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Quick start guide

We've included this convenient Quick start guide to show you basic functions and techniques that will help you quickly master your new camera. For more detailed descriptions of procedures, as well as for additional information on more sophisticated features not covered here, please refer to the printed "Basic Manual", or the primary "Reference Manual" on the CD-ROM.

Package contents

- Camera
- Strap
- AA (R6) alkaline batteries (4 pieces)
- Video cable
- USB cable
- Basic manual
- Quick start guide
- Software installation guide (included in the CD-ROM package)
- CD-ROM with Windows 98 USB driver software, Reference manual, and more.
- Warranty card/Registration card (not provided in some areas)
- Safety Precautions (booklet)
- SmartMedia
- Static-free case
- Index labels (2 pieces)
- Write-protect adhesive seals (4 pieces)
- SmartMedia instructions

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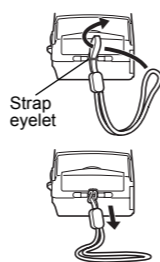
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1 Getting started

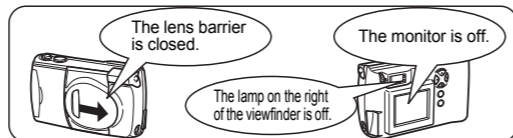
Attaching the strap

- Thread the short end of the strap through the strap eyelet.
- Thread the long end of the strap through the loop that has already gone through the eyelet.
- Pull the strap tight, making sure that it is securely fastened and does not come loose.

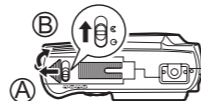


Loading the batteries

- Make sure that:

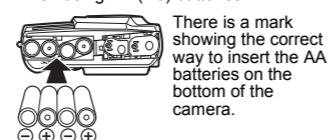


- Slide the battery compartment lock from \ominus to \odot .
- Slide the battery compartment cover in the direction of **(A)** (the direction indicated by the \blacktriangleleft mark on the cover), and lift it up in the direction of **(B)**.

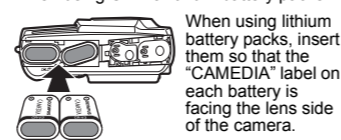


- Insert the batteries, making sure that they are correctly oriented as shown in the illustration.

When using AA (R6) batteries



When using CR-V3 lithium battery packs



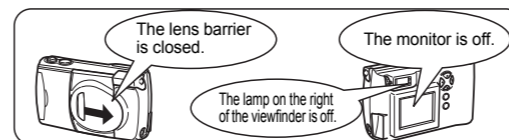
- Close the battery compartment cover in the direction of **(C)**. While pressing the \blacktriangleleft mark, slide the cover in the direction of **(D)**. If the battery compartment cover seems hard to close, do not force it. With the battery compartment cover shut, press the \blacktriangleleft mark firmly and push in the direction shown in the illustration.



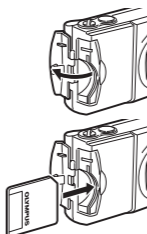
- Slide the battery compartment lock from \odot to \ominus .

Inserting the card (SmartMedia)

- Make sure that:



- Open the card cover.



- Insert the card as far as it will go in the direction shown in the illustration.

- Close the card cover securely until it clicks.



Removing the card

Hold the card with your fingertips and pull it out in the direction of the arrow.



Never open the card cover, or remove the card or the batteries while the camera is turned on. Doing so could destroy all data on the card. Destroyed data cannot be restored.

2 Turning the power on/off

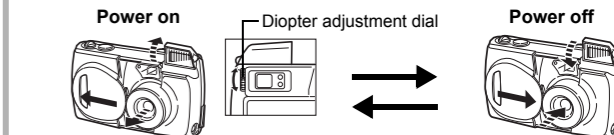
When shooting pictures

Power on:

Open the lens barrier fully. The camera turns on in the shooting mode. The lens extends and the flash pops up. If the lens does not extend when the lens barrier is opened, there is a possibility that the cover is stuck in the first click position. Open the lens barrier until it clicks.

Power off:

Close the lens barrier slightly until it just touches the lens barrel. Wait until the lens is fully retracted, then close the lens barrier completely. The camera turns off. (The monitor also turns off.) Press the flash down until it locks into place to close it.



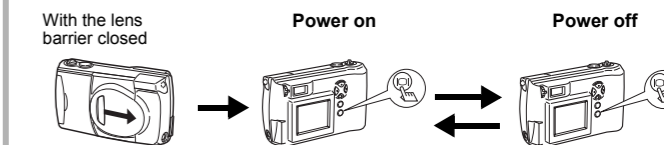
When playing back pictures

Power on:

Press the \odot (monitor) button with the lens barrier closed. The camera turns on in the playback mode. The monitor turns on.

Power off:

Press the \odot (monitor) button. The camera turns off (the monitor turns off).

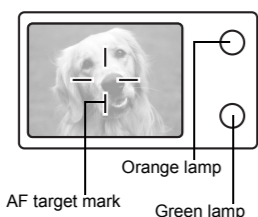


• While looking through the viewfinder, turn the diopter adjustment dial until the AF target mark is clearly visible.
• To save battery power, the camera automatically enters the sleep mode after about 3 minutes of non-operation. If the monitor is on, it will automatically turn off. The camera activates again as soon as you lightly press the shutter button or zoom lever. Whenever possible, turn the camera off when you do not intend to take any pictures for a while.

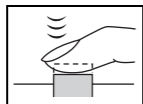
3 Shooting/Playback

Taking still pictures

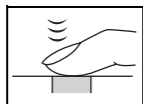
- Open the lens barrier fully. Slide the lens barrier fully open until it clicks. The flash pops up and the lens extends.
- Position the AF target mark over the subject in the viewfinder.



- Press the shutter button gently (halfway). The focus and exposure are locked when the green lamp on the right of the viewfinder lights up. At this time the sound of the focusing mechanism can be heard from inside the camera, but no picture is being taken.

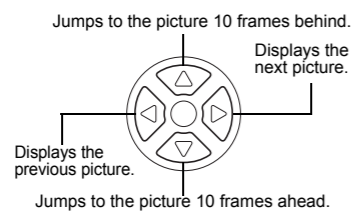


- Press the shutter button all the way (fully). The camera takes the picture.



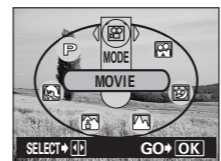
Playing back still pictures

- Press \odot with the lens barrier closed. The monitor turns on and displays the last picture taken.
- Press \triangleleft \triangleright \triangleleft \triangleright .
- Press \odot to cancel playback. The monitor and camera turn off.



Recording movies

- Open the lens barrier fully. The camera turns on in the shooting mode.
- Press \triangleright . The monitor turns on and the screen for selecting the shooting mode is displayed.
- Press \triangleright \triangleright to select MOVIE, then press \odot .
- Record the movie while observing your subject on the monitor. Press the shutter button fully to start recording. Press the shutter button fully again to stop recording.



Playing back movies

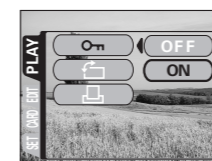
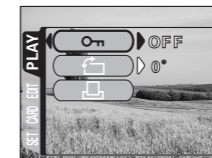
- Press \odot with the lens barrier closed. The monitor turns on.
- Press \triangleright \triangleright to display the desired picture with the \odot indicator, then press \odot . The top menu is displayed.
- Press \triangleleft to select MOVIE PLAY.
- Press \triangleleft \triangleright to select MOVIE PLAYBACK. The movie is played back after the orange lamp on the right of the viewfinder blinks and the camera accesses the movie data. When the movie reaches the end, the display returns automatically to the beginning of the movie.
- Press \odot to display the MOVIE PLAYBACK menu. Then select the desired operation and press \odot .
PLAYBACK : Plays back the entire movie again.
FRAME BY FRAME : Plays back the movie manually one frame at a time.
EXIT : Leaves the movie playback mode.



4 Protecting pictures (Protect)

You are recommended to protect important pictures to avoid accidentally erasing them.

- Press \odot with the lens barrier closed. The monitor turns on.
- Press \triangleleft \triangleright \triangleleft \triangleright to select the picture you want to protect.
- Press \odot , then press \triangleright . The mode menu is displayed.
- Press \triangleleft \triangleright to select the PLAY tab, then press \triangleright .
- Press \triangleleft \triangleright to select ON, then press \odot . The selected picture is protected. To close the menu, press \odot again.



• The \odot indicator is displayed at the top right of the protected picture.
• Protection on each picture remains even when the camera is turned off.

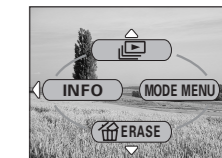


• Protected pictures cannot be erased by the single-frame/all-frame erase function, but they can be all erased with the format function.
• Protection cannot be applied to pictures stored on a card with a write-protect seal.

5 Erasing pictures

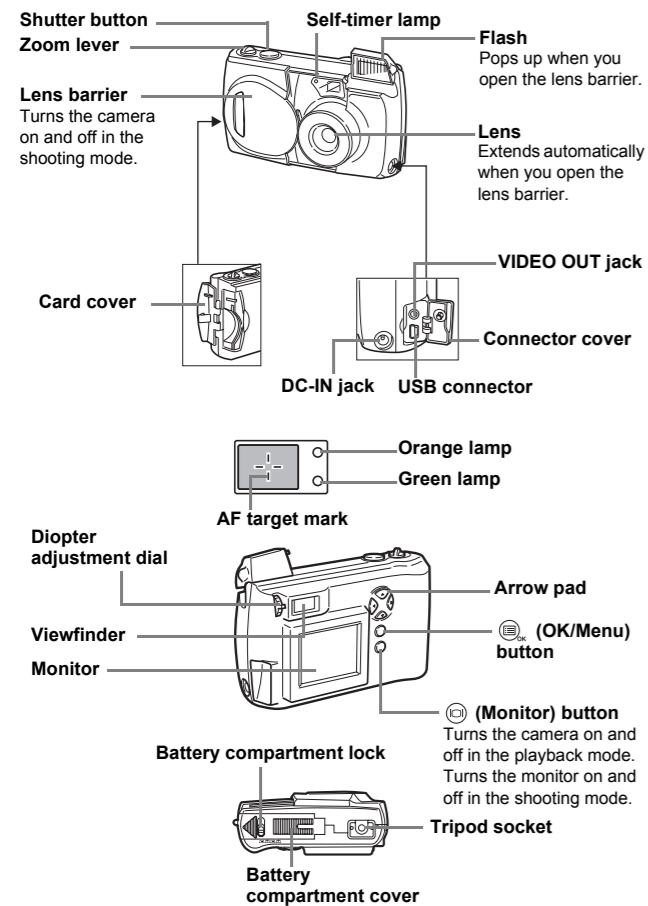
Single-frame erase

- Press \odot with the lens barrier closed. The monitor turns on.
- Press \triangleleft \triangleright \triangleleft \triangleright to select the picture you want to erase.
- Press \odot . The top menu is displayed.
- Press \triangleleft to select \boxtimes ERASE.
- Press \triangleleft \triangleright to select YES, then press \odot . The picture is erased and the menu is closed.

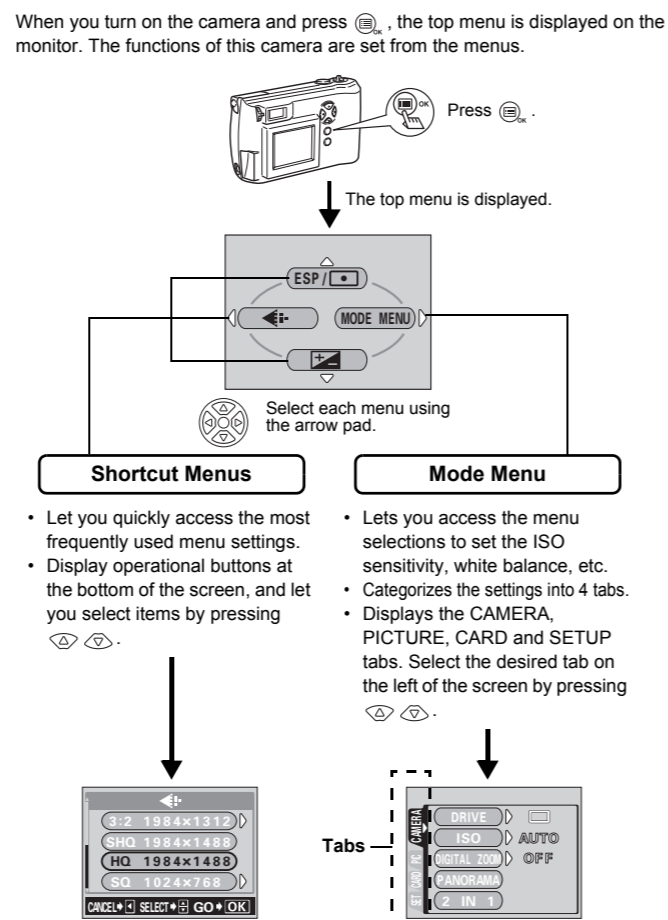


• Erasure is not possible if the picture you want to erase is protected or a write-protect seal is attached to the card. Before erasing, unprotect the picture or remove the write-protect seal from the card.
• Once erased, pictures cannot be restored. Check each picture before erasing to avoid accidentally erasing pictures you want to keep.

Names of parts



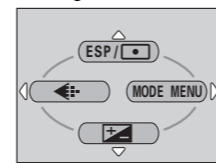
Using the menus and tabs



Shortcut menus

Shooting mode


When the still picture shooting mode is selected



When the movie recording mode is selected



ESP/

Selects the area of the image that will be used to determine exposure or image brightness from the two available settings:
ESP or  (spot metering).

Selects the resolution and the quality of the image.
Still picture : 3:2, SHQ, HQ, SQ, TIFF
Movie : HQ, SQ

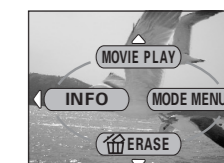
Adjusts the brightness of the image (Exposure compensation).

Playback mode

When a still picture is played back



When a movie is played back



Displays all recorded pictures in slideshow fashion.

MOVIE PLAY

MOVIE PLAYBACK	Plays back a movie.
INDEX	Creates an index picture of a movie in 9 frames.
EDIT	Edits a movie.



INFO

Displays all the shooting information on the monitor.

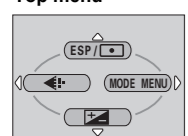
ERASE




Erases a selected picture.

How to use the menus

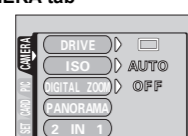
1 Press  to display the top menu, then press .

Top menu

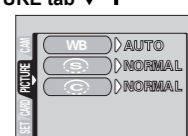


2 Press   to select a tab, then press  to display the menu.

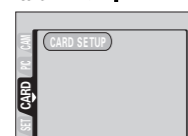
CAMERA tab



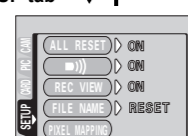
PICTURE tab







CARD tab

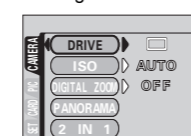


SETUP tab

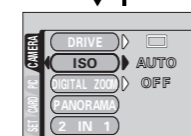




To return to select a tab, press .

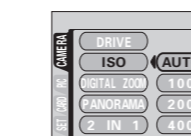
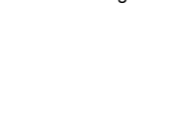
3 Press   to select the desired item, then press  to display the available setting selections.




The green frame moves to the selected item.





To return to select an item, press  or .



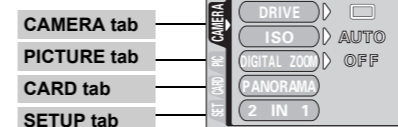
To close the menu, press  again.






Note If you want to save the settings after the camera is turned off, set ALL RESET to OFF.




Mode menus

Mode menu functions are categorized into 4 tabs. Use   to select a tab and display the respective functions.

Shooting mode

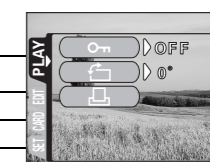











CAMERA tab	
DRIVE	Selects the shooting mode from  (Normal shooting),  (Sequential shooting),  (AF Sequential shooting).
ISO	Selects the ISO sensitivity from AUTO, 100, 200, 400.
DIGITAL ZOOM	Extends the maximum optical zoom, making possible up to approximately 10x zoom shooting with the digital zoom function.
PANORAMA	Allows panorama pictures to be taken with Olympus CAMEDIA-brand SmartMedia cards.
2 IN 1	Lets you combine two still pictures taken in succession into one picture.
PICTURE tab	
WB	Sets the appropriate white balance according to the light source.
	Adjusts the sharpness of images.
	Adjusts the contrast of images.
CARD tab	
CARD SETUP	Formats a card.
SETUP tab*	
REC VIEW	Selects whether to display pictures on the monitor while saving them.
FILE NAME	Changes how file names are assigned.
PIXEL MAPPING	Checks the CCD and image processing functions.

* Refer to the playback mode instructions for details of ALL RESET, , , and  settings.

Playback mode

PLAY tab
EDIT tab
CARD tab
SETUP tab



PLAY tab	
	Protects pictures from accidental erasure.
	Rotates pictures 90 degrees clockwise or counterclockwise.
	Stores printing information required for DPOF printers on the card.
EDIT tab	
BLACK & WHITE	Creates black and white pictures.
SEPIA	Creates sepia-toned pictures.
	Makes the file size smaller.
	Creates a cropped picture from the enlarged part of a picture.
CARD tab	
CARD SETUP	Formats a card. Erases all image data stored on the card.
SETUP tab	
ALL RESET	Selects whether to save the current camera settings when you turn off the power.
	Turns the beep sound (used for warnings, etc.) on and off.
	Selects the number of frames in the index display.
	Adjusts the brightness of the monitor.
	Sets the date and time.