

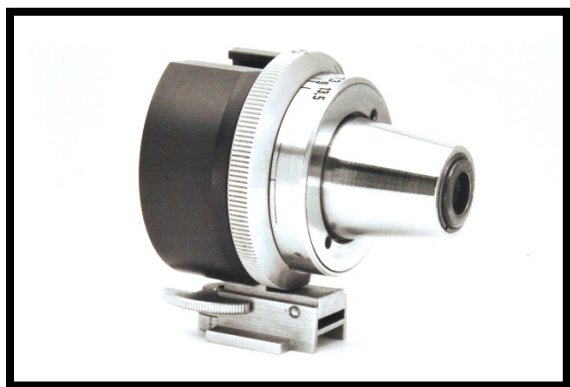
The Round VIOOH

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The Leitz universal viewfinder VIOOH is instantly recognized by Leica enthusiasts. Listed at least as early as 1939 the VIOOH was available well into the early 1960's

There is one version that remains a mystery. The round shaped VIOOH is rarely seen. It appears that it never reached production and that existing samples were constructed for evaluation.

I have documented units with and without the Leitz Wetzlar condenser trademark. To date, official mention of this variation has proved elusive. We can speculate the vintage as the late 1930's. Editor Rosauer and I welcome your comments.



#1 Round shape V100H. Nose appears unfinished



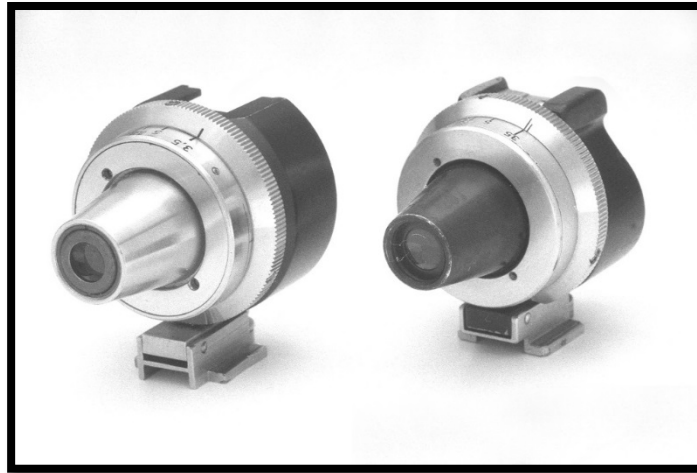
#2. Top View showing focal length settings



#3 Rear view showing parallax control. No condenser logo.



#4 Round and late V100H. Note condenser logos



#5 Round and pinched (lyre shaped) V100H. Note black nose