

*In 2016, Negative Solutions became the first to offer 110, APS, 8 mm, and Minox holders for certain Coolscan models that do not require modification to the user's slide adapter. The customer who helped confirm the efficacy of the new design (Thanks Birney!) was kind enough to explain the scanning process he used. Please note that this description involves a 110 holder. You may have to develop your own best practices for APS, 8 mm, or Minox films.*

If you insert the holder forward (i.e. with the entry end of the film hold-down strip facing out of the scanner), the third frame back from the end aligns perfectly in the scanner when the holder is fully seated (which is necessary for the scanner to work properly as it has some kind of sensing mechanism that prevents it from working if the holder is not all the way in). When the holder is reversed, the offset is different and the frame does not line up quite right. The technique I have been using is to place a film strip in the holder with the first frame aligned with the third frame aperture in the holder and then insert the holder into the scanner at which point I can scan the first frame of the film strip. I then remove the holder and slide the film forward with a fingernail or sharp tool to the next frame and then scan that one. The third frame can be scanned the same way. After that, the film has to be removed and reversed, which requires the image to be rotated upside down with the software. So far, all my strips have been 4 frames long, but the holder would work with strips up to six frames with the above procedure.