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Press Release: Cactus RQ250 Wireless Monolight



Cactus announces the RQ250, a palm-sized, bare-bulb wireless monolight that supports wireless TTL/HSS and gives you the best possible light in a compact body.

Hong Kong, February 26, 2018 — Photographers always want a high output portable flash with consistent light quality for location shooting. Cactus set out to create one of its own carrying the motto - if we do it, we will have to do it right. It has to be compact in size, outputs high quality of light, and versatile.

Today Cactus announces the RQ250 Wireless Monolight, a **lithium-ion battery-powered** wireless monolight with 250 Ws of power, which will be available THIS SUMMER.

Cactus TubeOne™

"We could not find any off-the-shelf flash tube that meets our requirements for power output and uniform distribution of light in a built-in light modifier, so we designed one from the ground up for the RQ250," said Henry Chan, head of Research and Development at Cactus.

What makes the RQ250 unique is its **special flash head design**. When paired with the **optical optimized reflector**, the TubeOne^{\mathbb{M}} flash tube is able to deliver power with maximum efficiency. Hot spots are kept to a minimum, producing a pleasing and very usable, consistent light straight out of the included reflector.

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Engineered for location shooting

When engineering the RQ250, Cactus always had location shooting in mind. Versatility is the key.

The detachable **built-in reflector** produces the best light possible with **minimum hot spots** even without an external light modifier. With the **frosted glass lens**, the RQ250 produces a beautiful and evenly spread of light. Remove the reflector and you will have a **bare-bulb flash** that excels in even light distribution when paired with soft boxes and studio umbrellas.

Despite its compact size, the RQ250 is **fan-cooled** which means it can be pushed without being stressed even on a hot, sunny day.

The perfect balance between size and power

Designed from the ground up, Cactus completed various design iterations and many rounds of testing to create the perfect balance between size and power.

Housed in its palm-sized body, the RQ250 is lithium-ion battery-powered, 250 Ws, and can fire 400 full-power flashes on a single charge. The extremely compact design comes with an on-axis LED modelling light, which also functions as an AF-assist.

Builds on cross-brand platform

Like Cactus's triggering system, RQ250 also builds on a **cross-brand platform** that works with **Canon, Fujifilm, Nikon, Olympus, Panasonic, Pentax, Sigma**, and **Sony** cameras. **Wireless TTL** and **HSS** are all supported.

Product highlights

- 1. 250 Ws produces more than 3 times the power of a typical GN60 portable flash
- 2. Special designed reflector with frosted lens produces a powerful yet consistent and beautiful spread of light
- 3. Bare-bulb ensures the best possible distribution of light in large modifiers
- 4. Uni-body design with detachable reflector means compact and easy storage
- 5. Lithium-ion battery powered
- 6. 400 full-power flashes on a single battery charge
- 7. Modelling light and AF-assist powered by on-axis LED modules
- 8. Fan-cooled protects flash in harsh shooting environments

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- 9. Wireless TTL, HSS and manual power control supported on Canon, Fujifilm, Nikon, Olympus, Panasonic, Pentax, Sigma and Sony camera systems*
- 10.Built-in wireless receiver works seamlessly with Cactus V6 II and V6 IIs for Sony

Price and Availability

Cactus RQ250 is currently scheduled to be available in ${\small SUMMER}\ 2018$ and price is to be advised.

About Cactus

Headquarter in Hong Kong, Cactus designs and engineers professional wireless photographic lighting equipment - wireless flash triggers, wireless portable flash, laser trigger, and other lighting and camera accessories in our Hong Kong studio. Cactus is a global brand with distributors and dealers throughout the world.

* Wireless TTL support for Canon and Nikon will be available Q2 2018.

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