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LENCARTA SAFARI 600 RINGFLASH

Want the power of a studio light but don't want to be restricted to the studio? Then give this powerful ringflash a try

If you're looking to take the step up to a professional lighting system but don't like being restricted to the studio, this kit is definitely worth a look.

The Lencarta uses a series of clamps to bolt onto your camera's base plate. It's then adjusted with screws and clamps so that you can position the flash directly around the lens. The flash plugs straight

into your camera's flash sync socket, with power supplied by a portable battery back that's roughly the size (but not the weight) of a small car battery.

The Safari 600 works in much the same way as any other flash, with power controlled using a dial mounted on top of the battery pack (pictured left). The recharge rate is fast, with an average of two seconds between each shot. Even set to 1/4 power, the amount of light emitted is unbelievable, and setting to 1/1 gives you a guide number of 250, which is enough to evenly light a full wedding crowd. The light produced is amazingly powerful at each of the available power settings, and in situations when your subject is within 2m you do feel a further reduction in power beyond a 1/4 would be good.

As with all ringflashes, the light produced is far more flattering than that you would get from a standard lighting set-up, and the ability to shoot over 1,000 frames on one charge is a definite bonus. At £750, it's exceptional value for money and perfectly suited for studio, outdoor portraiture and weddings.

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The Lencarta Safari 600 is quite unlike any standard hotshoe ringflash