

# A Remote Interest in Photography

A degree in physics is not the usual background for a photographer. Tony's interest in photography started in 1970 designing camera systems for the internal inspection of nuclear reactors, but there was always a strong hankering for the wilderness, and the artisan in him would never be satisfied with a career in physics.

So being a single minded individual, Tony founded Arctic Camera, combining and satisfying his every desire (including building specialist custom bicycles which he does in his spare time, but that's another story).

*"As you can imagine photography in extreme conditions such as those found in the arctic where temperatures reach minus 40 degrees (is that C or F - it doesn't matter, both are bloody cold) raises more than a few problems. I take my Bronica primarily because it combines all the practical features I need with what has proved to be unstinting reliability. Away from civilisation, unaided by modern transport for several weeks at a time you soon discover how much room film takes up, so it's important to be able to get 30 frames on a 220 roll. "*

*"Like the conditions, the available light is always extreme, strong and contrasty with little natural shade for the lens, the sun is always low in the sky and the texture in the ice and snow*

*is always very subtle. Bronica lenses are excellent, flare free, ideal for my work. In addition the leaf shutters have proved to be more reliable than focal plane shutters and it's always comforting to know that should a shutter stick you can always change the lens ! "*

*"Is that a battery pack in your thermals, or are you pleased to see me. An old joke but seriously, batteries do not last long at sub-zero temperatures so you have to wear them under your five layers of thermals. The remote battery pack is indispensable"*



*"Like any professional, cost is important, but I wouldn't compromise quality and reliability. My Bronica has never let me down, surviving constant abuse, skiing, dog sledding, snow-scootering, even travelling in the trailer behind my motor bike. Sometimes I think it's more durable than I am !"*

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