

READ YOUR CAMERA MANUAL: When you understand what controls are available and how they work, you will be able to pick the best settings and improve your picture-taking ability. Changing your camera's settings can make a big difference in your pictures.

Preparation:

- Installing and removing batteries
- Inserting and removing memory card
- Charging batteries

Taking Pictures

- On/Off power
- Shooting modes
- Shutter button (lightly, halfway to focus and fully, all the way to shoot)

Viewing Images

- Playback button

Erasing

- Erase button

Downloading

- Installing software (computer)
- USB port (computer)
- Digital Terminal (camera)

Basic Operations

- Menus and Settings
- LCD

Common Shooting Functions

- Zoom
- Flash
- Close-ups (Macro)
- Specific Scenes (Icons, Auto, P, Tv, Av, M)

Care and Cleaning

- If properly cared for, a digital camera is quite a tough instrument. Check it periodically and only clean it when absolutely necessary as there is always the possibility that camera or lens might be damaged during cleaning.
- The only tools you will need are a lint free cloth, a sable artist's brush and a rubber squeeze bulb. Never use aggressive cleaning agents as they might damage the plastic parts on your camera.
- Most of your cleaning should be on the camera's exterior. Use the cloth to clean the camera's body and the brush to flick off dust on the outer lens element. The rubber squeeze bulb can be used to clean the memory or battery compartments. Fingerprints should be removed immediately by gently rubbing with a lint free cloth.
- Take special care when cleaning the lens as the coating on the front element is easily damaged. Special cleaning agents are available for lenses, but if you keep them covered when not in use you won't ever need them.
- Do not expose your camera to high temperatures and always protect it from water, especially salt water, dust and sand.
- Use wrist or neck strap to prevent you from accidentally dropping. Do NOT swing, twirl, or whirl the camera. Treat your camera gently.