

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **TLS Angénieux 45–90mm T3.5 Cine Zoom**

*Full Frame Performance. The Soul of a Vintage Cine Zoom.*

TLS, today announces the release of the TLS Angénieux 45–90mm T3.5 Cine Zoom. This latest development reflects TLS's continued commitment to evolving vintage lenses for modern cinematography, combining contemporary mechanical precision with one of the most revered optical designs in cinema history.

#### **The Original Lens**

Originally introduced in 1969 **the Angénieux 45–90mm f/2.8** was the first zoom lens designed for the **Leicaflex SLR**. Developed by the Paris-based optical innovator renowned for retrofocus design, the lens quickly gained recognition for its robust construction and expressive image character.

Featuring **15 elements in 12 groups** within an all-metal barrel, the lens combined durability with versatility. A two-touch zoom and focus design and a close-focus distance of approximately **1 metre** made it practical for a wide range of shooting styles, while remaining compact for its class.

#### **Timeless Character, Cinematic Depth**

At the heart of this lens is its unmistakable visual language. The **45–90mm focal range** transitions seamlessly from natural mid-shots to intimate portrait framing, making it a versatile storytelling tool. Wide open, the lens delivers a soft, painterly rendering with gentle fall-off and subtle halation that flatters skin tones and enhances atmosphere. Stopped down, it sharpens with improved control while preserving its signature warmth and organic feel.

#### **The Signature Angénieux Look**

What defines the lens is the celebrated **"Angénieux look"**—delicate contrast, smooth focus roll-off, and pleasing colour reproduction. Highlights bloom gracefully, bokeh remains soft and rounded, and images retain a natural sense of depth that feels cinematic rather than clinical. This balance of technical performance and expressive character has made the 45–90mm a long-standing favourite among cinematographers seeking emotion and texture in their imagery.

#### **Rehoused for Modern Production**

Rehoused by TLS to meet contemporary production standards, the lens delivers **full-frame coverage** while preserving the original optical character in its entirety. A **parfocal zoom design** ensures consistent focus throughout the zoom range, with **no visible focus shift** and **minimal focus breathing for natural focus transitions**.

A newly engineered **precision cam-driven focus system** provides smooth, accurate, and repeatable control, bringing modern reliability to a classic optic. Retaining a **95mm front diameter**, the lens remains compact and **mattebox-friendly**, integrating effortlessly into today's camera rigs without compromising balance or usability.

#### **A Lens with Legacy—and a Future**

"This release represents more than a rehousing, it's a continuation of our philosophy," said Stephen Lowe, *TLS Director of Operations*. "We are committed to preserving the artistry of vintage optics while providing the reliability and precision demanded by modern productions."

The **TLS Angénieux 45–90mm T3.5 Cine Zoom** represents an ongoing commitment to pushing vintage cine zooms forward for modern filmmaking. It is a lens that honours its heritage while embracing contemporary production demands, a true cinematographer's tool, rich in history, character, and creative possibility.

#### **Specifications:**

- **Mount:** PL
- **T -Stop:** 3.5
- **Min. Object Distance typ.:** 3'4"
- **Front Diameter:** 95mm
- **Total length:** 139mm
- **Weight:** 1.6kg

#### **Key Features:**

- Full-frame coverage *with rich, vintage zoom character*
- Parfocal zoom *with no visible focus shift*
- Minimal focus breathing *for natural focus transitions*
- Original beauty and character *of the lens carefully retained*
- Precision cam-driven focus system *for smooth, repeatable control*
- Natural, cinematic flare *that enriches visual storytelling*
- 95mm front diameter *for a compact, mattebox-friendly form*
- Lightweight design *for improved handling and on-set flexibility*

#### **Availability**

The TLS Angénieux 45–90mm T3.5 is available to purchase now - <https://www.truelens.co.uk/lenses-for-sale/tls-angenieux-45-90mm> . For those who already own the original lens, a complete rehousing service is also available. For further information, please visit <https://www.truelens.co.uk/angenieux-45-90mm> or email: [sales@truelens.co.uk](mailto:sales@truelens.co.uk)

#### **About TLS**

TLS specialise in the manufacture, rehousing, servicing, testing and repairing of professional lenses for the broadcast, film and television industries. Their range of services include updating vintage lenses to work with modern equipment, preventative maintenance and the repair of damaged and worn lenses. TLS also produce their own professional lenses such as their Vega range, capable of covering large sensor digital camera formats. Based in Leicestershire, UK, TLS's innovative techniques and technologies enhance visual storytelling. With a focus on creativity and collaboration, TLS has established itself as a trusted partner for filmmakers and content creators.

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