA35mm/f2

Custom Image mode BRIGHT



Menu screen



- **Added a new Fx button “While Pressed” option**

Up to ten keys can be individualised as function keys (Fx).

The new function [While pressed] adds a new option. The action is only carried out when the key is held down. The new function [While pressed] adds a new option. The action is only carried out when the key is held down.

Programming is done under:

[MENU] - [C: Customisation] - [2: Set control] - [Fx key].

After the key assignment has been set, details of the following functions can be preset by pressing the INFO key in the [Fx key] menu:

**Functions that can be assigned to the While Pressed option:**

User AF	Preset Av	AA Filter Simulator
AE Lock	AE Metering	Shooting Info Display
Preset Sv	Flash Mode	
Preset Tv	HDR Capture	

**Control buttons that can be used with the While-Pressed option:**

Shake Reduction button	Playback button	White Balance button
RAW bytton	AE Lock button	Custom Image button
Operation lock button	Drive Mode button	
AE Metering button	Outdoor View Setting button	

**[Others]**

- Improved stability for general performance.

\* When this update is done, the contents of version 2.01 and earlier will be also updated.

\* When this update is done, you will not be able to restore back to version 2.01 or earlier.

## Firmware History

### Changes to V2.01 / 01.08. 23

#### [Others]

- Simplified fonts have been updated.

### Changes to V2.00 / 08.06.23

#### [Additional features]

- Added limited function [Grad ND Shooting].

**\*Important Note:**

A special activation key (release key) obtained from a website or other source is required to activate the limited functions.

The Grad ND Shooting activation key issuance is a service that will be launched first in Japan. the launch of this service outside of Japan has not yet been determined.

#### [Enhanced features]

- AF. C Setting (during viewfinder shooting)

AF point tracking in AF.C

Type 3 setting added to existing AF Point Tracking options

*Existing settings:*

*Type1*

*Uses both the AF and AE sensor information to track with AF points.*

*Type2*

*Uses only the AF sensor information to track with AF points.*

New setting

Type3

Uses only the AF sensor information to track with the selected AF points intensively.

Type 3 tracks the subject by prioritizing the selected AF points while taking other AF points into account, so the user can keep the subject in focus without moving away from the selected AF points.

- Added focus sensitivity setting item for AF.C.  
Focus sensitivity in AF.C mode (autofocus status on the subject moving in the direction of depth) can be selected from five settings.

When capturing the subject moving in the direction of depth, the user can choose one of five tracking levels: from Emphasize Trackability, designed to make minute adjustment of the lens position in relation to the shift in focus position, to Emphasize Stability, designed to drive the lens only when a considerable shift is detected in focus position.

#### 5: Emphasize Trackability

AF Tracking mechanism activated when the subject makes even a slight motion in the direction of depth

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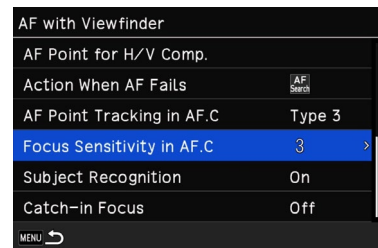
#### 3: Standard

Conventional AF tracking mechanism, set as default

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#### 1: Emphasize Stability

AF Tracking mechanism activated when the subject makes a large motion in the direction of depth



- Added USER mode setting [BOX] write/read function.  
Boxes let the user save up to 10 sets of frequently used settings. The settings saved in each box can be assigned to one of five User Mode positions. The latest function expansion provides a pair of new box functions: reading out (or saving) export the settings data stored on a box to an SD card; and uploading import the settings stored on an SD card to the K-3 Mark III camera body. In addition to settings saved in boxes, the user can also read out export the current camera settings to an SD card.

*Note: Saved data cannot be shared between the K-3 Mark III and K-3 Mark III Monochrome.*

### [Others]

- An increase in the number of images that can be captured during continuous shooting in Crop mod
- Improved stability for general performance.

## [Enhanced features]

- Added custom image Special Edition [HARUBENI].

### HARUBENI (Spring Rouge): the 4<sup>th</sup> special-edition Custom Image mode

This special-edition, season-specific Custom Image mode is designed to emphasize the pinkish colors of cherry blossoms — the hint of the arrival of spring — and the subdued blue colors of hazy spring skies.

This mode can be selected in combination with HD PENTAX-FA 77mm F1.8 Limited and HDPENTAX-DA 20-40mm F2.8-4 ED Limited lenses, both highly regarded for their soft, delicate image reproduction.

Custom Image mode HARUBENI



Custom Image mode BRIGHT



### ■ Menu screen

When a lens is mounted, the camera automatically checks for compatibility, then displays the HARUBENI-specific menu screen. (Menu screen: K-3 Mark III)



Compatible lenses:

HD PENTAX-FA 77mm F1.8 Limited  
HDPENTAX-DA 20-40mm F2.8-4 ED Limited le

## **[Others]**

- Corrected --- Some functions are not displayed in the control panel in movie mode in version 1.70.  
\*If you have customized the movie mode control panel in version 1.70, after updating to version 1.80, please reset the registered contents of control panel to initial state or re-customize it.
- Improved stability for general performance

### [Enhanced features]

- **Added custom image Special Edition [FUYUNO].**

By upgrading PENTAX K-3 Mark III (ver1.70), the following functions is added.

#### **FUYUNO (winter field): the 3<sup>rd</sup> special-edition Custom Image mode**

This special-edition, season-specific Custom Image mode is designed to emphasize colors depicting the chilly air of winter, and to deliver sharp, high-key images. This mode can be selected in combination with HD PENTAX-FA 31mmF2.8 Limited and HD PENTAX-DA 35mmF2.8 Macro Limited lenses, both highly regarded for their high-resolution image reproduction.

Custom Image mode FUYUNO

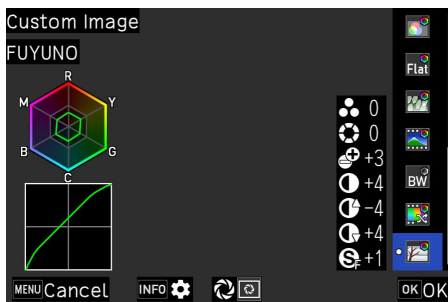


Custom Image mode BRIGHT



#### ■ Menu screen

When a lens is mounted, the camera automatically checks for compatibility, then displays the FUYUNO -specific menu screen. (Menu screen: K-3 Mark III)



Compatible lenses:

- HD PENTAX FA 31mmF1.8 Limited
- HD PENTAX-DA 35mmF2.8 Macro Limited

- **Added focus limiter function**

It can be used when attaching the HD PENTAX-D FA MACRO 100mmF2.8ED AW macro lens.

- **Added new function [AF Point for H/V Comp]**

In the standard setting, the AF measuring point or the measuring field returns to the centre position of the monitor or viewfinder after it has been moved by pressing the joystick.

With the new function, this "default setting" of the AF sensor can be determined individually. The position can be selected independently for viewfinder and monitor, as well as horizontally and vertically in this function.

- **[Select (XS)] has been added to the AF area**

Focusing when using the viewfinder can now be done even more precisely.

The active metering field now also gets the option on (XS) for the active AF field in addition to the (S) option.

- **Added [1.7x] to crop.**

A crop factor of 1.3x could be selected in the camera menu or on as a smart function. With the update, an additional 1.7x cropfactor is now available

#### **[Others]**

- Improved performance when panning in the diagonal direction in the [Panning] mode of [Shake Reduction].
- Improved stability for general performance



## [Enhanced features]

- **Added custom image Special Edition [KYUSHU].**

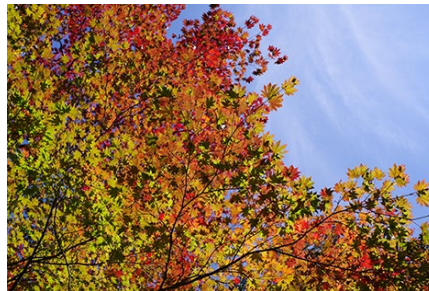
### **KYUSHU (nine autumns): a new special-edition Custom Image mode**

The second season-specific Custom Image mode is KYUSHU (nine autumns). This mode is designed to partner with Limited-series lenses that can capture the diverse scenes and subjects of autumn beautifully and effortlessly. It provides distinctive color renditions, with images that express the passing of autumn and the fleeting feeling of the season.

Custom Image mode KYUSHU

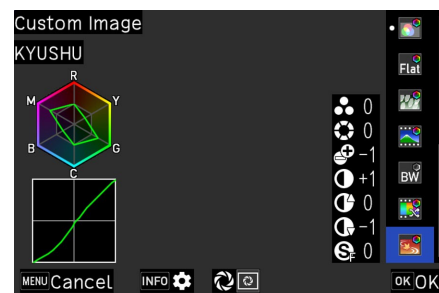


Custom Image mode BRIGHT



### ■ Menu screen

When a lens is mounted, the camera automatically checks for compatibility, then displays the KYUSHU -specific menu screen. (Menu screen: K-3 Mark III)



Compatible lenses:

- HD PENTAX-FA 43mmF1.9 Limited
- HD PENTAX-DA 21mmF3.2AL Limited
- HD PENTAX-DA 40mmF2.8 Limited
- HD PENTAX-DA 70mmF2.4 Limited

## [Others]

- Corrected --- When the mode dial is changed to [U1], [U2], [U3], [U4], or [U5], the name registered in the USER mode setting is now displayed on the rear LCD as a guide.
- Improved stability for general performance

### [Enhanced features]

- **Added [KATEN] to Custom Image.**

- KATEN (summer sky)

This special-edition, season-specific Custom Image mode is designed to emphasize the rich blues of summer skies and depict the fine details of dazzling white clouds.

This mode can be selected only in combination with:

HD PENTAX-D FA 21mmF2.4ED Limited DC WR  
HD PENTAX-DA 15mmF4ED AL Limited lenses.

Both lenses feature an ultra-wide angle of view and the latest HD (High Definition) coating, which effectively minimizes the generation of ghost images even with images captured under harsh summertime sunshine, or when the sun is in the image field. They have been selected as the best partners for the KATEN mode because they optimize the intended visual effects of the mode.

Custom Image mode KATEN

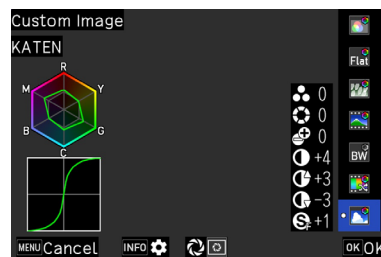


Custom Image mode BRIGHT



### ■ Menu screen

When a lens is mounted, the camera automatically checks for compatibility, then displays the KATEN-specific menu screen. (Menu screen: K-3 Mark III)



### [Others]

- Improved stability for general performance

### **[Enhanced features]**

- Added Astrotracer Type 3.

### **[Features]**

This camera can be used as an astrotracer without the O-GPS1. The camera enables astrotracing without

GPS, direction, or other data, so there is no need for GPS positioning or perform precision calibration.

In addition, astrotracing can operate in areas affected by magnetic fields.

Before starting, a preliminary shot is taken to track the object based on the movement of stars.

Note that it is recommended to use the O-GPS1 for star photography with a wide-angle lens.

### **[How to use]**

1. Set up the camera on a stable tripod.
2. Select Type 3 in Astrotracer in shooting setting 4.
3. Select B on the mode dial. The camera will be in timer exposure mode as bulb shooting is not possible
4. Carefully focus on the object.
5. Compose your shot and ensure the camera is fixed tightly to avoid any movement.
6. When using a telephoto lens, consider the time required for the preliminary shooting. Estimate 30 to 50 seconds to compose your shot.
7. Use a cable release or remote control to avoid camera movement.

### **[Memo]**

- In conjunction with interval shooting, it is possible to take multiple full exposures for a single test shot.
- The exposure time can be set up to 10 minutes. However, even with the exposure is set to 1 minute, it is sufficient to capture the stars as dots.

#### [Precautions]

Blurry pictures maybe the result of poor preliminary shooting. There are several factors which can influence the preliminary shooting, if ground scenery, clouds, etc. are included in the composition, the stars are not sufficiently bright due to light pollution, poor focus and if there is some camera movement can all contribute to blurry pictures.

#### [Compatible lenses]

- Fisheye lens is not supported.
- Zoom lenses can only be used at the wide or telephoto position.

The following lenses can be used irrespective of the zoom position.

HD PENTAX-DA 55-300mmF4.5-6.3ED PLM WR RE

HD PENTAX-DA★11-18mmF2.8ED DC AW

HD PENTAX-DA★16-50mmF2.8ED PLM AW

#### [Others]

- Improved stability for general performance.
- Improved AF accuracy and stability during viewfinder shooting.

## Changes to V1.31 / 07.12.21

### [Enhanced features]

- Added [SATOBI] to Custom Image.
- Added Tone curve display to Custom Image.

### New with Fw Version 1.31: Function Expand Information

By upgrading PENTAX K-3 Mark III (ver.1.31), the following functions are added.

#### 1. New Custom Image “SATOBI”

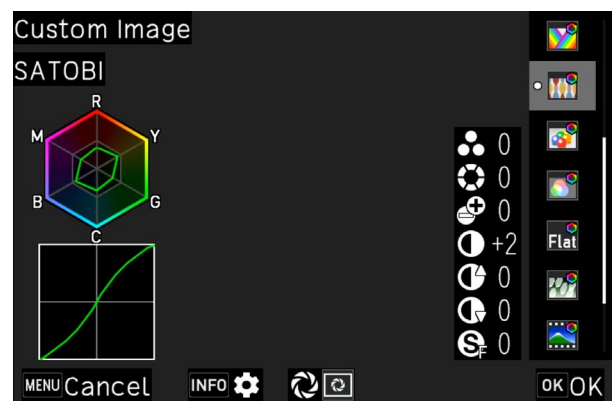
The Custom Image “SATOBI” has been newly added to the camera.

This Custom Image provides a finishing tone similar to color photos from the 60 and 70s with colors such as cyan blue, dull yellow, and faded red. The unique red expression is suitable for such as portrait photography.



#### 2. Tone curve display at each Custom Image parameter setting screen

A tone curve display has been added at the Custom Image parameter setting screen. Changing the value for the parameters “High/Low Key Adjustment”, “Contrast”, “Contrast (Highlight)”, and “Contrast (Shadow)” in detailed settings updates the tone curve based on the value set, which enables you to more intuitively adjust the parameters used to finish images.



### [Others]

- Improved stability for general performance.

## Changes to V1.21 / 26.10.21

- Improved stability for general performance.

## Changes to V1.20 / 28.09.21

### **[Enhanced features]**

- Corresponded to IMAGE Transmitter 2 (Version2.6.0)

### **[Others]**

- Improved the individual AF fine-adjustment settings to identify the attachment of the HD PENTAX-DA AF REAR CONVERTER 1.4X AW.
- Improved stability for general performance.

## Changes to V1.10 / 20.07.21

### [Enhanced features]

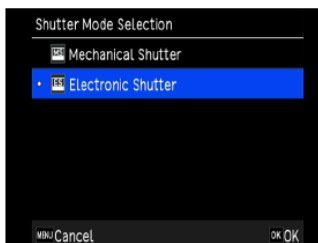
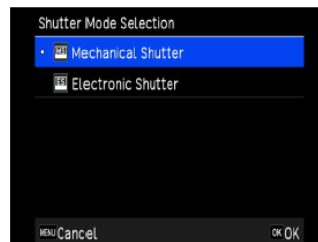
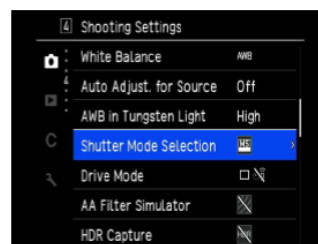
- [Electronic shutter] can be selected.  
When [Electronic Shutter] is selected, a high-speed shutter of fastest speed 1/16000 sec. is supported.

### New with Fw Version 1.10: Electronic Shutter

[Shutter Mode Selection] will be added to the shooting settings in the menu. You can select either:

[Mechanical Shutter] or  
[Electronic Shutter]

from the Shutter Modes Selection.



When electronic shutter is selected, as an additional function shutter speed linkage range is 1/16000 sec. to 30 sec.



\*This is the screen when exposure M (manual) mode is selected.

### [Others]

- Optimized focus operation for new lens HD PENTAX-DA\*16-50mmF2.8 ED PLM AW lens.
- Improved stability for general performance.

## Changes to V1.02 / 07.06.21

- Improved --- When using both SD card slot 1 and slot 2 at the same time, operation becomes unstable in rare cases when using some SD cards.
- Improved stability for general performance.

## Changes to V1.01 / 28.04.21

- Improved stability of performance when battery power is low condition.
- Corrected – In rare cases, images are not recorded correctly when shooting continuously in RAW format.
- Improved stability for general performance.



## Firmware Update Software for PENTAX K-3 Mark III

Name	PENTAX Firmware Update Software for PENTAX K-3 Mark III
Registered name	k3III_v210.zip (zip type 31,6636 Kbytes)
Updated firmware file	For Windows / Mac: ZIP File
Release Date	07.09.2023
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**Start Download**

## How to check the firmware version

- [1] Turn ON the camera.
- [2] Press MENU button to display MENU screen.
- [3] Press the four-way controller right to display [Set-up 6] menu screen.
- [4] Select [Firmware Info/Options] in the [Set-up 4] menu then press the four-way controller right.

The firmware version for camera is displayed on the [Firmware Info/Options] screen.

## Preparation of update

- Blank, formatted SD/SDHC card (32MB or more)
- USB cable 3.0 (micro B)  
If you are copying the firmware update file to the SD card by connecting the camera directly to your computer.
- SD card reader or a computer with a SD card slot.  
If you are copying the firmware update file to the SD card using a memory card reader / writer.
- Fully charged battery (D-LI90)  
\*Be sure to use fully charged battery (D-LI90)  
If the camera turns off during updating due to lack of battery power, the camera will become inoperable. If this happens, a charge will be made for repairs even if within the warranty period.

## Download the updated firmware file

For Windows/Macintosh : k3III\_v210.zip (zip type 31,663 Kbytes)

## Updating Procedure

1. Provide a formatted SD memory card for the update software.

The download file is self-extracting. The following file is extracted.

Fwdc233b.bin: This is the updated firmware.

Copy the above Firmware file [fwdc233b.bin] to the **root directory (not to a folder or sub-folder)** in the SD card.

If your computer does not have a card slot, you can copy the firmware update file by inserting the SD card into your camera and then connecting the camera directly to your computer.

2. Insert the D-LI90 battery into the camera and confirm the battery is full by battery level indicator then turn the camera off.
3. Insert the update SD card (prepared in step 1) into the camera (slot 1) and close card cover.
4. Turn the camera power on while pressing the MENU button.
5. "Updates the camera firmware" appears in the LCD monitor.

Ver: 1.00 / 1.01 / 1.02 / 1.10 / 1.20 / 1.21 / 1.31 / 1.41 / 1.50 /  
1.60 / 1.70 / 1.80 / 2.00 / 2.01 => 2.10 will be displayed.

6. Press the four-way controller to select "Start" and press the "OK" button.
7. "NOW LOADING" appears on the LCD monitor and updating starts.

Please do not under any circumstances switch off the power before the update is completed.

8. When update is completed, the "COMPLETE" will be displayed at the left bottom of the LCD monitor, then turn the camera off.
9. Remove the update SD card from the camera.

\*Confirm the version of firmware with above [How to check version].

### [Caution]

When updating is finished, the update SD card still contains the Firmware file.

If you want to use this card to take pictures, format the card by the camera to delete firmware file first.