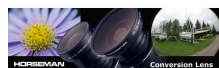


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[Horseman Rolls Out 7 Wide DSLR Conversion Lenses](#)

Conversion lens
Horseman

Nice to have

As of today, Horseman has seven conversion lenses in its offering, meant for DSLR use, so as to make up for lens one does not possess. Even though conversion lenses weren't developed from starters to be used on DSLRs and even though the quote in the press release quite annoyed me, I am actually really glad more conversion lenses are released with threads large enough [to be used on digital SLR](#) lenses.

"What makes the Horseman lenses unique is that they provide wide-angle and macro photography easily and comfortably, without changing lenses," said Richard Dischler, DSM president. "They are easily and quickly attached in front of the taking lens, much like attaching a filter. The lenses are also very portable and offer an affordable solution for the end user who is looking to extend the use-function of their DSLR."

Actually not, it's not that what makes the Horseman lenses unique, because they're not unique. What it could have said about its conversion lenses is the fact that they provide larger field of view to [those that barely upgraded to a DSLR](#) and still have the kit lens (which is not that wide, mind you).

Among those conversion lenses, I will mention the Horseman 0.6 Wide/Macro, which is a wide conversion lens that will take the focal length down by a 0.6x factor that, given the 18mm of the kit lens, will have an equivalent focal length of $18 \times 0.6 \times 1.6$ (crop factor, since having an FF35 camera will take conversion lenses out of discussion).

Another two converters that I find worthy of mentioning are the Horseman 0.45x and Horseman Superwide 0.25x that also take the focal length down by a crop factor of 0.45x, and 0.25 respectively. Mind you, the Horseman 0.25x has an intended vignetting so exaggerated that it will make for a circular image, close to the way a fisheye lens will output.

All of the mentioned conversion lenses can also provide for macro photography, by unscrewing the frontal element. Other models that I'll only enumerate are the Horseman 08x, 4.0x Macro meant for medical applications and the MiniDigi AF5.0. Street prices are expected to range between \$60 and \$120 depending on the model.

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