BG-N17
BATTERY GRIP

Designed for the Nikon D500 DSLR Camera
Thank you for choosing Vello.

The Vello BG-N17 is compatible with the Nikon D500 DSLR camera. The BG-N17 accepts one Nikon EN-EL15 rechargeable battery, in addition to the camera’s internal battery. Eight AA batteries (alkaline, Ni-MH, or lithium) can be used instead for added convenience. The BG-N17 is equipped with alternate shutter release, control lock, function, and AF-ON buttons, as well as a multi selector and main and sub-command dials, for shooting in a vertical position.

Please read through this entire manual before using the BG-N17 battery grip.
Precautions

1. The BG-N17 should be used only with the compatible devices specified in this manual.
2. Use only with batteries and battery holders recommended in this manual. The BG-N17 cannot be used with other batteries or battery holders.
3. When the BG-N17 is not attached to the camera, cover the power/signal contacts with the contact cap. This prevents electrical shorts caused by metal coming into contact with the power/signal contacts.
4. When the battery holder is removed from the grip, remove the batteries or place the holder in a container to prevent electrical shorts caused by contact with other metal objects.
5. The memory card access lamp may glow temporarily when the BG-N17 is mounted or removed from the camera. This is part of the normal operation.
6. If you notice smoke, noise, or an unusual smell from the battery pack, discontinue use immediately. Remove the batteries and contact Vello Customer Service.
7. The BG-N17 does not have a power switch. Instead, use the camera power switch to turn the power on or off.
8. The battery level may not display properly if batteries are inserted before mounting the grip.
9. Remove batteries from the grip when not in use.
10. In cold temperatures, batteries can discharge at a faster rate. Warming up a cold battery can recover some of its lost charge and help improve its performance.
11. Keep this device away from water or extreme humidity, and store it in a dry and cool place.
Overview
1. Sub-command Dial *
2. Tripod Socket
3. Shutter-Release Button *
4. Control Lock Switch
   To prevent accidental triggering, the control lock switch locks the shutter-release button, function button, AF-ON button, multi selector, and main and sub-command dials on the BG-N17. Unlock prior to use by switching to the ● position. The control lock is not a power switch.

5. Function Button
   Can be programmed in Custom Settings menu on your camera.

6. Contact Cap

7. Power/Signal Contacts
8. Mounting Screw
9. Camera Contact Cover Holder
10. AF-ON Button *
11. Main Command Dial *
12. Multi Selector *
13. Locking Wheel
14. Battery Holder
15. Battery Holder Latch
16. Battery Chamber

17. EN-EL15 Battery Holder
   Holder for Nikon EN-EL15 battery.
18. Power Terminals
   (EN-EL15 Battery Holder)

19. Push Button
   Ejects the battery in the EN-EL15 Battery Holder.

20. AC Power Supply Socket
   Nikon EP-5B Power Supply Connector port (connector not included).

21. AA Battery Holder
   Holds eight AA batteries.

* These controls perform the same functions as their on-camera equivalents and are affected by changes to the Custom Settings menu. See camera manual for details.
Attaching the Grip

1. Ensure that the power is turned off on the camera and that the Control Lock on the BG-N17 is in the L position before attaching the grip.

2. Remove the contact cap from the BG-N17 battery grip. When the BG-N17 is not attached to the camera, replace the contact cap to protect the contacts.

3. The contacts for the BG-N17 are on the bottom of the camera, where they are protected by a rubber contact cover. Remove the contact cover from the camera before mounting the grip.
4. To prevent loss, place the camera contact cover into the contact cover holder on the BG-N17.

5. Connect the BG-N17 grip to the camera while aligning the grip’s mounting screw with the camera’s tripod socket.

6. Rotate the attachment wheel in the direction shown by the arrow until the grip is secure.
Inserting Batteries

1. Ensure that the power is turned off on the camera and the Control Lock on the BG-N17 is in the L position.

2. Lift the battery holder latch so you can rotate it counterclockwise and pull the battery holder out of the grip. The EN-EL15 battery holder comes pre-installed.

3. Nikon EN-EL15 Battery: Align the indentations on the battery with the EN-EL15 holder. Then press the battery down and slide it in the direction of the arrow until the power terminals click into place.
**AA Batteries:** Place eight AA batteries of the same type in the AA battery holder as shown. Make sure the batteries are in the correct orientation.

4. Make sure the battery holder latch is rotated counterclockwise, and slide the battery holder all the way into the grip. Rotate the latch clockwise, and reposition it so it’s flush with the side of the grip. Turn on your camera, unlock the BG-N17 via its Control Lock switch, and check the battery level in the control panel or viewfinder.
The camera displays the following battery levels.

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AA Battery Settings
To ensure that the camera shows the correct battery level when AA batteries are used, choose the appropriate setting in the Setup menu (MB-D17 battery type).

Nikon Rechargeable Batteries
The camera can display information (including calibration information) for Nikon EN-EL15 batteries via the Battery Info option in the Setup Menu. For AA batteries, only battery levels are displayed.

Battery Order
Set the order in which the internal camera and BG-N17 batteries are used via the Setup menu (Battery order). When the camera is drawing power from the BG-N17, the battery gauge for the grip is displayed in the control panel (BP).

Note: The menu screens on this page are from the D500.
Removing the Batteries

1. **EN-EL15 Battery Holder**: While pressing and holding the PUSH button on the holder, slide the battery toward the button and lift up to remove.

2. **AA Battery Holder**: Remove the batteries one row at a time (as shown). Be sure that the batteries do not drop during this process.
Specifications

| Power Source | • One EN-EL15 rechargeable Li-ion battery or  
|             | • Eight LR6 Alkaline, HR6 NiMH or FR6 Lithium AA batteries or  
|             | • Nikon EP-5B Power Supply Connector |
| Operating Temperature | 32°F to 104°F (0°C to 40°C) |
| Dimensions (W × H × D) | 5.9 × 2 × 3.2 in. (15.1 × 5.3 × 8 cm) |
| Weight | 8.1 oz. (231 g) with EN-EL15 battery holder (excluding battery) |

Specifications and design are subject to change without notice.
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