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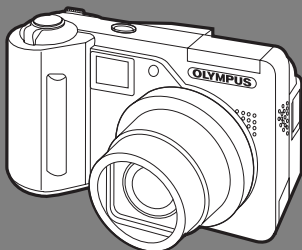
CAMEDIA
DIGITAL CAMERA

C-5500 ZOOM

C-55 ZOOM

Shoot and Play!

Basic Manual



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For customers in North and South America

For customers in USA

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Model Number : C-5500 ZOOM/C-55 ZOOM

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However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Adjust or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the distance between the camera and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult your dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help. Only the OLYMPUS-supplied USB cable should be used to connect the camera to USB enabled personal computers (PC).

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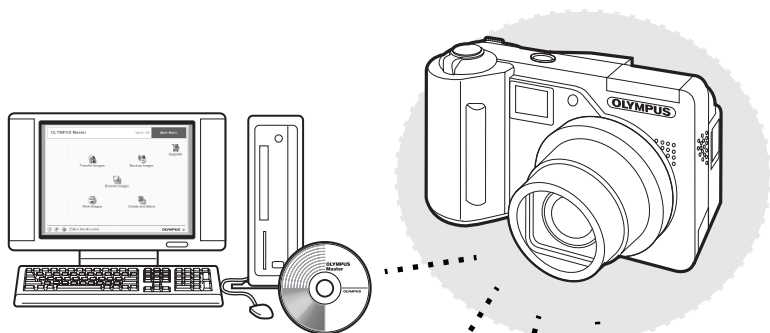


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How to use the camera

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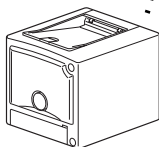


Using a computer...

Using the OLYMPUS Master software on your computer lets you enjoy editing, viewing, and printing the pictures downloaded from your camera.

Using a card...

Pictures taken with this camera are stored on an xD-Picture Card. By storing the relevant print reservation data with the images on the card, you can print pictures at a print shop or on a PictBridge-compatible printer.



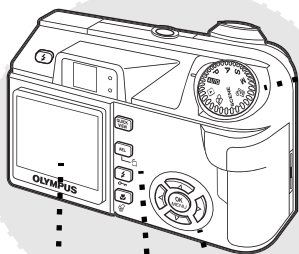
Using a printer...

With a PictBridge-compatible printer, you can print pictures directly from your camera.



Using a TV...

You can use a TV to view pictures or playback movies from your camera.



Using the mode dial...

Use the mode dial to select a shooting or playback mode. **SCENE** lets you select the optimum settings for the shooting conditions from 10 different situations.



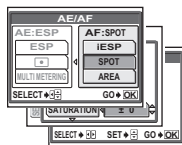
Using the arrow pad and button...

The arrow pad and  button are for selecting and setting menu options as well as viewing pictures frame by frame.



Using the direct buttons...

Direct buttons let you perform functions such as erasing or protecting pictures or setting the flash mode, making camera operation easy.



Using the menus...

Shooting and playback-related functions are set from the menus displayed on the monitor.

Safety Precautions



CAUTION
RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK
DO NOT OPEN



CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED OLYMPUS SERVICE PERSONNEL.



Lightning flash with an arrowhead, enclosed in a triangle, alerts you to the presence of uninsulated voltage points inside the product which could cause a serious electrical shock.



An exclamation mark enclosed in a triangle alerts you to important operating and maintenance instructions in the documentation provided with the product.

WARNING!

TO AVOID THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRICAL SHOCK, NEVER EXPOSE THIS PRODUCT TO WATER OR OPERATE IN A HIGH HUMIDITY ENVIRONMENT.

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General Precautions

Read All Instructions — Before you use the product, read all operating instructions.

Save These Instructions — Save all safety and operating instructions for future reference.

Heed Warnings — Read carefully and follow all warning labels on the product and those described in the instructions.

Follow Instructions — Follow all instructions provided with this product.

Cleaning — Always unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Use only a damp cloth for cleaning. Never use any type of liquid or aerosol cleaner, or any type of organic solvent to clean this product.

Attachments — For your safety, and to avoid damaging the product, use only accessories recommended by Olympus.

Water and Moisture — Never use this product around water (near a bathtub, kitchen sink, laundry tub, wet basement, swimming pool or in the rain). For precautions on products with weatherproof designs, read the weatherproofing sections of their manuals.

Location — To avoid damage to the product and prevent personal injury, never place this product on an unstable stand, tripod, bracket, table or cart. Mount only on a stable tripod, stand, or bracket. Follow the instructions that describe how to safely mount the product, and use only the mounting devices recommended by the manufacturer.

Power Sources — Connect this product only to the power source described on the product label. If you are not sure about the type of power supply in your home, consult your local power company. Refer to your operating instructions for information on using the product with a battery.

Grounding, Polarization — If this product can be used with a specified AC adapter, the adapter may be equipped with a polarized alternating current line plug (a plug with one blade wider than the other). This safety feature allows the plug to fit into the power outlet only one way. If you cannot insert the plug into the wall outlet, pull it out, reverse it, and then reinsert it. If the plug still fails to fit, contact an electrician and have the receptacle replaced.

Protecting the Power Cord — The power supply cord should be placed so it will not be walked on. Never put a heavy object on the power cord or wrap it around the leg of a table or chair. Keep the area around the power cord connection points, at the power outlet, and at the product connection, free of all AC adapter or accessory power cords.

Lightning — If a lightning storm occurs while using a specified AC adapter, remove it from the wall outlet immediately. To avoid damage from unexpected power surges, always unplug the AC adapter from the power outlet and disconnect it from the camera when the camera is not in use.

Overloading — Never overload wall outlets, extension cords, power strips, or other power connection points with too many plugs.

Foreign Objects, Liquid Spillage — To avoid personal injury caused by fire or electrical shock from contact with internal high voltage points, never insert a metal object into the product. Avoid using the product where there is a danger of spillage.

Heat — Never use or store this product near any heat source such as a radiator, heat register, stove, or any type of equipment or appliance that generates heat, including stereo amplifiers.

Servicing — Refer all servicing to qualified personnel. Attempting to remove the covers or disassemble the product, could expose you to dangerous high voltage points.

Damage Requiring Service — If you notice any of the conditions described below while using a specified AC adapter, unplug it from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel:

- a) Liquid has been spilled onto the product or some other object has fallen into the product.
- b) The product has been exposed to water.
- c) The product does not operate normally despite following operating instructions. Adjust only the controls described in the operating instructions as improper adjustment of other controls could damage the product and require extensive repair work by a qualified technician.
- d) The product has been dropped or damaged in any way.
- e) The product exhibits a distinct change in performance.

Replacement Parts — When replacement parts are required, make sure that the service center uses only parts with the same characteristics as the originals, as recommended by the manufacturer. Unauthorized substitution of parts could result in fire, electrical shock, or create other hazards.

Safety Check — Upon completion of servicing or repairs, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to determine that the product is in good working order.

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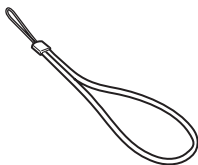
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UNPACKING THE BOX CONTENTS

If you find any contents missing or damaged, contact the place of purchase.



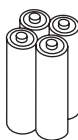
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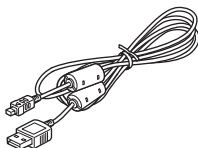
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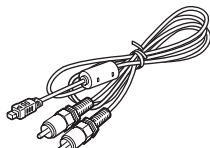
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AA (R6) alkaline batteries
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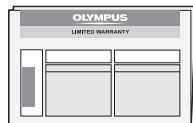
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AV Cable



OLYMPUS Master CD-ROM



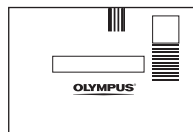
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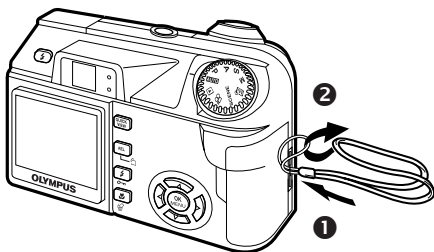


Registration Card

Contents vary depending on the area where you purchased this camera.

Attaching the strap

1 Attach the strap as shown.



- Pull the strap tight so that it does not come loose.



Note

- Be careful with the strap when you carry the camera, as it can easily catch on stray objects, causing injury or damage.
- Attach the strap correctly as shown above so that the camera does not fall off. If the strap is attached incorrectly and the camera falls off, Olympus is not responsible for any damages.

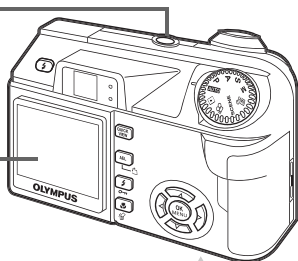
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INSERTING THE BATTERIES

1 Make sure the camera is off.


- The lens is retracted.

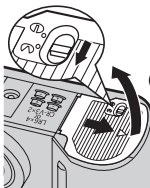
- The monitor is off.



Battery compartment cover

2 Open the battery compartment cover.

- 1 Slide the battery compartment cover lock to the  position.

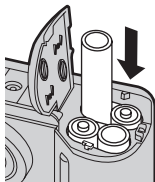


- 3 Lift up the cover.

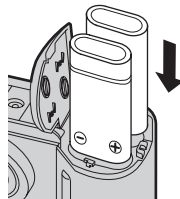
- 2 Slide the cover outwards.

3 Insert the batteries.

AA (R6) alkaline batteries



Lithium battery packs

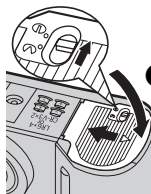


- Make sure the batteries are inserted correctly as shown in the diagram above.
- There are diagrams inside the battery compartment and on the bottom of the camera that indicates which way the batteries should be inserted.

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4 Close the battery compartment cover.

- ③ Slide the cover lock to the ⊖ position.



- ① Close the battery compartment cover.

- ② Slide the cover inwards.

- Hold the batteries in with the battery compartment cover while sliding.

The battery

In addition to the batteries provided with the camera, the following types of battery can be used. Choose the power source best suited to the situation.

● AA (R6) alkaline batteries

When you need batteries in a hurry, you can use AA (R6) alkaline batteries, which are easy to obtain anywhere. However, the number of pictures that you can take may vary considerably depending on the battery manufacturer, shooting conditions, etc.

This camera uses four AA (R6) alkaline batteries.

● NiMH batteries (rechargeable batteries)

Olympus NiMH batteries are rechargeable and economical. However, repeatedly charging the batteries before using up their capacity will shorten the life of the batteries per charge gradually. When you use rechargeable batteries, charge the batteries with the battery charger specified by Olympus before use. For more details, refer to the instruction manual attached to the charger.

This camera uses four NiMH batteries.

● Lithium battery pack (CR-V3)

The Olympus CR-V3 lithium battery pack has a long service life allowing you to use the camera longer than with alkaline batteries. However, it cannot be recharged. Do not remove the label on the battery pack.

This camera uses two lithium battery packs.



Important

Manganese (zinc-carbon) batteries cannot be used.



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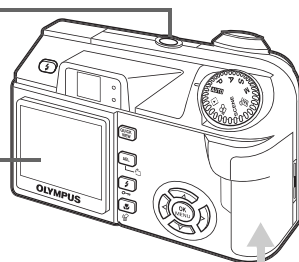
- The amount of power consumed by the camera varies considerably depending on shooting conditions, etc.
- Power is consumed continuously during the conditions described below. This discourages the power from lasting longer.
 - When the monitor is on.
 - When the monitor is in playback mode for an extended period of time.
 - Repeated zoom adjustments.
 - Repeated auto focus by depressing the shutter button halfway.
 - When fulltime AF is on.
 - When connected to a computer or printer.
- The life-span of the batteries differ greatly according to the type and brand of battery you use, as well as the shooting conditions.
- If you use exhausted batteries or alkaline batteries, the camera may turn off without displaying the battery level warning.

INSERTING THE MEMORY CARD

1 Make sure the camera is off.

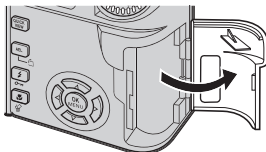
- The lens is retracted.

- The monitor is off.



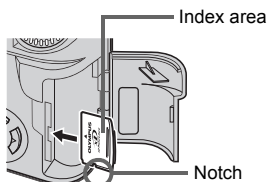
Card cover

2 Open the card cover.



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3 Insert the card.

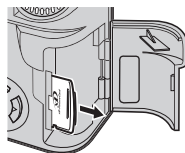
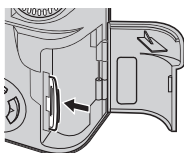


- Make sure that the card is oriented correctly and insert while keeping it straight, otherwise the contacts on the card may be damaged or the card may get stuck.

To remove the card

Push the card all the way in and release slowly.

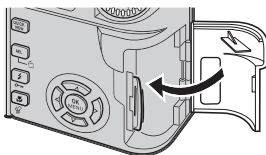
Grasp and remove.



Note

- The card may not record properly if it is not inserted all the way in.
- Releasing your finger quickly after pushing the card all the way in may cause it to eject forcefully out of the slot.

4 Close the card cover.



The card

This camera uses an xD-Picture Card (16 – 512MB).

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Index area

You can use this space to write the contents of the card.



Contacts

The part where the data transferred from the camera enters the card.

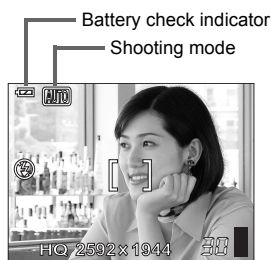
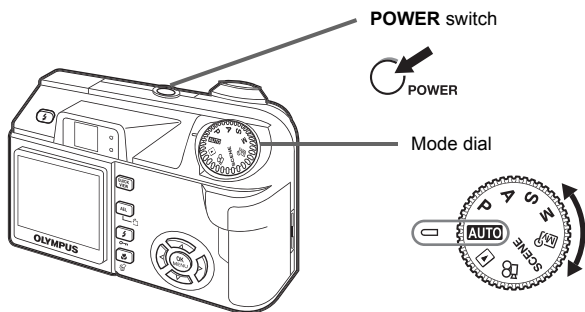


Note

- This camera may not recognize a non-OLYMPUS card or a card that was formatted on another device (such as a computer, etc.). Before use, be sure to format the card on this camera.
- Do not press on the card with hard or pointed items such as ballpoint pens.
- Never open the battery compartment cover or the card cover, or remove the card or the battery while the camera is turned on. Doing so could destroy the data stored on the card. Once destroyed, data cannot be restored.
- Do not place a sticker or label on the card as this could prevent the card from being ejected.

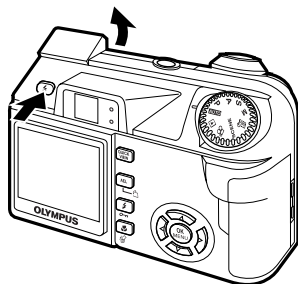
TURNING THE CAMERA ON

- 1 Set the mode dial to **AUTO** and press the **POWER** switch.



- The lens extends and the monitor turns on.

- 2 Press the flash button.



- The flash pops up.

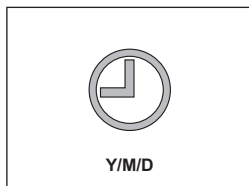
**Note**

- To save battery power, the camera automatically enters the sleep mode and stops operating after about 3 minutes of non-operation. The camera activates again as soon as you operate the shutter button or zoom lever.
- 4 hours after the camera enters sleep mode, the camera retracts the lens and turns off automatically. Turn the camera on to use.
- If the camera is continuously used for a long period of time, the internal temperature of the camera may rise. In such cases, the power may automatically turn off. Please wait before using again.

When you first turn on the camera

Setting the date and time

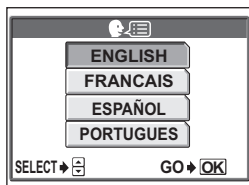
The first time you use the camera, “Y/M/D” is displayed prompting you to set the date and time. See “Setting the date and time” in Chapter 7 of the Advanced Manual. The camera can be operated without making this setting.



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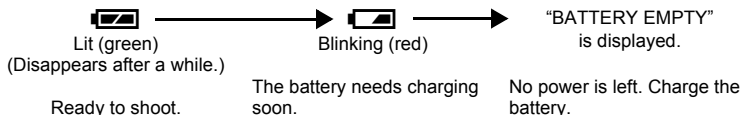
Languages available on the camera

Available languages may vary according to where you purchased camera. The instructions given in this manual and the Advanced Manual apply to the camera screen in English. See “Selecting a language” in Chapter 7 of the Advanced Manual.



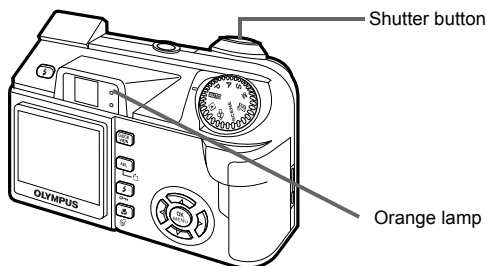
Battery power

The battery check indicator changes according to how much power is remaining.



TAKING A PICTURE

1 Compose your picture.



AF target mark



- Using the monitor, place the AF target mark on your subject.

2 Focus on your subject.



Green lamp
⚡ mark



- Press the shutter button halfway and hold.
- The green lamp on the screen lights when the focus and exposure are locked (Focus lock).
- The ⚡ mark lights when the flash is about to fire.
- The AF target mark moves to where the focus is locked.

3 Take the picture.



Memory gauge

- Press the shutter button completely.
- The orange lamp beside the viewfinder blinks while the picture is recorded onto the card.

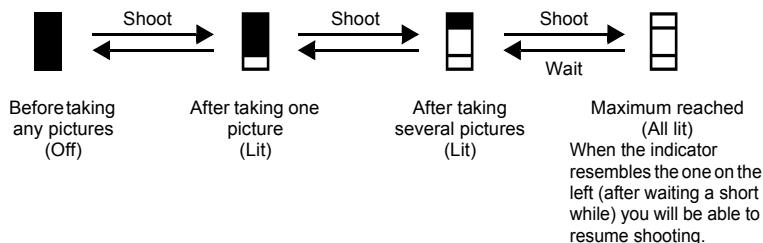


Note

- Press the shutter button gently. If it is pressed hard, the camera may move and pictures may come out blurred.
- Recorded pictures are saved on the card regardless of whether the camera is turned off or the battery is replaced or removed.
- Never open the battery compartment cover/the card cover, remove the battery or disconnect the AC adapter while the orange lamp is blinking. Doing so could destroy stored pictures and prevent storage of pictures you have just taken.
- When taking pictures against strong backlight, the area of the picture in shadow may appear colored.

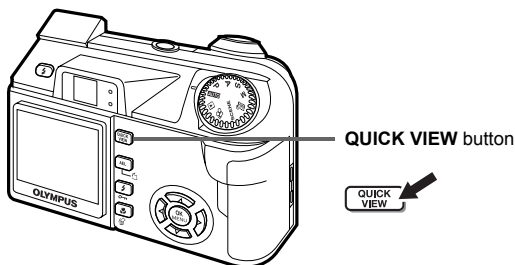
Memory gauge

Every time you press the shutter button, the memory gauge lights indicating that the picture you have just taken is being recorded onto the card. The memory gauge changes according to how many pictures the camera is processing. This indicator is not displayed while recording movies.



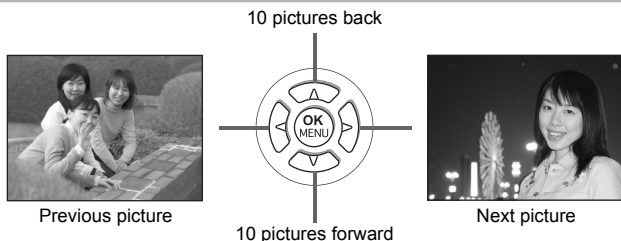
REVIEWING A PICTURE

1 Press the QUICK VIEW button.



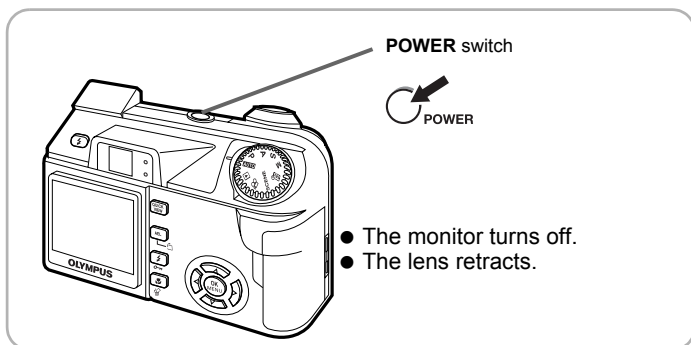
- You can display the last picture you took while staying in any shooting mode.
- Press the **QUICK VIEW** button again or press the shutter button lightly when you are ready to take another picture.

2 Use the arrow pad to display the picture you want.

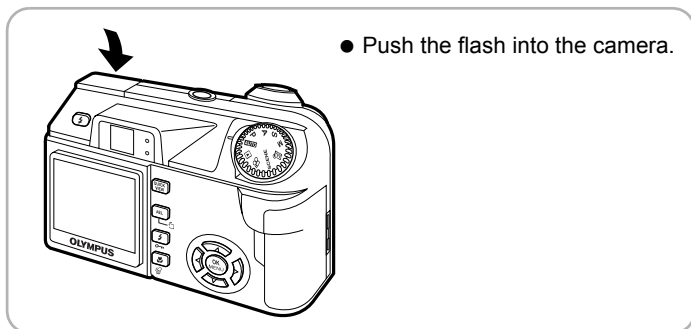


TURNING THE CAMERA OFF

1 Press the POWER switch.



2 Close the flash.



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Now that you have mastered how to shoot and play, check out the Advanced Manual for more camera applications.

...And for extra enjoyment, install OLYMPUS Master image editing software on the supplied CD-ROM.

Specifications

Camera

Product type	: Digital camera (for shooting and displaying)
Recording system	
Still picture	: Digital recording, JPEG (in accordance with Design rule for Camera File system (DCF))
Applicable standards	: Exif 2.2, Digital Print Order Format (DPOF), PRINT Image Matching III, PictBridge
Sound with still pictures	: Wave format
Movie	: QuickTime Motion JPEG support
Memory	: xD-Picture Card (16 – 512 MB)
Resolution	: 2,592 × 1,944 pixels(SHQ/HQ) 2,592 × 1,728 pixels(3:2 SHQ/HQ) 2,288 × 1,712 pixels(SQ1) 2,048 × 1,536 pixels(SQ1) 1,600 × 1,200 pixels(SQ1) 1,280 × 960 pixels (SQ2) 1,024 × 768 pixels (SQ2) 640 × 480 pixels (SQ2)
No. of storable pictures	
when using a 16 MB card (without sound)	: Approx. 4 frames (SHQ : 2,592 × 1,944) Approx. 12 frames (HQ : 2,592 × 1,944) Approx. 32 frames (SQ1 : 1,600 × 1,200 NORMAL) Approx. 165 frames (SQ2 : 640 × 480 NORMAL)
No. of effective pixels	: 5,100,000 pixels
Image pickup device	: 1/1.8" CCD solid-state image pickup, 5,260,000 pixels (gross)
Lens	: Olympus lens 7.9 mm to 39.5 mm, f2.8 to f4.8 (equivalent to 38 mm to 190 mm lens on a 35 mm film camera)
Photometric system	: Digital ESP metering, spot metering system
Aperture	: f2.8 to f8.0
Shutter speed	: 15 to 1/2000 sec.
Shooting range	: 0.6 m (2.0 ft.) to ∞ (W), 1.2 m (3.9 ft.) to ∞ (T) (NORMAL) 8 cm (0.3 ft.) to ∞ (W), 0.6 m (2.0 ft.) to ∞ (T) (MACRO MODE) 2cm (0.07ft) to ∞ (Restricted to W) (SUPER MACRO MODE)
Viewfinder	: Optical real image viewfinder
Monitor	: 2.0" TFT color LCD display, Approx. 115,000 pixels
Auto focus	: TTL system autofocus Contrast Detection Method
Outer connector	: DC-IN jack, USB connector (Multi-connector), A/V OUT jack (Multi-connector)

Automatic calendar system	: 2000 up to 2099
Operating environment	
Temperature	: 0°C to 40°C (32°F to 104°F) (operation)/ -20°C to 60°C (-4°F to 140°F) (storage)
Humidity	: 30% to 90% (operation)/10% to 90% (storage)
Power supply	: 4 Alkaline AA batteries, 4 NiMH (Nickel metal hydride) batteries, 2 lithium battery packs (CR-V3).
Dimensions	: 110 mm (W) × 67 mm (H) × 47 mm (D) (4.4" × 2.7" × 1.9") (excluding protrusions)
Weight	: 245 g (0.54 lb.) (without battery and card)

xD-Picture Card

Memory type	: NAND flash EEPROM
Operating environment	
Temperature	: 0°C to 55°C (32°F to 131°F) (operation)/ -20°C to 65°C (-4°F to 149°F) (storage)
Humidity	: 95% or lower
Power	: 3V (3.3V)
Dimensions	: 20 × 25 × 1.7 mm (0.8" × 1.0" × 0.1")

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