

Digital Camera Equipment & Usage

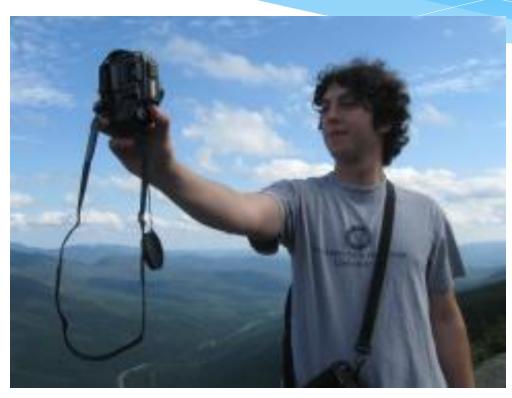
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- * Film Speed (ISO)



Michael LoVerme on Photography



* http://michaelloverme.com/category/videos/



Types of Digital Cameras

- * Point and Shoot (Compact)
- * DSLR (Digital Single Lens Reflex)
 - * Compact
 - * Medium
 - * Large
- * Phone & Tablet Cameras



Point-And-Shoot vs. DSLR

- * Point-And-Shoot Compact
 - * Smaller, Lighter, Cheaper
 - * Similar megapixel sensor sizes available
 - * But pixels are not the same as those in DSLRs
 - * Very small sensor = very small pixels
 - If it has a viewfinder, it does NOT view through the main lens
 - Some are waterproof
 - * Fixed lens included, usually with electronic zoom
 - * Optical Zoom vs. Digital Zoom
 - * All images compressed (Not RAW)
 - Can take very good pictures

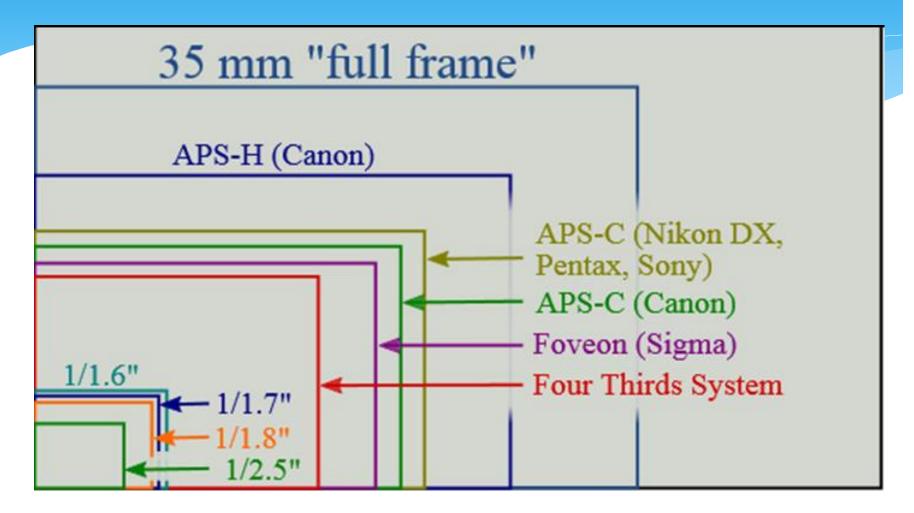


DSLR (Digital Single Lens Reflex)

- * Various sizes Compact, Medium, Large
- * Large price range \$500 to \$7,000+
- * Larger sensors Higher quality pictures
 - * APS-C or Full-Frame
- * Removable lenses
 - * Higher quality & versatility
- * Allows use of lens filters
 - * Lens protection, polarizing, colors, special effects
- * You see what the sensor sees
- * External Flash option



Sensor Size Comparison





Camera Comparison



Canon PowerShot SX700 HS



Nikon D800



Nikon D5200



Nikon D4s



Camera Comparison

Camera	Canon PowerShot SX700 HS	Nikon D5200	Nikon D800	Nikon D4s
Price	\$295 (Amazon.com)	\$697 w/ 18-55mm lens \$597 body only (Amazon.com)	\$2,797 body only (Amazon.com)	\$6,497 body only (Amazon.com)
Date Introduced	Feb 12, 2014	Nov 6, 2012	Feb 7, 2012	Feb 25, 2014
Body type	Compact	Compact SLR	Mid-size SLR	Large SLR
Effective pixels	16 megapixels	24 megapixels	36 megapixels	16 megapixels
Sensor photo	17 megapixels	25 megapixels	37 megapixels	17 megapixels
detectors				
Sensor Size	1/2.3" (6.17 x 4.55 mm)			Full frame (35.9 x 24 mm)
Sensor type	BSI-CMOS	CMOS	CMOS	CMOS
Processor	Digic 6	Expeed 3	Expeed 3	Expeed 4
Uncompressed	No	RAW	RAW	RAW, TIFF
format				
Number of focus	9	39	51	51
points				
Lens mount		Nikon F	Nikon F	Nikon F
Articulated LCD	Fixed	Fully articulated		Fixed
Screen size	3"	3"	3.2"	3.2"
Continuous drive	8.5 fps	3 fps	4 fps	11 fps
Remote control	No	Yes (Optional ML-L3 or WR-R10)	Yes (Optional, wired or wireless)	·
Environmentally sealed	No	No	Yes (Water and dust resistant)	Yes (Water and dust resistant)
Weight	269 g (0.59 lb / 9.49 oz)	555 g (1.22 lb / 19.58oz)	1000 g (2.20 lb / 35.27oz)	1350g (2.98 1b / 47.62 oz.)
Dimensions	113 x 66 x 35 mm (4.45 x 2.6 x 1.38")	129 x 98 x 78 mm (5.08 x 3.86 x 3.07")	146 x 123 x 82 mm(5.75 x 4.84 x 3.23")	160 x 157 x 91 mm(6.3 x 6.18 x 3.58")

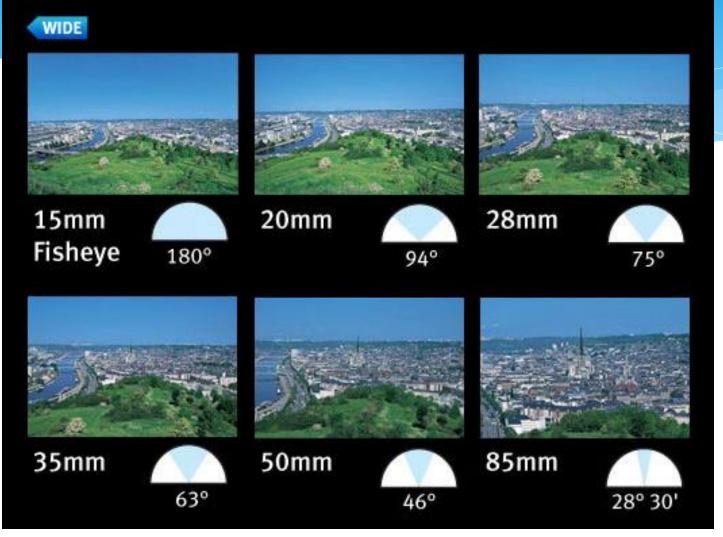


Removable Lenses

- * Types of Removable Lenses
 - * Wide angle < 50mm
 - * Normal 50mm 60mm
 - * Telephoto > 60mm
 - * Zoom
 - Macro (close-ups)
- * Lenses are matched to Sensor size
 - * APS-C Lenses will fit on Full Frame cameras but you won't be happy with the quality of the picture



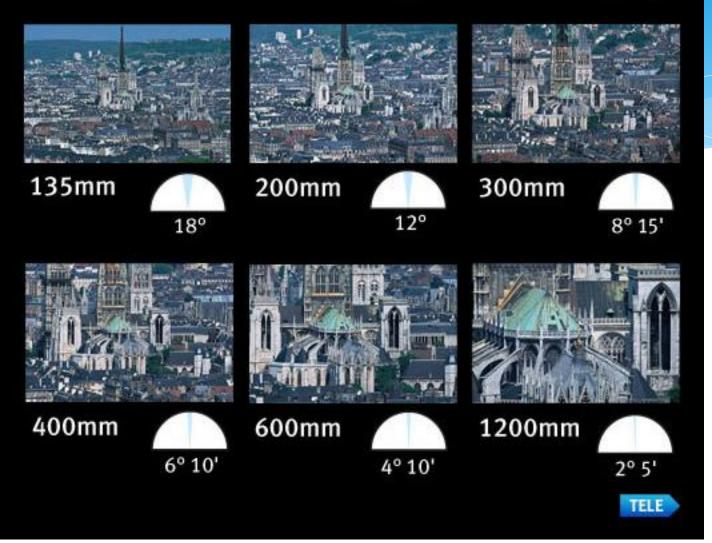
Lens Focal Length Comparison





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Handy DSLR Options

- * Lens filters
 - * Tip: Always keep a UV filter on your lens to protect it from scratching and to keep it clean
 - * Polarization cuts reflective glare
 - Colors for special effects
- * Remote Control
- * Camera Case
- * Tripod matched to size/weight of your camera
- * Monopod
- * Camera control software via USB



Mechanics of Aperture

- * Also known as F-stop or Focal Ratio
- * Analogous to the eye's pupil
- * It is the size of the hole in the lens
 - * Big hole lots of light
 - * Little hole very little light
- * Common F-Stops:
 - * 2, 2.8, 4, 5.6, 8, 11, 16
 - * Tip: Generally, the lower the F Number available, the better the lens. Buy the best lens you can afford.



Creativity of Aperture

- * Why have a variable aperture?
- Depth-of-Field
 - * Amount of objects at varying distances that are in focus
 - * Increases with higher F-Stops
- * At F2 just your subject will be in focus
- * At F16 just about everything will be in focus



Creativity of Aperture



Aperture: F/5.6 Shutter: ½ Sec

ISO: 2000





Aperture: F/36 Shutter: 5 Sec ISO: 2000

Fixing your Aperture

- * Use "Aperture-Priority" Mode
- * You select the Aperture
- * Camera selects the shutter speed
- * You or camera selects the ISO



Mechanics of Shutter Speed

- * How long the shutter remains open
- * Usually expressed as a fraction:
 - * 1/30, 1/60, 1/125, 1/250, 1/500, 1/1000
- * Shutter speeds slower than 1/30 usually require support Tripod or Monopod



Creativity of Shutter Speed

- * Very slow shutter speeds allow blurring of moving objects
 - * Waterfalls
 - Automobile headlights and tail lights
 - * Movement of the stars
- * Very fast shutter speeds freeze fast moving objects
 - * Baseball batter swinging
 - * Water Fountain



Creativity of Shutter Speed



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Automobile headlights and tail lights



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Film Speed - ISO

(Formerly known as ASA)

- * Film's or Sensor's sensitivity to light
- * Higher ISO requires less light
- * Use High ISO to avoid using a flash
- Very high ISOs introduce noise (grain)
- Example ISO settings
 - * Film: 25, 64, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1000
 - * Digital: Auto, 100 6400+



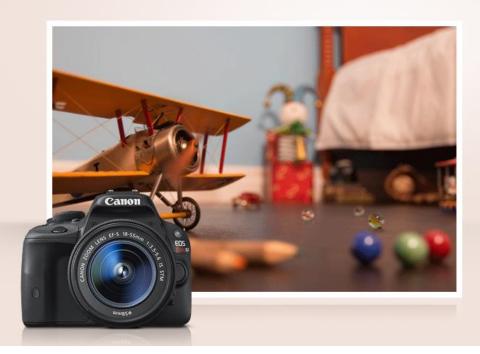
Summary Demonstration



Take Creative Control of your photos

A Canon DSLR in Auto mode produces amazing photos, but real creative control comes when you step outside of Auto.

Learn the basic elements of Exposure and how simple adjustments create beautiful photo effects.





See how Exposure settings can change a photo



PLAY

Adjust camera settings, take the shot and get feedback



CHALLENGE

Test yourself against the clock.

http://www.canonoutsideofauto.ca/



Questions?

