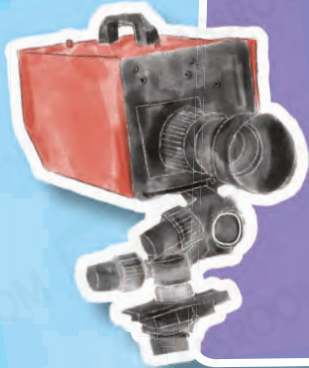


Fun Bits 4

Keeping Time at the Olympic Games

Since 1932, Omega has been the official timekeeper of the Olympic Games. Let's learn more about how Omega has constantly made improvements in its timekeeping innovations.

Scan'O'Vision Camera



In 1992, the Scan'O'Vision camera was first used to take photo-finish images of athletes. The system can digitally measure times to the nearest thousandth of a second. It can also take up to 2,000 shots per second and provide high quality images at the finishing line. It can be connected to external devices such as scoreboards so that the results can be shown immediately as each athlete crosses the finishing line.

Electronic Starting Pistol

Before the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, traditional pistols were used to initiate the start of races. Athletes who stood closer to the pistol would hear the pistol sound earlier, and might have an advantage over athletes who were further away. In 2010, Omega introduced the electronic starting pistol that allowed each athlete to hear the starting signal at the same time.



A Match the sentences to the timekeeping devices. Write the correct letters on the lines.

A. Scan'O'Vision Cameras

B. Electronic Starting Pistols

C. Starting Blocks

1. They can detect false starts in races. _____

2. They can be linked to other devices. _____

3. They take photos at the finishing line. _____

4. They are built with loudspeakers. _____

5. They work together to start races. _____

