
Camera of choice?

Posted by trekker2 - 2007/06/22 16:55

Please share all about your camera of choice. Tell us what you like, what you don't like, and what you are thinking about changing.

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Re:Equipment of Choice?

Posted by shutterpro - 2007/06/22 17:07

I shoot mostly with a Canon 5D. I also usually carry a Point and Shoot (currently the Canon PowerShot SD800 IS).

I like the Digital SLRs because of the different lens choices. I do some commercial photography and also shoot for stock agencies, so I need a decently high end camera. My favorite lens is the Canon EF 24-105 f/4L IS.

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Re:Equipment of Choice?

Posted by traveler - 2007/06/22 17:19

Would you recommend the Canon PowerShot SD800 IS?

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Re:Camera of choice?

Posted by traveler - 2007/06/22 17:23

I use the Canon EOS 20D. I really like the lens choice available from the Canon line. I am pretty happy with the camera.

I have also seen a lot of great shots from the Nikon product line. I would like to test drive one of those sometime.

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Re:Equipment of Choice?

Posted by shutterpro - 2007/06/22 20:33

traveler wrote:

Would you recommend the Canon PowerShot SD800 IS?

Yes! The SD800 IS shoots at 7.1 Meg and has image stabilization. It is super compact, so it can easily fit in your pocket.

I have gotten some great shots with it that have even been accepted at stock agencies.

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Re:Camera of choice?

Posted by shutterpro - 2007/06/22 20:37

The great lens choices for the Canon line was the difference maker for me. The 20D is a great camera. You can do sports, portrait, even shoot for agencies with it.

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Re:Camera of choice?

Posted by Tony Power - 2007/06/25 01:54

I use the Canon EOS 30D, it had everything I was looking for, and the reviews were great.

But what mattered to me was that I get what I expected, and I do with this 30D.

The trick to a camera is to properly use the controls, as lots of people buy a good camera, start taking photos, and then take more photos. they do not take time to read and learn how to adjust settings for the particular image they are shooting.

With my camera, it is so easy to change settings on the fly, and I am happy with 95 percent of my photos, they are not all great shots but I am happy with how they turn out.

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Re:Camera of choice?

Posted by trekker2 - 2007/06/27 14:26

Great information Tony. I have enjoyed your postings and glad I happened upon you that day at Fort Massac. Keep contributing and posting. Thanks.

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Re:Camera of choice?

Posted by Tony Power - 2007/06/28 14:19

This is a topic I feel is very important when deciding on a purchase of a new digital camera.

Pixel count for digital cameras has reached its limit.

Yes, you can buy cameras with larger pixel counts but how many of us need to print off billboards for the interstate!

Just think, a 4 megapixel camera produces a 8x10 photo without loss of quality. I own a canon 30d, which is 8.1 megapixels. This camera prints up to a 24 inch photo without loss of quality. I do not think I would ever need to print a photo larger than this. A camera with a pixel count up to 10 should be plenty for anyone.

I have a lot of people who know me say, and I quote "I thought you would have purchased a much larger camera", referring to the pixel number. But 8 is large enough for me and my needs.

Another point,,, the larger the pixel count. the larger the photo, the larger the file size. My 30d at high quality, produces a photo that is 5 mb in size, that is big. So if I am taking a lot of photos, that will be a lot of used space on my computer. Soon our computer will have no room left, or you will have burned a million cds to store your photos, or will need to purchase another hard drive to keep them.

So, once you decide on pixel # count for your next new camera, the things to look for are sensors, types of lens, ease of use, dynamic range, and a list of other items that may be of use to your needs.

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Re:Camera of choice?

Posted by shutterpro - 2007/06/29 15:13

Tony,

Great points. Every year the pixel count goes up a Meg or so. Right now the standard on new Point and Shoot cameras is 7 Megapixels and even higher on DSLRs. We really don't need any more. The larger pictures just cost us more to store. I would rather see the manufacturers put their efforts into better lenses and such.

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Re:Camera of choice?

Posted by shutterpro - 2007/06/29 15:18

My wife has the 30D and loves it. She mostly shoots sports and the 30D is great for that along with just about everything else too. I think it shoots at about 5 frames per second. Unfortunately for our bank account, the camera is the cheapest part of sports photography. She has lenses that are three times as expensive as the camera. When you get into zoom and low light, lenses become really expensive.

Re:Camera of choice?

Posted by brummieboy - 2007/07/08 07:49

I use two cameras - the Panasonic Lumix DMC FZ50 because of its fabulous Leica lens and amazing zoom range (35-420mm SLR equivalent) and its flexibility so that if I am travelling light (on holiday, for example) I only need to take that camera with me. It takes shots of fantastic clarity across the range and the majority of my landscapes are taken with this using only the warm option to ensure that all of the colour of sunrises is captured. I find its live screen ideal to help with framing. I only use Photoshop etc. to crop or adjust the light occasionally to shots as I still believe that the picture you see is what you should capture. If I do what I call photographic art then I always state that clearly with any shots, but it is rare that I do that unless the weather is awful and I cannot get out to shoot (I usually use the watercolour option to make the shots look like impressionist paintings).

For bird shots and, for example today, when the Tour de France is coming past, I shall use the Canon EOS 400D which I find is better for action shots as it has a better viewfinder, although the range of lenses, despite being excellent, still struggle to match the quality of the Panasonic except for bird close ups.

If you want to see any more examples of my work go to www.philsanders9.co.uk, my website. I hope that you have found this brief insight useful. Phil (brummieboy)

Re:Camera of choice?

Posted by shutterpro - 2007/07/26 22:27

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Phil,

Nice web site and great shots you have. Do you use a service for your web site or did you build it yourself?

Mark (shutterpro)

Re:Camera of choice?

Posted by brummieboy - 2007/07/26 23:42

Hi Mark

Thanks for the comments. I use www.clikpic.com who are very reasonably priced as the basic site and then I do all of the rest myself. Clikpic is very easy to use and the templates are excellent.

Cheers

Phil (brummieboy)