Metabones® EF-MFT mount T Speed Boosters, Popular Among Cinematographers, Receives Upgrades

Press Release

Vancouver, Canada, November 22, 2024 - Metabones launches <u>EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x II</u> and <u>EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster XL 0.64x II</u> today. These updated products inherit an exclusive feature set from the originals: phase-detection autofocus (PDAF) on supported cameras including Panasonic GH7, smooth iris with supported Canon, Sigma and Tamron lenses for aesthetically-pleasing iris/aperture transitions in movies, and optimized support for both in-body image stabilization (IBIS) and optical image stabilization (OIS). <u>EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x II</u> has the same optics as its predecessor, a 5-element/4-group optical design incorporating ultra-high index tantalum-based optical glass and specifically optimized for the MFT mount T sensor size and filter stack, for unsurpassed optical quality. MTF (modulation transfer function) is increased across the entire image – MFT mount Speed Booster ULTRA always enhances but never degrades the sharpness of the attached lens. It shortens (widens) the focal length of the attached lens by 0.71 times and increases brightness by 1 stop. Similarly, <u>EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster XL 0.64x II</u> shares its 6-element/4-group optical design with its predecessor. It shortens (widens) the focal length by 0.64x and increases brightness by 1-1/3 stops. Both are designed by Caldwell Photographic in the USA.

<u>EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x II</u> is redesigned, however, to fit on OM System cameras. Consequently, support for legacy cameras with passive/non-electronic MFT mount is dropped. If the camera's mount has no electrical contacts, it is no longer supported. For example, the original Blackmagic Cinema Camera 2.5k from 2012 and Digital Bolex D16 from 2013 are not supported. In addition, <u>EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x II</u> and <u>EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster XL 0.64x II</u> have a new feature added which lets the user configure EXIF data of a fully manual Canon EF mount lens which may subsequently be recalled by pushing a button on the Speed Booster. The following table summarizes the differences between various Metabones EF-MFT mount T Speed Boosters and Smart Adapters.

	EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster ULTRA	EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster XL	EF-MFT mount T Smart Adapter II	EF-MFT mount T CINE Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x	
	0.71x II	0.64x II	EF-MFT mount T CINE Smart Adapter	EF-MFT mount T CINE Speed Booster XL 0.64x EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster SUPER16 0.58x EF-BMPCC4K T CINE Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x EF-BMPCC4K T CINE Speed Booster XL 0.64x EF-BMPCC4K T Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x EF-BMPCC4K T Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x EF-BMPCC4K T Speed Booster (0.64x) EF-BMCC T Speed Booster (0.64x) EF-M43 mount T Smart Adapter (discontinued) EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x (replaced by II) EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster	
Support OM System cameras	√	×	✓	×	
Support cameras with passive (non-electronic) MFT mount	×	×	✓	✓	
Support Panasonic Tele-converters	×	×	√	×	
LED indicator	✓	✓	✓	×	
EXIF for manual lenses	1	1	3	×	
More powerful processor	√	✓	√	×	

Metabones wishes to assure existing patrons that there is no intention to terminate firmware support for the original versions at the time of writing. In addition, <u>EF-MFT mount T CINE Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x</u>, <u>EF-MFT mount T CINE Speed Booster XL 0.64x</u> and all Metabones products for Blackmagic will not be updated but will remain the same in the foreseeable future.

At the same time as the new products launch, Metabones publishes new firmware version 4.20 for EF-MFT. Existing patrons please download Metabones App from metabones.com and click on the SUPPORT/DOWNLOAD link to get the latest version.

For over a decade, Metabones EF-MFT mount Speed Boosters have been the de-facto standard for many types of video work, where a Panasonic GH series camera or a Blackmagic Pocket Cinema Camera and the venerably fast (bright) Sigma 18-35/1.8 DC HSM Art 013 have been standard pairing. Metabones not only fills in the missing link between the two (serving as an adapter) but the Speed Booster also brings full-frame performance to the table. Today's new hardware and new firmware are great news to new and existing customers alike.

Availability

The <u>Metabones EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x II</u> and <u>EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster XL 0.64x II</u> are available from Metabones' worldwide network of resellers as well as its web store for USD649 plus shipping and applicable duties and taxes.

Reduced Pricing for Selected Speed Boosters

The following Micro Four Third Speed Boosters are no longer manufactured. They are sold at clearance prices while supplies last.

Micro Four Thirds Speed Booster	Model	New Price	Original Price	Discount (%)
EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x	MB_SPEF-m43-BT4	\$499	\$649	-23%
(original version)				
EF-MFT mount T Speed Booster XL 0.64x	MB_SPEF-m43-BT3	\$499	\$649	-23%
(original version)				
EF-MFT mount T CINE Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x	MB_SPEF-m43-BT5	\$499	\$699	-29%
EF-MFT mount T CINE Speed Booster XL 0.64x	MB_SPEF-m43-BT6	\$499	\$699	-29%
FD-MFT mount Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x	MB_SPFD-m43-BM4	\$399	\$449	-11%
CY-MFT mount CINE Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x	MB_SPCY-m43-BM4	\$439	\$489	-10%
Leica R-MFT mount Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x	MB_SPLR-m43-BM3	\$399	\$449	-11%
MD-MFT mount Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x	MB_SPMD-m43-BM3	\$399	\$449	-11%
N/F-MFT mount Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x	MB_SPNFG-m43-BM3	\$429	\$479	-10%
N/F-MFT mount Speed Booster XL 0.64x	MB_SPNFG-m43-BM2	\$429	\$479	-10%
OM-MFT mount Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x	MB_SPOM-m43-BM3	\$399	\$449	-11%
PL-MFT mount T CINE Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x	MB_SPPL-M43-BT1	\$499	\$719	-31%

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Specifications:

Product name: Canon EF mount Lens to Micro Four-Thirds mount T Speed Booster ULTRA 0.71x II

Model Code: MB_EF-m43-BTC

Color: Black Satin exterior; Black Matte interior

Magnification: 0.71x

Camera Mount: Micro Four-Thirds (MFT) Mount

Lens Mounts: Canon EF

Tripod Mount: Removable; compatible with Arca-Swiss-style quick release **Dimensions:** W 72.3mm x H 76.0mm x D 24.8mm (incl. tripod mount)

Center to bottom of foot: 41.5mm **Weight:** 165 grams (188g incl. caps)

Retail Price: USD 649.00

Product Page: https://www.metabones.com/products/details/MB_SPEF-m43-BTC









Specifications:

Product name: Canon EF mount Lens to Micro Four-Thirds mount T Speed Booster XL 0.64x II

Model Code: MB_EF-m43-BTD

Color: Black Satin exterior; Black Matte interior

Magnification: 0.64x

Camera Mount: Micro Four-Thirds (MFT) Mount

Lens Mounts: Canon EF

Tripod Mount: Removable; compatible with Arca-Swiss-style quick release **Dimensions:** W 72.3mm x H 76.0mm x D 28.0mm (incl. tripod mount)

Center to bottom of foot: 41.5mm **Weight:** 163 grams (186g incl. caps)

Retail Price: USD 649.00

Product Page: https://www.metabones.com/products/details/MB_SPEF-m43-BTD











About Metabones

Metabones[®], together with its allied partners Caldwell Photographic and WB Design, is the pioneer and leader of two key technologies which have catalyzed the transition from mirror to mirrorless. Speed Booster[®] (winner of the 2013 TIPA Best Photo Accessory Award) makes lenses brighter, wider and sharper, and Smart Adapter[™] breaks the lens mount compatibility barrier by electronically integrating interchangeable single-lens reflex (SLR) lenses and mirrorless cameras. Metabones[®] offers a comprehensive range of adapters covering most popular lens mounts, as well as some rare and exotic ones. "Always at the forefront of innovation without ever setting aside practicality as a professional tool" perhaps best epitomizes Metabones' philosophy.