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Reference Manual

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Thank you for your purchase of a Nikon single-lens reflex (SLR) digital camera. To get the most from your camera, please be sure to read all instructions thoroughly and keep them where they will be read by all who use the product.

Symbols and Conventions

To make it easier to find the information you need, the following symbols and conventions are used:

	This icon marks cautions; information that should be read before use to prevent damage to the camera.
	This icon marks notes; information that should be read before using the camera.
	This icon marks references to other pages in this manual.

Camera Settings

The explanations in this manual assume that default settings are used.

Help

Use the camera's on-board help feature for help on menu items and other topics. See page 11 for details.

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For Your Safety

To prevent damage to your Nikon product or injury to yourself or to others, read the following safety precautions in their entirety before using this equipment. Keep these safety instructions where all those who use the product will read them.

The consequences that could result from failure to observe the precautions listed in this section are indicated by the following symbol:

> ⚠ This icon marks warnings. To prevent possible injury, read all warnings before using this Nikon product.

■■ *WARNINGS*

⚠ **Keep the sun out of the frame**
Keep the sun well out of the frame when shooting backlit subjects. Sunlight focused into the camera when the sun is in or close to the frame could cause a fire.

⚠ **Do not look at the sun through the viewfinder**
Viewing the sun or other strong light source through the viewfinder could cause permanent visual impairment.

⚠ **Using the viewfinder diopter control**
When operating the viewfinder diopter control with your eye to the viewfinder, care should be taken not to put your finger in your eye accidentally.

⚠ **Turn off immediately in the event of malfunction**
Should you notice smoke or an unusual smell coming from the equipment or AC adapter (available separately), unplug the AC adapter and remove the battery immediately, taking care to avoid burns. Continued operation could result in injury. After removing the battery, take the equipment to a Nikon-authorized service center for inspection.

⚠ **Do not use in the presence of flammable gas**
Do not use electronic equipment in the presence of flammable gas, as this could result in explosion or fire.

⚠ **Keep out of reach of children**
Failure to observe this precaution could result in injury.

⚠ **Do not disassemble**
Touching the product's internal parts could result in injury. In the event of malfunction, the product should be repaired only by a qualified technician. Should the product break open as the result of a fall or other accident, remove the battery and/or AC adapter and then take the product to a Nikon-authorized service center for inspection.

⚠ **Do not place the strap around the neck of an infant or child**
Placing the camera strap around the neck of an infant or child could result in strangulation.

⚠ **Observe caution when using the flash**
- Using the camera with the flash in close contact with the skin or other objects could cause burns.
- Using the flash close to the subject's eyes could cause temporary visual impairment. Particular care should be observed when photographing infants, when the flash should be no less than one meter (39 in.) from the subject.

⚠ **Avoid contact with liquid crystal**
Should the monitor break, care should be taken to avoid injury due to broken glass and to prevent the liquid crystal from the monitor touching the skin or entering the eyes or mouth.

⚠ Observe proper precautions when handling batteries

Batteries may leak or explode if improperly handled. Observe the following precautions when handling batteries for use in this product:

- Use only batteries approved for use in this equipment.
- Do not short or disassemble the battery.
- Be sure the product is off before replacing the battery. If you are using an AC adapter, be sure it is unplugged.
- Do not attempt to insert the battery upside down or backwards.
- Do not expose the battery to flame or to excessive heat.
- Do not immerse in or expose to water.
- Replace the terminal cover when transporting the battery. Do not transport or store the battery with metal objects such as necklaces or hairpins.
- Batteries are prone to leakage when fully discharged. To avoid damage to the product, be sure to remove the battery when no charge remains.
- When the battery is not in use, attach the terminal cover and store in a cool, dry place.
- The battery may be hot immediately after use or when the product has been used on battery power for an extended period. Before removing the battery turn the camera off and allow the battery to cool.
- Discontinue use immediately should you notice any changes in the battery, such as discoloration or deformation.

⚠ Observe proper precautions when handling the charger

- Keep dry. Failure to observe this precaution could result in fire or electric shock.
- Do not short the charger terminals. Failure to observe this precaution could result in overheating and damage to the charger.
- Dust on or near the metal parts of the plug should be removed with a dry cloth. Continued use could result in fire.
- Do not go near the charger during thunderstorms. Failure to observe this precaution could result in electric shock.
- Do not handle the plug or charger with wet hands. Failure to observe this precaution could result in electric shock.
- Do not use with travel converters or adapters designed to convert from one voltage to another or with DC-to-AC inverters. Failure to observe this precaution could damage the product or cause overheating or fire.

⚠ Use appropriate cables

When connecting cables to the input and output jacks, use only the cables provided or sold by Nikon for the purpose to maintain compliance with product regulations.

⚠ CD-ROMs

CD-ROMs containing software or manuals should not be played back on audio CD equipment. Playing CD-ROMs on an audio CD player could cause hearing loss or damage the equipment.

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CAUTION

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ATTENTION

Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

Notices for Customers in Europe

CAUTION

RISK OF EXPLOSION IF BATTERY IS REPLACED BY AN INCORRECT TYPE. DISPOSE OF USED BATTERIES ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS.

This symbol indicates that this product is to be collected separately.



The following apply only to users in European countries:

- This product is designated for separate collection at an appropriate collection point. Do not dispose of as household waste.
- For more information, contact the retailer or the local authorities in charge of waste management.

This symbol on the battery indicates that the battery is to be collected separately.



The following apply only to users in European countries:

- All batteries, whether marked with this symbol or not, are designated for separate collection at an appropriate collection point. Do not dispose of as household waste.
- For more information, contact the retailer or the local authorities in charge of waste management.

Notices for Customers in the U.S.A.

The Battery Charger

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For connection to a supply not in the U.S.A., use an attachment plug adapter of the proper configuration for the power outlet if needed. This power unit is intended to be correctly oriented in a vertical or floor mount position.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Radio Frequency Interference Statement

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. 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:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for help.



CAUTIONS

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The FCC requires the user be notified that any changes or modifications made to this device that are not expressly approved by Nikon Corporation may void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Interface Cables

Use the interface cables sold or provided by Nikon for your equipment. Using other interface cables may exceed the limits of Class B Part 15 of the FCC rules.

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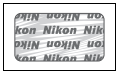
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Use Only Nikon Brand Electronic Accessories

Nikon cameras are designed to the highest standards and include complex electronic circuitry. Only Nikon brand electronic accessories (including chargers, batteries, AC adapters, and flash accessories) certified by Nikon specifically for use with this Nikon digital camera are engineered and proven to operate within the operational and safety requirements of this electronic circuitry.



The use of non-Nikon electronic accessories could damage the camera and may void your Nikon warranty. The use of third-party rechargeable Li-ion batteries not bearing the Nikon holographic seal shown at right could interfere with normal operation of the camera or result in the batteries overheating, igniting, rupturing, or leaking.

For more information about Nikon brand accessories, contact a local authorized Nikon dealer.

Use Only Nikon Brand Accessories

Only Nikon brand accessories certified by Nikon specifically for use with your Nikon digital camera are engineered and proven to operate within its operational and safety requirements. THE USE OF NON-NIKON ACCESSORIES COULD DAMAGE YOUR CAMERA AND MAY VOID YOUR NIKON WARRANTY.

Servicing the Camera and Accessories

The camera is a precision device and requires regular servicing. Nikon recommends that the camera be inspected by the original retailer or a Nikon-authorized service representative once every one to two years, and that it be serviced once every three to five years (note that fees apply to these services). Frequent inspection and servicing are particularly recommended if the camera is used professionally. Any accessories regularly used with the camera, such as lenses or optional flash units, should be included when the camera is inspected or serviced.

Before Taking Important Pictures

Before taking pictures on important occasions (such as at weddings or before taking the camera on a trip), take a test shot to ensure that the camera is functioning normally. Nikon will not be held liable for damages or lost profits that may result from product malfunction.

Life-Long Learning

As part of Nikon's "Life-Long Learning" commitment to ongoing product support and education, continually-updated information is available on-line at the following sites:

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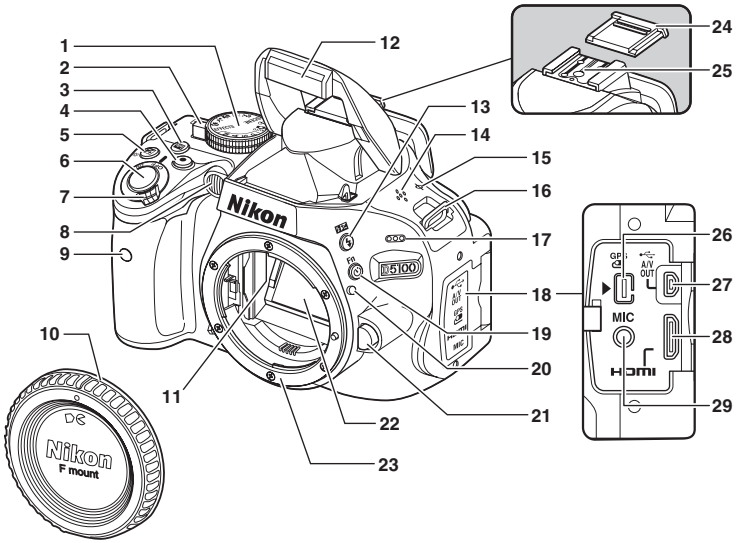
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Introduction

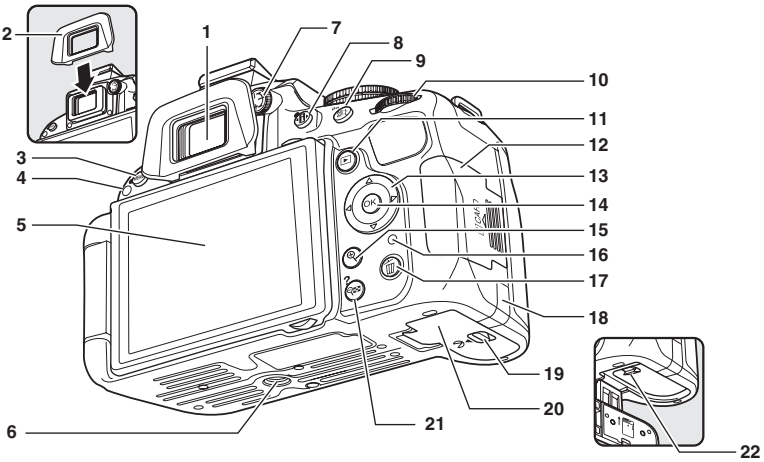
Getting to Know the Camera

Take a few moments to familiarize yourself with camera controls and displays. You may find it helpful to bookmark this section and refer to it as you read through the rest of the manual.

The Camera Body



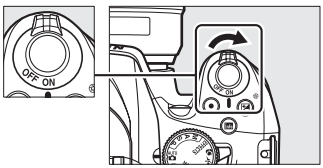
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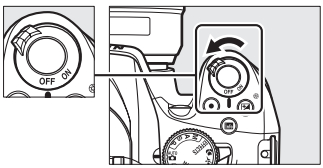
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Rotate the power switch as shown to turn the camera on.



Rotate the power switch as shown to turn the camera off.

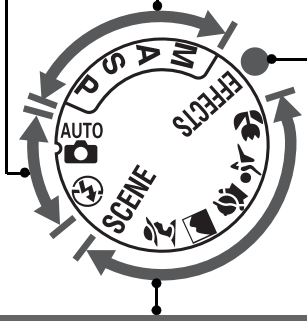


The Mode Dial

The camera offers a choice of the following shooting modes:

Auto Modes
Select these modes for simple, point-and-shoot photography.
- **Auto** (📖 26)
- **Auto (flash off)** (📖 26)

P, S, A, and M Modes
Select these modes for full control over camera settings.
- **P — Programmed auto** (📖 62)
- **S — Shutter-priority auto** (📖 63)
- **A — Aperture-priority auto** (📖 64)
- **M — Manual** (📖 65)



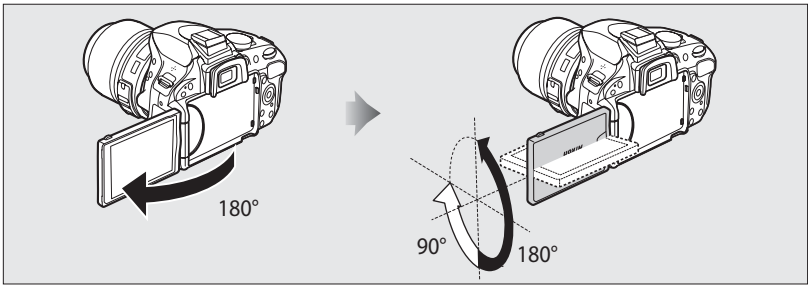
Special Effects Modes
Use special effects during shooting.
- **Night vision** (📖 116)
- **Color sketch** (📖 116, 118)
- **Miniature effect** (📖 116, 119)
- **Selective color** (📖 117, 120)
- **Silhouette** (📖 117)
- **High key** (📖 117)
- **Low key** (📖 117)

Scene Modes
The camera automatically optimizes settings to suit the scene selected with the mode dial. Match your selection to the scene being photographed.
- **Portrait** (📖 30)
- **Landscape** (📖 30)
- **Child** (📖 31)
- **Sports** (📖 31)
- **Close up** (📖 31)
- **SCENE**: Other scenes (📖 32)

Scene Auto Selector (Live View)
Selecting live view in AUTO or flash off mode enables automatic scene selection ("scene auto selector"; 📖 104) when autofocus is used.

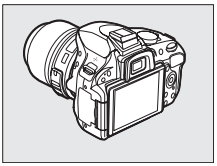
The Monitor

The monitor can be angled and rotated as shown below.



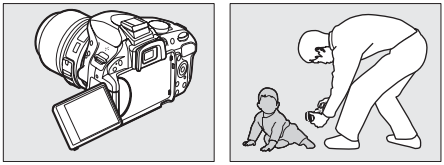
Normal use

Fold the monitor against the camera face out. This position is recommended for normal photography.



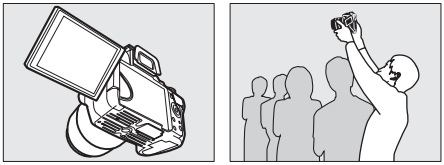
Low-angle shots

Frame live view shots with the camera close to the ground.



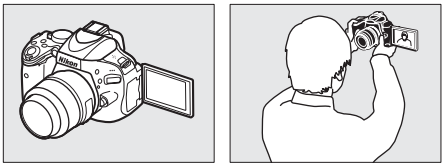
High-angle shots

Frame live view shots while holding the camera over your head.



Self-portraits

Use for self-portraits in live view. The monitor shows a mirror image of what will appear in the final picture.



Using the Monitor

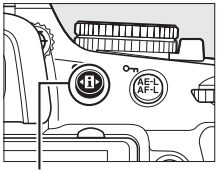
Rotate the monitor gently within the limits shown. *Do not use force*. Failure to observe these precautions could damage the connection between the monitor and the camera body. To protect the monitor when the camera is not in use, fold it back face down against the camera body.

See Also

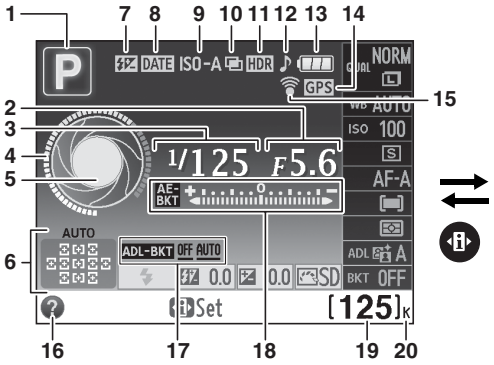
See "Framing Photographs in the Monitor" for information on framing photographs in the monitor (📖 99).

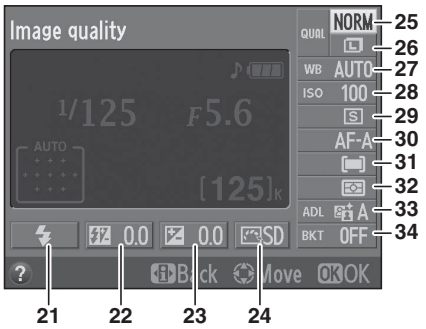
The Information Display

Camera settings can be viewed and adjusted in the information display. Press the ◂i▸ button once to view settings, and again to make changes to settings. Highlight items using the multi selector and press ⓚ to view options for the highlighted item.



◂i▸ *button*

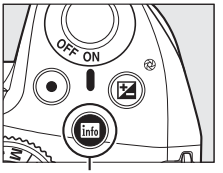




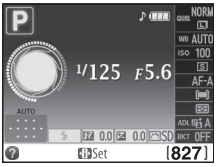
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2	Aperture (f-number) 64, 65	12	"Beep" indicator 161	22	Flash compensation 72
3	Shutter speed 63, 65	13	Battery indicator 25	23	Exposure compensation 70
4	Shutter-speed display 6	14	GPS connection indicator ... 174	24	Picture Control 91
5	Aperture display 6	15	Eye-Fi connection indicator 175	25	Image quality 47
6	Auto-area AF indicator ..... 42 3D-tracking indicator ..... 42 Focus point 43	16	Help icon 11, 224	26	Image size 49
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8	Print date indicator 163	18	Exposure indicator ..... 65 Exposure compensation indicator ..... 71 Bracketing progress indicator 90	28	ISO sensitivity 54
9	Auto ISO sensitivity indicator 155	19	Number of exposures remaining ..... 25 White balance recording indicator ..... 85 Capture mode indicator ... 138	29	Release mode 35
10	Multiple exposure indicator 79	20	"K" (appears when memory remains for over 1,000 exposures) 25	30	Focus mode 39, 100
				31	AF-area mode 42, 101
				32	Metering 68
				33	Active D-Lighting 74
				34	Bracketing increment 89

Hiding Shooting Information

To turn the monitor off, press the INFO button. Note that the monitor turns off automatically while the shutter-release button is pressed or if no operations are performed for about 8 s (for information on choosing how long the monitor stays on, see Custom Setting c2 (**Auto off timers**, 🕮 160)). The information display can be restored by pressing the INFO button again.



INFO *button*



Information display



Monitor off

Rotating the Camera

When the camera is rotated 90 °, shooting information rotates to match camera orientation.



The Shutter-Speed and Aperture Displays

These displays provide visual indications of shutter speed and aperture.

Fast shutter speed, large aperture (small f-number). 	*Slow shutter speed, small aperture (large f-number).* 

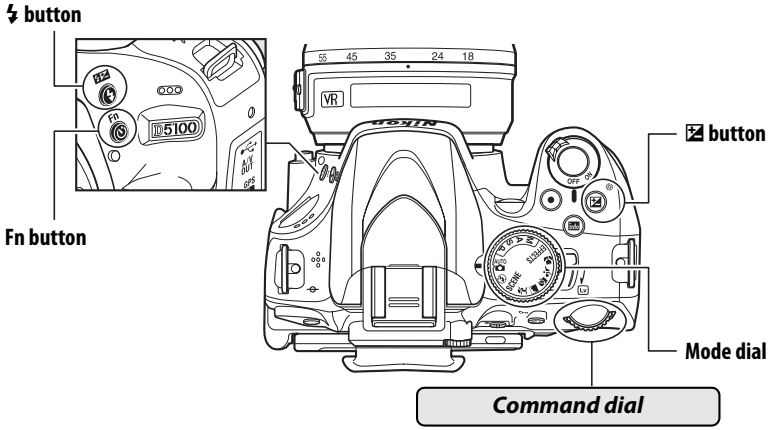
While the mode dial is rotated, this display is replaced by an image of the mode dial.

See Also

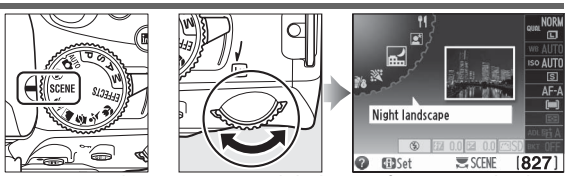
For information on choosing a design for the information display, see **Info display format**, (🕮 168). For information on choosing whether information is displayed automatically; see **Auto info display** (🕮 170). For information on the indicators displayed in live view, see page 103.

The Command Dial

The command dial can be used with other controls to adjust a variety of settings when shooting information is displayed in the monitor.

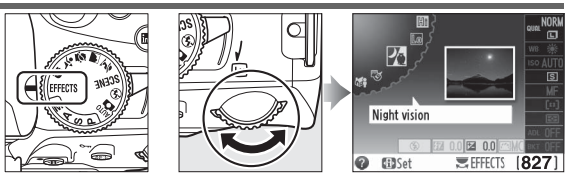


Choose a scene (**SCENE** mode; 🕮 32).



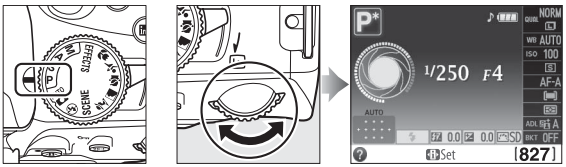
SCENE *mode* — *Command dial* — *Information display*

Choose a special effect (**EFFECTS** mode; 🕮 115).



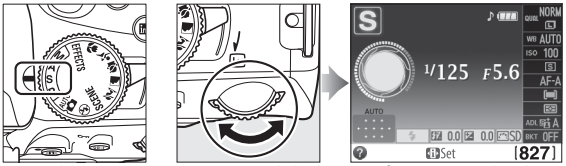
EFFECTS *mode* — *Command dial* — *Information display*

Choose a combination of aperture and shutter speed (mode **P**; 🕮 62).



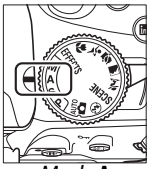
Mode **P** — *Command dial* — *Information display*

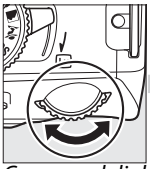
Choose a shutter speed (mode **S** or **M**; 🕮 63, 65).

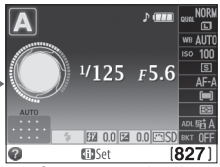


Mode **S** *or* **M** — *Command dial* — *Information display*

Choose an aperture (mode **A**; 🕮 64).

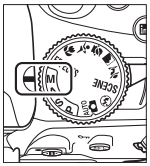

Mode **A**

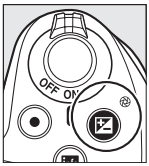

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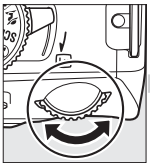


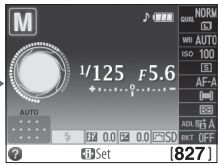
Information display

Choose an aperture (mode **M**; 🕮 65).


Mode **M**

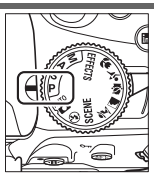

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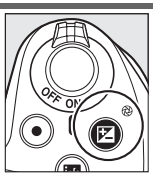

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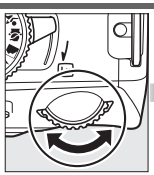


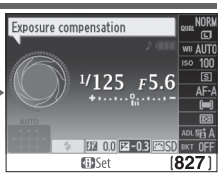
Information display

Set exposure compensation (mode **P**, **S**, or **A**; 🕮 70).


Mode **P**, **S**, *or* **A**

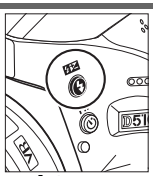

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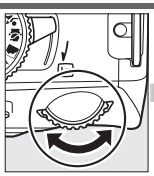

Command dial



Information display

Choose a flash mode (🕮 51).

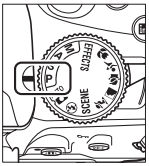

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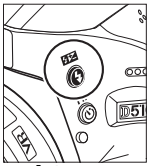

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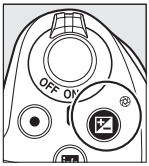


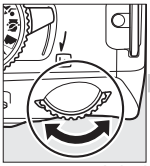
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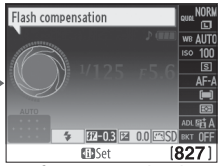
Adjust flash compensation (mode **P**, **S**, **A**, or **M**; 🕮 72).


P, **S**, **A**, *or* **M**


button

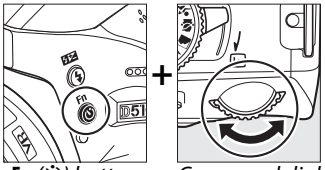

button


Command dial



Information display

The role of the **Fn** button can be selected using Custom Setting f1 (**Assign ⏲/Fn button**; 🕮 165), allowing the following settings to be adjusted by pressing the **Fn** (⏲) button and rotating the command dial:



Fn (⏲) button + *Command dial*

Release mode (🕮 35)

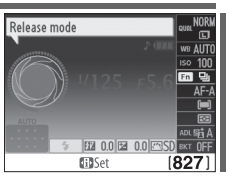
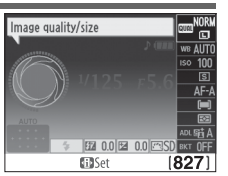
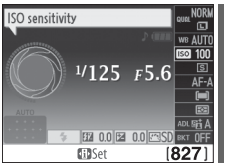


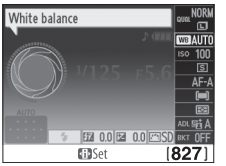
Image quality/size (🕮 47)



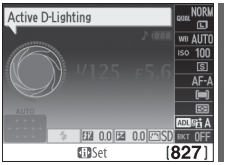
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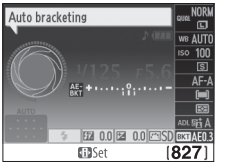
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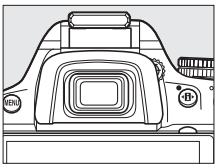
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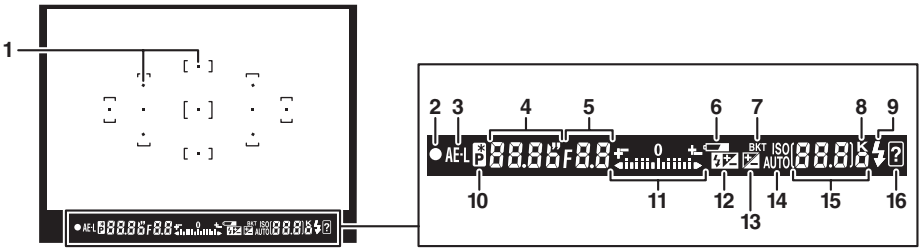


Auto bracketing (🕮 88)



The Viewfinder



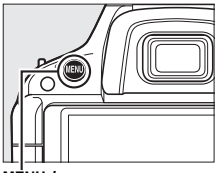


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The Viewfinder
The response time and brightness of the viewfinder display may vary with temperature.

Camera Menus

Most shooting, playback, and setup options can be accessed from the camera menus. To view the menus, press the **MENU** button.

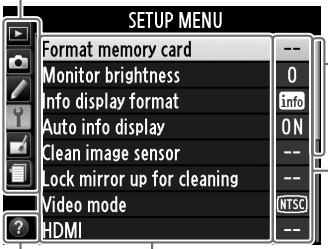


MENU *button*

Tabs

Choose from the following menus:

- : **Playback** (📖 149)
- : **Shooting** (📖 151)
- : **Custom Settings** (📖 156)
- : **Setup** (📖 167)
- : **Retouch** (📖 176)
- /: **Recent settings** or **My Menu** (defaults to **Recent settings**; 📖 192)



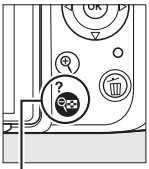
Slider shows position in current menu.

Current settings are shown by icons.

Menu options

Options in current menu.

If a ? icon is displayed at the bottom left corner of the monitor, help can be displayed by pressing the **?** *(?) button. Press ▲ or ▼ to scroll through the display. Press* **?** *(?) again to return to the menus.*

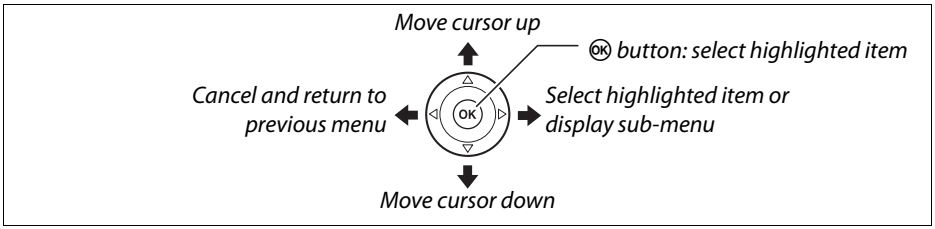


? *(?) button*



Using Camera Menus

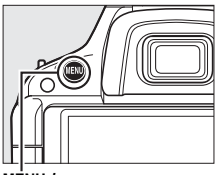
The multi selector and ⓚ button are used to navigate the camera menus.



Follow the steps below to navigate the menus.

1 Display the menus.

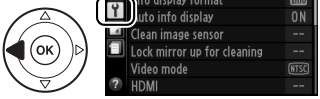
Press the MENU button to display the menus.



MENU *button*

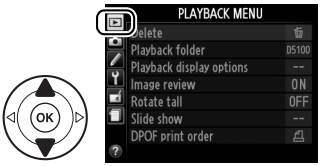
2 Highlight the icon for the current menu.

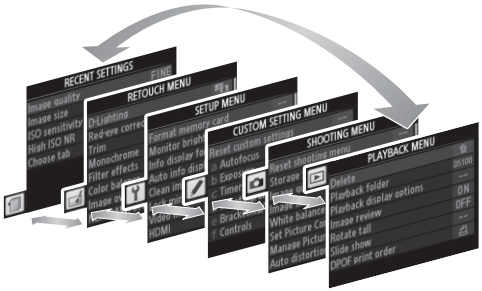
Press ◀ to highlight the icon for the current menu.



3 Select a menu.

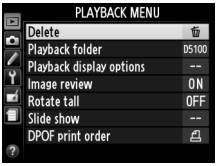
Press ▲ or ▼ to select the desired menu.





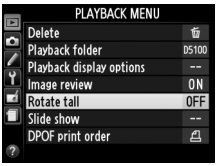
4 **Position the cursor in the selected menu.**
Press ▶ to position the cursor in the selected menu.





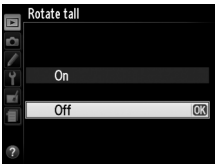
5 **Highlight a menu item.**
Press ▲ or ▼ to highlight a menu item.





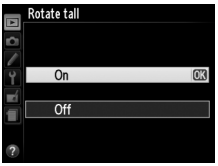
6 **Display options.**
Press ▶ to display options for the selected menu item.





7 **Highlight an option.**
Press ▲ or ▼ to highlight an option.





8 **Select the highlighted item.**
Press Ⓚ to select the highlighted item. To exit without making a selection, press the MENU button.



Note the following:

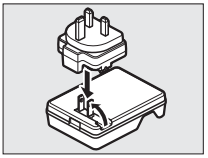
- Menu items that are displayed in gray are not currently available.
- While pressing ▶ generally has the same effect as pressing Ⓚ, there are some cases in which selection can only be made by pressing Ⓚ.
- To exit the menus and return to shooting mode, press the shutter-release button halfway (🕮 28).

Charge the Battery

The camera is powered by an EN-EL14 rechargeable Li-ion battery (supplied). To maximize shooting time, charge the battery in the supplied MH-24 battery charger before use. About 1 hour and 30 minutes are required to fully recharge the battery when no charge remains.

The Plug Adapter

Depending on the country or region of purchase, a plug adapter may be supplied with the charger. The shape of the adapter varies with the country or region of purchase. If a plug adapter is supplied, raise the wall plug and connect the plug adapter as shown at right, making sure the plug is fully inserted. Attempting to forcibly remove the plug adapter could damage the product.

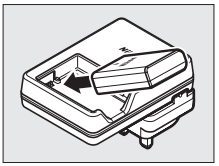


1 Remove the terminal cover.

Remove the terminal cover from the battery.

2 Insert the battery.

Insert the battery as shown in the illustration on the charger.

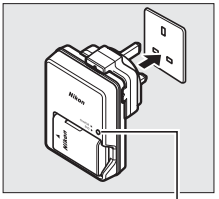


Charging the Battery

Charge the battery indoors at ambient temperatures between 5–35 °C (41–95 °F). The battery will not charge if its temperature is below 0 °C (32 °F) or above 60 °C (140 °F).

3 Plug the charger in.

The **CHARGE** lamp will blink while the battery charges.



Battery charging *Charging complete*

During Charging

Do not move the charger or touch the battery during charging. Failure to observe this precaution could in very rare instances result in the charger showing that charging is complete when the battery is only partially charged. Remove and reinsert the battery to begin charging again.

4 Remove the battery when charging is complete.

Charging is complete when the **CHARGE** lamp stops blinking. Unplug the charger and remove the battery.

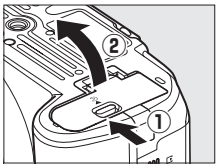
Insert the Battery

1 Turn the camera off.

> **Inserting and Removing Batteries**
> Always turn the camera off before inserting or removing batteries.

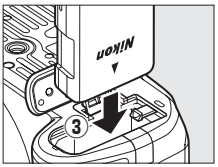
2 Open the battery-chamber cover.

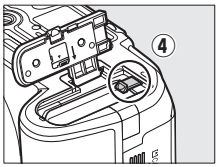
Unlatch (①) and open (②) the battery-chamber cover.



3 Insert the battery.

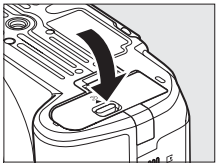
Insert the battery in the orientation shown (③), using the battery to keep the orange battery latch pressed to one side. The latch locks the battery in place when the battery is fully inserted (④).



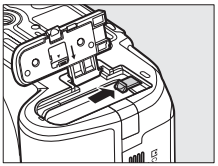


Battery latch

4 Close the battery-chamber cover.



> **Removing the Battery**
> Turn the camera off and open the battery-chamber cover. Press the battery latch in the direction shown by the arrow to release the battery and then remove the battery by hand.



The Battery and Charger

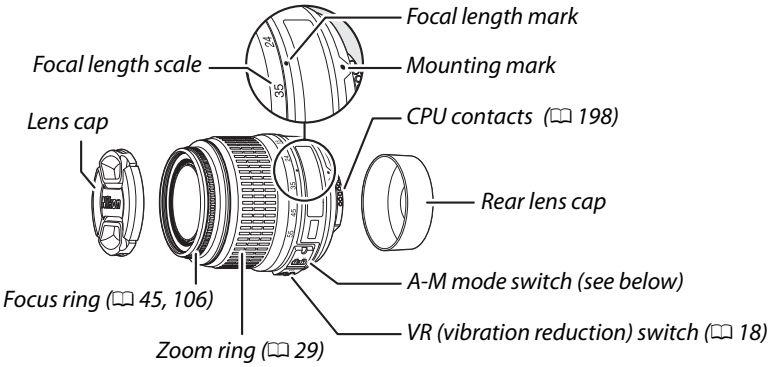
Read and follow the warnings and cautions on pages x–xi and 214–215 of this manual. Do not use the battery at ambient temperatures below 0°C/32°F or above 40°C/104°F; failure to observe this precaution could damage the battery or impair its performance. Capacity may be reduced and charging times may increase at battery temperatures from 0°C/32°F to 15°C/59°F and from 45°C/113°F to 60°C/140°F. If the **CHARGE** lamp flickers during charging, confirm that the temperature is in the correct range and then unplug the charger and remove and reinsert the battery. If the problem persists, cease use immediately and take battery and charger to your retailer or a Nikon-authorized service representative.

Do not attempt to charge a fully-charged battery. Failure to observe this precaution will result in reduced battery performance.

Use the charger with compatible batteries only. Unplug when not in use.

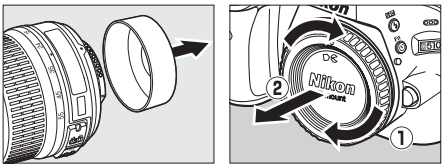
Attach a Lens

Care should be taken to prevent dust from entering the camera when the lens is removed. The lens generally used in this manual for illustrative purposes is an AF-S DX NIKKOR 18–55mm f/3.5–5.6G VR.



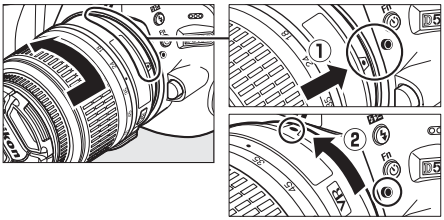
1 **Turn the camera off.**

2 **Remove the rear lens cap and the camera body cap.**

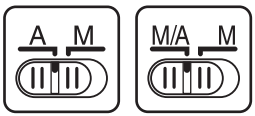


3 **Attach the lens.**

Keeping the mounting mark on the lens aligned with the mounting mark on the camera body, position the lens in the camera's bayonet mount (①). Being careful not to press the lens-release button, rotate the lens counter-clockwise until it clicks into place (②).



Slide the **A-M** mode switch to **A** (autofocus; if the lens has an **M/A-M** switch, select **M/A** for autofocus with manual override).

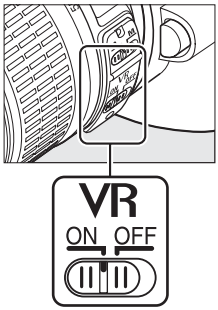


Autofocus

Autofocus is supported with only AF-S and AF-I lenses, which are equipped with autofocus motors. Autofocus is not available with other AF lenses (📖 197).

▮▮ *Vibration Reduction (VR)*

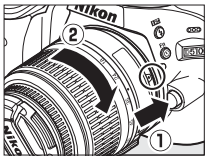
AF-S DX NIKKOR 18–55mm f/3.5–5.6G VR lenses support vibration reduction (VR), which reduces blur caused by camera shake even when the camera is panned, allowing shutter speeds to be slowed by approximately 3 EV at a focal length of 55 mm (Nikon measurements; effects vary with the user and shooting conditions).



To use vibration reduction, slide the VR switch to **ON**. Vibration reduction is activated when the shutter-release button is pressed halfway, reducing the effects of camera shake on the image in the viewfinder and simplifying the process of framing the subject and focusing in both autofocus and manual focus modes. When the camera is panned, vibration reduction applies only to motion that is not part of the pan (if the camera is panned horizontally, for example, vibration reduction will be applied only to vertical shake), making it much easier to pan the camera smoothly in a wide arc.

Vibration reduction can be turned off by sliding the VR switch to **OFF**. Turn vibration reduction off when the camera is securely mounted on a tripod, but leave it on if the tripod head is not secured or when using a monopod.

Detaching the Lens



Be sure the camera is off when removing or exchanging lenses. To remove the lens, press and hold the lens release button (①) while turning the lens clockwise (②). After removing the lens, replace the lens caps and camera body cap.

CPU Lenses with Aperture Rings

In the case of CPU lenses equipped with an aperture ring (🕮 198), lock aperture at the minimum setting (highest f-number).

Vibration Reduction

Do not turn the camera off or remove the lens while vibration reduction is in effect. If power to the lens is cut while vibration reduction is on, the lens may rattle when shaken. This is not a malfunction, and can be corrected by reattaching the lens and turning the camera on. Vibration reduction is disabled while the built-in flash is charging. When vibration reduction is active, the image in the viewfinder may be blurred after the shutter is released. This does not indicate a malfunction; wait for the image in the viewfinder to stabilize before shooting.

Basic Setup

A language-selection dialog will be displayed the first time the camera is turned on. Choose a language and set the time and date. Photographs can not be taken until you have set the time and date.

1 Turn the camera on.
A language-selection dialog will be displayed.

2 Select a language.
Press ▲ or ▼ to highlight the desired language and press ⓚ.





3 Choose a time zone.
A time-zone selection dialog will be displayed. Press ◀ or ▶ to highlight the local time zone (the **UTC** field shows the difference between the selected time zone and Coordinated Universal Time, or UTC, in hours) and press ⓚ.





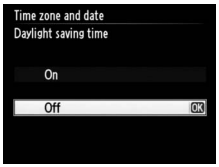
4 Choose a date format.
Press ▲ or ▼ to choose the order in which the year, month, and day will be displayed. Press ⓚ to proceed to the next step.





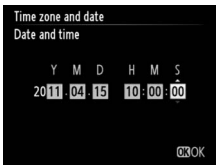
5 Turn daylight saving time on or off.
Daylight saving time options will be displayed. Daylight saving time is off by default; if daylight saving time is in effect in the local time zone, press ▲ to highlight **On** and press ⓚ.





6 Set the date and time.
The dialog shown at right will be displayed. Press ◀ or ▶ to select an item, ▲ or ▼ to change. Press ⓚ to set the clock and exit to shooting mode.





The Setup Menu

Language and date/time settings can be changed at any time using the **Language** (🕮 171) and **Time zone and date** (🕮 170) options in the setup menu.

The Clock Battery

The camera clock is powered by an independent, rechargeable power source, which is charged as necessary when the main battery is installed or the camera is powered by an optional EP-5A power connector and EH-5b AC adapter (🕮 208). Three days of charging will power the clock for about a month. If a message warning that the clock is not set is displayed when the camera is turned on, the clock battery is exhausted and the clock has been reset. Set the clock to the correct time and date.

The Camera Clock

The camera clock is less accurate than most watches and household clocks. Check the clock regularly against more accurate time pieces and reset as necessary.

Insert a Memory Card

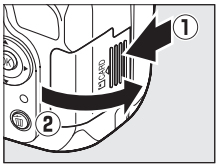
The camera stores pictures on **S**ecure **D**igital (SD) memory cards (available separately; 🕮 207).

1 Turn the camera off.

> **Inserting and Removing Memory Cards**
> Always turn the camera off before inserting or removing memory cards.

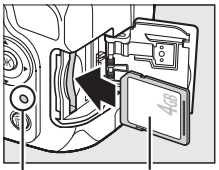
2 Open the card slot cover.

Slide the card slot cover out (①) and open the card slot (②).



3 Insert the memory card.

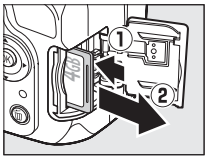
Holding the memory card as shown at right, slide it in until it clicks into place. The memory card access lamp will light for a few seconds. Close the memory card slot cover.



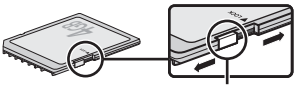
> **Inserting Memory Cards**
> Inserting memory cards upside down or backwards could damage the camera or the card. Check to be sure the card is in the correct orientation.

If this is the first time the memory card will be used in the camera or the card has been formatted in another device, format the card as described on page 22.

> **Removing Memory Cards**
> After confirming that the access lamp is off, turn the camera off, open the memory card slot cover, and press the card in to eject it (①). The card can then be removed by hand (②).



> **The Write Protect Switch**
> Memory cards are equipped with a write protect switch to prevent accidental loss of data. When this switch is in the "lock" position, the memory card can not be formatted and photos can not be deleted or recorded (a beep will sound if you attempt to release the shutter). To unlock the memory card, slide the switch to the "write" position.



Format the Memory Card

Memory cards must be formatted before first use or after being formatted in other devices. Format the card as described below.

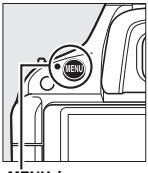
Formatting Memory Cards

Formatting memory cards permanently deletes any data they may contain. Be sure to copy any photographs and other data you wish to keep to a computer before proceeding (🕮 137).

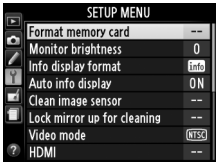
1 Turn the camera on.

2 Display format options.

Press the MENU button to display the menus. Highlight **Format memory card** in the setup menu and press ▶. For more information on using the menus, see page 11.



MENU *button*



3 Highlight Yes.

To exit without formatting the memory card, highlight **No** and press OK.





4 Press OK.

The message at right will be displayed while the card is formatted. *Do not remove the memory card or remove or disconnect the power source until formatting is complete.*





Memory Cards

- Memory cards may be hot after use. Observe due caution when removing memory cards from the camera.
- Do not remove memory cards from the camera, turn the camera off, or remove or disconnect the power source during formatting or while data are being recorded, deleted, or copied to a computer. Failure to observe these precautions could result in loss of data or in damage to the camera or card.
- Do not touch the card terminals with your fingers or metal objects.
- Do not bend, drop, or subject to strong physical shocks.
- Do not apply force to the card casing. Failure to observe this precaution could damage the card.
- Do not expose to water, heat, high levels of humidity, or direct sunlight.

Adjust Viewfinder Focus

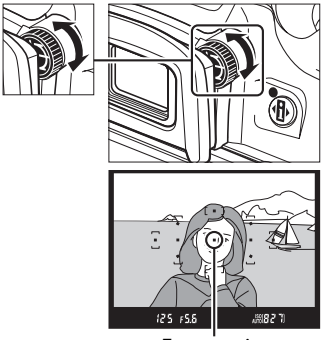
The camera is equipped with diopter adjustment to accommodate individual differences in vision. Check that the display in the viewfinder is in focus before framing pictures in the viewfinder.

1 Remove the lens cap.

2 Turn the camera on.

3 Focus the viewfinder.

Rotate the diopter adjustment control until the viewfinder display and focus point are in sharp focus. When operating the control with your eye to the viewfinder, be careful not to put your fingers or fingernails in your eye.



Focus point

Adjusting Viewfinder Focus

If you are unable to focus the viewfinder as described above, select single-servo autofocus (**AF-S**; 🕮 39), single-point AF (**[▫]**; 🕮 42), and the center focus point (🕮 43), and then frame a high-contrast subject in the center focus point and press the shutter-release button halfway to focus the camera. With the camera in focus, use the diopter adjustment control to bring the subject into clear focus in the viewfinder. If necessary, viewfinder focus can be further adjusted using optional corrective lenses (🕮 206).



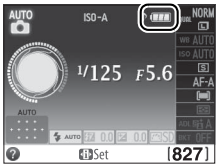
Basic Photography

Battery Level and Card Capacity

Before shooting, turn the camera on and check the battery level and number of exposures remaining in the information display or viewfinder (if the monitor is off, press the ◀ button to view the information display; if the monitor does not turn on, the battery is exhausted and must be recharged).

■■ *Battery Level*

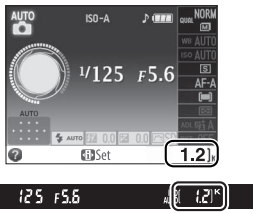
Information display	Viewfinder	Description
	—	Battery fully charged.
	—	Battery partially discharged.
		Low battery. Ready fully-charged spare battery or prepare to charge battery.
(blinks)	(blinks)	Battery exhausted; shutter release disabled. Charge or exchange battery.



■■ *Number of Exposures Remaining*

The information display and viewfinder show the number of photographs that can be stored on the memory card (values over 1,000 are rounded down to the nearest hundred; e.g., values between 1,200 and 1,299 are shown as 1.2 K). If a warning is displayed stating that there is not enough memory for additional photographs, insert another memory card (🕮 21) or delete some photos (🕮 133).





“Point-and-Shoot” Photography (AUTO and Modes)

This section describes how to take photographs in AUTO and modes, automatic “point-and-shoot” modes in which the majority of settings are controlled by the camera in response to shooting conditions.

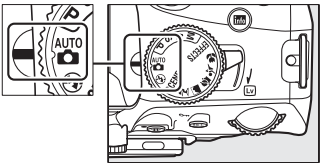
1 Turn the camera on.

Remove the lens cap and turn the camera on. The information display will appear in the monitor.

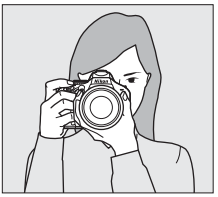
2 Select AUTO or mode.

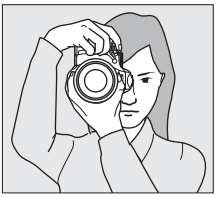
To shoot where use of a flash is prohibited, photograph infants, or capture natural lighting under low light, select auto (flash off) mode by rotating the mode dial to . Otherwise, rotate the dial to AUTO (auto).

Mode dial



3 Ready the camera.



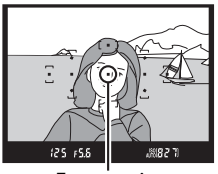


When framing photographs in the viewfinder, hold the handgrip in your right hand and cradle the camera body or lens with your left. Keep your elbows propped lightly against your torso for support and place one foot half a pace ahead of the other to keep your upper body stable. When framing photographs in portrait (tall) orientation, hold the camera as shown above at right.

In mode, shutter speeds slow when lighting is poor; use of a tripod is recommended.

4 Frame the photograph.

Frame a photograph in the viewfinder with the main subject in at least one of the 11 focus points.



Focus point

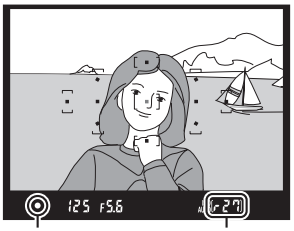
5 Press the shutter-release button halfway.

Press the shutter-release button halfway to focus. The camera will select the focus points automatically. If the subject is poorly lit, the flash may pop up and the AF-assist illuminator may light.



6 Check the indicators in the viewfinder.

When the focus operation is complete, the selected focus points will be briefly highlighted, a beep will sound (a beep may not sound if the subject is moving), and the in-focus indicator (●) will appear in the viewfinder.



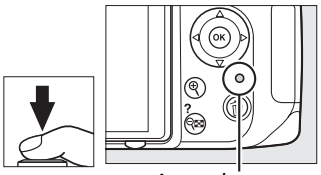
In-focus indicator *Buffer capacity*

In-focus indicator	Description
●	Subject in focus.
● (blinks)	Camera unable to focus using autofocus. See page 40.

While the shutter-release button is pressed halfway, the number of exposures that can be stored in the memory buffer ("r"; 🕮 36) will be displayed in the viewfinder.

7 Shoot.

Smoothly press the shutter-release button the rest of the way down to release the shutter and record the photograph. The access lamp next to the memory card slot cover will light and the photograph will be displayed in the monitor for a few seconds (the photo will automatically clear from the display when the shutter-release button is pressed halfway). *Do not eject the memory card or remove or disconnect the power source until the lamp has gone out and recording is complete.*

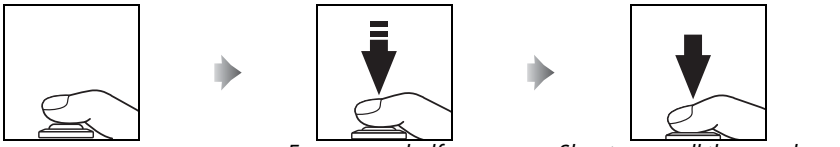


Access lamp



The Shutter-Release Button

The camera has a two-stage shutter-release button. The camera focuses when the shutter-release button is pressed halfway. To take the photograph, press the shutter-release button the rest of the way down.



Focus: press halfway *Shoot: press all the way down*

Auto Meter-Off

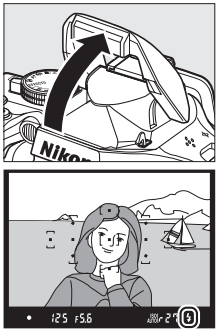
The viewfinder and information display will turn off if no operations are performed for about 8 seconds (auto meter-off), reducing the drain on the battery. Press the shutter-release button halfway to reactivate the display. The auto meter-off delay can be selected using Custom Setting c2 (**Auto off timers**; 🕮 160).



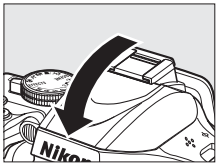
Exposure meters on *Exposure meters off* *Exposure meters on*

The Built-in Flash

If additional lighting is required for correct exposure in AUTO mode, the built-in flash will pop up automatically when the shutter-release button is pressed halfway. If the flash is raised, photographs can only be taken when the flash-ready indicator (ϟ) is displayed. If the flash-ready indicator is not displayed, the flash is charging; remove your finger briefly from the shutter-release button and try again.

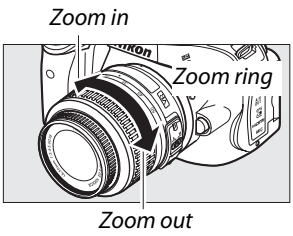


To save battery power when the flash is not in use, return it to its closed position by pressing it gently downward till the latch clicks into place.



Using a Zoom Lens

Use the zoom ring to zoom in on the subject so that it fills a larger area of the frame, or zoom out to increase the area visible in the final photograph (select longer focal lengths on the lens focal length scale to zoom in, shorter focal lengths to zoom out).



Note that in the case of the AF-S DX NIKKOR 18–55mm f/3.5–5.6G VR, changes to zoom can alter maximum aperture by up to $1^1/_3$ EV. The camera however automatically takes this into account when setting exposure, and no modifications to camera settings are required following adjustments to zoom.

Image Sensor Cleaning

The camera vibrates the low-pass filter covering the image sensor to remove dust when the camera is turned on or off (🕮 210).

Creative Photography (Scene Modes)

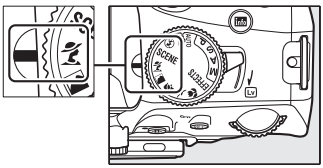
The camera offers a choice of "scene" modes. Choosing a scene mode automatically optimizes settings to suit the selected scene, making creative photography as simple as selecting a mode, framing a picture, and shooting as described on pages 26–29.



The Mode Dial

The following scenes can be selected with the mode dial:

Mode dial



Portrait



Use for portraits with soft, natural-looking skin tones. If the subject is far from the background or a telephoto lens is used, background details will be softened to lend the composition a sense of depth.

Landscape



Use for vivid landscape shots in daylight. The built-in flash and AF-assist illuminator turn off; use of a tripod is recommended to prevent blur when lighting is poor.

Child



Use for snapshots of children. Clothing and background details are vividly rendered, while skin tones remain soft and natural.

Sports



Fast shutter speeds freeze motion for dynamic sports shots in which the main subject stands out clearly. The built-in flash and AF-assist illuminator turn off.

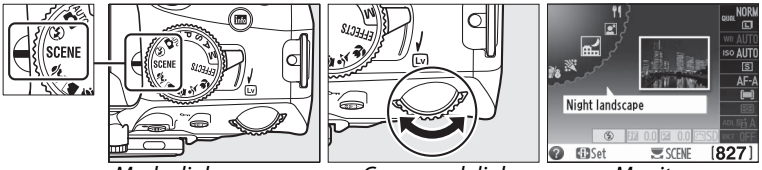
Close up



Use for close-up shots of flowers, insects, and other small objects (a macro lens can be used to focus at very close ranges). Use of a tripod is recommended to prevent blur.

Other Scenes

The following scenes can be selected by rotating the mode dial to **SCENE** and rotating the command dial until the desired scene appears in the monitor.



Mode dial *Command dial* *Monitor*

Night Portrait



Use for a natural balance between the main subject and the background in portraits taken under low light. Use of a tripod is recommended to prevent blur.

Night Landscape



Reduce noise and unnatural colors when photographing night landscapes, including street lighting and neon signs. The built-in flash and AF-assist illuminator turn off; use of a tripod is recommended to prevent blur.

Party/Indoor



Capture the effects of indoor background lighting. Use for parties and other indoor scenes.

Beach/Snow



Capture the brightness of sunlit expanses of water, snow, or sand. The built-in flash and AF-assist illuminator turn off.

Sunset



Preserves the deep hues seen in sunsets and sunrises. The built-in flash and AF-assist illuminator turn off; use of a tripod is recommended to prevent blur when lighting is poor.

Dusk/Dawn



Preserves the colors seen in the weak natural light before dawn or after sunset. The built-in flash and AF-assist illuminator turn off; use of a tripod is recommended to prevent blur when lighting is poor.

Pet Portrait



Use for portraits of active pets. The AF-assist illuminator turns off.

Candlelight



For photographs taken by candlelight. The built-in flash turns off; use of a tripod is recommended to prevent blur when lighting is poor.

Blossom



Use for fields of flowers, orchards in bloom, and other landscapes featuring expanses of blossoms. The built-in flash turns off; use of a tripod is recommended to prevent blur when lighting is poor.

Autumn Colors



Captures the brilliant reds and yellows in autumn leaves. The built-in flash turns off; use of a tripod is recommended to prevent blur when lighting is poor.

Food



Use for vivid photographs of food. Use of a tripod is recommended to prevent blur; the flash can also be used (🕮 50).

More on Photography (All Modes)

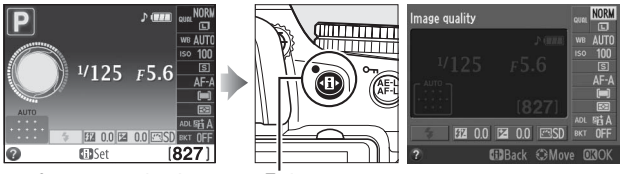
Release Mode

Choose from the following release modes:

Mode	Description
S	**Single frame**: Camera takes one photograph each time shutter-release button is pressed.
CL	**Continuous**: While shutter-release button is held down, camera records up to 4 frames per second.
⏲	**Self-timer**: Use self-timer for self-portraits or to reduce blurring caused by camera shake (🕮 37).
⏲ 2s	**Delayed remote**: Shutter is released 2 s after shutter-release button on optional ML-L3 remote control is pressed (🕮 37).
⏲	**Quick-response remote**: Shutter is released when shutter-release button on optional ML-L3 remote control is pressed (🕮 37).
Q	**Quiet shutter release**: As for single frame, except that mirror does not click back into place while shutter-release button is fully pressed, allowing user to control timing of click made by mirror, which is also quieter than in single frame mode. Also, beep does not sound when camera focuses, keeping noise to a minimum in quiet surroundings.

1 Place the cursor in the information display.

If shooting information is not displayed in the monitor, press the ◂i▸ button. Press the ◂i▸ button again to place the cursor in the information display.



Information display ◂i▸ *button*

2 Display release-mode options.

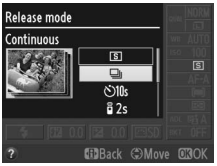
Highlight the current release mode in the information display and press OK.



3 Choose a release mode.

Highlight a release mode and press ⊛. To return to shooting mode, press the shutter-release button halfway.





The Memory Buffer

The camera is equipped with a memory buffer for temporary storage, allowing shooting to continue while photographs are being saved to the memory card. Up to 100 photographs can be taken in succession; note, however, that frame rate will drop when the buffer is full.

While photographs are being recorded to the memory card, the access lamp next to the memory card slot will light. Depending on the number of the images in the buffer, recording may take from a few seconds to a few minutes. *Do not remove the memory card or remove or disconnect the power source until the access lamp has gone out.* If the camera is switched off while data remain in the buffer, the power will not turn off until all images in the buffer have been recorded. If the battery is exhausted while images remain in the buffer, the shutter release will be disabled and the images transferred to the memory card.

Buffer Size



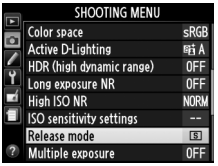
The approximate number of images that can be stored in the memory buffer at current settings is shown in the viewfinder exposure-count display while the shutter-release button is pressed. The illustration shows the display when space remains in the buffer for about 27 pictures.

Auto Image Rotation

The camera orientation recorded for the first shot applies to all images in the same burst, even if the camera is rotated during shooting. See "Auto Image Rotation" (🕮 172).

The Shooting Menu

The release mode can also be selected using the **Release mode** option in the shooting menu (🕮 151).



The Fn Button

The release mode can also be selected by pressing the **Fn** button and rotating the command dial (🕮 165).

See Also

For information on the number of photographs that can be taken in a single burst, see page 218.

Self-Timer and Remote Control Modes

The self-timer and optional ML-L3 remote control (🕮 207) can be used to reduce camera shake or for self-portraits.

1 Mount the camera on a tripod.

Mount the camera on a tripod or place the camera on a stable, level surface.

2 Select a release mode.

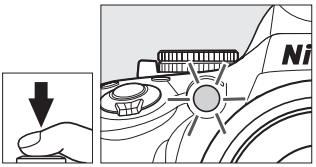


Select ⏲ (self-timer), 2s (delayed remote), or (quick-response remote) mode (🕮 35; note that if no operations are performed for about a minute after a remote control mode is selected, the camera will automatically return to single frame, continuous, or quiet shutter-release mode).

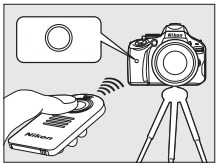
3 Frame the photograph.

Remote control mode: Check focus by pressing the shutter-release button halfway. No photograph will be taken even if the button is pressed all the way down.

4 Take the photograph.



Self-timer mode: Press the shutter-release button halfway to focus, and then press the button the rest of the way down. The self-timer lamp will start to blink and a beep will begin to sound. Two seconds before the photo is taken, the lamp will stop blinking and the beeping will become more rapid. The shutter will be released ten seconds after the timer starts.



Remote control mode: From a distance of 5 m (16 ft.) or less, aim the transmitter on the ML-L3 at either of the infrared receivers on the camera (🕮 1, 2) and press the ML-L3 shutter-release button. *In delayed remote mode*, the self-timer lamp will light for about two seconds before the shutter is released. *In quick-response remote mode*, the self-timer lamp will flash after the shutter has been released.

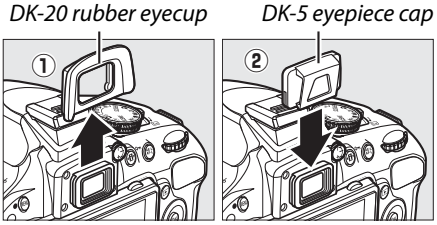
Note that the timer may not start or a photograph may not be taken if the camera is unable to focus or in other situations in which the shutter can not be released. Turning the camera off cancels self-timer and remote control release modes and restores single frame, continuous, or quiet shutter-release mode.

Before Using the Remote Control

Before using the remote control for the first time, remove the clear plastic battery-insulator sheet.

Cover the Viewfinder

When taking photos without your eye to the viewfinder, remove the DK-20 rubber eyecup (①) and insert the supplied DK-5 eyepiece cap as shown (②). This prevents light entering via the viewfinder interfering with exposure. Hold the camera firmly when removing the rubber eyecup.



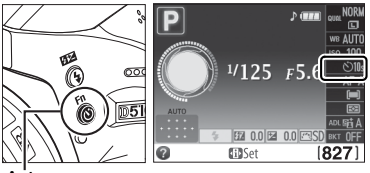
Using the Built-in Flash

Before taking a photograph with the flash in **P**, **S**, **A**, **M**, or modes, press the ⚡ button to raise the flash and wait for the ⚡ indicator to be displayed in the viewfinder (🕮 50). Shooting will be interrupted if the flash is raised while a remote control mode is in effect or after the self-timer has started. If the flash is required, the camera will only respond to the ML-L3 shutter-release button once the flash has charged. In auto or scene modes in which the flash pops up automatically, the flash will begin charging when a remote control mode is selected; once the flash is charged, it will automatically pop up and fire when required. Note that only one photograph will be taken when the flash fires, regardless of the number of exposures selected for Custom Setting c3 (**Self-timer**; 🕮 160).

In flash modes that support red-eye reduction, the red-eye reduction lamp will light for about one second before the shutter is released in quick-response remote mode. In delayed remote mode, the self-timer lamp will light for two seconds, followed by the red-eye reduction lamp which light for one second before the shutter is released.

The ⏲ Button

Self-timer mode can also be selected by pressing the ⏲ button (🕮 165).



⏲ *button*

See Also

For information on choosing the duration of the self-timer, and the number of shots taken, see Custom Setting c3 (**Self-timer**; 🕮 160). For information on choosing how long the camera will wait for a signal from the remote, see Custom Setting c4 (**Remote on duration**; 🕮 161). For information on controlling the beeps that sound when the self-timer and remote control are used, see Custom Setting d1 (**Beep**; 🕮 161).

Focus

This section describes the focus options available when photographs are framed in the viewfinder. Focus can be adjusted automatically or manually (see "Focus Mode," below). The user can also select the focus point for automatic or manual focus (🕮 45) or use focus lock to focus to recompose photographs after focusing (🕮 44).

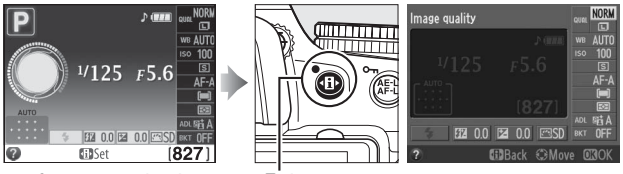
Focus Mode

Choose from the following focus modes. Note that **AF-S** and **AF-C** are available only in modes **P**, **S**, **A**, and **M**.

Option		Description
AF-A	**Auto-servo AF**	Camera automatically selects single-servo autofocus if subject is stationary, continuous-servo autofocus if subject is moving. Shutter can only be released if camera is able to focus.
AF-S	**Single-servo AF**	For stationary subjects. Focus locks when shutter-release button is pressed halfway. Shutter can only be released if camera is able to focus.
AF-C	**Continuous-servo AF**	For moving subjects. Camera focuses continuously while shutter-release button is pressed halfway. If subject moves, camera will engage *predictive focus tracking* to predict final distance to subject and adjust focus as necessary (🕮 40). At default settings, shutter can only be released if camera is able to focus (🕮 158).
MF	**Manual focus**	Focus manually (🕮 45).

1 Place the cursor in the information display.

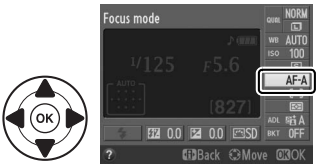
If shooting information is not displayed in the monitor, press the ◀ button. Press the ◀ button again to place the cursor in the information display.



Information display ◀ *button*

2 Display focus-mode options.

Highlight the current focus mode in the information display and press OK.



3 Choose a focus mode.

Highlight a focus mode and press OK. To return to shooting mode, press the shutter-release button halfway.





Predictive Focus Tracking

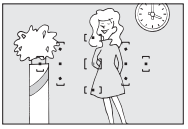
In **AF-C** mode or when continuous-servo autofocus is selected in **AF-A** mode, the camera will initiate predictive focus tracking if the subject moves toward or away from the camera while the shutter-release button is pressed halfway. This allows the camera to track focus while attempting to predict where the subject will be when the shutter is released.

Continuous-servo Autofocus

When **Focus** is selected for Custom Setting a1 (**AF-C priority selection**; 🕮 158) and the camera is in **AF-C** mode or continuous-servo autofocus is selected in **AF-A** mode, the camera gives higher priority to focus response (has a wider focus range) than in **AF-S** mode, and the shutter may be released before the in-focus indicator is displayed.

Getting Good Results with Autofocus

Autofocus does not perform well under the conditions listed below. The shutter release may be disabled if the camera is unable to focus under these conditions, or the in-focus indicator (●) may be displayed and the camera may sound a beep, allowing the shutter to be released even when the subject is not in focus. In these cases, focus manually (🕮 45) or use focus lock (🕮 44) to focus on another subject at the same distance and then recompose the photograph.



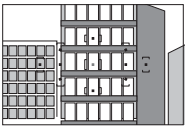
There is little or no contrast between the subject and the background.

Example: Subject is the same color as the background.



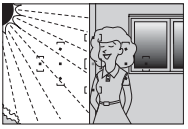
The focus point contains objects at different distances from the camera.

Example: Subject is inside a cage.



The subject is dominated by regular geometric patterns.

Example: Blinds or a row of windows in a skyscraper.



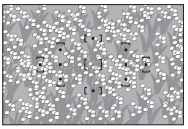
The focus point contains areas of sharply contrasting brightness.

Example: Subject is half in the shade.



Background objects appear larger than the subject.

Example: A building is in the frame behind the subject.

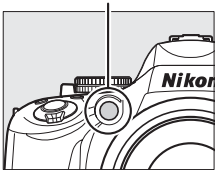


The subject contains many fine details.

Example: A field of flowers or other subjects that are small or lack variation in brightness.

The AF-Assist Illuminator

AF-assist illuminator



If the subject is poorly lit, the AF-assist illuminator will light automatically to assist the autofocus operation when the shutter-release button is pressed halfway. The AF-assist illuminator will not light:

- In live view or during movie recording
- During manual focus or if live view is off and continuous-servo autofocus is selected (**AF-C** selected for focus mode, or continuous-servo AF selected in **AF-A** focus mode)
- If the center focus point is not selected in [▫] (**Single-point AF**), [⁘] (**Dynamic-area AF**), or [3D] (**3D-tracking (11 points)**) AF-area mode (🕮 42, 43)
- In shooting modes in which the AF-assist illuminator can not be used (🕮 216)
- If **Off** has been selected for Custom Setting a2 (**Built-in AF-assist illuminator**; 🕮 158)

The illuminator has a range of about 0.5–3.0 m (1 ft. 8 in.–9 ft. 10 in.); when using the illuminator, use a lens with a focal length of 18–200 mm and remove the lens hood. The AF-assist illuminator will turn off automatically to protect the lamp after a period of continuous use. Normal function will resume after a brief pause. Note that the illuminator may become hot when used multiple times in quick succession.

See Also

For information on focusing in live view, see page 100. For information on using release priority in continuous-servo AF, see Custom Setting a1 (**AF-C priority selection**, 🕮 158). Custom Setting d1 (**Beep**; 🕮 161) can be used to turn the beep speaker on or off.

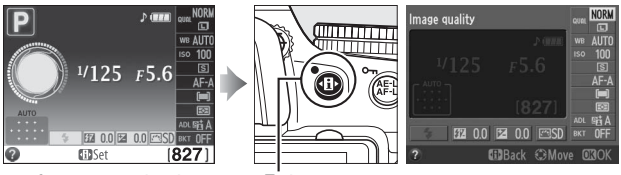
AF-Area Mode

Choose how the focus point for autofocus is selected. Note that [⊡] (**Dynamic-area AF**) and [3D] (**3D-tracking (11 points)**) are not available when **AF-S** is selected for focus mode.

Option	Description
[⊡] **Single-point AF**	User selects focus point using multi selector (🕮 43); camera focuses on subject in selected focus point only. Use with stationary subjects.
[⊡] **Dynamic-area AF**	**In AF-A and AF-C focus modes**, user selects focus point using multi selector (🕮 43), but camera will focus based on information from surrounding focus points if subject briefly leaves selected point. Use with erratically moving subjects.
[3D] **3D-tracking (11 points)**	**In AF-A and AF-C focus modes**, user selects focus point using multi selector (🕮 43). If subject moves after camera has focused, camera uses 3D-tracking to select new focus point and keep focus locked on original subject while shutter-release button is pressed halfway. If subject leaves viewfinder, remove your finger from shutter-release button and recompose photograph with subject in selected focus point.
[▬] **Auto-area AF**	Camera automatically detects subject and selects focus point.

1 Place the cursor in the information display.

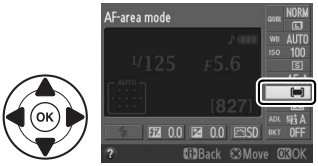
If shooting information is not displayed in the monitor, press the ◀ button. Press the ◀ button again to place the cursor in the information display.



Information display *◀ button*

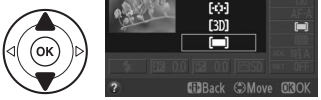
2 Display AF-area mode options.

Highlight the current AF-area mode in the information display and press ⊛.



3 Choose an AF-area mode.

Highlight an AF-area mode and press ⊛. To return to shooting mode, press the shutter-release button halfway.



AF-Area Mode
AF-area mode selections made in shooting modes other than **P**, **S**, **A**, or **M** are reset when another shooting mode is selected.

3D-tracking (11 Points)
When the shutter-release button is pressed halfway, the colors in the area surrounding the focus point are stored in the camera. Consequently 3D-tracking may not produce the desired results with subjects that are the same color as the background.

See Also
For information on the AF-area modes available in live view, see page 101.

Focus Point Selection

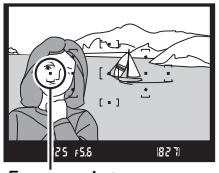
In manual focus mode or when autofocus is combined with AF-area modes other than [▬] (**Auto-area AF**), you can choose from 11 focus points, making it possible to compose photographs with the main subject almost anywhere in the frame.

1 **Choose an AF-area mode other than [▬] (Auto-area AF; 🕮 42).**

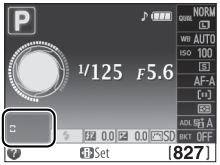


2 **Select the focus point.**
Use the multi selector to select the focus point in the viewfinder or information display while the exposure meters are on. Press ⊛ to select the center focus point.





Focus point

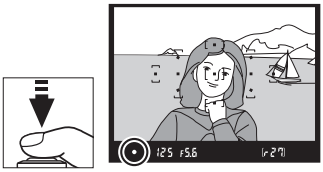


Focus Lock

Focus lock can be used to change the composition after focusing in **AF-A**, **AF-S**, and **AF-C** focus modes (🕮 39), making it possible to focus on a subject that will not be in a focus point in the final composition. If the camera is unable to focus using autofocus (🕮 40), you can also focus on another subject at the same distance and then use focus lock to recompose the photograph. Focus lock is most effective when an option other than [▬] (**Auto-area AF**) is selected for AF-area mode (🕮 42).

1 Focus.

Position the subject in the selected focus point and press the shutter-release button halfway to initiate focus. Check that the in-focus indicator (●) appears in the viewfinder.

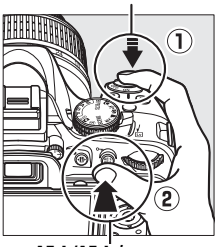


2 Lock focus.

AF-A and AF-C focus modes: With the shutter-release button pressed halfway (①), press the **AE-L/AF-L** button (②) to lock both focus and exposure (an **AE-L** icon will be displayed in the viewfinder; 🕮 69). Focus will remain locked while the **AE-L/AF-L** button is pressed, even if you later remove your finger from the shutter-release button.

AF-S focus mode: Focus locks automatically when the in-focus indicator appears, and remains locked until you remove your finger from the shutter-release button. Focus can also be locked by pressing the **AE-L/AF-L** button (see above).

Shutter-release button

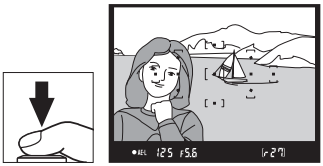


AE-L/AF-L *button*



3 Recompose the photograph and shoot.

Focus will remain locked between shots if you keep the shutter-release button pressed halfway (**AF-S**) or keep the **AE-L/AF-L** button pressed, allowing several photographs in succession to be taken at the same focus setting.



Do not change the distance between the camera and the subject while focus lock is in effect. If the subject moves, focus again at the new distance.

The AE-L/AF-L Button

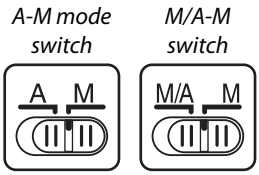
Custom Setting f2 (**Assign AE-L/AF-L button**; 🕮 166) controls the behavior of the **AE-L/AF-L** button.

Manual Focus

Manual focus can be used when you are not using an AF-S or AF-I lens or when autofocus does not produce the desired results (🕮 40).

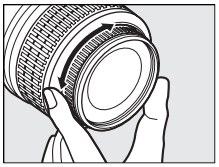
1 Set the lens focus-mode switch.

If the lens is equipped with an M/A-M or A-M mode switch, slide the switch to **M**.



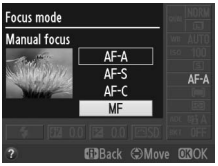
2 Focus.

To focus manually, adjust the lens focus ring until the image displayed on the clear matte field in the viewfinder is in focus. Photographs can be taken at any time, even when the image is not in focus.



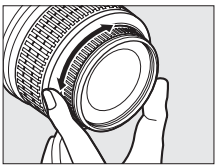
Selecting Manual Focus with the Camera

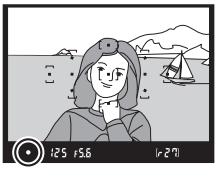
If the lens supports M/A (autofocus with manual override), manual focus can also be selected by setting the camera focus mode to **MF** (manual focus; 🕮 39). Focus can then be adjusted manually, regardless of the mode selected with the lens.



■■ *The Electronic Rangefinder*

If the lens has a maximum aperture of f/5.6 or faster, the viewfinder focus indicator can be used to confirm whether the subject in the selected focus point is in focus (the focus point can be selected from any of the 11 focus points). After positioning the subject in the selected focus point, press the shutter-release button halfway and rotate the lens focus ring until the in-focus indicator (●) is displayed. Note that with the subjects listed on page 40, the in-focus indicator may sometimes be displayed when the subject is not in focus; confirm focus in the viewfinder before shooting.



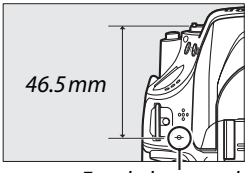


The Exposure Indicator

If desired, the exposure indicator can be used to determine whether the focus point for manual focus is in front of or behind the subject (🕮 159).

Focal Plane Position

To determine the distance between your subject and the camera, measure from the focal plane mark on the camera body. The distance between the lens mounting flange and the focal plane is 46.5 mm (1.83 in.).



Focal plane mark

Image Quality and Size

Together, image quality and size determine how much space each photograph occupies on the memory card. Larger, higher quality images can be printed at larger sizes but also require more memory, meaning that fewer such images can be stored on the memory card (🕮 218).

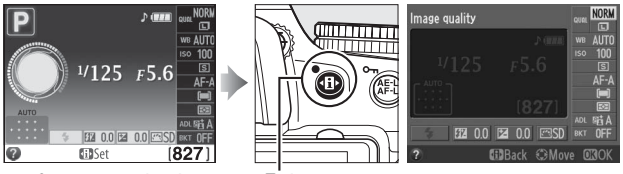
Image Quality

Choose a file format and compression ratio (image quality).

Option	File type	Description
NEF (RAW)	NEF	Raw 14-bit data from the image sensor are saved directly to the memory card. Settings such as white balance and contrast can be adjusted on a computer after shooting.
JPEG fine	JPEG	Record JPEG images at a compression ratio of roughly 1 : 4 (fine quality).
JPEG normal		Record JPEG images at a compression ratio of roughly 1 : 8 (normal quality).
JPEG basic		Record JPEG images at a compression ratio of roughly 1 : 16 (basic quality).
NEF (RAW) + JPEG fine	NEF/ JPEG	Two images are recorded: one NEF (RAW) image and one fine-quality JPEG image.
NEF (RAW) + JPEG normal		Two images are recorded: one NEF (RAW) image and one normal-quality JPEG image.
NEF (RAW) + JPEG basic		Two images are recorded: one NEF (RAW) image and one basic-quality JPEG image.

1 Place the cursor in the information display.

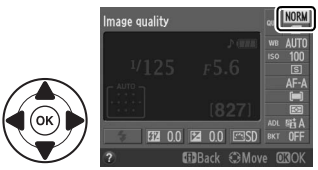
If shooting information is not displayed in the monitor, press the ◂i▸ button. Press the ◂i▸ button again to place the cursor in the information display.



Information display *◂i▸ button*

2 Display image quality options.

Highlight the current image quality in the information display and press ⊛.



3 Choose a file type.

Highlight an option and press ⓚ. To return to shooting mode, press the shutter-release button halfway.





NEF (RAW) Images

Note that the option selected for image size does not affect the size of NEF (RAW) images. White balance bracketing (🕮 88), high dynamic range (HDR, 🕮 76), and print date (🕮 163) are not available at image quality settings of NEF (RAW) or NEF (RAW)+JPEG.

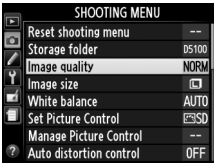
NEF (RAW) images can be viewed on the camera or using software such as Capture NX 2 (available separately; 🕮 206) or ViewNX 2 (available on the supplied ViewNX 2 CD). JPEG copies of NEF (RAW) images can be created using the **NEF (RAW) processing** option in the retouch menu (🕮 183).

NEF (RAW) + JPEG

When photographs taken at NEF (RAW) + JPEG are viewed on the camera, only the JPEG image will be displayed. When photographs taken at these settings are deleted, both NEF and JPEG images will be deleted.

The Shooting Menu

Image quality can also be adjusted using the **Image quality** option in the shooting menu (🕮 151).



The Fn Button

Image quality and size can also be adjusted by pressing the **Fn** button and rotating the command dial (🕮 165).

Image Size

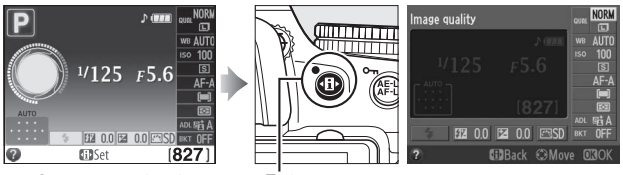
Image size is measured in pixels. Choose from the following options:

Image size	Size (pixels)	Print size (cm/in.)*
L Large	4,928 × 3,264	41.7 × 27.6/16.4 × 11.4
M Medium	3,696 × 2,448	31.3 × 20.7/12.3 × 8.2
S Small	2,464 × 1,632	20.9 × 13.8/8.2 × 5.4

* Approximate size when printed at 300 dpi. Print size in inches equals image size in pixels divided by printer resolution in **d**ots **p**er **i**nch (dpi; 1 inch = approximately 2.54 cm).

1 Place the cursor in the information display.

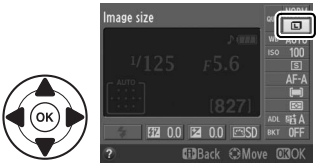
If shooting information is not displayed in the monitor, press the ◂i▸ button. Press the ◂i▸ button again to place the cursor in the information display.



Information display ◂i▸ *button*

2 Display image size options.

Highlight the current image size in the information display and press ⊛.



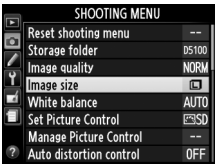
3 Choose an image size.

Highlight an option and press ⊛. To return to shooting mode, press the shutter-release button halfway.



The Shooting Menu

Image size can also be adjusted using the **Image size** option in the shooting menu (🕮 151).



The Fn Button

Image quality and size can also be adjusted by pressing the **Fn** button and rotating the command dial (🕮 165).

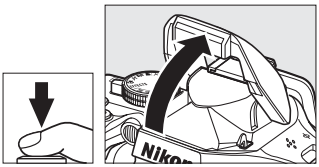
Using the Built-in Flash

The camera supports a variety of flash modes for photographing poorly lit or backlit subjects.

■■ *Using the Built-in Flash: AUTO, , , , , , , and Modes*

1 Choose a flash mode (🕮 51).

2 Take pictures.
The flash will pop up as required when the shutter-release button is pressed halfway, and fire when a photograph is taken. *If the flash does not pop up automatically, DO NOT attempt to raise it by hand. Failure to observe this precaution could damage the flash.*

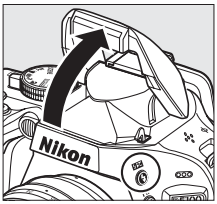


■■ *Using the Built-in Flash: P, S, A, M, and Modes*

1 Raise the flash.
Press the ϟ button to raise the flash.

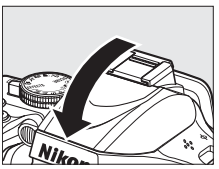
2 Choose a flash mode (P, S, A, and M modes only; 🕮 51).

3 Take pictures.
The flash will fire whenever a picture is taken.



ϟ *button*

Lowering the Built-in Flash
To save power when the flash is not in use, press it gently downward until the latch clicks into place.



Flash Mode

The flash modes available vary with shooting mode:

AUTO, , , , , ,
AUTO	Auto
AUTO	Auto + red-eye reduction
	Off

AUTO SLOW	Auto + slow sync + red-eye reduction
AUTO SLOW	Auto + slow sync
	Off

	Fill flash

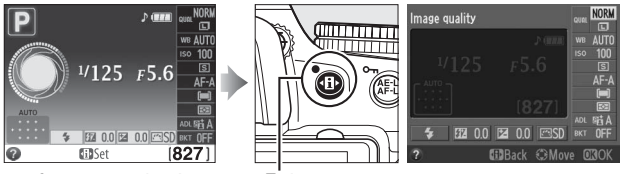
P, A	
	Fill flash
	Red-eye reduction
SLOW	Slow sync + red-eye reduction
SLOW	Slow sync
REAR *	Rear curtain + slow sync

S, M	
	Fill flash
	Red-eye reduction
REAR	Rear-curtain sync

* **SLOW** appears in information display when setting is complete.

1 Place the cursor in the information display.

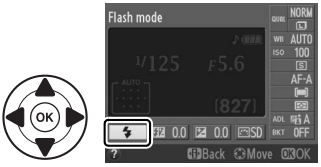
If shooting information is not displayed in the monitor, press the ◀ button. Press the ◀ button again to place the cursor in the information display.



Information display ◀ *button*

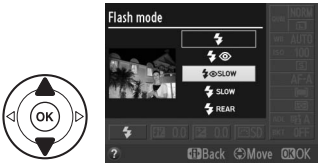
2 Display flash mode options.

Highlight the current flash mode in the information display and press OK.



3 Choose a flash mode.

Highlight a mode and press OK. To return to shooting mode, press the shutter-release button halfway.



Flash Modes

The flash modes listed on the previous page may combine one or more of the following settings, as shown by the flash mode icon:

- **AUTO (auto flash)**: When lighting is poor or subject is back lit, flash pops up automatically when shutter-release button is pressed halfway and fires as required.
- **(red-eye reduction)**: Use for portraits. Red-eye reduction lamp lights before flash fires, reducing "red-eye."
- **(off)**: Flash does not fire even when lighting is poor or subject is back-lit.
- **SLOW (slow sync)**: Shutter speed slows automatically to capture background lighting at night or under low light. Use to include background lighting in portraits.
- **REAR (rear-curtain sync)**: Flash fires just before shutter closes, creating a stream of light behind moving light sources (below at right). If this icon is not displayed, flash will fire as the shutter opens (front-curtain sync; the effect this produces with moving light sources is shown below at left).



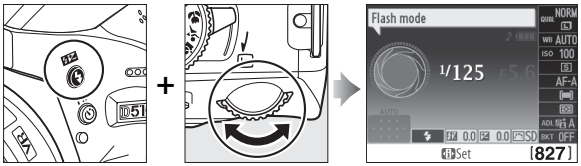
Front-curtain sync



Rear-curtain sync

Choosing a Flash Mode

The flash mode can also be selected by pressing the ⚡ button and rotating the command dial (in **P**, **S**, **A**, **M**, and modes, raise the flash before using the ⚡ button to choose the flash mode).



⚡ *button* *Command dial* *Information display*

The Built-in Flash

For information on the lenses that can be used with the built-in flash, see page 200. Remove lens hoods to prevent shadows. The flash has a minimum range of 0.6 m (2 ft.) and can not be used in the macro range of zoom lenses with a macro function.

The shutter release may be briefly disabled to protect the flash after it has been used for several consecutive shots. The flash can be used again after a short pause.

Shutter Speeds Available with the Built-in Flash

Shutter speed is restricted to the following ranges when the built-in flash is used:

Mode	Shutter speed
AUTO, 🧍, 🧍, 🏃, 🐕, 🌙, P, A	1/200–1/60 s
🌷, 🍴	1/200–1/125 s
🖼	1/200–1 s

Mode	Shutter speed
S	1/200–30 s
M	1/200–30 s, Bulb

Aperture, Sensitivity, and Flash Range

Flash range varies with sensitivity (ISO equivalency) and aperture.

Aperture at ISO equivalent of							Approximate range	
100	200	400	800	1600	3200	6400	m	ft.
1.4	2	2.8	4	5.6	8	11	1.0–8.5	3ft. 3in.–27ft. 11n.
2	2.8	4	5.6	8	11	16	0.7–6.0	2ft. 4in.–19ft. 8in.
2.8	4	5.6	8	11	16	22	0.6–4.2	2ft.–13ft. 9in.
4	5.6	8	11	16	22	32	0.6–3.0	2ft.–9ft. 10in.
5.6	8	11	16	22	32	—	0.6–2.1	2ft.–6ft. 11in.
8	11	16	22	32	—	—	0.6–1.5	2ft.–4ft. 11in.
11	16	22	32	—	—	—	0.6–1.1	2ft.–3ft. 7in.
16	22	32	—	—	—	—	0.6–0.7	2ft.–2ft. 4in.

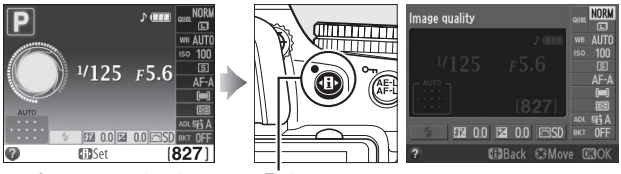
ISO Sensitivity

"ISO sensitivity" is the digital equivalent of film speed. The higher the ISO sensitivity, the less light needed to make an exposure, allowing higher shutter speeds or smaller apertures, but the more likely the image is to be affected by noise (randomly-spaced bright pixels, fog, or lines; noise is particularly likely at settings of Hi 0.3–Hi 2). Choosing **Auto** allows the camera to set ISO sensitivity automatically in response to lighting conditions.

Mode	ISO sensitivity
AUTO, ,	AUTO
P, **S**, **A**, **M**	100–6400 in steps of 1/3 EV; Hi 0.3, Hi 0.7, Hi 1, Hi 2
Other shooting modes	AUTO; 100–6400 in steps of 1/3 EV; Hi 0.3, Hi 0.7, Hi 1, Hi 2

1 Place the cursor in the information display.

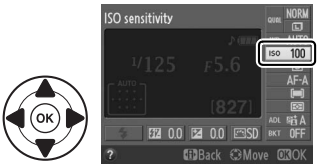
If shooting information is not displayed in the monitor, press the ◂⊡▸ button. Press the ◂⊡▸ button again to place the cursor in the information display.



Information display ◂⊡▸ *button*

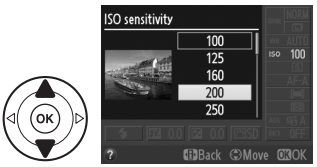
2 Display ISO sensitivity options.

Highlight the current ISO sensitivity in the information display and press ⊛.



3 Choose an ISO sensitivity.

Highlight an option and press ⊛. To return to shooting mode, press the shutter-release button halfway.



AUTO

If the mode dial is rotated to **P**, **S**, **A**, or **M** after **AUTO** is selected for ISO sensitivity in another mode, the ISO sensitivity last selected in **P**, **S**, **A**, or **M** mode will be restored.

The Shooting Menu

ISO sensitivity can also be adjusted using the **ISO sensitivity settings** option in the shooting menu (📖 155).



See Also

For information on enabling auto ISO sensitivity control in **P**, **S**, **A**, or **M** modes, see page 155. For information on using the **High ISO NR** option in the shooting menu to reduce noise at high ISO sensitivities, see page 154. For information on using the **Fn** button and the command dial to select ISO sensitivity, see page 165.

Interval Timer Photography

The camera is equipped to take photographs automatically at preset intervals.

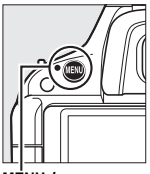
Before Shooting

Before beginning interval timer photography, take a test shot at current settings and view the results in the monitor. To ensure that shooting starts at the desired time, check that the camera clock is set correctly (🕮 170).

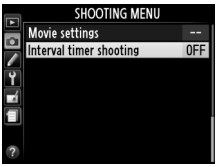
Use of a tripod is recommended. Mount the camera on a tripod before shooting begins. To ensure that shooting is not interrupted, be sure the battery is fully charged or use an optional EH-5b AC adapter and EP-5A power connector.

1 Select **Interval timer shooting.**

Press the **MENU** button to display the menus. Highlight **Interval timer shooting** in the shooting menu and press ▶.



MENU *button*

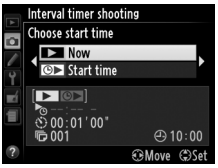


2 Choose a starting time.

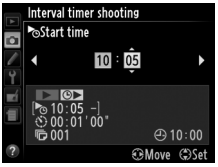
Choose from the following starting triggers.

- **To start shooting immediately**, highlight **Now** and press ▶. Shooting begins about 3 s after settings are completed; proceed to Step 3.
- **To choose a starting time**, highlight **Start time** and press ▶ to display the start time options shown at right. Press ◀ or ▶ to highlight hours or minutes and press ▲ or ▼ to change. Press ▶ to continue.









3 Choose the interval.

Press ◀ or ▶ to highlight hours, minutes, or seconds and press ▲ or ▼ to choose an interval longer than the slowest anticipated shutter speed. Press ▶ to continue.





4 Choose the number of intervals.

Press ◀ or ▶ to highlight number of intervals (i.e., the number of times the camera shoots); press ▲ or ▼ to change. Press ▶ to continue.

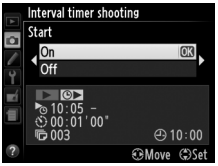




5 Start shooting.

Highlight **On** and press ⊛ (to return to the shooting menu without starting the interval timer, highlight **Off** and press ⊛). The first series of shots will be taken at the specified starting time, or after about 3 s if **Now** was selected for **Choose start time** in Step 2. Shooting will continue at the selected interval until all shots have been taken. Note that because shutter speed and the time needed to record the image to the memory card may vary from shot to shot, the interval between a shot being recorded and the start of the next shot may vary.





Cover the Viewfinder

To prevent light entering via the viewfinder interfering with exposure, remove the rubber eyecup and cover the viewfinder with the supplied DK-5 eyepiece cap (🕮 38).

Other Settings

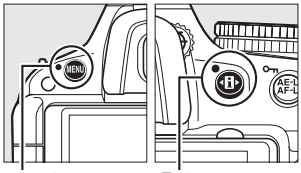
Settings can not be adjusted during interval timer photography. Regardless of the release mode selected, the camera takes one photograph at each interval; in mode Q, camera noise will be reduced. Bracketing (🕮 88), multiple exposure (🕮 78), and high dynamic range (HDR; 🕮 76) can not be used.

Interrupting Interval Timer Photography

To interrupt interval timer shooting, turn the camera off or rotate the mode dial to a new setting. Returning the monitor to the storage position does not interrupt interval timer shooting.

Restoring Default Settings

The camera settings listed below and on page 59 can be restored to default values by holding the MENU and ‹⍰› buttons down together for more than two seconds (these buttons are marked by a green dot). The information display turns off briefly while settings are reset.



MENU *button* ‹⍰› *button*

■■ *Settings Accessible from the Information Display*

Option	Default	🕮
Image quality	JPEG normal	47
Image size	Large	49
White balance [1]		
P, S, A, M	Auto	81
ISO sensitivity		
P, S, A, M	100	54
🧍, 🏔, 🌄, 🏃, 🌷, 🖼, 🌇, ✨, 🎆, 🌃, 🌃, 🐕, 🕯, 🎑, 🎑, 🍴, 🎠, 🎎, 🎤, 🏜, HI, LO	Auto	
Release mode		
🏃, 🐕	Continuous	35
Other shooting modes	Single frame	
Focus mode		
Viewfinder		
Shooting modes other than 🖼	AF-A	39
Live view/movie	AF-S	100
AF-area mode		
Viewfinder		
🌷, 🕯, 🍴, 🏜, HI, LO	Single-point AF	42
🏃, 🐕	Dynamic-area AF	
AUTO, 🎑, 🧍, 🏔, 🌄, 🖼, 🌇, ✨, 🎆, 🌃, 🌃, 🎠, 🎎, 🎤, **P, S, A, M**	Auto-area AF	
Live view/movie		
🧍, 🏔, 🌄, 🖼, ✨, 🎆, 🌃, 🌃, 🕯, 🎑, 🎑	Face-priority AF	101
🏃, 🌇, 🐕, 🖼, 🎠, 🎤, 🏜, HI, LO, **P, S, A, M**	Wide-area AF	
🌷, 🍴	Normal-area AF	

Option	Default	🕮
Metering		
P, S, A, M	Matrix metering	68
Active D-Lighting		
P, S, A, M	Auto	74
Auto bracketing		
P, S, A, M	Off	88
Picture Control settings		
P, S, A, M	Unmodified [2]	91
Exposure compensation		
🖼, **P, S, A, M**	Off	70
Flash compensation		
P, S, A, M	Off	72
Flash mode		
AUTO, 🧍, 🌄, 🌷, 🐕, 🎠	Auto	51
🖼	Auto slow sync	
✨	Auto+red-eye reduction	
P, S, A, M	Fill flash	

1 Fine-tuning reset to 0.
2 Current Picture Control only.

■■ *Other Settings*

Option	Default	🕮
Focus point [1]	Center	43
AE/AF lock hold		
Shooting modes other than AUTO and ⚡	Off	166
Flexible program		
P	Off	62
HDR (High Dynamic Range)		
HDR mode		
P, **S**, **A**, **M**	Off	76
Multiple exposure		
Multiple exposure mode		
P, **S**, **A**, **M**	Off	78

Option	Default	🕮
Special effects mode		
🎨		
Vividness	0	118
Outlines	0	
🎞		
Orientation	Landscape	119
Width	Normal	
💉		
Color	Off	120
Color range	3	

1 Focus point not displayed if [▬] (**Auto-area AF**) is selected for AF-area mode.

P, S, A, and M Modes

Shutter Speed and Aperture

P, **S**, **A**, and **M** modes offer different degrees of control over shutter speed and aperture:



Mode		Description
P	Programmed auto (🕮 62)	Camera sets shutter speed and aperture for optimal exposure. Recommended for snapshots and in other situations in which there is little time to adjust camera settings.
S	Shutter-priority auto (🕮 63)	User chooses shutter speed; camera selects aperture for best results. Use to freeze or blur motion.
A	Aperture-priority auto (🕮 64)	User chooses aperture; camera selects shutter speed for best results. Use to blur background or bring both foreground and background into focus.
M	Manual (🕮 65)	User controls both shutter speed and aperture. Set shutter speed to "Bulb" or "Time" for long time-exposures.

Lens Aperture Rings

When using a CPU lens equipped with an aperture ring (🕮 198), lock the aperture ring at the minimum aperture (highest f-number). Type G lenses are not equipped with an aperture ring.

Shutter Speed and Aperture

The same exposure can be achieved with different combinations of shutter speed and aperture. Fast shutter speeds and large apertures freeze moving objects and soften background details, while slow shutter speeds and small apertures blur moving objects and bring out background details.





Fast shutter speed (1/1,600 s)



Slow shutter speed (1 s)



Large aperture (f/5.6)



Small aperture (f/22)

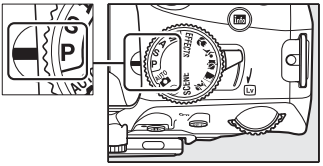
(Remember, the higher the f-number, the smaller the aperture.)

Mode P (Programmed Auto)

In this mode, the camera automatically adjusts shutter speed and aperture for optimal exposure in most situations. This mode is recommended for snapshots and other situations in which you want to leave the camera in charge of shutter speed and aperture. To take photographs in programmed auto:

1 Rotate the mode dial to P.

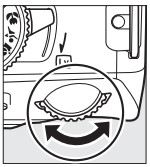
Mode dial



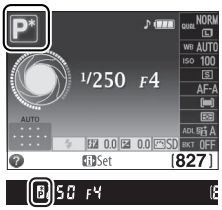
2 Frame a photograph, focus, and shoot.

Flexible Program

In mode **P**, different combinations of shutter speed and aperture can be selected by rotating the command dial ("flexible program"). Rotate the dial to the right for large apertures (low f-numbers) that blur background details or fast shutter speeds that "freeze" motion. Rotate the dial to the left for small apertures (high f-numbers) that increase depth of field or slow shutter speeds that blur motion. All combinations produce the same exposure. While flexible program is in effect, a P* (P*) indicator appears in the viewfinder and information display. To restore default shutter speed and aperture settings, rotate the command dial until the indicator is no longer displayed, choose another mode, or turn the camera off.



Command dial



See Also

See page 219 for information on the built-in exposure program.

Mode S (Shutter-Priority Auto)

In shutter-priority auto, you choose the shutter speed while the camera automatically selects the aperture that will produce the optimal exposure. Use slow shutter speeds to suggest motion by blurring moving subjects, fast shutter speeds to "freeze" motion.



Fast shutter speed (1/1,600 s)

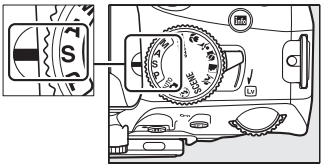


Slow shutter speed (1 s)

To take photographs in shutter-priority auto:

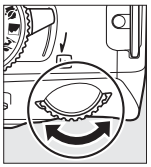
1 **Rotate the mode dial to *S*.**

Mode dial

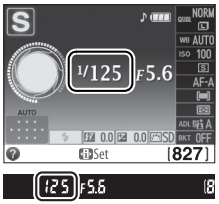


2 **Choose a shutter speed.**

Shutter speed is shown in the viewfinder and information display. Rotate the command dial to choose the desired shutter speed from values between 30 s and 1/4,000 s.



Command dial



3 **Frame a photograph, focus, and shoot.**

Mode A (Aperture-Priority Auto)

In aperture-priority auto, you choose the aperture while the camera automatically selects the shutter speed that will produce the optimal exposure. Large apertures (low f-numbers) reduce depth of field, blurring objects behind and in front of the main subject. Small apertures (high f-numbers) increase depth of field, bringing out details in the background and foreground. Short field depths are generally used in portraits to blur background details, long field depths in landscape photographs to bring the foreground and background into focus.



Large aperture (f/5.6)

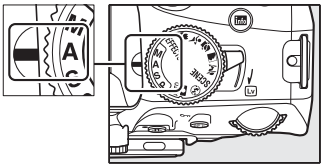


Small aperture (f/22)

To take photographs in aperture-priority auto:

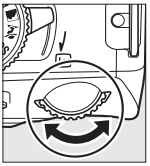
1 **Rotate the mode dial to A.**

Mode dial

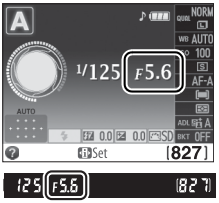


2 **Choose an aperture.**

Aperture is shown in the viewfinder and information display. Rotate the command dial to choose the desired aperture from values between the minimum and maximum for the lens.



Command dial



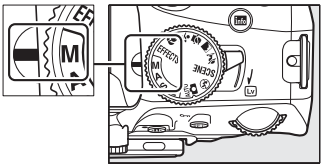
3 **Frame a photograph, focus, and shoot.**

Mode M (Manual)

In manual exposure mode, you control both shutter speed and aperture. To take photographs in manual exposure mode:

1 Rotate the mode dial to M.

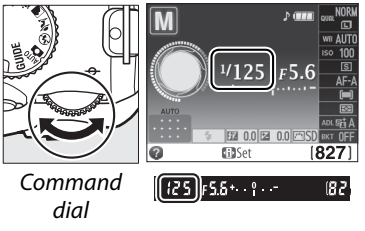
Mode dial



2 Choose aperture and shutter speed.

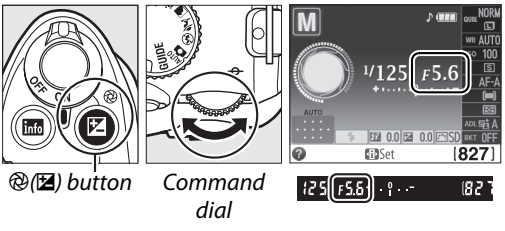
Checking the exposure indicator (see below), adjust shutter speed and aperture. Shutter speed is selected by rotating the command dial: choose from values between 30 s and $^{1}/_{4,000}$ s or select "Bulb" or "Time" to hold the shutter open indefinitely for a long time-exposure (🕮 66). Aperture is selected by pressing the ⊛ (⊠) button and rotating the command dial: choose from values between the minimum and maximum for the lens. Shutter speed and aperture are shown in the viewfinder and information display.

Shutter speed



Command dial

Aperture



⊛(⊠) button

Command dial

3 Frame a photograph, focus, and shoot.

The Exposure Indicator

If a CPU lens is attached and a shutter speed other than "Bulb" or "Time" is selected, the exposure indicator in the viewfinder (below) and information display shows whether the photograph would be under- or over-exposed at current settings (the display varies depending on the options selected for Custom Settings b1, **EV steps for exposure cntrl.** and f5, **Reverse indicators**; 🕮 159, 166). If the limits of the exposure metering system are exceeded, the indicator will flash.

Optimal exposure	Underexposed by 1/3 EV	Overexposed by over 2 EV
+. . 0 . .–	+. . 0 . .–	+. . 0 . .–

■■ *Long Time-Exposures (M Mode Only)*

Select the following shutter speeds for long time-exposures of moving lights, the stars, night scenery, or fireworks.

- **Bulb (bulb)**: The shutter remains open while the shutter-release button is held down. To prevent blur, use a tripod or an optional MC-DC2 remote cord (🕮 207).
- **Time (- -)**: Requires an optional ML-L3 remote control (🕮 207). Start the exposure by pressing the ML-L3 shutter-release button. The shutter remains open for thirty minutes or until the button is pressed a second time.



Length of exposure: 35 s
Aperture: f/25

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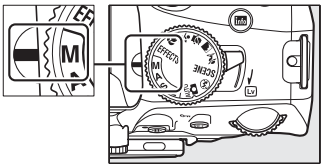
1 **Ready the camera.**

Mount the camera on a tripod or place it on a stable, level surface. To prevent loss of power before the exposure is complete, use a fully charged EN-EL14 battery or an optional EH-5b AC adapter and EP-5A power connector. Note that noise (bright spots, randomly-spaced bright pixels, or fog) may be present in long exposures; before shooting, choose **On** for **Long exposure NR** in the shooting menu (🕮 154).

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2 **Rotate the mode dial to M.**

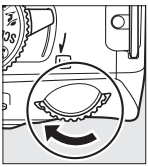
Mode dial



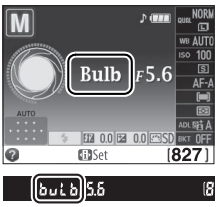
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3 **Choose a shutter speed.**

Rotate the command dial to choose a shutter speed of Bulb (bulb). For a shutter speed of "Time" (- -), select a remote control release mode (🕮 35) after choosing the shutter speed.



Command dial



4 Open the shutter.

Bulb: After focusing, press the shutter-release button on the camera or optional remote cord all the way down. Keep the shutter-release button pressed until the exposure is complete.

Time: Press the ML-L3 shutter-release button all the way down.

5 Close the shutter.

Bulb: Take your finger off the shutter-release button.

Time: Press the ML-L3 shutter-release button all the way down. Shooting ends automatically after thirty minutes.

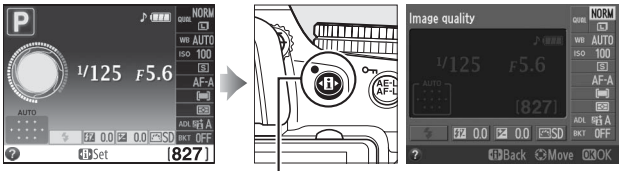
Metering

Choose how the camera sets exposure in **P**, **S**, **A**, and **M** modes (in other modes, the camera selects the metering method automatically).

Method	Description
Matrix metering	Produces natural results in most situations. Camera uses 420-pixel RGB sensor to meter a wide area of the frame and set exposure according to tone distribution, color, composition, and, with type G or D lenses (🕮 198), distance information (3D color matrix metering II; with other CPU lenses, the camera uses color matrix metering II, which does not include 3D distance information).
Center-weighted metering	Camera meters entire frame but assigns greatest weight to center area. Classic meter for portraits; recommended when using filters with an exposure factor (filter factor) over 1×.
Spot metering	Camera meters current focus point; use to meter off-center subjects (if **[▬] Auto-area AF** is selected for AF-area mode during viewfinder photography as described on page 42, camera will meter center focus point). Ensures that subject will be correctly exposed, even when background is much brighter or darker.

1 Place the cursor in the information display.

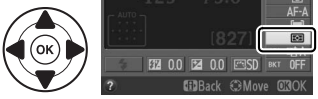
If shooting information is not displayed in the monitor, press the ◂i▸ button. Press the ◂i▸ button again to place the cursor in the information display.



Information display *◂i▸ button*

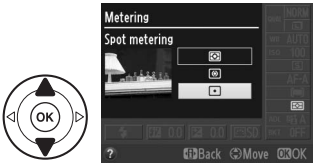
2 Display metering options.

Highlight the current metering method in the information display and press ⓚ.



3 Choose a metering method.

Highlight an option and press ⓚ. To return to shooting mode, press the shutter-release button halfway.

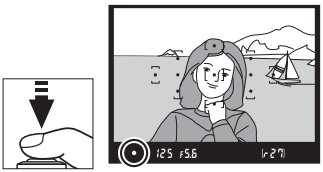


Autoexposure Lock

Use autoexposure lock to recompose photographs after using ▣ (**Center-weighted metering**) and ⊡ (**Spot metering**) to meter exposure; note that autoexposure lock is not available in AUTO or ⚡ mode.

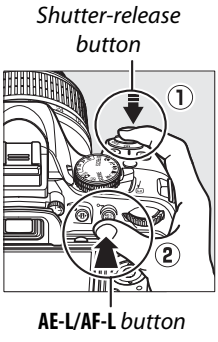
1 Meter exposure.

Position the subject in the center of the frame (center-weighted metering) or the selected focus point (spot metering) and press the shutter-release button halfway to set focus and meter exposure. Check that the in-focus indicator (●) appears in the viewfinder.



2 Lock exposure.

With the shutter-release button pressed halfway and the subject positioned in the focus point, press the **AE-L/AF-L** button to lock exposure.



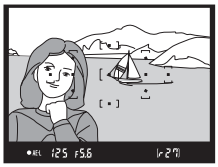
> **Autoexposure Lock**
> If **On** is selected for Custom Setting c1 (**Shutter-release button AE-L**; 🕮 159), exposure will lock when the shutter-release button is pressed halfway. For information on changing the role of the **AE-L/AF-L** button, see Custom Setting f2 (**Assign AE-L/AF-L button**; 🕮 166).

While exposure lock is in effect, an **AE-L** indicator will appear in the viewfinder.



3 Recompose the photograph.

Keeping the **AE-L/AF-L** button pressed, recompose the photograph and shoot.



> **Adjusting Shutter Speed and Aperture**
> While exposure lock is in effect, the following settings can be adjusted without altering the metered value for exposure:

Mode	Setting
Programmed auto	Shutter speed and aperture (flexible program; 🕮 62)
Shutter-priority auto	Shutter speed
Aperture-priority auto	Aperture

The metering method itself can not be changed while exposure lock is in effect.

Exposure Compensation

Exposure compensation is used to alter exposure from the value suggested by the camera, making pictures brighter or darker. It is most effective when used with ▣ (**Center-weighted metering**) or ⊡ (**Spot metering**) (🕮 68). Choose from values between –5 EV (underexposure) and +5 EV (overexposure) in increments of 1/3 EV. In general, positive values make the subject brighter while negative values make it darker.



–1 EV



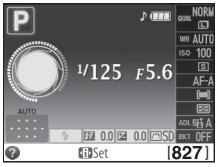
No exposure compensation



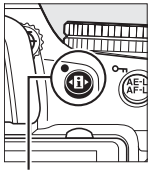
+1 EV

1 Place the cursor in the information display.

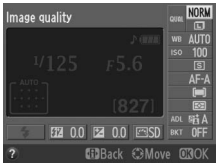
If shooting information is not displayed in the monitor, press the ◂i▸ button. Press the ◂i▸ button again to place the cursor in the information display.



Information display



◂i▸ button



2 Display exposure compensation options.

Highlight exposure compensation in the information display and press ⓚ.

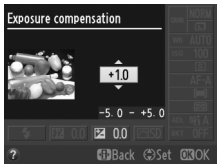




3 Choose a value.

Highlight a value and press ⓚ. To return to shooting mode, press the shutter-release button halfway.

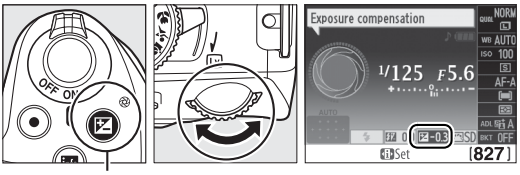




Normal exposure can be restored by setting exposure compensation to ±0. Exposure compensation is not reset when the camera is turned off, but is reset if you select another mode after choosing ▣.

The ⊠ Button

Exposure compensation can also be set by pressing the ⊠ button and rotating the command dial. The selected value is shown in the viewfinder and information display.



⊠ *button* *Command dial*



−0.3 EV *+2 EV*

Mode M

In mode **M**, exposure compensation affects only the exposure indicator; shutter speed and aperture do not change.

Using a Flash

When a flash is used, exposure compensation affects both background exposure and flash level.

See Also

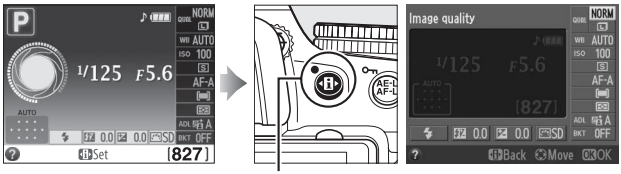
For information on choosing the size of the increments available for exposure compensation, see Custom Setting b1 (**EV steps for exposure cntrl.**, 🕮 159). For information on automatically varying exposure over a series of shots, see page 88.

Flash Compensation

Flash compensation is used to alter flash output from the level suggested by the camera, changing the brightness of the main subject relative to the background. Choose from values between –3 EV (darker) and +1 EV (brighter) in increments of 1/3 EV; in general, positive values make the subject brighter while negative values make it darker.

1 Place the cursor in the information display.

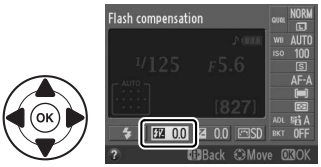
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Information display *‹⊞› button*

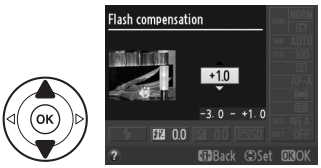
2 Display flash compensation options.

Highlight flash compensation in the information display and press ⊛.



3 Choose a value.

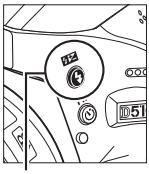
Highlight a value and press ⊛. To return to shooting mode, press the shutter-release button halfway.



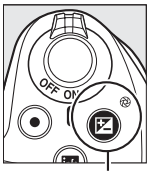
Normal flash output can be restored by setting flash compensation to ±0. Flash compensation is not reset when the camera is turned off.

The ⚡ (ϟ) and ± Buttons

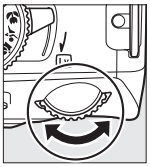
Flash compensation can also be set by rotating the command dial while pressing the ⚡ (ϟ) and ± buttons. The selected value is shown in the viewfinder and information display.



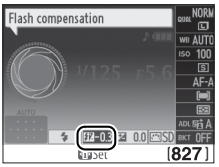
⚡ (ϟ) *button*



± *button*



Command dial





–0.3 EV



+1 EV

Optional Flash Units

Flash compensation is also available with optional flash units that support the Nikon Creative Lighting System (CLS; see page 203). The SB-900, SB-800, SB-700, and SB-600 also allow flash compensation to be set using the controls on the flash unit. The flash compensation selected with the optional flash unit is added to the flash compensation selected with the camera.

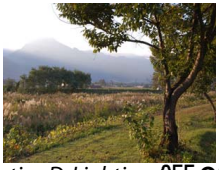
See Also

For information on choosing the size of the increments available for flash compensation, see Custom Setting b1 (**EV steps for exposure cntrl.**, 🕮 159).

Preserving Detail in Highlights and Shadows

Active D-Lighting

Active D-Lighting preserves details in highlights and shadows, creating photographs with natural contrast. Use for high contrast scenes, for example when photographing brightly lit outdoor scenery through a door or window or taking pictures of shaded subjects on a sunny day. It is most effective when used with ▣ (**Matrix metering**; 🕮 68).



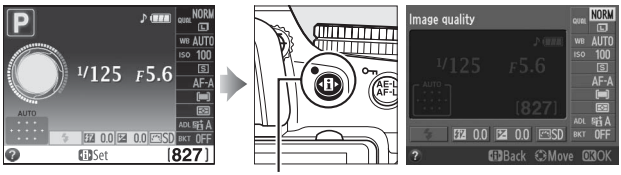
Active D-Lighting: OFF **Off**



Active D-Lighting: A **Auto**

1 Place the cursor in the information display.

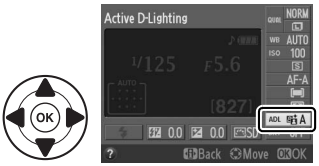
If shooting information is not displayed in the monitor, press the ‹i› button. Press the ‹i› button again to place the cursor in the information display.



Information display *‹i› button*

2 Display Active D-Lighting options.

Highlight Active D-Lighting in the information display and press ⓚ.



3 Choose an option.

Highlight **Auto**, **Extra high**, **High**, **Normal**, **Low**, or **Off** and press OK. If **Auto** is selected, the camera will automatically adjust Active D-Lighting according to shooting conditions. To return to shooting mode, press the shutter-release button halfway.





Active D-Lighting

Noise (randomly-spaced bright pixels, fog, or lines) may appear in photographs taken with Active D-Lighting. Uneven shading may be visible with some subjects. Active D-Lighting can not be used at ISO sensitivities of Hi 0.3 or above. A setting of **Auto** is equivalent to **Normal** in mode **M** or when center-weighted or spot metering is used.

"Active D-Lighting" Versus "D-Lighting"

The **Active D-Lighting** option in the shooting menu adjusts exposure before shooting to optimize the dynamic range, while the **D-Lighting** option in the retouch menu (🕮 178) optimizes dynamic range in images after shooting.

The Shooting Menu

Active D-Lighting can also be adjusted using the **Active D-Lighting** option in the shooting menu (🕮 151).



See Also

For information on automatically varying Active D-Lighting over a series of shots, see page 88. For information on using the **Fn** button and command dial to turn Active D-Lighting on and off, see page 165.

High Dynamic Range (HDR)

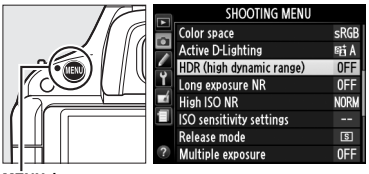
High **D**ynamic **R**ange (HDR) combines two exposures to form a single image that captures a wide range of tones from shadows to highlights, even with high-contrast subjects. HDR is most effective when used with ▣ (**Matrix metering**) (🕮 68; with other metering methods, an exposure differential of **Auto** is equivalent to about 2 EV). It can not be used to record NEF (RAW) images. The flash can not be used while HDR is in effect.



First exposure (darker) *Second exposure (brighter)* *Combined HDR image*

1 Select HDR (High Dynamic Range).

Press the MENU button to display the menus. Highlight **HDR (High Dynamic Range)** in the shooting menu and press ▶.

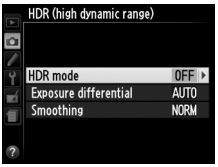


MENU *button*

2 Enable HDR.

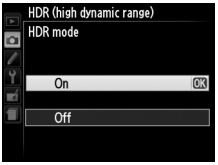
Highlight **HDR mode** and press ▶.





The options shown at right will be displayed. Highlight **On** and press ⓞⓚ.





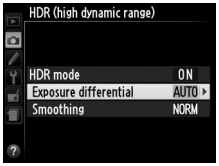
Hdr will be displayed in the viewfinder.



3 Choose the exposure differential.

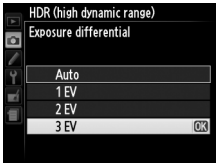
To choose the difference in exposure between the two shots, highlight **Exposure differential** and press ▶.





The options shown at right will be displayed. Highlight an option and press ⓚ. Choose higher values for high-contrast subjects, but note that choosing a value higher than required may not produce the desired results; if **Auto** is selected, the camera will automatically adjust exposure to suit the scene.

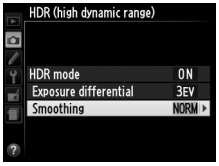




4 Choose the amount of smoothing.

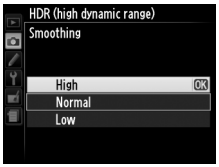
To choose how much the boundaries between the two images are smoothed, highlight **Smoothing** and press ▶.





The options shown at right will be displayed. Highlight an option and press ⓚ. Higher values produce a smoother composite image.





5 Frame a photograph, focus, and shoot.

The camera takes two exposures when the shutter-release button is pressed all the way down. "HDR" will be displayed in the viewfinder while the images are combined; no photographs can be taken until recording is complete. HDR turns off automatically after the photograph is taken ; to turn off HDR before shooting, rotate the mode dial to a setting other than **P**, **S**, **A**, or **M**.

Framing HDR Photographs

The edges of the image may be cropped out. The desired results may not be achieved if the camera or subject move during shooting. Use of a tripod is recommended. Depending on the scene, shadows may appear around bright objects or halos may appear around dark objects; this effect can be reduced by adjusting the amount of smoothing.

See Also

For information on using the **Fn** button to choose an HDR mode, see page 165.

Multiple Exposure

Follow the steps below to record a series of two or three exposures in a single photograph. Multiple exposures can make use of RAW data from the camera image sensor to produce colors noticeably superior to those in software-generated photographic overlays.

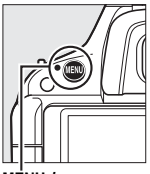
■■ *Creating a Multiple Exposure*

Multiple exposures can not be recorded in live view. Exit live view before proceeding. Note that at default settings, shooting will end and a multiple exposure will be recorded automatically if no operations are performed for about 30 s.

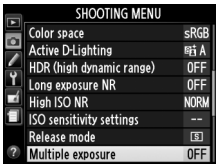
> **Extended Recording Times**
> For an interval between exposures of more than 30 s, select **On** for the **Image review** (🕮 150) option in the playback menu and extend the monitor-off delay for image review using Custom Setting c2 (**Auto off timers**, 🕮 160). The maximum interval between exposures is about 30 s longer than the option selected for Custom Setting c2. If no operations are performed for approximately 30 s after the monitor has turned off during playback or menu operations, shooting will end and a multiple exposure will be created from the exposures that have been recorded to that point.

1 Select **Multiple exposure.**

Press the MENU button to display the menus. Highlight **Multiple exposure** in the shooting menu and press ▶.



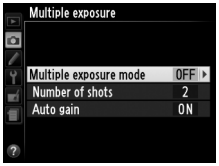
MENU *button*



2 Enable multiple exposure mode.

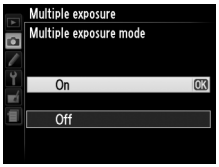
Highlight **Multiple exposure mode** and press ▶.





The options shown at right will be displayed. Highlight **On** and press ⊛.

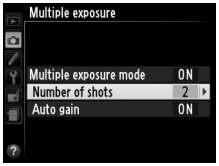




3 Choose the number of shots.

Highlight **Number of shots** and press ▶.





The dialog shown at right will be displayed. Press ▲ or ▼ to choose the number of exposures that will be combined to form a single photograph and press ⓚ.

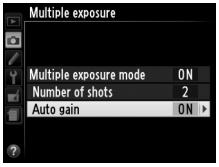




4 Choose the amount of gain.

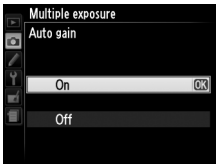
Highlight **Auto gain** and press ▶.





The following options will be displayed. Highlight an option and press ⓚ.





- **On**: Gain is adjusted according to number of exposures actually recorded (gain for each exposure is set to 1/2 for 2 exposures, 1/3 for 3 exposures).
- **Off**: Gain is not adjusted when recording multiple exposure. Recommended if background is dark.

5 Frame a photograph, focus, and shoot.

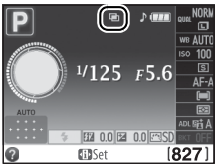


In continuous release mode (🕮 35), the camera records all exposures in a single burst; shooting will pause after each multiple exposure. In self-timer mode, the camera will automatically record the number of exposures selected in Step 3, regardless of the option selected for Custom Setting c3 (**Self-timer**) > **Number of shots** (🕮 160). In other release modes, one photograph will be taken each time the shutter-release button is pressed; continue shooting until all exposures have been recorded.

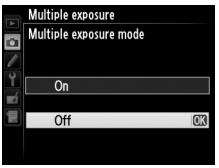
The Multiple Exposure Indicator

Progress is shown by the multiple exposure indicator in the information display.

- ▣ (on): Camera ready to record new multiple exposure. Press the shutter-release button all the way down to begin shooting.
- ▣ (blinks): Shooting in progress.



■■ *Interrupting Multiple Exposures*



To interrupt a multiple exposure before the specified number of exposures have been taken, select **Off** for **Multiple exposure** > **Multiple exposure mode** in the shooting menu. A multiple exposure will be created from the exposures that have been recorded to that point. If **Auto gain** is on, gain will be adjusted to reflect the number of exposures actually recorded. Note that shooting will end automatically if:

- The mode dial is rotated to a setting other than **P**, **S**, **A**, or **M**
- A two-button reset is performed (🕮 58)
- The camera is turned off
- The battery is exhausted
- One of the exposures is deleted

> **Multiple Exposures**
> Do not remove or replace the memory card while recording a multiple exposure.
>
> The information listed in the playback photo information display (including metering, exposure, shooting mode, focal length, date of recording and camera orientation) is for the first shot in the multiple exposure.

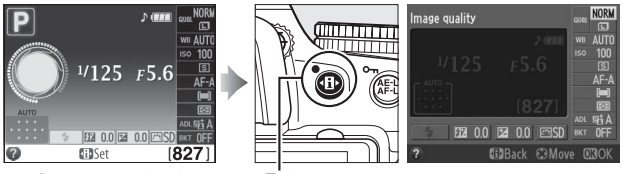
White Balance

White balance ensures that colors are unaffected by the color of the light source. Auto white balance is recommended for most light sources; in **P**, **S**, **A**, and **M** modes, other values can be selected if necessary according to the type of source:

Option	Description
AUTO **Auto**	Automatic white balance adjustment. Recommended in most situations.
Incandescent	Use under incandescent lighting.
Fluorescent	Use with the light sources listed on page 82.
Direct sunlight	Use with subjects lit by direct sunlight.
Flash	Use with the flash.
Cloudy	Use in daylight under overcast skies.
Shade	Use in daylight with subjects in the shade.
PRE **Preset manual**	Measure white balance or copy white balance from existing photo (🕮 84).

1 Place the cursor in the information display.

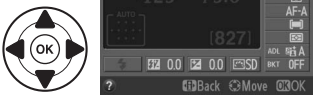
If shooting information is not displayed in the monitor, press the ◀ button. Press the ◀ button again to place the cursor in the information display.



Information display ◀ *button*

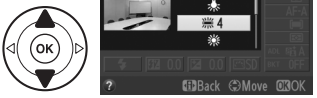
2 Display white balance options.

Highlight the current white balance setting in the information display and press OK.



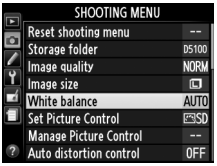
3 Choose a white balance option.

Highlight an option and press OK. To return to shooting mode, press the shutter-release button halfway.

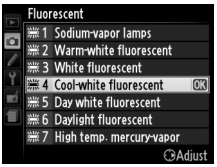


The Shooting Menu

White balance can be selected using the **White balance** option in the shooting menu (🕮 151), which also can be used to fine-tune white balance (🕮 83) or measure a value for preset white balance (🕮 84).



The **Fluorescent** option in the **White balance** menu can be used to select the light source from the bulb types shown at right.



Color Temperature

The perceived color of a light source varies with the viewer and other conditions. Color temperature is an objective measure of the color of a light source, defined with reference to the temperature to which an object would have to be heated to radiate light in the same wavelengths. While light sources with a color temperature in the neighborhood of 5,000–5,500 K appear white, light sources with a lower color temperature, such as incandescent light bulbs, appear slightly yellow or red. Light sources with a higher color temperature appear tinged with blue. The camera white balance options are adapted to the following color temperatures:

- (sodium-vapor lamps): **2,700 K**
- (incandescent)/ (warm-white fluorescent): **3,000 K**
- (white fluorescent): **3,700 K**
- (cool-white fluorescent): **4,200 K**
- (day white fluorescent): **5,000 K**
- (direct sunlight): **5,200 K**
- (flash): **5,400 K**
- (cloudy): **6,000 K**
- (daylight fluorescent): **6,500 K**
- (high temp. mercury-vapor): **7,200 K**
- (shade): **8,000 K**

The Fn Button

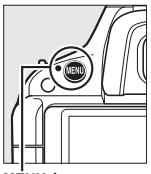
For information on using the **Fn** button and the command dial for white balance, see page 165.

Fine-Tuning White Balance

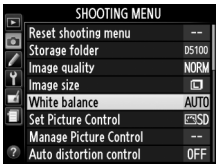
White balance can be "fine tuned" to compensate for variations in the color of the light source or to introduce a deliberate color cast into an image. White balance is fine tuned using the **White balance** option in the shooting menu.

1 Display white balance options.

To display the menus, press the MENU button. Highlight **White balance** in the shooting menu and press ▶ to display white balance options.



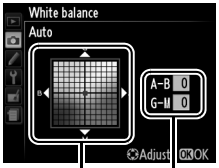
MENU *button*



2 Select a white balance option.

Highlight an option other than **Preset manual** and press ▶ (if **Fluorescent** is selected, highlight a lighting type and press ▶). The fine-tuning options shown at right will be displayed. Fine-tuning is not available with **Preset manual** white balance.





Coordinates

Adjustment

3 Fine tune white balance.

Use the multi selector to fine-tune white balance.



White Balance Fine Tuning

The colors on the fine-tuning axes are relative, not absolute. For example, moving the cursor to **B** (blue) when a "warm" setting such as ☀ (incandescent) is selected will make photographs slightly "colder" but will not actually make them blue.

4 Save changes and exit.

Press OK.



Preset Manual

Preset manual is used to record and recall custom white balance settings for shooting under mixed lighting or to compensate for light sources with a strong color cast. Two methods are available for setting preset white balance:

Method	Description
Measure	Neutral gray or white object is placed under lighting that will be used in final photo and white balance measured by camera (see below).
Use photo	White balance is copied from photo on memory card (🕮 87).

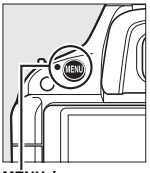
■■ *Measuring a Value for Preset White Balance*

1 Light a reference object.

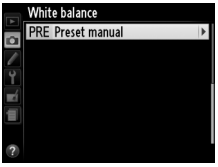
Place a neutral gray or white object under the lighting that will be used in the final photograph.

2 Display white balance options.

To display the menus, press the **MENU** button. Highlight **White balance** in the shooting menu and press ▶ to display white balance options.



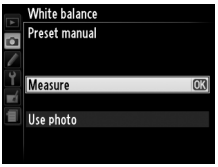
MENU *button*



3 Select **Preset manual.**

Highlight **Preset manual** and press ▶.

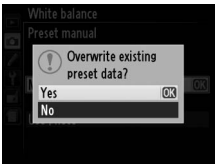




4 Select **Measure.**

Highlight **Measure** and press ⊛. The menu shown at right will be displayed; highlight **Yes** and press ⊛.





The message shown at right will be displayed before the camera enters preset measurement mode.



When the camera is ready to measure white balance, a flashing PRE (PrE) will appear in the viewfinder and information display.





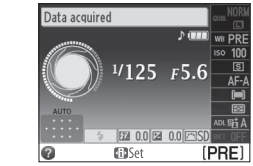
5 Measure white balance.



Before the indicators stop flashing, frame the reference object so that it fills the viewfinder and press the shutter-release button all the way down. No photograph will be recorded; white balance can be measured accurately even when the camera is not in focus.

6 Check the results.

If the camera was able to measure a value for white balance, the message shown at right will be displayed and Gd will flash in the viewfinder for about eight seconds before the camera returns to shooting mode. To return to shooting mode immediately, press the shutter-release button halfway.





If lighting is too dark or too bright, the camera may be unable to measure white balance. A message will appear in the information display and a flashing noGd will appear in the viewfinder for about eight seconds. Return to Step 4 and measure white balance again.





Measuring Preset White Balance

If no operations are performed while the displays are flashing, direct measurement mode will end when the exposure meters turn off. The auto meter-off delay can be changed using Custom Setting c2 (**Auto off timers**; 160). The default setting is eight seconds.

Preset White Balance

The camera can store only one value for preset white balance at a time; the existing value will be replaced when a new value is measured. Note that exposure is automatically increased by 1 EV when measuring white balance; when shooting in mode **M**, adjust exposure so that the exposure indicator shows ±0 (65).

Other Methods for Measuring Preset White Balance

To enter preset measurement mode (see above) after selecting preset white balance in the information display (81), press OK for a few seconds. If white balance has been assigned to the **Fn** button (165) and preset white balance selected by pressing the **Fn** button and rotating the command dial, the camera will also enter preset measurement mode if the **Fn** button is pressed for a few seconds.

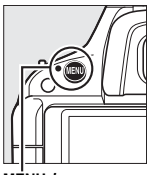
Studio Settings

In studio settings, a standard gray panel can be used as a reference object when measuring preset white balance.

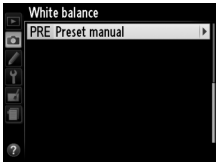
■ *Copying White Balance from a Photograph*

Follow the steps below to copy a value for white balance from a photograph on the memory card.

1 **Select Preset manual.**
To display the menus, press the MENU button. Highlight **White balance** in the shooting menu and press ▶ to display white balance options. Highlight **Preset manual** and press ▶.

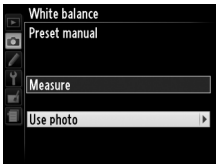


MENU *button*



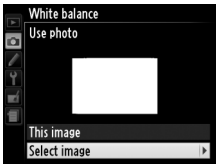
2 **Select Use photo.**
Highlight **Use photo** and press ▶.





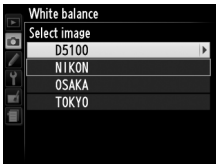
3 **Choose Select image.**
Highlight **Select image** and press ▶ (to skip the remaining steps and use the image last selected for preset white balance, select **This image**).





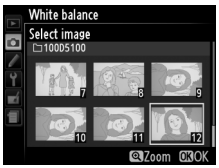
4 **Choose a folder.**
Highlight the folder containing the source image and press ▶.





5 **Highlight the source image.**
To view the highlighted image full frame, press and hold the 🔍 button.





6 **Copy white balance.**
Press OK to set preset white balance to the white balance value for the highlighted photograph.



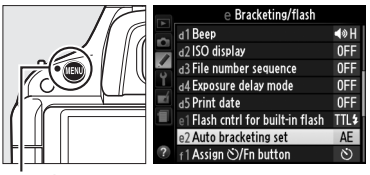
Bracketing

Bracketing automatically varies exposure, white balance, or **A**ctive **D**-**L**ighting (ADL) slightly with each shot, "bracketing" the current value. Choose in situations in which it is difficult to set exposure, white balance, or Active D-Lighting and there is not time to check results and adjust settings with each shot, or to experiment with different settings for the same subject.

Option	Description
AE **AE bracketing**	Vary exposure over a series of three photographs.  *Shot 1: unmodified*  *Shot 2: exposure reduced*  *Shot 3: exposure increased*
WB **WB bracketing**	Each time the shutter is released, the camera creates three images, each with a different white balance. Not available with image qualities of NEF (RAW).
ADL bracketing	Take one photo with Active D-Lighting off, and another at the current Active D-Lighting setting.

1 Choose a bracketing option.

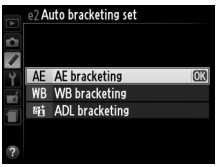
After pressing MENU to display the menus, highlight Custom Setting e2 (**Auto bracketing set**) and press ▶.



MENU *button*

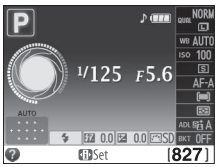
The options shown at right will be displayed. Highlight the desired bracketing type and press OK.



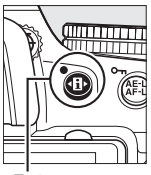


2 Place the cursor in the information display.

If shooting information is not displayed in the monitor, press the ‹ button. Press the ‹ button again to place the cursor in the information display.



Information display

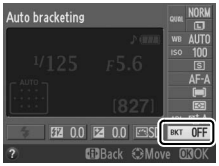

‹ *button*



3 Display bracketing options.

Highlight the current bracketing setting and press ⊛.





4 Select a bracketing increment.

Highlight a bracketing increment and press ⊛. Choose from values between 0.3 and 2 EV (AE bracketing) or 1 to 3 (WB bracketing), or select **ADL** (ADL bracketing).





5 Frame a photograph, focus, and shoot.



AE bracketing: The camera will vary exposure with each shot. The first shot will be taken at the value currently selected for exposure compensation. The bracketing increment will be subtracted from the current value in the second shot and added in the third shot, "bracketing" the current value. The modified values can be higher or lower than the maximum and minimum values for exposure compensation and are reflected in the values shown for shutter speed and aperture.

WB bracketing: Each shot is processed to create three copies, one at the current white balance setting, one with increased amber, and one with increased blue.

If there is not enough space available on the memory card to record three images, the exposure count display in the viewfinder will flash. Shooting can begin when a new memory card is inserted.



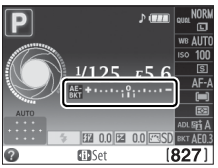
ADL bracketing: The first shot after bracketing is activated is taken with Active D-Lighting off, the second at the current Active D-Lighting setting (🕮 74; if Active D-Lighting is off, the second shot will be taken with Active D-Lighting set to **Auto**).

In continuous release mode, shooting will pause after each bracketing cycle. If the camera is turned off before all shots in the bracketing sequence have been taken, bracketing will resume from the next shot in the sequence when the camera is turned on.

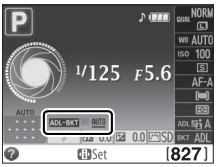
The Bracketing Progress Indicator

During AE bracketing, progress is shown by the bracketing indicator in the information display:

- : Camera ready to take first shot.
- : Camera ready to take second shot.
- : Camera ready to take third shot.



During ADL bracketing, the amount of Active D-Lighting that will be used with the next shot is underlined in the information display.



Disabling Bracketing

To disable bracketing and resume normal shooting, select **OFF** in Step 4 on the previous page. To cancel bracketing before all frames have been recorded, rotate the mode dial to a setting other than **P**, **S**, **A**, or **M**.

Exposure Bracketing

The camera modifies exposure by varying shutter speed and aperture (mode **P**), aperture (mode **S**), or shutter speed (modes **A** and **M**). If auto ISO sensitivity control is enabled in modes **P**, **S**, and **A**, the camera will automatically vary ISO sensitivity for optimum exposure when the limits of the camera exposure system are exceeded; in mode **M**, the camera will first use auto ISO sensitivity control to bring exposure as close as possible to the optimum and then bracket this exposure by varying shutter speed.

See Also

For information on using the **Fn** button and the command dial to choose the bracketing increment, see page 165.

Picture Controls

Nikon's unique Picture Control system makes it possible to share image processing settings, including sharpening, contrast, brightness, saturation, and hue, among compatible devices and software.

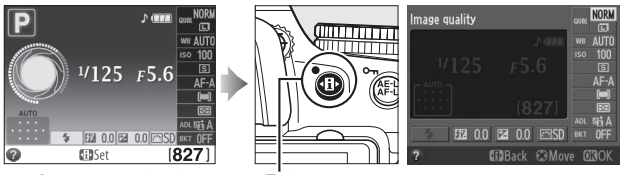
Selecting a Picture Control

The camera offers six Picture Controls. In **P**, **S**, **A**, and **M** modes, you can choose a Picture Control according to the subject or type of scene (in other modes, the camera selects a Picture Control automatically).

Option	Description
SD **Standard**	Standard processing for balanced results. Recommended for most situations.
NL **Neutral**	Minimal processing for natural results. Choose for photographs that will later be extensively processed or retouched.
VI **Vivid**	Pictures are enhanced for a vivid, photoprint effect. Choose for photographs that emphasize primary colors.
MC **Monochrome**	Take monochrome photographs.
PT **Portrait**	Process portraits for skin with natural texture and a rounded feel.
LS **Landscape**	Produces vibrant landscapes and cityscapes.

1 Place the cursor in the information display.

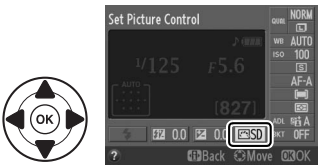
If shooting information is not displayed in the monitor, press the ◂i▸ button. Press the ◂i▸ button again to place the cursor in the information display.



Information display ◂i▸ *button*

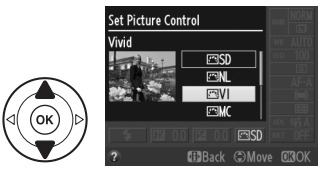
2 Display Picture Control options.

Highlight the current Picture Control and press ⊛.



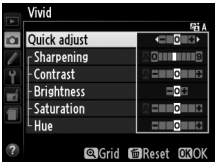
3 Select a Picture Control.

Highlight a Picture Control and press ⊛. To return to the information display, press the shutter-release button halfway.



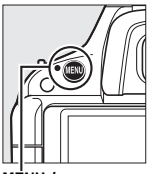
Modifying Picture Controls

Existing preset or custom Picture Controls (🕮 95) can be modified to suit the scene or the user's creative intent. Choose a balanced combination of settings using **Quick adjust**, or make manual adjustments to individual settings.

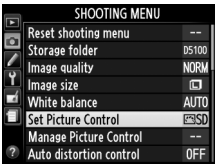


1 Display the Picture Control menu.

To display the menus, press the MENU button. Highlight **Set Picture Control** in the shooting menu and press ▶.



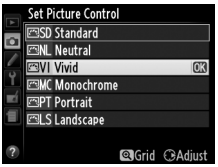
MENU *button*



2 Select a Picture Control.

Highlight the desired Picture Control and press ▶.

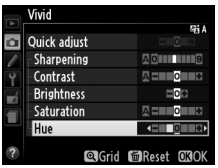




3 Adjust settings.

Press ▲ or ▼ to highlight the desired setting and press ◀ or ▶ to choose a value (🕮 93). Repeat this step until all settings have been adjusted, or select **Quick adjust** to choose a preset combination of settings. Default settings can be restored by pressing the 🗑 button.





4 Save changes and exit.

Press ⓚ.



Modifications to Original Picture Controls

Picture Controls that have been modified from default settings are indicated by an asterisk ("*").



■■ *Picture Control Settings*

Option		Description
Quick adjust		Choose from options between **–2** and **+2** to reduce or exaggerate the effect of the selected Picture Control (note that this resets all manual adjustments). For example, choosing positive values for **Vivid** makes pictures more vivid. Not available with **Neutral**, **Monochrome**, or custom Picture Controls.
Manual adjustments (all Picture Controls)	**Sharpening**	Control the sharpness of outlines. Select **A** to adjust sharpening automatically according to the type of scene, or choose from values between **0** (no sharpening) and **9** (the higher the value, the greater the sharpening).
	Contrast	Select **A** to adjust contrast automatically according to the type of scene, or choose from values between **–3** and **+3** (lower values prevent highlights in portrait subjects from being "washed out" in direct sunlight, while higher values preserve detail in misty landscapes and other low-contrast subjects).
	Brightness	Choose **–1** for reduced brightness, **+1** for enhanced brightness. Does not affect exposure.
Manual adjustments (non-monochrome only)	**Saturation**	Control the vividness of colors. Select **A** to adjust saturation automatically according to the type of scene, or choose from values between **–3** and **+3** (lower values reduce saturation and higher values increase it).
	Hue	Choose negative values (to a minimum of **–3**) to make reds more purple, blues more green, and greens more yellow, positive values (up to **+3**) to make reds more orange, greens more blue, and blues more purple.
Manual adjustments (monochrome only)	**Filter effects**	Simulate the effect of color filters on monochrome photographs. Choose from **Off**, yellow, orange, red, and green (🕮 94).
	Toning	Choose the tint used in monochrome photographs from **B&W** (black-and-white), **Sepia**, **Cyanotype** (blue-tinted monochrome), **Red**, **Yellow**, **Green**, **Blue Green**, **Blue**, **Purple Blue**, **Red Purple** (🕮 94).

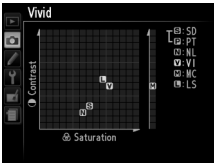
"A" (Auto)
Results for auto sharpening, contrast, and saturation vary with exposure and the position of the subject in the frame.

Preset Picture Controls Versus Custom Picture Controls
The Picture Controls supplied with the camera are referred to as *preset Picture Controls*. *Custom Picture Controls* are created through modifications to existing Picture Controls using the **Manage Picture Control** option in the shooting menu (🕮 95). Both preset and custom Picture Controls can be selected in the information display or using the **Set Picture Control** option in the shooting menu. In addition, custom Picture Controls can be saved to a memory card for sharing among other cameras of the same model and compatible software (🕮 97).

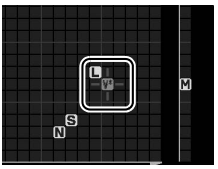
Optional Picture Controls
Additional optional Picture Controls may be available for download from Nikon websites (🕮 xv).

The Picture Control Grid

Pressing the ⊕ button in Step 3 displays a Picture Control grid showing the contrast and saturation for the selected Picture Control in relation to the other Picture Controls (only contrast is displayed when **Monochrome** is selected). Release the ⊕ button to return to the Picture Control menu.

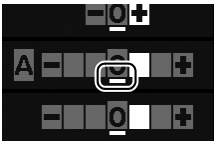


The icons for Picture Controls that use auto contrast and saturation are displayed in green in the Picture Control grid, and lines appear parallel to the axes of the grid.



Previous Settings

The line under the value display in the Picture Control setting menu indicates the previous value for the setting. Use this as a reference when adjusting settings.



Custom Picture Controls

The options available with custom picture controls are the same as those on which the custom picture control was based.

Filter Effects (Monochrome Only)

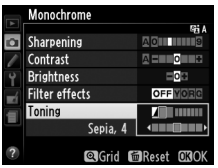
The options in this menu simulate the effect of color filters on monochrome photographs. The following filter effects are available:

Option		Description
Y	Yellow	Enhances contrast. Can be used to tone down the brightness of the sky in landscape photographs. Orange produces more contrast than yellow, red more contrast than orange.
O	Orange	
R	Red	
G	Green	Softens skin tones. Can be used for portraits.

Note that the effects achieved with **Filter effects** are more pronounced than those produced by physical glass filters.

Toning (Monochrome Only)

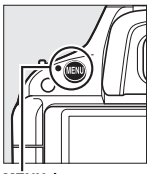
Pressing ▼ when **Toning** is selected displays saturation options. Press ◀ or ▶ to adjust saturation. Saturation control is not available when **B&W** (black-and-white) is selected.



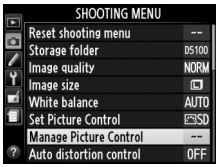
Creating Custom Picture Controls

The Picture Controls supplied with the camera can be modified and saved as custom Picture Controls.

1 **Select Manage Picture Control.**
To display the menus, press the MENU button. Highlight **Manage Picture Control** in the shooting menu and press ▶.

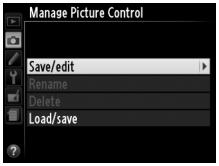


MENU *button*



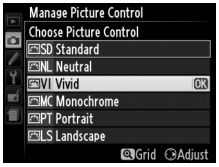
2 **Select Save/edit.**
Highlight **Save/edit** and press ▶.





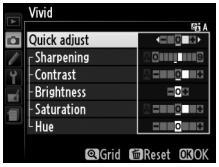
3 **Select a Picture Control.**
Highlight an existing Picture Control and press ▶, or press OK to proceed to step 5 to save a copy of the highlighted Picture Control without further modification.





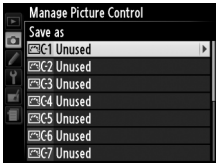
4 **Edit the selected Picture Control.**
See page 93 for more information. To abandon any changes and start over from default settings, press the 🗑 button. Press OK when settings are complete.





5 **Select a destination.**
Highlight a destination for the custom Picture Control (C-1 through C-9) and press ▶.





6 Name the Picture Control.



Keyboard area

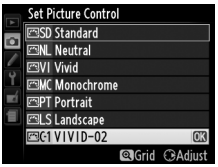
Name area

The text-entry dialog shown at right will be displayed. By default, new Picture Controls are named by adding a two-digit number (assigned automatically) to the name of the existing Picture Control; to use the default name, proceed to Step 7. To move the cursor in the name area, rotate the command dial. To enter a new letter at the current cursor position, use the multi selector to highlight the desired character in the keyboard area and press ⊛. To delete the character at the current cursor position, press the 🗑 button.

Custom Picture Control names can be up to nineteen characters long. Any characters after the nineteenth will be deleted.

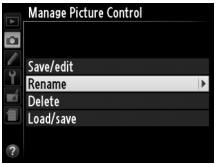
7 Save changes and exit.

Press 🔍 to save changes and exit. The new Picture Control will appear in the Picture Control list.



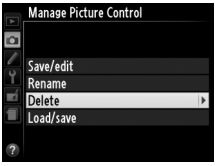
Manage Picture Control > Rename

Custom Picture Controls can be renamed at any time using the **Rename** option in the **Manage Picture Control** menu.



Manage Picture Control > Delete

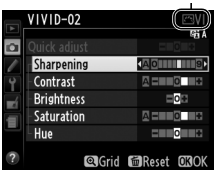
The **Delete** option in the **Manage Picture Control** menu can be used to delete selected custom Picture Controls when they are no longer needed.



The Original Picture Control Icon

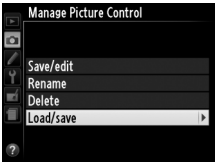
The original preset Picture Control on which the custom Picture Control is based is indicated by an icon in the top right corner of the edit display.

Original Picture Control icon



Sharing Custom Picture Controls

Custom Picture Controls created using the Picture Control Utility available with ViewNX 2 or optional software such as Capture NX 2 can be copied to a memory card and loaded into the camera, or custom Picture Controls created with the camera can be copied to the memory card to be used in compatible cameras and software and then deleted when no longer needed.



To copy custom Picture Controls to or from the memory card, or to delete custom Picture Controls from the memory card, highlight **Load/Save** in the **Manage Picture Control** menu and press ▶. The following options will be displayed:

- **Copy to camera**: Copy custom Picture Controls from the memory card to custom Picture Controls C-1 through C-9 on the camera and name them as desired.
- **Delete from card**: Delete selected custom Picture Controls from the memory card. The confirmation dialog shown at right will be displayed before a Picture Control is deleted; to delete the selected Picture Control, highlight **Yes** and press ⊛.
- **Copy to card**: Copy a custom Picture Control (C-1 through C-9) from the camera to a selected destination (1 through 99) on the memory card.





Saving Custom Picture Controls

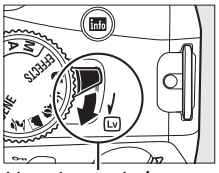
Up to 99 custom Picture Controls can be stored on the memory card at any one time. The memory card can only be used to store user-created custom Picture Controls. The preset Picture Controls supplied with the camera can not be copied to the memory card, renamed, or deleted.

Live View

Framing Photographs in the Monitor

Follow the steps below to take photographs in live view.

1 Rotate the live view switch.
The mirror will be raised and the view through the lens will be displayed in the camera monitor. The subject will no longer be visible in the viewfinder.


Live view switch

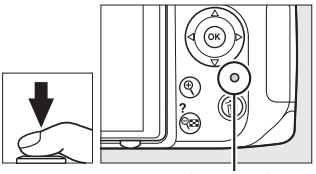
2 Position the focus point.
Position the focus point over your subject as described on page 102.


Focus point

3 Focus.
Press the shutter-release button halfway. The focus point will blink green while the camera focuses. If the camera is able to focus, the focus point will be displayed in green; if the camera is unable to focus, the focus point will blink red (note that pictures can be taken even when the focus point blinks red; check focus in the monitor before shooting). Except in AUTO and modes, exposure can be locked by pressing the **AE-L/AF-L** button.



4 Take the picture.
Press the shutter-release button the rest of the way down. The monitor turns off and the memory card access lamp lights during recording. *Do not remove the battery or memory card or unplug the optional AC adapter until recording is complete*. When shooting is complete, the photograph will be displayed in the monitor for a few seconds or until the shutter-release button is pressed halfway. The camera will then return to live view mode. To exit, rotate the live view switch.


Memory card access lamp

Focusing in Live View

Follow the steps below to choose focus and AF-area modes and position the focus point.

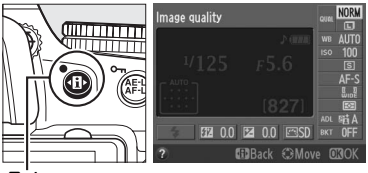
■■ *Choosing a Focus Mode*

The following focus modes are available in live view:

Option		Description
AF-S	**Single-servo AF**	For stationary subjects. Focus locks when shutter-release button is pressed halfway.
AF-F	**Full-time-servo AF**	For moving subjects. Camera focuses continuously during live view and movie recording.
MF	**Manual focus**	Focus manually (🕮 106).

1 **Place the cursor in the information display.**

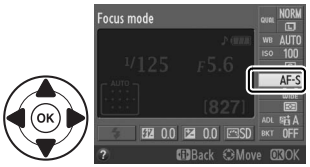
Press the ‹⊞› button to place the cursor in the information display.



‹⊞› *button*

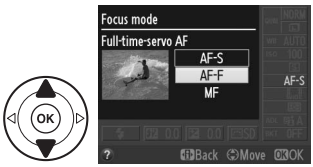
2 **Display focus options.**

Highlight the current focus mode in the information display and press ⊛.



3 **Choose a focus option.**

Highlight an option and press ⊛. To return to live view, press ‹⊞›.



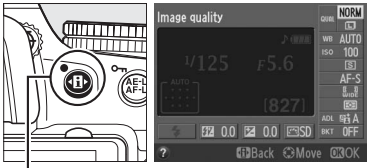
■■ *Choosing an AF-Area Mode*

In modes other than AUTO and , the following AF-area modes can be selected in live view:

Option	Description
Face-priority AF	The camera automatically detects and focuses on portrait subjects facing the camera. Use for portraits.
Wide-area AF	Use for hand-held shots of landscapes and other non-portrait subjects. Use the multi selector to select the focus point.
Normal-area AF	Use for pin-point focus on a selected spot in the frame. A tripod is recommended.
Subject-tracking AF	Track a selected subject as it moves through the frame.

1 Place the cursor in the information display.

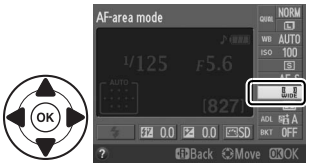
Press the ◂ button to place the cursor in the information display.



◂ *button*

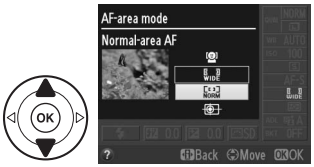
2 Display AF-area modes.

Highlight the current AF-area mode in the information display and press OK.



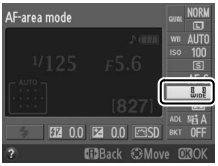
3 Choose an AF-area mode.

Highlight an option and press OK. To return to live view, press ◂.



■■ *Choosing the Focus Point*

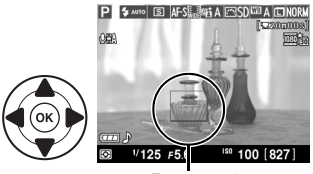
The method for selecting the focus point for autofocus varies with the option selected for AF-area mode (🕮 101).



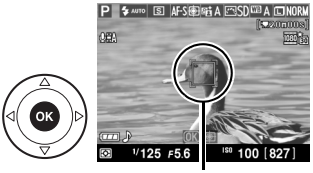
(face-priority AF): A double yellow border will be displayed when the camera detects a portrait subject facing the camera (if multiple faces, up to a maximum of 35, are detected, the camera will focus on the closest subject; to choose a different subject, use the multi selector).



(wide- and normal-area AF): Use the multi selector to move the focus point anywhere in the frame, or press OK to position the focus point in the center of the frame.



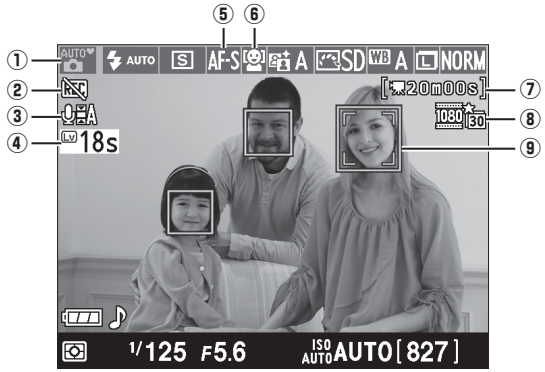
(subject-tracking AF): Position the focus point over your subject and press OK. The focus point will track the selected subject as it moves through the frame. To end focus tracking, press OK a second time.



Subject Tracking

The camera may be unable to track subjects if they move quickly, leave the frame or are obscured by other objects, change visibly in size, color, or brightness, or are too small, too large, too bright, too dark, or similar in color or brightness to the background.

The Live View Display

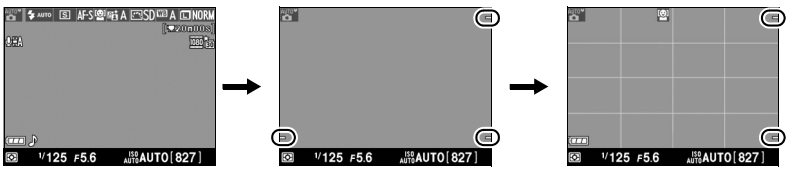


Item	Description	🕮
① **Shooting mode**	The mode currently selected with the mode dial. Select AUTO or for automatic scene selection (autofocus only; 🕮 104).	26, 30, 61, 115
② **"No movie" icon**	Indicates that movies can not be recorded.	107
③ **Audio recording indicator**	Indicates whether sound is being recorded with movies.	109
④ **Time remaining**	The amount of time remaining before live view ends automatically. Displayed if shooting will end in 30 s or less.	105
⑤ **Focus mode**	The current focus mode.	100
⑥ **AF-area mode**	The current AF-area mode.	101
⑦ **Time remaining (movie mode)**	The recording time remaining in movie mode.	107
⑧ **Movie frame size**	The frame size of movies recorded in movie mode.	109
⑨ **Focus point**	The current focus point. The display varies with the option selected for AF-area mode (🕮 101).	102

Live View Display Options

Press the info button to cycle through display options as shown below.

Circled areas indicate edges of movie frame crop



Show indicators → ***Hide indicators**** → ***Framing grid**** → ***Show indicators***

* A crop showing the area recorded is displayed during movie recording when frame sizes other than 640 × 424 are selected for **Movie settings** > **Movie quality** in the shooting menu (🕮 109; the area outside the movie frame crop is grayed out during recording).

Automatic Scene Selection (Scene Auto Selector)

If live view is selected in AUTO or mode, the camera will automatically analyze the subject and select the appropriate shooting mode when autofocus is enabled. The selected mode is shown in the monitor.



	Portrait	Human portrait subjects
	Landscape	Landscapes and cityscapes
	Close up	Subjects close to the camera
	Night portrait	Portrait subjects framed against a dark background
	Auto	Subjects suited to AUTO or mode or that do not fall into the categories listed above
	Auto (flash off)	

Flicker

You may notice flicker or banding in the monitor during live view or when shooting movies under certain types of lighting, such as fluorescent or mercury-vapor lamps. Flicker and banding can be reduced by choosing a **Flicker reduction** option that matches the frequency of the local AC power supply (🕮 170).

Exposure

Depending on the scene, exposure may differ from that which would be obtained when live view is not used. Metering in live view is adjusted to suit the live view display, producing photographs with exposure close to what is seen in the monitor. In **P**, **S**, **A**, and modes, exposure can be adjusted by ±5 EV in increments of 1/3 EV (🕮 70). Note that the effects of values over +3 EV or under –3 EV can not be previewed in the monitor.

HDMI

When the camera is attached to an HDMI video device, the camera monitor will turn off and the video device will display the view through the lens as shown at right. If the device supports HDMI-CEC, select **Off** for the **HDMI** > **Device control** option in the setup menu (🕮 148) before shooting in live view.



Shooting in Live View Mode

To prevent light entering via the viewfinder from interfering with exposure, remove the rubber eyecup and cover the viewfinder with the supplied DK-5 eyepiece cap before shooting (📖 38).

Although they will not appear in the final picture, flicker, banding, or distortion may be visible in the monitor under fluorescent, mercury vapor, or sodium lamps or if the camera is panned horizontally or an object moves at high speed through frame. Bright light sources may leave after-images when the camera is panned. Bright spots may also appear. When shooting in live view mode, avoid pointing the camera at the sun or other strong light sources. Failure to observe this precaution could result in damage to the camera's internal circuitry.

Live view ends automatically if the lens is removed or when the monitor is closed (closing the monitor does not end live view on televisions or other external displays).

Live view may end automatically to prevent damage to the camera's internal circuits; exit live view when the camera is not in use. Note that the temperature of the camera's internal circuits may rise and noise (bright spots, randomly-spaced bright pixels, or fog) may be displayed in the following instances (the camera may also become noticeably warm, but this does not indicate a malfunction):

- The ambient temperature is high
- The camera has been used for extended periods in live view or to record movies
- The camera has been used in continuous release mode for extended periods

If a warning is displayed when you attempt to start live view, wait for the internal circuits to cool and then try again.

The Count Down Display

A count down will be displayed 30 s before live view ends automatically (📖 103; the timer turns red 5 s before the auto off timer expires or if live view is about to end to protect the internal circuits). Depending on shooting conditions, the timer may appear immediately when live view is selected. Note that although the count down does not appear in the information display or during playback, live view will still end automatically when the timer expires.

Using Autofocus in Live View

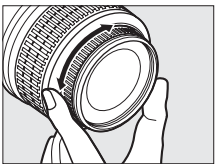
Autofocus is slower in live view and the monitor may brighten or darken while the camera focuses. The camera may be unable to focus in the following situations:

- The subject contains lines parallel to the long edge of the frame
- The subject lacks contrast
- The subject in the focus point contains areas of sharply contrasting brightness, or the subject is lit by spot lighting or by a neon sign or other light source that changes in brightness
- Flicker or banding appears under fluorescent, mercury-vapor, sodium-vapor, or similar lighting
- A cross (star) filter or other special filter is used
- The subject appears smaller than the focus point
- The subject is dominated by regular geometric patterns (e.g., blinds or a row of windows in a skyscraper)
- The subject is moving

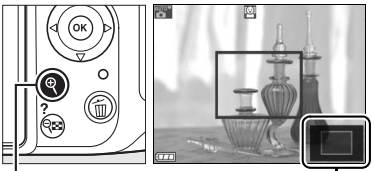
Note that the focus point may sometimes be displayed in green when the camera is unable to focus.

Manual Focus

To focus in manual focus mode (🕮 45), rotate the lens focus ring until the subject is in focus.



To magnify the view in the monitor up to about 7.7 × for precise focus, press the 🔍 button. While the view through the lens is zoomed in, a navigation window will appear in a gray frame at the bottom right corner of the display. Use the multi selector to scroll to areas of the frame not visible in the monitor (available only if [WIDE] (**Wide-area AF**) or [NORM] (**Normal-area AF**) is selected for **AF-area mode**), or press 🔍 to zoom out.



🔍 *button* *Navigation window*

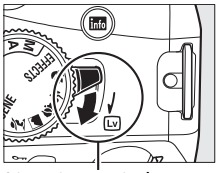
Recording and Viewing Movies

Recording Movies

Movies can be recorded in live view.

1 Rotate the live view switch.

The mirror is raised and the view through the lens is displayed in the monitor instead of the viewfinder.



Live view switch

> **The Icon**
> A icon (📖 103) indicates that movies can not be recorded.
>
> **Before Recording**
> Set aperture before recording in mode **A** or **M** (if you are using a PC-E lens, you can also modify aperture while recording in live view).

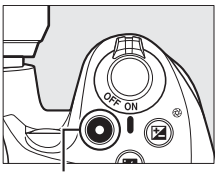
2 Focus.



Frame the opening shot and focus as described in Steps 2 and 3 of "Framing Photographs in the Monitor" (📖 99; see also "Focusing in Live View" on pages 📖 100–102). Note that the number of subjects that can be detected in face-priority AF drops during movie recording.

3 Start recording.

Press the movie-record button to start recording (the camera can record both video and sound; do not cover the microphone on the front of the camera during recording). A recording indicator and the time available are displayed in the monitor. Except in AUTO and modes, exposure can be locked by pressing the **AE-L/AF-L** button (📖 69) or (in modes **P**, **S**, **A**, and) altered by up to ±3 EV in steps of 1/3 EV using exposure compensation (📖 70). Note that the built-in microphone may record lens noise during autofocus and vibration reduction.



Movie-record button

Recording indicator



Time remaining

4 End recording.

Press the movie-record button again to end recording. Recording will end automatically when the maximum length is reached, the memory card is full, another mode is selected, the lens is removed, or the monitor is closed (closing the monitor does not end recording on televisions or other external displays).

Taking Photographs During Movie Recording

To end movie recording, take a photograph, and exit to live view, press the shutter-release button all the way down and hold it in this position until the shutter is released.

Maximum Length

Each movie file can be up to 4 GB in size and 20 minutes long; note that depending on memory card write speed, shooting may end before this length is reached (🕮 207). Movies recorded in miniature effect mode are up to three minutes long when played back.

Recording Movies

Flicker, banding, or distortion may be visible in the monitor and in the final movie under fluorescent, mercury vapor, or sodium lamps or if the camera is panned horizontally or an object moves at high speed through frame (flicker and banding can be reduced by choosing a **Flicker reduction** option that matches the frequency of the local AC power supply; 🕮 170). Bright light sources may leave after-images when the camera is panned. Jagged edges, color fringing, moiré, and bright spots may also appear. When recording movies, avoid pointing the camera at the sun or other strong light sources. Failure to observe this precaution could result in damage to the camera's internal circuitry.

Live view may end automatically to prevent damage to the camera's internal circuits; exit live view when the camera is not in use. Note that the temperature of the camera's internal circuits may rise and noise (bright spots, randomly-spaced bright pixels, or fog) may be displayed in the following instances (the camera may also become noticeably warm, but this does not indicate a malfunction):

- The ambient temperature is high
- The camera has been used for extended periods in live view or to record movies
- The camera has been used in continuous release mode for extended periods

If a warning is displayed when you attempt to start live view or movie recording, wait for the internal circuits to cool and then try again.

Matrix metering is used regardless of the metering method selected. Shutter speed and ISO sensitivity are adjusted automatically. The settings available during recording are as follows:

	Aperture	Shutter speed	ISO sensitivity	Exposure compensation
🙂, P, S	—	—	—	✔
A, M	**PC lenses**: Before or during live view **Other lenses**: Before live view only	—	—	✔
Other shooting modes	—	—	—	—

See Also

For information on choosing focus and AF-area modes, see page 100. See page 106 for information on focusing in live view.

■■ *Movie Settings*

Choose movie quality and sound options.

- **Movie quality**: Choose from the following options. The frame rate depends on the option currently selected for **Video mode** in the setup menu (🕮 170):

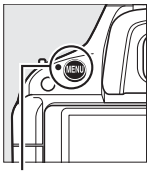
	Movie quality		Quality	Bit rate (high/normal quality)	Maximum length
	Frame size (pixels)	Frame rate			
1080 60i	1920 × 1080	30 fps [1, 2]	★ high/normal	18 Mbps/10 Mbps	20 min. [4]
1080 50i		25 fps [2, 3]			
1080 24p		24 fps			
720 60p	1280 × 720	30 fps [1]		10 Mbps/6 Mbps	
720 50p		25 fps [3]			
720 24p		24 fps		8 Mbps/5 Mbps	
424 30p	640 × 424	30 fps [1]		4 Mbps/2 Mbps	
424 25p		25 fps [3]			

1 Available when **NTSC** is selected for **Video mode**.
2 Not output to televisions or other external displays during recording.
3 Available when **PAL** is selected for **Video mode**.
4 Movies recorded in miniature effect mode are up to 3 minutes long when played back.

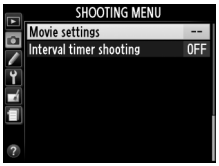
- **Microphone**: Selecting **Microphone off** turns sound recording off; selecting any other option turns recording on and sets the built-in microphone or optional ME-1 stereo microphone (🕮 207) to the selected sensitivity.

1 Select **Movie settings.**

Press the MENU button to display the menus. Highlight **Movie settings** in the shooting menu and press ▶.



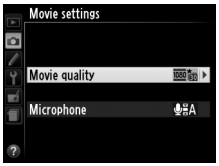
MENU *button*



2 Choose movie options.

Highlight the desired item and press ▶, then highlight an option and press OK.





Using an External Microphone

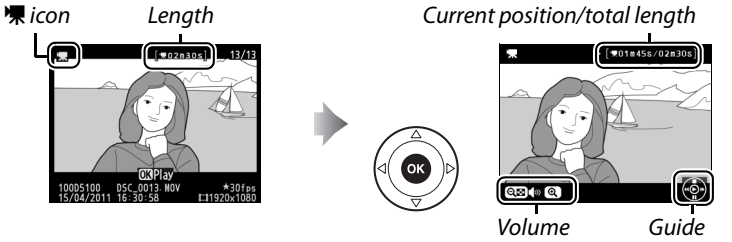
The optional ME-1 stereo microphone can be used to record sound in stereo or to reduce noise caused by lens vibration being recorded during autofocus.

The Count-Down Display

A count down will be displayed 30 s before movie recording ends automatically (🕮 103). Depending on shooting conditions, the timer may appear immediately when movie recording begins. Note that regardless of the amount of recording time available, live view will still end automatically when the timer expires. Wait for the internal circuits to cool before resuming movie recording.

Viewing Movies

Movies are indicated by a 🎥 icon in full-frame playback (🕮 123). Press ⊛ to start playback.



The following operations can be performed:

To	Use	Description
Pause	⊛	Pause playback.
Play	⊛	Resume playback when movie is paused or during rewind/advance.
Advance/rewind	⊛	Speed doubles with each press, from 2× to 4× to 8× to 16×; keep pressed to skip to beginning or end of movie (first frame is indicated by ⏵ icon in top right corner of monitor, last frame by ⏭). If playback is paused, movie rewinds or advances one frame at a time; keep pressed for continuous rewind or advance.
Adjust volume	🔍+/🔍−	Press 🔍+ to increase volume, 🔍− to decrease.
Edit movie	AE-L/AF-L	To edit movie, press **AE-L/AF-L** while movie is paused (🕮 111).
Return to full-frame playback	⊛/▶	Press ▲ or ▶ to exit to full-frame playback.
Exit to shooting mode		Press shutter-release button halfway. Monitor will turn off; photographs can be taken immediately.
Display menus	MENU	See page 149 for more information.



The 🔇 Icon

🔇 is displayed in full-frame and movie playback if the movie was recorded without sound.



Editing Movies

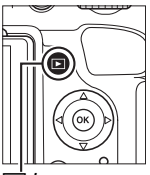
Trim footage to create edited copies of movies or save selected frames as JPEG stills.

Option	Description
Choose start point	Create a copy from which the opening footage has been removed.
Choose end point	Create a copy from which the ending footage has been removed.
Save selected frame	Save a selected frame as a JPEG still.

Trimming Movies

To create trimmed copies of movies:

1 Display a movie full frame.
Press the ▶ button to display pictures full frame in the monitor and press ◀ and ▶ to scroll through pictures until the movie you wish to edit is displayed.



▶ *button*

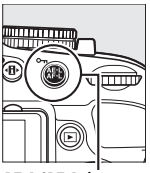


2 Choose a starting or end point.
Play the movie back as described on page 110, pressing ⊛ to start and resume playback and ▼ to pause. If you intend to trim the opening footage from the copy, pause on the first frame you wish to keep; if you will be trimming the ending footage from the copy, pause on the last frame you wish to keep.





3 Display the retouch menu.
Press the **AE-L/AF-L** button to display the retouch menu.


AE-L/AF-L *button*



4 Choose an option.

To create a copy that includes the current frame and all following frames, highlight **Choose start point** in the edit movie menu and press ⓚ. Select **Choose end point** create a copy that includes the current frame and all preceding frames.





5 Delete frames.

Press ▲ to delete all frames before (**Choose start point**) or after (**Choose end point**) the current frame.





6 Save the copy.

Highlight **Yes** and press ⓚ to save the edited copy. If necessary, the copy can be trimmed as described above to remove additional footage. Edited copies are indicated by a icon in full-frame playback.





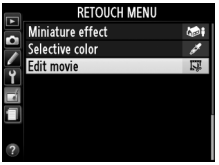
Trimming Movies

Movies must be at least two seconds long. If a copy can not be created at the current playback position, the current position will be displayed in red in Step 5 and no copy will be created. The copy will not be saved if there is insufficient space available on the memory card.

To prevent the camera from turning off unexpectedly, use a fully-charged battery when editing movies.

The Retouch Menu

Movies can also be edited using the **Edit movie** option in the retouch menu (📖 176).



Saving Selected Frames

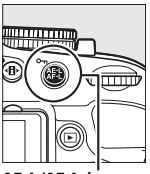
To save a copy of a selected frame as a JPEG still:

1 View the movie and choose a frame.
Play the movie back as described on page 110. Pause the movie at the frame you intend to copy.





2 Display the retouch menu.
Press the **AE-L/AF-L** button to display the retouch menu.



AE-L/AF-L *button*



3 Choose Save selected frame.
Highlight **Save selected frame** and press OK.





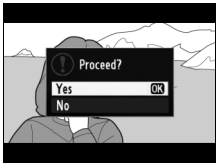
4 Create a still copy.
Press ▲ to create a still copy of the current frame.





5 Save the copy.
Highlight **Yes** and press OK to create a JPEG copy of the selected frame. Movie stills are indicated by a icon in full-frame playback.





Save Selected Frame
JPEG movie stills created with the **Save selected frame** option can not be retouched. JPEG movie stills lack some categories of photo information (📖 124).

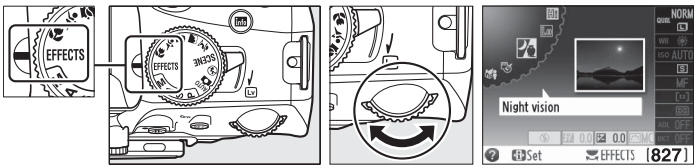
Special Effects

Special effects can be used when recording images.



Shooting with Special Effects

The following effects can be selected by rotating the mode dial to **EFFECTS** and rotating the command dial until the desired option appears in the monitor.



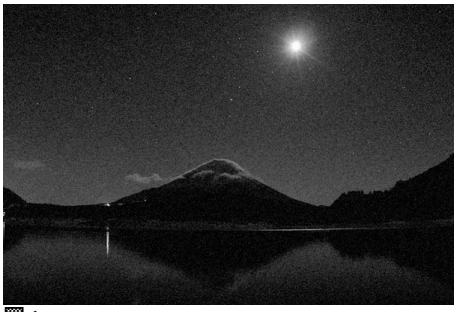
Mode dial *Command dial* *Monitor*

NEF (RAW)
If NEF (RAW)+JPEG is selected for image quality in , , , or mode, only the JPEG images will be recorded (📖 47). If NEF (RAW) is selected, fine-quality JPEG photographs will be recorded instead of NEF (RAW) images.

The Icon
If a icon is displayed in or mode, no pictures will be taken while the shutter-release button is pressed in continuous release mode.

The Retouch Menu
The **Color sketch** (📖 186), **Miniature effect** (📖 188), and **Selective color** (📖 189) options in the retouch menu can be used to apply these effects to existing pictures.

Night Vision



Use under conditions of darkness to record monochrome images at high ISO sensitivities (with some noise in the form of randomly-spaced bright pixels, fog, or lines). Autofocus is available in live view only; manual focus can be used if the camera is unable to focus. The built-in flash and AF-assist illuminator turn off; use of a tripod is recommended to reduce blur.

Color Sketch



The camera detects and colors outlines for a color sketch effect. Movies shot in this mode play back like a slide show made up of a series of stills. The effect can be chosen during live view (🕮 118); note that the display refresh rate drops when live view is in effect and that the frame rate drops in continuous release mode. Autofocus is not available during movie recording.

Miniature Effect



Distant subjects appear as miniatures. Miniature effect movies play back at high speed, compressing 30 to 45 minutes of footage shot at 1920 × 1080/30 fps into a movie that plays back in about 3 minutes. The effect can be chosen during live view (🕮 119); note that the display refresh rate drops when live view is in effect and that the frame rate drops in continuous release mode. Sound is not recorded with movies; autofocus is not available during movie recording. The built-in flash and AF-assist illuminator turn off; use of a tripod is recommended when lighting is poor.

Selective Color



All colors other than the selected colors are recorded in black and white. The effect can be chosen during live view (🕮 120). The built-in flash turns off; use of a tripod is recommended when lighting is poor.

Silhouette



Silhouette subjects against bright backgrounds. The built-in flash turns off; use of a tripod is recommended when lighting is poor.

Hi High Key



Use with bright scenes to create bright images that seem filled with light. The built-in flash turns off.

Lo Low Key



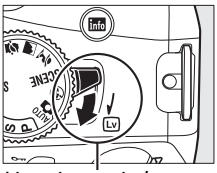
Use with dark scenes to create dark, somber images with prominent highlights. The built-in flash turns off; use of a tripod is recommended when lighting is poor.

Options Available in Live View

▮▮ Color Sketch

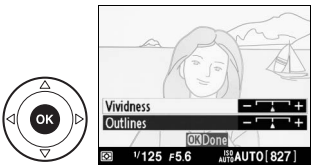
1 Select live view.

Rotate the live view switch to raise the mirror and display the view through the lens in the monitor.



Live view switch

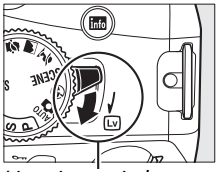
2 Adjust options.



Press ⓚ to display the options shown at right (note that the options temporarily clear from the display during autofocus). Press ▲ or ▼ to highlight **Vividness** or **Outlines** and press ◀ or ▶ to change. Vividness can be increased to make colors more saturated, or decreased for a washed-out, monochromatic effect, while outlines can be made thicker or thinner. Increasing the thickness of the lines also makes colors more saturated. Press ⓚ to exit when settings are complete. To exit live view, rotate the live view switch. The selected settings will continue in effect and will apply to photographs taken using the viewfinder.

1 Select live view.

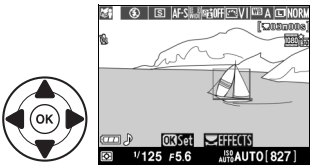
Rotate the live view switch to raise the mirror and display the view through the lens in the monitor.



Live view switch

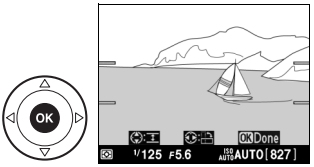
2 Position the focus point.

Use the multi selector to position the focus point in the area that will be in focus and then press the shutter-release button halfway to focus (note that the options temporarily clear from the display during autofocus). To temporarily clear miniature effect options from the display and enlarge the view in the monitor for precise focus, press 🔍. Press ⊡ to restore the miniature effect display.



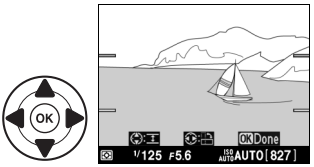
3 Display options.

Press ⓚ to display miniature effect options.



4 Adjust options.

Press ◀ or ▶ to choose the orientation of the area that will be in focus and press ▲ or ▼ to adjust its width.

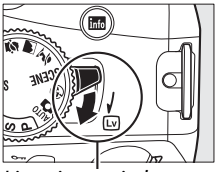


5 Return to the live view display.

Press ⓚ to return to live view. To exit live view, rotate the live view switch. The selected settings will continue in effect and will apply to photographs taken using the viewfinder.

1 Select live view.

Rotate the live view switch to raise the mirror and display the view through the lens in the monitor.



Live view switch

2 Display options.

Press ⓚ to display selective color options.





3 Select a color.

Selected color

Frame an object in the white square in the center of the display and press ▲ to choose the color of the object as one that will remain in the final image (the camera may have difficulty detecting unsaturated colors; choose a saturated color). To zoom in on the center of the display for more precise color selection, press 🔍. Press 🔍 to zoom out.





4 Choose the color range.

Color range

Press ▲ or ▼ to increase or decrease the range of similar hues that will be included in the final image. Choose from values between 1 and 7; note that higher values may include hues from other colors.

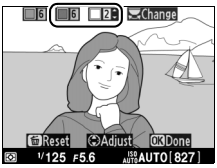




5 Select additional colors.

To select additional colors, rotate the command dial to highlight another of the three color boxes at the top of the display and repeat Steps 3 and 4 to select another color. Repeat for a third color if desired. To deselect the highlighted color, press 🗑, or press and hold 🗑 to remove all colors.





6 Return to the live view display.

Press ⓞⓚ to return to live view. During shooting, only objects of the selected hues will be recorded in color; all others will be recorded in black-and-white. To exit live view, rotate the live view switch. The selected settings will continue in effect and will apply to photographs taken using the viewfinder.

More on Playback

Full-Frame Playback

To play photographs back, press the ▶ button. The most recent photograph will be displayed in the monitor.

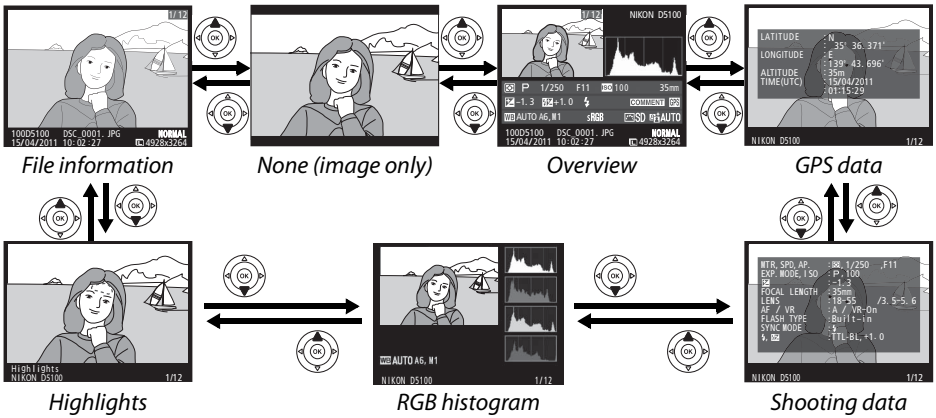


▶ *button*

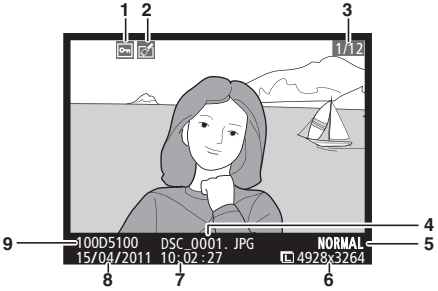
To	Use	Description
View additional photographs		Press ▶ to view photographs in order recorded, ◀ to view photographs in reverse order.
View photo information		Press ▲ or ▼ to view information about current photograph (🕮 124).
View thumbnails		See page 129 for more information on the thumbnail display.
Zoom in on photograph		See page 131 for more information on playback zoom.
Delete images		Confirmation dialog will be displayed. Press 🗑 again to delete photo.
Change protect status		To protect image, or to remove protection from protected image, press button (🕮 132).
Return to shooting mode		Press shutter-release button halfway. Monitor will turn off; photographs can be taken immediately.
Display menus	MENU	See page 149 for more information.
Retouch photo or play movie		Create retouched copy of current photograph (🕮 176). If current picture is marked with 🎥 icon to show that it is a movie, pressing starts movie playback (🕮 110).

Photo Information

Photo information is superimposed on images displayed in full-frame playback. Press ▲ or ▼ to cycle through photo information as shown below. Note that "image only", shooting data, RGB histograms, highlights, and overview data are only displayed if corresponding option is selected for **Playback display options** (🕮 150). GPS data are only displayed if a GP-1 was used when the photo was taken.

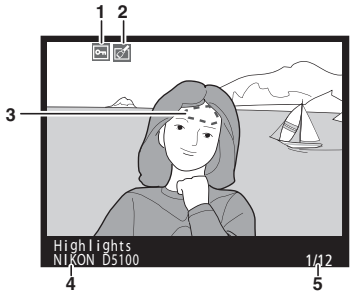


File Information



1	Protect status	132
2	Retouch indicator	177
3	Frame number/total number of images	
4	File name	218
5	Image quality	47
6	Image size	49
7	Time of recording	19
8	Date of recording	19
9	Folder name	152

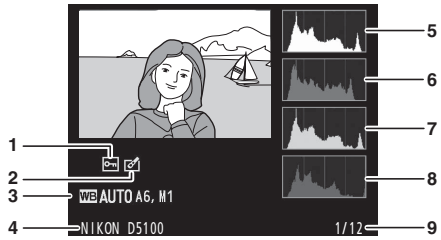
■■ *Highlights**



1 Protect status 132
2 Retouch indicator 177
3 Image highlights
4 Camera name
5 Frame number/total number of images

* Blinking areas indicate highlights.

■■ *RGB Histogram*



1 Protect status 132
2 Retouch indicator 177
3 White balance 81
White balance fine-tuning 83
Preset manual 84
4 Camera name
5 Histogram (RGB channel). In all histograms, horizontal axis gives pixel brightness, vertical axis number of pixels.
6 Histogram (red channel)
7 Histogram (green channel)
8 Histogram (blue channel)
9 Frame number/total number of images

Playback Zoom

To zoom in on the photograph when the histogram is displayed, press 🔍. Use the 🔍 and ⊞ buttons to zoom in and out and scroll the image with the multi selector. The histogram will be updated to show only the data for the portion of the image visible in the monitor.



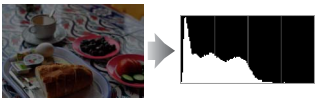
Histograms

Camera histograms are intended as a guide only and may differ from those displayed in imaging applications. Some sample histograms are shown below:

If the image contains objects with a wide range of brightnesses, the distribution of tones will be relatively even.



If the image is dark, tone distribution will be shifted to the left.

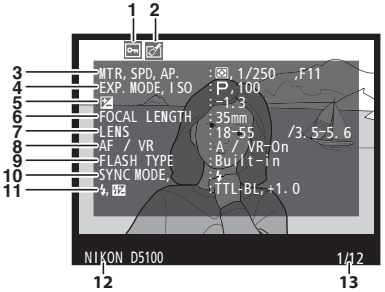


If the image is bright, tone distribution will be shifted to the right.

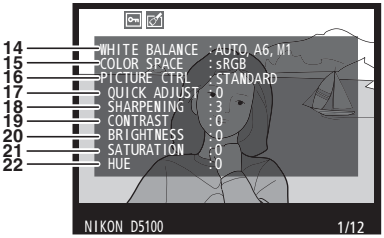


Increasing exposure compensation shifts the distribution of tones to the right, while decreasing exposure compensation shifts the distribution to the left. Histograms can provide a rough idea of overall exposure when bright ambient lighting makes it difficult to see photographs in the monitor.

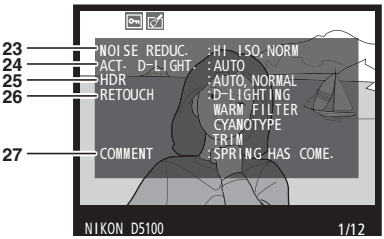
Shooting Data



1	Protect status	132
2	Retouch indicator	177
3	Metering	68
	Shutter speed	63, 65
	Aperture	64, 65
4	Shooting mode	26, 30, 61, 115
	ISO sensitivity [1]	54
5	Exposure compensation	70
6	Focal length	201
7	Lens data	
8	Focus mode	39, 100
	Lens VR (vibration reduction) [2]	18
9	Flash type	164
	Commander mode [3]	
10	Flash mode	51
11	Flash control	164
	Flash compensation	72
12	Camera name	
13	Frame number/total number of images	



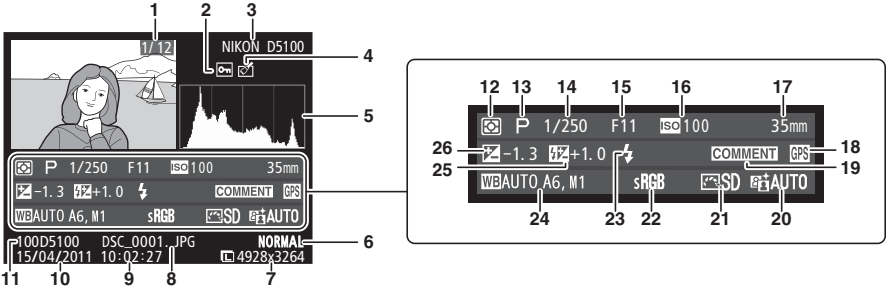
14 White balance 81
White balance fine-tuning 83
Preset manual 84
15 Color space 153
16 Picture Control 91
17 Quick adjust [4] 93
Original Picture Control [5] 92
18 Sharpening 93
19 Contrast 93
20 Brightness 93
21 Saturation [6] 93
Filter effects [7] 93
22 Hue [6] 93
Toning [7] 93



23 High ISO noise reduction 154
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24 Active D-Lighting 74
25 HDR exposure differential 76
HDR smoothing 76
26 Retouch history 176
27 Image comment 171

1 Displayed in red if photo was taken with auto ISO sensitivity control on.
2 Displayed only if VR lens is attached.
3 Displayed only if photo was taken using optional flash unit with command function.
4 **Standard**, **Vivid**, **Portrait**, and **Landscape** Picture Controls only.
5 **Neutral**, **Monochrome**, and custom Picture Controls.
6 Not displayed with monochrome Picture Controls.
7 Monochrome Picture Controls only.

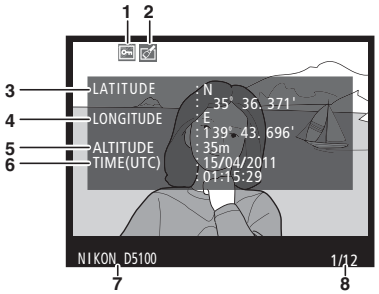
Overview



1	Frame number/total number of images	
2	Protect status	132
3	Camera name	
4	Retouch indicator	177
5	Histogram showing the distribution of tones in the image (🕮 126).	
6	Image quality	47
7	Image size	49
8	File name	218
9	Time of recording	19
10	Date of recording	19
11	Folder name	152
12	Metering	68
13	Shooting mode	26, 30, 61, 115
14	Shutter speed	63, 65
15	Aperture	64, 65
16	ISO sensitivity [1]	54
17	Focal length	201
18	GPS data indicator	174
19	Image comment indicator	171
20	Active D-Lighting	74
21	Picture Control	91
22	Color space	153
23	Flash mode	51
24	White balance	81
	White balance fine-tuning	83
	Preset manual	84
25	Flash compensation	72
	Commander mode [2]	
26	Exposure compensation	70

1 Displayed in red if photo was taken with auto ISO sensitivity control on.
2 Displayed only if photo was taken using optional flash unit with command function.

GPS Data*



1	Protect status 132
2	Retouch indicator 177
3	Latitude
4	Longitude
5	Altitude
6	Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)
7	Camera name
8	Frame number/total number of images

* Data for movies are for start of recording.

Thumbnail Playback

To display images in “contact sheets” of four, nine, or 72 images, press the button.



Full-frame playback *Thumbnail playback* *Calendar playback*

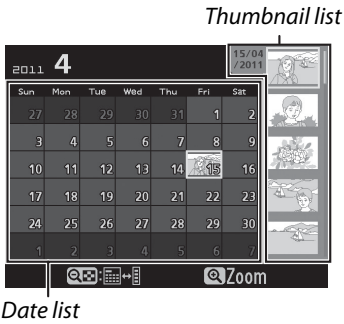
To	Use	Description
Display more images		Press button to increase the number of images displayed.
Display fewer images		Press button to reduce the number of images displayed. When four images are displayed, press to view highlighted image full frame.
Highlight images		Use multi selector or command dial to highlight images for full-frame playback, playback zoom (🕮 131), deletion (🕮 133), or protection (🕮 132).
View highlighted image		Press to display the highlighted image full frame.
Delete highlighted photo		See page 133 for more information.
Change protect status of highlighted photo	(AE-L/AF-L)	See page 132 for more information.
Return to shooting mode		Press shutter-release button halfway. Monitor will turn off; photographs can be taken immediately.
Display menus	MENU	See page 149 for more information.

Calendar Playback

To view images taken on a selected date, press the button when 72 images are displayed.



Press the button to toggle between the date list and the list of thumbnails for the selected date. Use the multi selector to highlight dates in the date list or to highlight pictures in the thumbnail list.



The operations can be performed depend on whether the cursor is in the date list or the thumbnail list:

To	Use	Description
Toggle between date list and thumbnail list		Press button in date list to place cursor in thumbnail list. Press again to return to date list.
Exit to thumbnail playback/Zoom in on highlighted photo		• **Date list**: Exit to 72-frame playback. • **Thumbnail list**: Press and hold button to zoom in on highlighted picture.
Highlight dates/ Highlight images		• **Date list**: Highlight date. • **Thumbnail list**: Highlight picture.
Toggle full frame playback		• **Date list**: View first picture taken on selected date. • **Thumbnail list**: View highlighted picture.
Delete highlighted photo(s)		• **Date list**: Delete all pictures taken on selected date. • **Thumbnail list**: Delete highlighted picture (📖 133).
Change protect status of highlighted photo	(AE-L AF-L)	See page 132 for more information.
Return to shooting mode		Press shutter-release button halfway. Monitor will turn off; photographs can be taken immediately.
Display menus	MENU	See page 149 for more information.

Taking a Closer Look: Playback Zoom

Press the 🔍 button to zoom in on the image displayed in full-frame playback or on the image currently highlighted in thumbnail or calendar playback. The following operations can be performed while zoom is in effect:

To	Use	Description
Zoom in or out	🔍 / 🔍	Press 🔍 to zoom in to maximum of approximately 31× (large images), 23× (medium images) or 15× (small images). Press 🔍 to zoom out. While photo is zoomed in, use multi selector to view areas of image not visible in monitor. Keep multi selector pressed to scroll rapidly to other areas of frame. Navigation window is displayed when zoom ratio is altered; area currently visible in monitor is indicated by yellow border. 
View other areas of image		
Select/zoom in on or out from faces	◀▣▶	Faces (up to 35) detected during zoom are indicated by white borders in navigation window. Press ◀▣▶ and use the multi selector to view other faces, or press OK to zoom in on the currently selected face. Press ◀▣▶ again to return to normal zoom. 
View other images		Rotate command dial to view same location in other images at current zoom ratio.
Cancel zoom	OK	Cancel zoom and return to full-frame playback.
Change protect status	🔑 (AE-L/AF-L)	See page 132 for more information.
Return to shooting mode		Press shutter-release button halfway. Monitor will turn off; photographs can be taken immediately.
Display menus	MENU	See page 149 for more information.

Protecting Photographs from Deletion

In full-frame, zoom, thumbnail, and calendar playback, the ⊶ button can be used to protect photographs from accidental deletion. Protected files can not be deleted using the 🗑 button or the **Delete** option in the playback menu. Note that protected images *will* be deleted when the memory card is formatted (🕮 22).

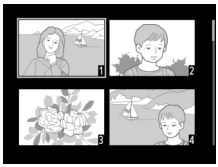
To protect a photograph:

1 Select an image.

Display the image in full-frame playback or playback zoom or highlight it in the thumbnail list in thumbnail or calendar playback.



Full-frame playback



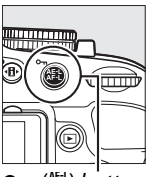
Thumbnail playback



Calendar playback

2 Press the ⊶ (AE-L/AF-L) button.

The photograph will be marked with a ⊶ icon. To remove protection from the photograph so that it can be deleted, display the photograph or highlight it in the thumbnail list and then press the ⊶ (AE-L/AF-L) button.



⊶ (AE-L/AF-L) *button*



Removing Protection from All Images

To remove protection from all images in the folder or folders currently selected in the **Playback folder** menu, press the ⊶ (AE-L/AF-L) and 🗑 buttons together for about two seconds during playback.

Deleting Photographs

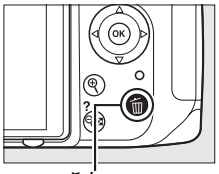
To delete the photograph displayed in full-frame playback or the photograph highlighted in the thumbnail list, press the 🗑 button. To delete multiple selected photographs, all photographs taken on a selected date, or all photographs in the current playback folder, use the **Delete** option in the playback menu. Once deleted, photographs can not be recovered.

Full-Frame, Thumbnail, and Calendar Playback

Press the 🗑 button to delete the current photograph.

1 Select an image.
Display the image or highlight it in the thumbnail list in thumbnail or calendar playback.

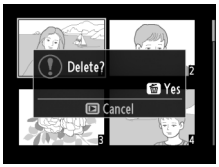
2 Press the 🗑 button.
A confirmation dialog will be displayed.



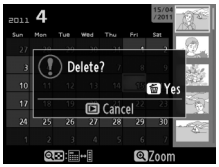
🗑 *button*



Full-frame playback

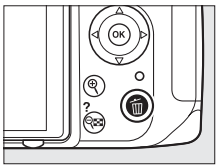


Thumbnail playback



Calendar playback (thumbnail list)

3 Press the 🗑 button again.
To delete the photograph, press the 🗑 button again. To exit without deleting the photograph, press the ▶ button.



Calendar Playback
During calendar playback, you can delete all photographs taken on a selected date by highlighting the date in the date list and pressing the 🗑 button (📖 130).

The Playback Menu

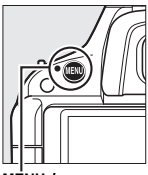
The **Delete** option in the playback menu contains the following options. Note that depending on the number of images, some time may be required for deletion.

Option	Description
Selected	Delete selected pictures.
Select date	Delete all pictures taken on a selected date.
All	Delete all pictures in the folder currently selected for playback (🕮 149).

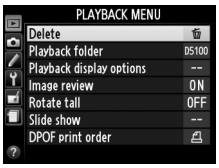
Selected: Deleting Selected Photographs

1 Select **Delete**.

To display the menus, press the MENU button. Highlight **Delete** in the playback menu and press ▶.



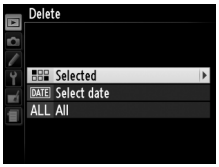
MENU *button*



2 Choose **Selected**.

Highlight **Selected** and press ▶.

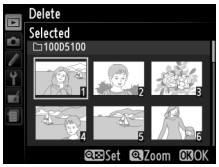




3 Highlight a picture.

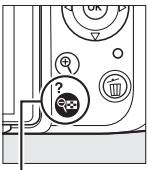
Use the multi selector to highlight a picture (to view the highlighted picture full screen, press and hold the 🔍 button).



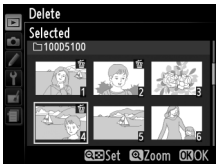


4 Select the highlighted picture.

Press the ? button to select the highlighted picture. Selected pictures are marked by a 🗑 icon. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to select additional pictures; to deselect a picture, highlight it and press ?.



? *button*



5 Press OK to complete the operation.

A confirmation dialog will be displayed; highlight **Yes** and press OK.



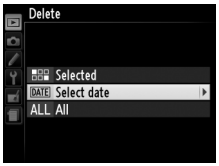


■ *Select Date: Deleting Photographs Taken on a Selected Date*

1 Choose **Select Date.**

In the delete menu, highlight **Select date** and press ▶.





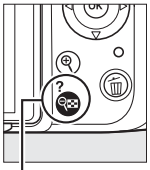
2 Highlight a date.

Press ▲ or ▼ to highlight a date.





To view the pictures taken on the highlighted date, press ⊖. Use the multi selector to scroll through the pictures, or press and hold ⊕ to view the current picture full screen. Press ⊖ to return to the date list.



⊖ *button*



3 Select the highlighted date.

Press ▶ to select all pictures taken on the highlighted date. Selected dates are marked with a ☑ icon. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to select additional dates; to deselect a date, highlight it and press ▶.





4 Press ⊛ to complete the operation.

A confirmation dialog will be displayed; highlight **Yes** and press ⊛.



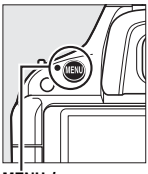


Slide Shows

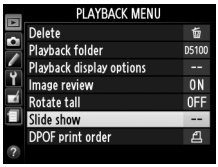
The **Slide show** option in the playback menu is used to display a slide show of the pictures in the current playback folder (🕮 149).

1 Select **Slide show.**

To display the slide show menu, press the MENU button and select **Slide show** in the playback menu.

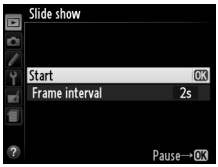


MENU *button*



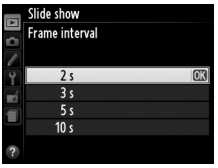
2 Select **Start.**

To start the slide show, highlight **Start** in the slide show menu and press OK.



Choosing a Frame Interval

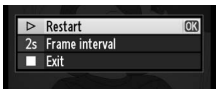
To choose how long each picture will be displayed, select **Frame interval** and choose from the options shown at right before selecting **Start** to start the slide show.



The following operations can be performed while the slide show is in progress:

To	Use	Description
Skip back/skip ahead		Press ◀ to return to previous frame, ▶ to skip to next frame.
View additional photo info		Change photo info displayed (🕮 124).
Pause/resume slide show	OK	Pause show. Press again to resume.
Exit to playback menu	MENU	See page 149 for more information.
Exit to playback mode	▶	End show and return to playback mode.
Exit to shooting mode		Press shutter-release button halfway. Monitor will turn off; photographs can be taken immediately.

The options shown at right are displayed when the show ends. Select **Restart** to restart or **Exit** to return to the playback menu.



Connections

Connecting to a Computer

This section describes how to use the supplied UC-E6 USB cable to connect the camera to a computer.

Before Connecting the Camera

Before connecting the camera, install the software on the supplied ViewNX 2 CD. To ensure that data transfer is not interrupted, be sure the camera EN-EL14 battery is fully charged. If in doubt, charge the battery before use or use an EH-5b AC adapter and EP-5A power connector (available separately).

■ *Supplied Software*

ViewNX 2 includes a "Nikon Transfer 2" function for copying pictures from the camera to the computer, where ViewNX 2 can be used to view and print selected images or to edit photographs and movies. For more information, see ViewNX 2 online help.

■ *Supported Operating Systems*

The supplied software can be used with computers running the following operating systems:

- **Windows**: Windows 7 Service Pack 1 (Home Basic/Home Premium/Professional/Enterprise/Ultimate), Windows Vista Service Pack 2 (Home Basic/Home Premium/Business/Enterprise/Ultimate) and Windows XP Service Pack 3 (Home Edition/Professional). ViewNX 2 runs as a 32-bit application in 64-bit editions of Windows 7 and Windows Vista.
- **Macintosh**: Mac OS X (version 10.4.11, 10.5.8, 10.6.7)

See the websites listed on page xv for the latest information on supported operating systems.

Connecting Cables
Be sure the camera is off when connecting or disconnecting interface cables. Do not use force or attempt to insert the connectors at an angle. Close the connector cover when the connector is not in use.

During Transfer
Do not turn the camera off or disconnect the USB cable while transfer is in progress.

Windows
To visit the Nikon website after installing ViewNX 2, select **All Programs** > **Link to Nikon** from the Windows start menu (Internet connection required).

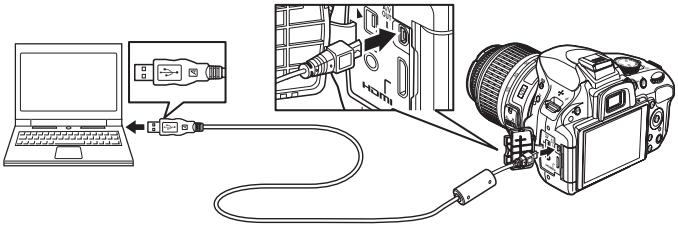
Connecting the Camera

Connect the camera using the supplied UC-E6 USB cable.

1 **Turn the camera off.**

2 **Turn the computer on.**
Turn the computer on and wait for it to start up.

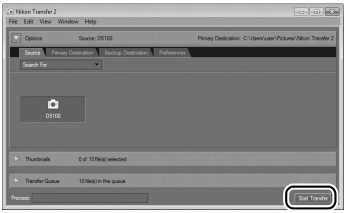
3 **Connect the USB cable.**
Connect the USB cable as shown. Do not use force or attempt to insert the connectors at an angle.



USB Hubs
Connect the camera directly to the computer; do not connect the cable via a USB hub or keyboard.

4 **Turn the camera on.**

5 **Transfer photographs.**
After following the on-screen instructions to start Nikon Transfer 2, click **Start Transfer** to transfer photographs (for more information on using Nikon Transfer 2, start ViewNX 2 or Nikon Transfer 2 and select **ViewNX 2 Help** from the **Help** menu).



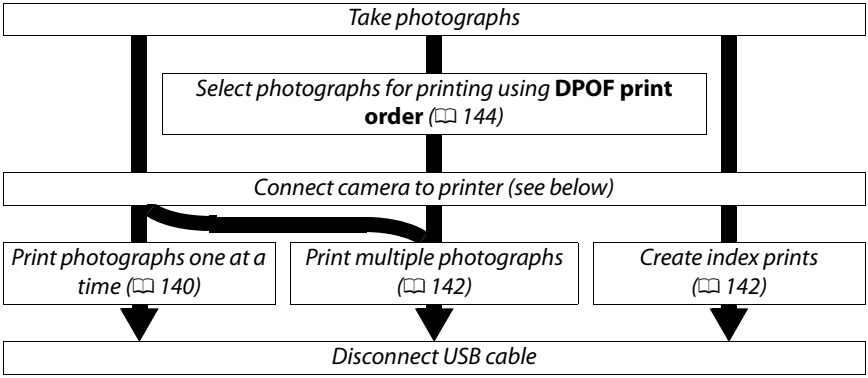
Start Transfer

6 **Turn the camera off and disconnect the USB cable when transfer ends.**
Nikon Transfer 2 will close automatically when transfer is complete.

Camera Control Pro 2
Camera Control Pro 2 (available separately; 🕮 206) can be used to control the camera from a computer. When Camera Control Pro 2 is used to capture photographs directly to the computer, a capture mode indicator will be displayed in the viewfinder and information display.

Printing Photographs

To print selected JPEG pictures on a PictBridge printer via a direct USB connection, follow the steps below.



Printing Via Direct USB Connection
Be sure the EN-EL14 battery is fully charged or use an optional EH-5b AC adapter and EP-5A power connector. When taking photographs to be printed via direct USB connection, set **Color space** to **sRGB** (📖 153).

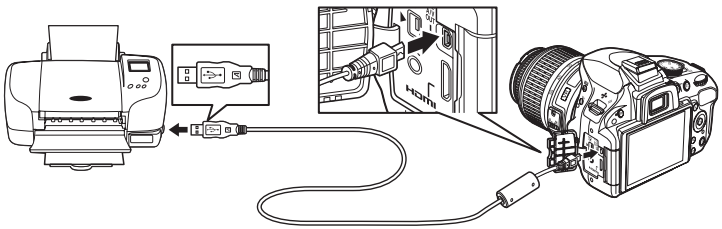
Connecting the Printer

Connect the camera using the supplied UC-E6 USB cable.

1 Turn the camera off.

2 Connect the USB cable.

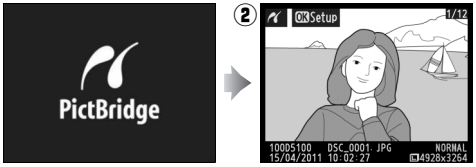
Turn the printer on and connect the USB cable as shown. Do not use force or attempt to insert the connectors at an angle.



USB Hubs
Connect the camera directly to the printer; do not connect the cable via a USB hub.

3 Turn the camera on.

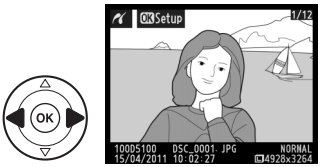
A welcome screen will be displayed in the monitor, followed by a PictBridge playback display.



Printing Pictures One at a Time

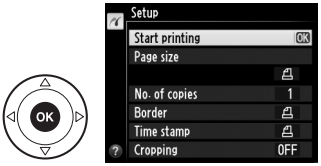
1 Select a picture.

Press ◀ or ▶ to view additional pictures, or press ▲ or ▼ to view photo information (🕮 124). Press the 🔍 button to zoom in on the current frame (🕮 131; press ▶ to exit zoom). To view six pictures at a time, press the 🔍 button. Use the multi selector to highlight pictures, or press 🔍 to display the highlighted picture full frame.



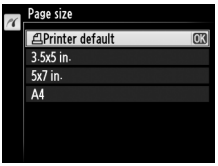
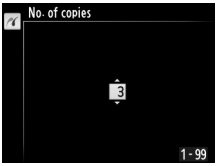
2 Display printing options.

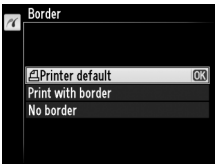
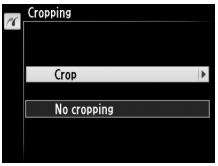
Press ⓚ to display PictBridge printing options.



3 Adjust printing options.

Press ▲ or ▼ to highlight an option and press ▶ to select.

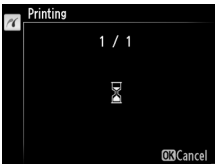
Option	Description	
Page size	Menu of page sizes will be displayed (options not supported by current printer are not listed). Press ▲ or ▼ to choose page size (to print at default page size for current printer, select **Printer default**), then press ⓚ to select and return to previous menu.	
No. of copies	Menu shown at right will be displayed. Press ▲ or ▼ to choose number of copies (maximum 99), then press ⓚ to select and return to previous menu.	

Option	Description
Border	This option is available only if supported by current printer. Menu shown at right will be displayed. Press ▲ or ▼ to choose print style from **Printer default** (print using current printer settings), **Print with border** (print photo with white border), or **No border**, then press ⓚ to select and return to previous menu. Only options supported by current printer will be displayed. 
Time stamp	Menu shown at right will be displayed. Press ▲ or ▼ to choose **Printer default** (print using current printer settings), **Print time stamp** (print time and date of recording on photo), or **No time stamp**, then press ⓚ to select and return to previous menu. 
Cropping	This option is available only with printers that support cropping. Menu shown at right will be displayed. To exit without cropping picture, highlight **No cropping** and press ⓚ. To crop picture, highlight **Crop** and press ▶.  If **Crop** is selected, dialog shown at right will be displayed. Press 🔍 to increase size of crop, 🔍 to decrease. Choose position of crop using multi selector and press ⓚ. Note that print quality may drop if small crops are printed at large sizes. 

4 Start printing.

Select **Start printing** and press ⓚ to start printing. To cancel before all copies have been printed, press ⓚ.





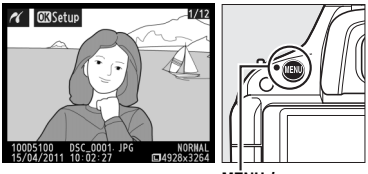
Date Imprint

If you select **Print time stamp** in the PictBridge menu when printing photographs containing date information recorded using Custom Setting d5 (**Print date**; 📖 163), the date will appear twice. The imprinted date may however be cropped out if the photographs are cropped or printed without a border.

Printing Multiple Pictures

1 Display the PictBridge menu.

Press the **MENU** button in the PictBridge playback display (see Step 3 on page 140).

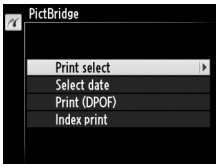


MENU *button*

2 Choose an option.

Highlight one of the following options and press ▶.



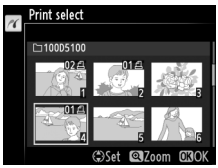


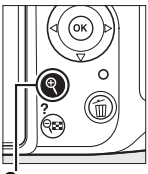
- **Print select**: Select pictures for printing.
- **Select date**: Print one copy of all the pictures taken on a selected date.
- **Print (DPOF)**: Print an existing print order created with the **DPOF print order** option in the playback menu (🕮 144). The current print order will be displayed in Step 3.
- **Index print**: To create an index print of all JPEG pictures on the memory card, proceed to Step 4. Note that if the memory card contains more than 256 pictures, only the first 256 images will be printed.

3 Select pictures or choose a date.

If you chose Print select or Print (DPOF) in Step 2, press ◀ or ▶ to scroll through the pictures on the memory card. To display the current picture full screen, press and hold the 🔍 button. To select the current picture for printing, press ▲. The picture will be marked with a 🖨 icon and the number of prints will be set to 1; press ▲ or ▼ to specify the number of prints (up to 99; to deselect the picture, press ▼ when the number of prints is 1). Continue until all the desired pictures have been selected.









🔍 **button**: *View photo full screen*

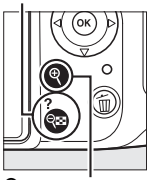
> **Selecting Photographs for Printing**
> NEF (RAW) photographs (🕮 47) can not be selected for printing. JPEG copies of NEF (RAW) images can be created using the **NEF (RAW) processing** option in the retouch menu (🕮 183).

If you chose Select date in Step 2, press ▲ or ▼ to highlight a date and press ▶ to toggle the highlighted date on or off. To view the pictures taken on the selected date, press ⊖. Use the multi selector to scroll through the pictures, or press and hold ⊕ to view the current picture full screen. Press ⊖ again to return to the date selection dialog.





⊖ **button**: *View photos for selected date*





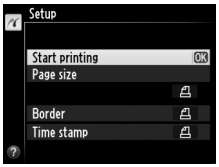
⊕ **button**: *View highlighted photo full screen*



4 Display printing options.

Press OK to display PictBridge printing options.





5 Adjust printing options.

Choose page size, border, and time stamp options as described on page 140 (a warning will be displayed if the selected page size is too small for an index print).

6 Start printing.

Select **Start printing** and press OK to start printing. To cancel before all copies have been printed, press OK.



Errors

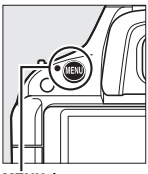
See page 224 for information on what to do if an error occurs during printing.

Creating a DPOF Print Order: Print Set

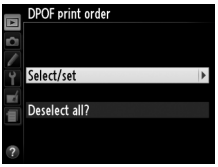
The **DPOF print order** option in the playback menu is used to create digital "print orders" for PictBridge-compatible printers and devices that support DPOF.

1 Choose Select/set for the DPOF print order item in the playback menu.

Press the MENU button and select **DPOF print order** in the playback menu. Highlight **Select/set** and press ▶ (to remove all photographs from the print order, select **Deselect all?**).



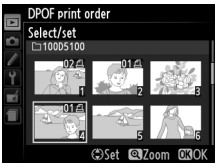
MENU *button*

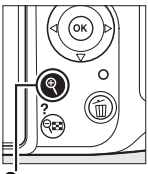


2 Select pictures.

Press ◀ or ▶ to scroll through the pictures on the memory card. To display the current picture full screen, press and hold the 🔍 button. To select the current picture for printing, press ▲. The picture will be marked with a 🖨 icon and the number of prints will be set to 1; press ▲ or ▼ to specify the number of prints (up to 99; to deselect the picture, press ▼ when the number of prints is 1). Continue until all the desired pictures have been selected.







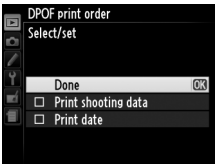


🔍 **button**: *View photo full screen*

3 Display imprint options.

Press OK to display data imprint options.

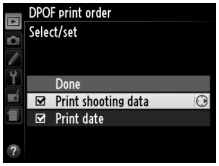




4 Select imprint options.

Highlight the following options and press ▶ to toggle the highlighted option on or off (to complete the print order without including this information, proceed to Step 5).



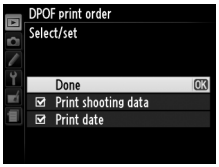


- **Print shooting data**: Print shutter speed and aperture on all pictures in print order.
- **Print date**: Print date of recording on all pictures in print order.

5 Complete the print order.

Highlight **Done** and press ⊛ to complete the print order.





☑ DPOF print order

To print the current print order when the camera is connected to a PictBridge printer, select **Print (DPOF)** in the PictBridge menu and follow the steps in "Printing Multiple Pictures" to modify and print the current order (🕮 142). DPOF print date and shooting data options are not supported when printing via direct USB connection; to print the date of recording on photographs in the current print order, use the PictBridge **Time stamp** option.

The **DPOF print order** option can not be used if there is not enough space on the memory card to store the print order.

NEF (RAW) photographs (🕮 47) can not be selected using this option. JPEG copies of NEF (RAW) images can be created using the **NEF (RAW) processing** option in the retouch menu (🕮 183).

Print orders may not print correctly if images are deleted using a computer or other device after the print order is created.

Viewing Photographs on TV

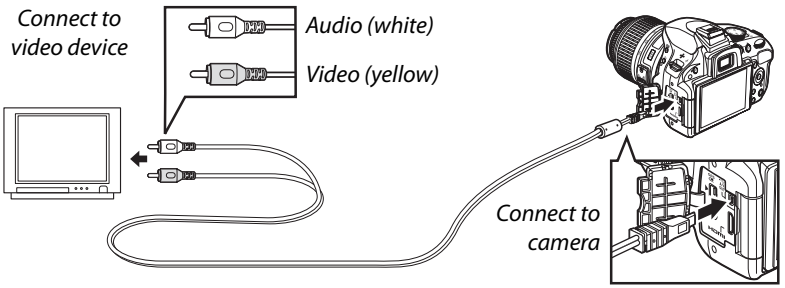
The supplied EG-CP14 audio video (A/V) cable can be used to connect the camera to a television or video recorder for playback or recording. A type C mini-pin **H**igh-**D**efinition **M**ultimedia **I**nterface (HDMI) cable (available separately from third-party suppliers) can be used to connect the camera to high-definition video devices.

Standard Definition Devices

Before connecting the camera to a standard television, confirm that the camera video standard (🕮 170) matches that used in the TV.

1 Turn the camera off.
Always turn the camera off before connecting or disconnecting the A/V cable.

2 Connect the A/V cable as shown.



3 Tune the television to the video channel.

4 Turn the camera on and press the ▶ button.
During playback, images will be displayed both in the camera monitor and on the television screen. Note that the edges of images may not be displayed.

Video Mode
If no image is displayed, check that camera is correctly connected and that the option selected for **Video mode** (🕮 170) matches the video standard used in the TV.

Television Playback
Use of an EH-5b AC adapter and EP-5A power connector (available separately) is recommended for extended playback.

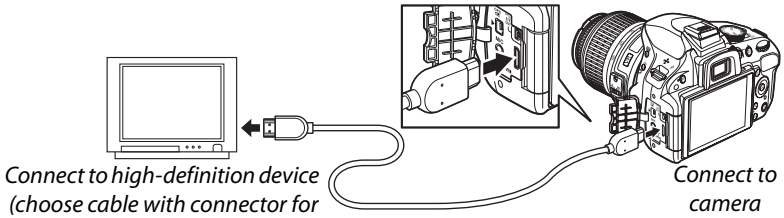
High-Definition Devices

The camera can be connected to HDMI devices using a type C mini-pin HDMI cable (available separately from third-party suppliers).

1 Turn the camera off.

Always turn the camera off before connecting or disconnecting an HDMI cable.

2 Connect the HDMI cable as shown.



3 Tune the device to the HDMI channel.

4 Turn the camera on and press the ▶ button.

During playback, images will be displayed on the high-definition television or monitor screen; the camera monitor will remain off.

Close the Connector Cover

Close the connector cover when the connectors are not in use. Foreign matter in the connectors can interfere with data transfer.

Audio

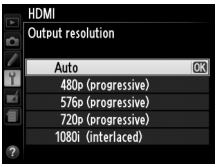
When a movie with sound recorded in stereo using an optional ME-1 stereo microphone (📖 109, 207) is viewed on a television connected to the camera via an A/V cable, the audio output is monaural. HDMI connections support stereo output. Volume can be adjusted using television controls; the camera controls can not be used.

■■ *HDMI Options*

The **HDMI** option in the setup menu controls output resolution and can be used to enable the camera for remote control from devices that support HDMI-CEC (**H**igh-**D**efinition **M**ultimedia **I**nterface–**C**onsumer **E**lectronics **C**ontrol, a standard that allows HDMI devices to be used to control peripherals to which they are connected).

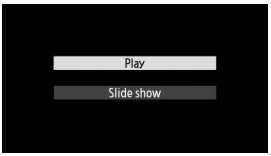
Output Resolution

Choose the format for images output to the HDMI device. If **Auto** is selected, the camera will automatically select the appropriate format.



Device Control

If **On** is selected for **HDMI** >**Device control** in the setup menu when the camera is connected to a television that supports HDMI-CEC and both the camera and television are on, the display shown at right will appear on the television and the television remote can be used in place of the camera multi selector and ⓚ button during full-frame playback and slide shows. If **Off** is selected, the television remote can not be used to control the camera.



HDMI-CEC Devices

When the camera is connected to an HDMI-CEC device, CEC will appear in the viewfinder in place of the number of exposures remaining.

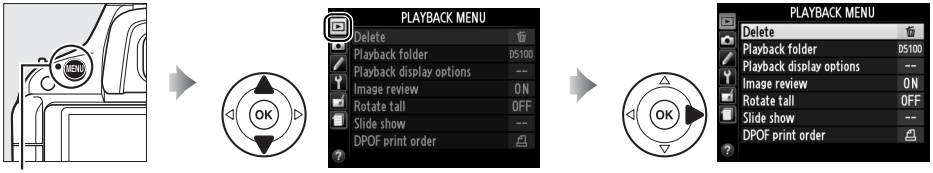
Device Control

See the television manual for details.

Menu Guide

▶ The Playback Menu: *Managing Images*

To display the playback menu, press **MENU** and select the ▶ (playback menu) tab.



MENU *button*

The playback menu contains the following options:

Option	Default	🕮
Delete	—	134
Playback folder	Current	149
Playback display options	—	150
Image review	On	150
Rotate tall	Off	150
Slide show	—	136
Frame interval	2 s	
DPOF print order	—	144

Playback Folder

MENU *button* ➜ ▶ *playback menu*

Choose a folder for playback:

Option	Description
Current	Only photos in the folder currently selected for **Storage folder** in the shooting menu (🕮 152) are displayed during playback. This option is selected automatically when a photo is taken. If a memory card is inserted and this option selected before photos have been taken, a message stating that the folder contains no images may be displayed during playback. Select **All** to begin playback.
All	Pictures in all folders will be visible during playback.

Playback Display Options

MENU *button* ➜ ▶ *playback menu*

Choose the information available in the playback photo information display (🕮 124). Press ▲ or ▼ to highlight an option, then press ▶ to select the option for the photo information display. A ☑ appears next to selected items; to deselect, highlight and press ▶. To return to the playback menu, highlight **Done** and press ⊛.

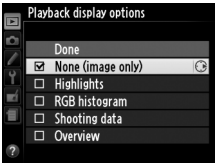
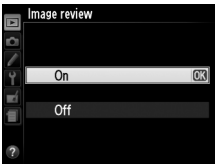


Image Review

MENU *button* ➜ ▶ *playback menu*

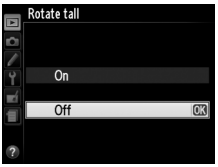
Choose whether pictures are automatically displayed in the monitor immediately after shooting. If **Off** is selected, pictures can only be displayed by pressing the ▶ button.



Rotate Tall

MENU *button* ➜ ▶ *playback menu*

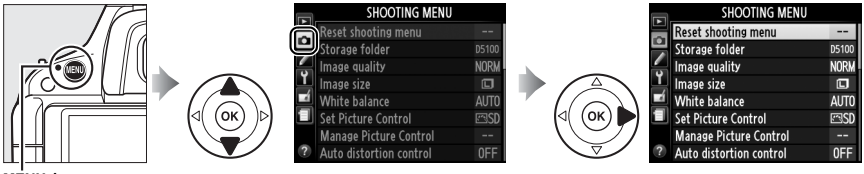
Choose whether to rotate "tall" (portrait-orientation) pictures for display during playback. Note that because the camera itself is already in the appropriate orientation during shooting, images are not rotated automatically during image review.



Option	Description
On	"Tall" (portrait-orientation) pictures are automatically rotated for display in the camera monitor. Pictures taken with **Off** selected for **Auto image rotation** (🕮 172) will be displayed in "wide" (landscape) orientation.
Off	"Tall" (portrait-orientation) pictures are displayed in "wide" (landscape) orientation.

The Shooting Menu: *Shooting Options*

To display the shooting menu, press MENU and select the (shooting menu) tab.



MENU *button*

The shooting menu contains the following options:

Option	Default	🕮
Reset shooting menu	—	152
Storage folder	—	152
Image quality	JPEG normal	47
Image size	Large	49
White balance	Auto	81
Fluorescent	Cool-white fluorescent	82
Set Picture Control	Standard	91
Manage Picture Control	—	95
Auto distortion control	Off	153
Color space	sRGB	153
Active D-Lighting	Auto	74
HDR (high dynamic range)	Off[1]	76

Option		Default	🕮
Long exposure NR		Off	154
High ISO NR		Normal	154
ISO sensitivity settings			
ISO sensitivity	**P, S, A, M**	100	54
	Other modes	Auto	
Auto ISO sensitivity control		Off	155
Release mode		Single frame	35
Multiple exposure		Off[2]	78
Movie settings			
Movie quality[3]		—	109
Microphone		Auto sensitivity (A)	
Interval timer shooting		Off[4]	56

1 Resetting shooting menu options resets the exposure differential to **Auto**, smoothing to **Normal**.
2 Resetting shooting menu options resets the number of frames to 2 and gain to **On**. **Reset shooting menu** can not be selected while shooting is in progress.
3 Default varies with country of purchase.
4 Resetting shooting menu options resets the start time to **Now**, interval to 1 min., number of times to 1.

Note: Depending on camera settings, some items may be grayed out and unavailable. For information on the options available in each shooting mode, see page 216.

Reset shooting menu

MENU *button* ➜ *shooting menu*

Select **Yes** to reset shooting menu settings.

Storage Folder

MENU *button* ➜ *shooting menu*

Create, rename, or delete folders, or choose the folder in which subsequent photographs will be stored.

- **Select folder**: Choose the folder in which subsequent photographs will be stored.



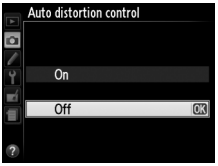
- **New**: Create a new folder and name it as described on page 96. Folder names can be up to five characters long.
- **Rename**: Select a folder from the list and rename it as described on page 96.
- **Delete**: Delete all empty folders on the memory card.

Folder Names

On the memory card, folder names are preceded by a three-digit folder number assigned automatically by the camera (e.g., 100D5100). Each folder can contain up to 999 photographs. During shooting, pictures are stored in the highest-numbered folder with the selected name. If a photograph is taken when the current folder is full or contains a photograph numbered 9999, the camera will create a new folder by adding one to the current folder number (e.g., 101D5100). The camera treats folders with the same name but different folder numbers as the same folder. For example, if the folder NIKON is selected for **Storage folder**, photographs in all folders named NIKON (100NIKON, 101NIKON, 102NIKON, etc.) will be visible when **Current** is selected for **Playback folder** (📖 149). Renaming changes all folders with the same name but leaves the folder numbers intact. Selecting **Delete** deletes empty numbered folders but leaves other folders with the same name intact.

Auto Distortion Control

MENU *button* ➜ *shooting menu*

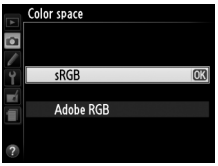


Select **On** to reduce barrel distortion when shooting with wide-angle lenses and to reduce pin-cushion distortion when shooting with long lenses (note that the edges of the area visible in the viewfinder may be cropped out of the final photograph, and that the time needed to process photographs before recording begins may increase). This option is available only with type G and D lenses (PC, fisheye, and certain other lenses excluded); results are not guaranteed with other lenses.

Retouch: Distortion Control
For information creating copies of existing photographs with reduced barrel and pin-cushion distortion, see page 185.

Color Space

MENU *button* ➜ *shooting menu*



The color space determines the gamut of colors available for color reproduction. Choose **sRGB** for photographs that will be printed or used "as is," with no further modification. **Adobe RGB** has a wider color gamut and is recommended for images that will be extensively processed or retouched after leaving the camera.

Color Space
Color spaces define the correspondence between colors and the numeric values that represent them in a digital image file. The sRGB color space is widely used, while the Adobe RGB color space is typically used in publishing and commercial printing. sRGB is recommended when taking photographs that will be printed without modification or viewed in applications that do not support color management, or when taking photographs that will be printed with ExifPrint, the direct printing option on some household printers, or kiosk printing or other commercial print services. Adobe RGB photographs can also be printed using these options, but colors will not be as vivid.

JPEG photographs taken in the Adobe RGB color space are DCF compliant; applications and printers that support DCF will select the correct color space automatically. If the application or device does not support DCF, select the appropriate color space manually. For more information, see the documentation provided with the application or device.

Nikon Software
ViewNX 2 (supplied) and Capture NX 2 (available separately) automatically select the correct color space when opening photographs created with this camera.

Long Exposure NR

MENU *button* ➜ *shooting menu*



If **On** is selected, photographs taken at shutter speeds slower than 1 s will be processed to reduce noise (bright spots, randomly-spaced bright pixels, or fog), increasing the time required to record images by roughly 1.5 to 2 times. During processing, "lab nr" will blink in the viewfinder and pictures can not be taken (if the camera is turned off before processing is complete, the picture will be saved but noise reduction will not be performed).

High ISO NR

MENU *button* ➜ *shooting menu*

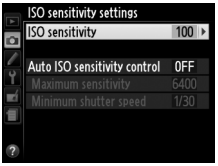
Photographs taken at high ISO sensitivities can be processed to reduce "noise."

Option	Description
High	Reduce noise (randomly-spaced bright pixels, lines, or fog), particularly in photographs taken at high ISO sensitivities. Choose the amount of noise reduction performed from **High**, **Normal**, and **Low**.
Normal	
Low	
Off	Noise reduction is only performed at ISO sensitivities of ISO 1600 and higher. The amount of noise reduction is less than the amount performed when **Low** is selected for **High ISO NR**.

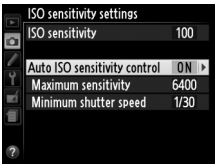
ISO Sensitivity Settings

MENU *button* ➜ *shooting menu*

Adjust ISO sensitivity (🕮 54).

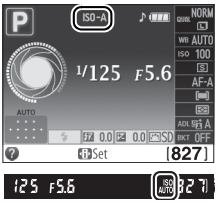


■ *Auto ISO sensitivity control*



If **Off** is chosen for **Auto ISO sensitivity control** in **P**, **S**, **A**, and **M** modes, ISO sensitivity will remain fixed at the value selected by the user (🕮 54). When **On** is chosen, ISO sensitivity will automatically be adjusted if optimal exposure can not be achieved at the value selected by the user (ISO sensitivity is adjusted appropriately when the flash is used). The maximum value for auto ISO sensitivity can be selected using the **Maximum sensitivity** option in the **Auto ISO sensitivity control** menu (choose lower values to prevent noise (randomly-spaced bright pixels, fog, or lines); the minimum value for auto ISO sensitivity is automatically set to ISO 100). In modes **P** and **A**, sensitivity will only be adjusted if underexposure would result at the shutter speed selected for **Minimum shutter speed** ($^1/_{2000}$–1 s; in modes **S** and **M**, sensitivity will be adjusted for optimal exposure at the shutter speed selected by the user). Slower shutter speeds will be used only if optimum exposure can not be achieved at the ISO sensitivity value selected for **Maximum sensitivity**. If the ISO sensitivity selected by the user is higher than the value selected for **Maximum sensitivity**, the value selected for **Maximum sensitivity** will be used instead.

When **On** is selected, the viewfinder shows **ISO-AUTO** and the information display **ISO-A**. These indictors blink when sensitivity is altered from the value selected by the user.

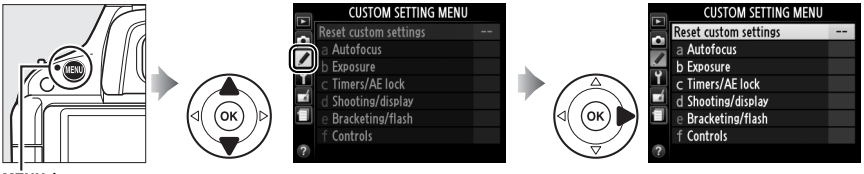


Auto ISO Sensitivity Control

Noise (randomly-spaced bright pixels, fog, or lines) is more likely at higher sensitivities. Use the **High ISO NR** option in the shooting menu to reduce noise (🕮 154). Note that ISO sensitivity may be raised automatically when auto ISO sensitivity control is used in combination with slow sync flash modes (available with the built-in flash and optional SB-900, SB-800, SB-700, SB-600, and SB-400 flash units, possibly preventing the camera from selecting slow shutter speeds.

Custom Settings:
Fine-Tuning Camera Settings

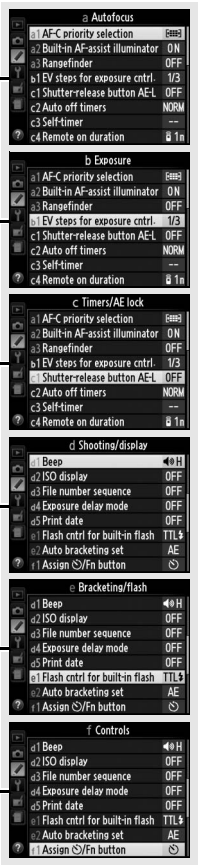
To display the Custom Settings menu, press **MENU** and select the ✎ (Custom Settings menu) tab.



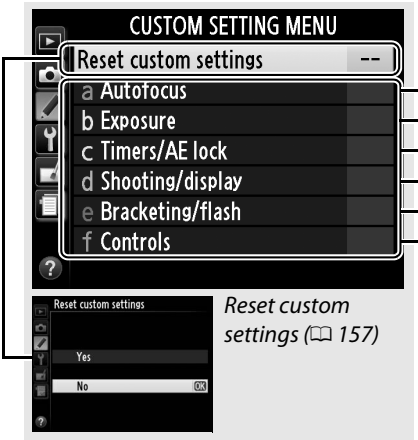
MENU *button*

Custom Settings are used to customize camera settings to suit individual preferences.

Custom Setting groups



Main menu



Reset custom settings (🕮 157)

The following Custom Settings are available:

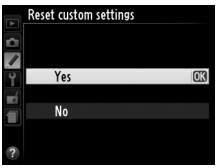
	Custom Setting	Default	🕮
	Reset custom settings		157
a	**Autofocus**		
a1	AF-C priority selection	Focus	158
a2	Built-in AF-assist illuminator	On	158
a3	Rangefinder	Off	159
b	**Exposure**		
b1	EV steps for exposure cntrl.	1/3 step	159
c	**Timers/AE lock**		
c1	Shutter-release button AE-L	Off	159
c2	Auto off timers	Normal	160
c3	Self-timer	Self-timer delay: 10 s; number of shots: 1	160
c4	Remote on duration	1 min	161
d	**Shooting/display**		
d1	Beep	High	161
d2	ISO display	Off	161
d3	File number sequence	Off	162
d4	Exposure delay mode	Off	162
d5	Print date	Off	163
e	**Bracketing/flash**		
e1	Flash cntrl for built-in flash	TTL	164
e2	Auto bracketing set	AE bracketing	165
f	**Controls**		
f1	Assign ⏲/Fn button	Self-timer	165
f2	Assign AE-L/AF-L button	AE/AF lock	166
f3	Reverse dial rotation	No	166
f4	Slot empty release lock	Release locked	166
f5	Reverse indicators	+◂ ▸−	166

Note: Depending on camera settings, some items may be grayed out and unavailable. For information on the options available in each shooting mode, see page 216.

Reset Custom Settings

MENU *button* ➜ ✎ *Custom Settings menu*

Select **Yes** to restore Custom Settings to their default values.



a: Autofocus

a1: AF-C Priority Selection

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

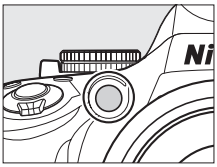
When **AF-C** is selected for viewfinder photography (🕮 39), this option controls whether photographs can be taken whenever the shutter-release button is pressed (*release priority*) or only when the camera is in focus (*focus priority*).

Option	Description
Release	Photos can be taken whenever the shutter-release button is pressed.
Focus	Photos can only be taken once the camera has focused.

a2: Built-in AF-assist Illuminator

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

Choose whether the built-in AF-assist illuminator lights to assist the focus operation when lighting is poor.



Option	Description
On	The AF-assist illuminator lights when lighting is poor. AF-assist illumination is only available when both of the following conditions are met: 1. **AF-S** is selected for focus mode (🕮 39) or single-servo autofocus is selected when the viewfinder is used in **AF-A** mode. 2. [▬] (**Auto-area AF**) is chosen for AF-area mode (🕮 42), or an option other than [▬] is chosen and the center focus point is selected.
Off	The AF-assist illuminator does not light to assist the focus operation. The camera may not be able to focus using autofocus when lighting is poor.

See Also

See page 41 for information on using the AF-assist illuminator. Information on the shooting modes in which AF-assist is available may be found on page 216. See page 201 for restrictions on the lenses that can be used with AF assist.

a3: Rangefinder

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

Choose **On** to use the exposure indicator to determine whether the camera is correctly focused in manual focus mode (🕮 65; note that this function is not available in shooting mode **M**, when the exposure indicator instead shows whether the subject is correctly exposed).

Indicator	Description
	Camera in focus.
	Focus point is slightly in front of subject.
	Focus point is well in front of subject.
	Focus point is slightly behind subject.
	Focus point is well behind subject.
	Camera can not determine correct focus.

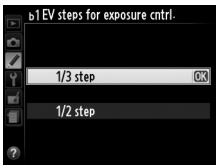
Using the Rangefinder
The rangefinder requires a lens with a maximum aperture of f/5.6 or faster and is not available in live view. The desired results may not be achieved in situations in which the camera would be unable to focus using autofocus (🕮 40).

b: Exposure

b1: EV Steps for Exposure Cntrl.

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

Select the increments used when making adjustments to shutter speed, aperture, exposure and flash compensation, and bracketing.

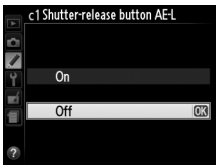


c: Timers/AE Lock

c1: Shutter-Release Button AE-L

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

At the default setting of **Off**, exposure only locks when the **AE-L/AF-L** button is pressed. If **On** is selected, exposure will also lock when the shutter-release button is pressed halfway.



c2: Auto off Timers

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

This option determines how long the monitor remains on if no operations are performed during menu display and playback (**Playback/menus**), while photographs are displayed in the monitor after shooting (**Image review**), and during live view (**Live view**), and how long the exposure meters, viewfinder, and information display remain on when no operations are performed (**Auto meter-off**). Choose shorter auto-off delays to reduce the drain on the battery.

Option	Description (all times are approximate)				
SHORT **Short** NORM **Normal** LONG **Long**	Auto off timers are set to the following values:				
		Playback/menus	**Image review**	**Live view**	**Auto meter-off**
	Short	12 s	4 s	3 min.	4 s
	Normal	20 s	4 s	3 min.	8 s
	Long	1 min.	20 s	10 min.	1 min.
Custom	Make separate adjustments to the **Playback/menus**, **Image review**, **Live view**, and **Auto meter-off** timers. When settings are complete, highlight **Done** and press OK.				

Auto off Timers
The monitor and viewfinder will not turn off automatically when the camera is connected to a computer or printer via USB.

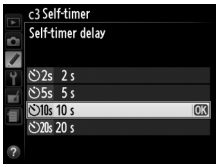
c3: Self-Timer

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

Choose the length of the shutter release delay and the number of shots taken.



- **Self-timer delay**: Choose the length of the shutter-release delay.



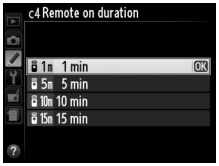
- **Number of shots**: Press ▲ and ▼ to choose the number of shots taken each time the shutter-release button is pressed (if a value other than 1 is selected, shots will be taken at 3 s intervals).



c4: Remote on Duration

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

Choose how long the camera will remain before cancelling the currently selected remote control release mode and restoring the previously selected release mode (🕮 37). Choose shorter times for longer battery life.



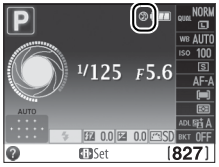
d: Shooting/Display

d1: Beep

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

Choose the pitch (**High** or **Low**) of the beep that sounds when the camera focuses using single-servo AF (**AF-S** or when single-servo AF is selected for **AF-A**; 🕮 39), when focus locks in live view, while the release timer is counting down in self-timer and delayed remote release modes (🕮 37), and when a photograph is taken in quick-response remote mode (🕮 37). Select **Off** to prevent the beep from sounding. Note that a beep will not sound in quiet-shutter release mode (mode Q; 🕮 35).

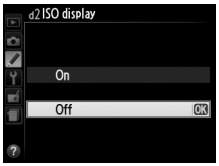
The current setting is shown in the information display: ♪ is displayed when the beep is on, 🔇 when it is off.



d2: ISO Display

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

Select **On** to display ISO sensitivity in the viewfinder in place of the number of exposures remaining.



d3: File Number Sequence

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

When a photograph is taken, the camera names the file by adding one to the last file number used. This option controls whether file numbering continues from the last number used when a new folder is created, the memory card is formatted, or a new memory card is inserted in the camera.

Option	Description
On	When a new folder is created, the memory card formatted, or a new memory card inserted in the camera, file numbering continues from the last number used or from the largest file number in the current folder, whichever is higher. If a photograph is taken when the current folder contains a photograph numbered 9999, a new folder will be created automatically and file numbering will begin again from 0001.
Off	File numbering is reset to 0001 when a new folder is created, the memory card is formatted, or a new memory card is inserted in the camera. Note that a new folder is created automatically if a photograph is taken when the current folder contains 999 photographs.
Reset	Resets the file numbering for **On** to 0001 and creates a new folder with the next photograph taken.

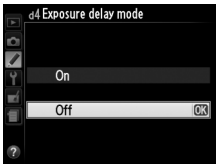
File Number Sequence

If the current folder is numbered 999 and contains either 999 photographs or a photograph numbered 9999, the shutter-release button will be disabled and no further photographs can be taken. Choose **Reset** for Custom Setting d3 (**File number sequence**) and then either format the current memory card or insert a new memory card.

d4: Exposure Delay Mode

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

In situations where the slightest camera movement can blur pictures, select **On** to delay shutter release until about 1 s after the shutter-release button is pressed and the mirror is raised.



d5: Print Date

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

Choose the date information imprinted on photographs as they are taken.

Option		Description
	Off	The time and date do not appear on photographs.
DATE	**Date**	The date or date and time are imprinted on photographs taken while this option is in effect. 15.04.2011
DATE	**Date and time**	15.04.2011 10:02
123	**Date counter**	New photos are imprinted with a time stamp showing the number of days between the date of shooting and a selected date (see below).

At settings other than **Off**, the selected option is indicated by a DATE icon in the information display.

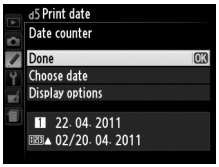


Print Date

The date is recorded in the order selected for **Time zone and date** (🕮 170). The date does not appear on NEF (RAW) or NEF (RAW)+JPEG images and can not be added to or removed from existing photos. To print the date of recording on photographs taken with print date off, select **Time stamp** in the PictBridge menu (🕮 141), or select **Print date** in the **DPOF print order** menu to print the date of recording on all pictures in the current DPOF print order (🕮 141).

■ *Date Counter*

Pictures taken while this option is in effect are imprinted with the number of days remaining until a future date or the number of days elapsed since a past date. Use it to track the growth of a child or count down the days until a birthday or wedding.





Future date (two days remaining)

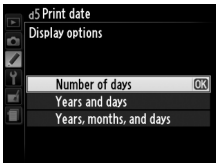


Past date (two days elapsed)

Up to three separate dates can be stored in slots 1, 2, and 3. The first time you use the date counter, you will be prompted to select a date for slot 1; enter a date using the multi selector and press OK. To change the date or store additional dates, highlight a slot, press ▶, and enter the date. To use the stored date, highlight the slot and press OK.



To choose a date counter format, highlight **Display options** and press ▶ to display the menu shown at right. Highlight an option and press OK. Highlight **Done** in the date counter menu and press OK when settings are complete.



e: Bracketing/Flash

e1: Flash Cntrl for Built-in Flash

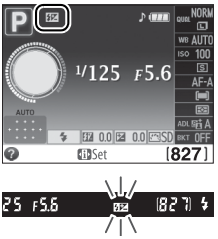
MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

Choose the flash mode for the built-in flash in **P**, **S**, **A**, and **M** modes.

Option	Description
TTL **TTL**	Flash output is adjusted automatically in response to shooting conditions.
M **Manual**	Choose a flash level between **Full** and **1/32** (1/32 of full power). At full power, the built-in flash has a Guide Number of 13/43 (m/ft., ISO 100, 20 °C/68 °F).

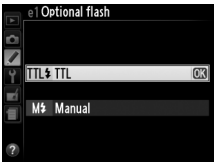
Manual

A icon blinks in the viewfinder and information display when **Manual** is selected and the flash is raised.



The SB-400

When an optional SB-400 flash unit (📖 202) is attached and turned on, **Flash cntrl for built-in flash** changes to **Optional flash**, allowing the flash control mode for the SB-400 to be selected from **TTL** and **Manual**.



Flash Control

The following types of flash control are supported when a CPU lens is used in combination with the built-in flash or optional SB-900, SB-800, SB-700, SB-600, and SB-400 flash units.

- **i-TTL Balanced Fill-Flash for Digital SLR**: Information from the 420-pixel RGB sensor is used to adjust flash output for a natural balance between the main subject and the background.
- **Standard i-TTL Fill-Flash for Digital SLR**: Flash output is adjusted for the main subject; the brightness of the background is not taken into account. Recommended for shots in which the main subject is emphasized at the expense of background details, or when exposure compensation is used.

Standard i-TTL flash control is used with spot metering or when selected with the optional flash unit. i-TTL balanced fill-flash for digital SLR is used in all other cases.

e2: Auto Bracketing Set

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

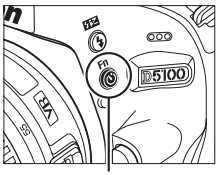
Choose the setting (exposure, white balance, or Active D-Lighting) varied when bracketing is in effect (**P**, **S**, **A**, and **M** modes only; 🕮 88).

f: Controls

f1: Assign ⏲/Fn Button

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

Choose the role played by the **Fn** (⏲) button. If an item marked with an asterisk ("*") is selected, a white-on-black icon corresponding to the item will appear in the information display (**Fn** is displayed when **Release mode** is selected).



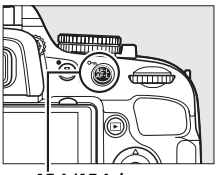
Fn *button*

	Option	Description
⏲	**Self-timer**	Press the **Fn** (⏲) button to toggle self-timer mode on and off (🕮 38).
	Release mode *	Press the **Fn** (⏲) button and rotate the command dial to select the release mode (🕮 35).
QUAL	**Image quality/size** *	Press the **Fn** (⏲) button and rotate the command dial to select image quality and size (🕮 47).
ISO	**ISO sensitivity** *	Press the **Fn** (⏲) button and rotate the command dial to select ISO sensitivity (🕮 54).
WB	**White balance** *	Press the **Fn** (⏲) button and rotate the command dial to select white balance (**P**, **S**, **A**, and **M** modes only; 🕮 81).
	Active D-Lighting *	Press the **Fn** (⏲) button and rotate the command dial to select Active D-Lighting (**P**, **S**, **A**, and **M** modes only; 🕮 74).
HDR	**HDR mode**	Press the **Fn** (⏲) button to toggle HDR (high dynamic range) on or off (**P**, **S**, **A**, and **M** modes only; 🕮 76). HDR ends when a picture is taken or the **Fn** (⏲) button is pressed again.
+RAW	**+NEF (RAW)**	If image quality is set to **JPEG fine**, **JPEG normal**, or **JPEG basic**, "RAW" will appear in the information display and an NEF (RAW) copy will be recorded with the next picture taken after the **Fn** (⏲) button is pressed. To exit without recording an NEF (RAW) copy, press the **Fn** (⏲) button again. This option has no effect when **Night vision**, **Color sketch**, **Miniature effect**, or **Selective color** is selected in special effects mode.
BKT	**Auto bracketing** *	Press the **Fn** (⏲) button and rotate the command dial to choose the bracketing increment (exposure and white balance bracketing) or to turn ADL bracketing on or off (**P**, **S**, **A**, and **M** modes only; 🕮 88).

f2: Assign AE-L/AF-L Button

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

Choose the role played by the **AE-L/AF-L** button.



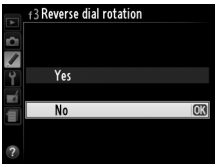
AE-L/AF-L *button*

Option	Description
AE/AF lock	Focus and exposure lock while the **AE-L/AF-L** button is pressed.
AE lock only	Exposure locks while the **AE-L/AF-L** button is pressed.
AF lock only	Focus locks while the **AE-L/AF-L** button is pressed.
AE lock (Hold)	Exposure locks when the **AE-L/AF-L** button is pressed, and remains locked until the button is pressed a second time or the exposure meters turn off.
AF-ON	The **AE-L/AF-L** button initiates autofocus. The shutter-release button can not be used to focus.

f3: Reverse Dial Rotation

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

Select **Yes** to reverse the rotation of the command dial.



f4: Slot Empty Release Lock

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

Selecting **Enable release** allows the shutter to be released when no memory card is inserted, although no pictures will be recorded (they will however be displayed in the monitor in demo mode). If **Release locked** is selected, the shutter-release button is only enabled when a memory card is inserted in the camera.

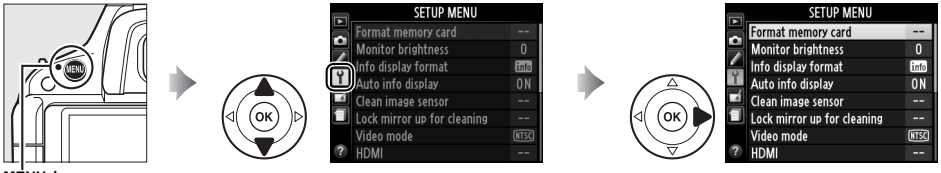
f5: Reverse Indicators

MENU *button* ➜ *Custom Settings menu*

At the default setting of +◂···0···▸− (+0−), the exposure indicators in the viewfinder and information display are displayed with positive values on the left and negative values on the right. Select −◂···0···▸+ (−0+) to display negative values on the left and positive values on the right.

The Setup Menu: *Camera Setup*

To display the setup menu, press MENU and select the (setup menu) tab.



MENU *button*

The setup menu contains the following options:

Option	Default	🕮
Format memory card	—	22
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Info display format	Graphic/black	168
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Flicker reduction[2]	—	170

Option	Default	🕮
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Daylight saving time	Off	170
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Image comment	—	171
Auto image rotation	On	172
Image Dust Off ref photo	—	172
GPS		
Auto meter-off	Enable	174
Use GPS to set camera clock	Yes	
Eye-Fi upload[3]	Enable	175
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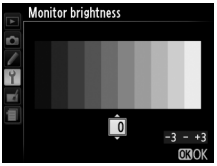
1 Not available when battery is low.
2 Default varies with country of purchase.
3 Only available when compatible Eye-Fi memory card is inserted (🕮 175).

Note: Depending on camera settings, some items may be grayed out and unavailable.

Monitor Brightness

MENU *button* ➜ *setup menu*

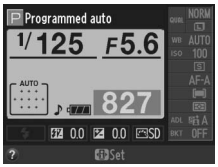
Press ▲ or ▼ to choose monitor brightness. Choose higher values for increased brightness, lower values for reduced brightness.



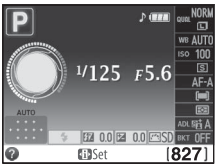
Info Display Format

MENU *button* ➜ *setup menu*

Choose from the following two formats for the information display (🕮 5).



Classic (🕮 169)

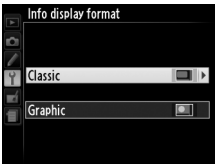


Graphic (🕮 5)

1 Select a format.

Highlight an option and press ▶.

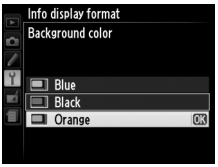




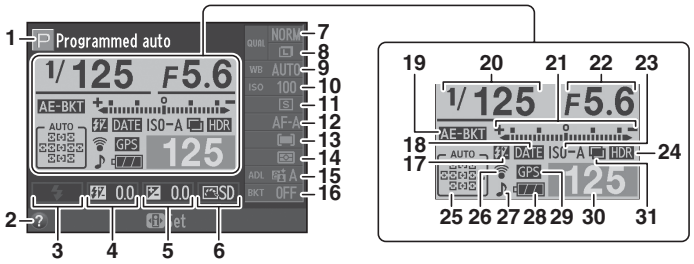
2 Select a background color.

Highlight a background color and press ⓚ. Choose from blue, black, or orange (Classic) or green, black, or brown (Graphic).





The “Classic” display is shown below.



1	Shooting mode auto/ auto (flash off) ..... 26 Scene modes ..... 30 **P**, **S**, **A**, and **M** modes..... 61 Special effects mode..... 115	15	Active D-Lighting 74	25	Auto-area AF indicator ..... 42 3D-tracking indicator..... 42 Focus point 43
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Rotating the Camera

When the camera is rotated 90 °, shooting information rotates to match camera orientation.



Auto Info Display

MENU *button* ➜ *setup menu*

If **On** is selected, the information display will appear after the shutter-release button is pressed halfway; if image review (🕮 150) is off, it will also be displayed immediately after shooting. Choose **On** if you find yourself frequently referring to the information display during shooting. If **Off** is selected, the information display can be viewed by pressing the ‹⊞› button.

Video Mode

MENU *button* ➜ *setup menu*

When connecting the camera to a television or VCR, be sure the camera video mode matches the device video standard (NTSC or PAL).

Flicker Reduction

MENU *button* ➜ *setup menu*

Reduce flicker and banding when shooting under fluorescent or mercury-vapor lighting during live view or movie recording. Choose a frequency which matches that of the local AC power supply.

> **Flicker Reduction**
> If you are unsure as to the frequency of the local power supply, test both options and choose the one that produces the best results. Flicker reduction may not produce the desired results if the subject is very bright, in which case you should select mode **A** or **M** and choose a smaller aperture (larger f-number) before starting live view.

Time Zone and Date

MENU *button* ➜ *setup menu*

Change time zones, set the camera clock, choose the date display order, and turn daylight saving time on or off.



Option	Description
Time zone	Choose a time zone. The camera clock is automatically set to the time in the new time zone.
Date and time	Set the camera clock (🕮 19).
Date format	Choose the order in which the day, month, and year are displayed.
Daylight saving time	Turn daylight saving time on or off. The camera clock will automatically be advanced or set back one hour. The default setting is **Off**.

Language

MENU *button* ➜ *setup menu*

Choose a language for camera menus and messages. The following options are available:

Option	Description
Čeština	Czech
Dansk	Danish
Deutsch	German
English	English
Español	Spanish
Français	French
Indonesia	Indonesian
Italiano	Italian

Option	Description
Nederlands	Dutch
Norsk	Norwegian
Polski	Polish
Português	Portuguese
Русский	Russian
Suomi	Finnish
Svenska	Swedish
Türkçe	Turkish

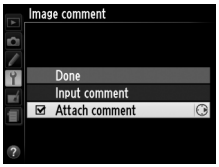
Option	Description
عربي	Arabic
中文(繁體)	Traditional Chinese
中文(简体)	Simplified Chinese
日本語	Japanese
한글	Korean
ภาษาไทย	Thai

Image Comment

MENU *button* ➜ *setup menu*

Add a comment to new photographs as they are taken. Comments can be viewed as metadata in ViewNX 2 (supplied) or Capture NX 2 (available separately; 🕮 206). The comment is also visible on the shooting data page in the photo information display (🕮 127).

- **Done**: Save changes and return to the setup menu.
- **Input comment**: Input a comment as described on page 96. Comments can be up to 36 characters long.
- **Attach comment**: Select this option to attach the comment to all subsequent photographs. **Attach comment** can be turned on and off by highlighting it and pressing ▶.



Auto Image Rotation

MENU *button* ➜ *setup menu*

Photographs taken while **On** is selected contain information on camera orientation, allowing them to be rotated automatically during playback or when viewed in ViewNX 2 or Capture NX 2 (available separately; 🕮 206). The following orientations are recorded:



Landscape (wide) orientation



Camera rotated 90° clockwise



Camera rotated 90° counterclockwise

Camera orientation is not recorded when **Off** is selected. Choose this option when panning or taking photographs with the lens pointing up or down.

Auto Image Rotation
In continuous release mode (🕮 35), the orientation recorded for the first shot applies to all photographs in the same burst, even if camera orientation is changed during shooting.

Rotate Tall
To automatically rotate "tall" (portrait-orientation) photographs for display during playback, select **On** for the **Rotate tall** option in the playback menu (🕮 150).

Image Dust Off Ref Photo

MENU *button* ➜ *setup menu*

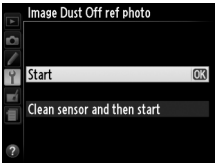
Acquire reference data for the Image Dust Off option in Capture NX 2 (available separately; for more information, see the Capture NX 2 manual).

Image Dust Off ref photo is available only when a CPU lens is mounted on the camera. A lens with a focal length of at least 50 mm is recommended. When using a zoom lens, zoom all the way in.

1 Choose a start option.

Highlight one of the following options and press OK. To exit without acquiring image dust off data, press MENU.





- **Start**: The message shown at right will be displayed and "rEF" will appear in the viewfinder.
- **Clean sensor and then start**: Select this option to clean the image sensor before starting. The message shown at right will be displayed and "rEF" will appear in the viewfinder when cleaning is complete.

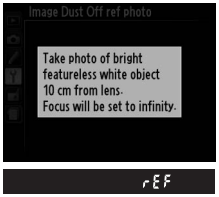


Image Sensor Cleaning
Dust off reference data recorded before image sensor cleaning is performed can not be used with photographs taken after image sensor cleaning is performed. Select **Clean sensor and then start** only if the dust off reference data will not be used with existing photographs.

2 Frame a featureless white object in the viewfinder.

With the lens about ten centimeters (four inches) from a well-lit, featureless white object, frame the object so that it fills the viewfinder and then press the shutter-release button halfway.

In autofocus mode, focus will automatically be set to infinity; in manual focus mode, set focus to infinity manually.

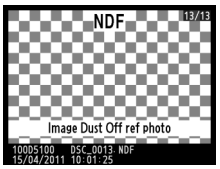
3 Acquire dust off reference data.

Press the shutter-release button the rest of the way down to acquire Image Dust Off reference data. The monitor turns off when the shutter-release button is pressed. Note that noise reduction will be performed if the subject is poorly lit, increasing recording times.

If the reference object is too bright or too dark, the camera may be unable to acquire Image Dust Off reference data and the message shown at right will be displayed. Choose another reference object and repeat the process from step 1.



Image Dust Off Reference Data
The same reference data can be used for photographs taken with different lenses or at different apertures. Reference images can not be viewed using computer imaging software. A grid pattern is displayed when reference images are viewed on the camera.



GPS

MENU *button* ➜ *setup menu*

This item is used to adjust settings for optional GP-1 GPS units. The GP-1 can be connected to the camera's accessory terminal (🕮 207) using the cable supplied with the GP-1, allowing information on the camera's current position to be recorded when photographs are taken (turn the camera off before connecting the GP-1; for more information, see the GP-1 manual).

The **GPS** menu contains the options listed below.

- **Auto meter-off**: Choose whether the exposure meters turn off automatically when the GP-1 is attached.

Option	Description
Enable	Exposure meters turn off automatically if no operations are performed for the time selected for Custom Setting c2 (**Auto off timers**, 🕮 160; to allow the camera time to acquire GPS data, the delay is extended by up to one minute after exposure meters are activated or the camera is turned on). This reduces the drain on the battery.
Disable	Exposure meters do not turn off while the GP-1 is connected.

- **Position**: This item is only available if the GP-1 is connected, when it displays the current latitude, longitude, altitude, and Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) as reported by the GP-1.



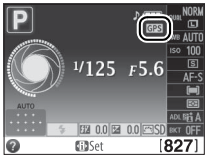
- **Use GPS to set camera clock**: Select **Yes** to synchronize the camera clock with the time reported by the GPS device.

Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)

UTC data is provided by the GPS device and is independent of the camera clock.

The GPS Icon

Connection status is shown by the GPS icon:



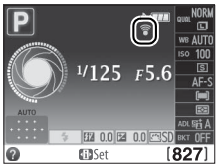
- GPS **(static)**: Camera has established communication with GP-1. Photo information for pictures taken while this icon is displayed include an additional page of GPS data (🕮 128).
- GPS **(flashing)**: The GP-1 is searching for a signal. Pictures taken while the icon is flashing do not include GPS data.
- **No icon**: No new GPS data have been received from the GP-1 for at least two seconds. Pictures taken when the GPS icon is not displayed do not include GPS data.

Eye-Fi Upload

MENU *button* ➜ *setup menu*

This option is displayed only when an Eye-Fi memory card (available separately from third-party suppliers) is inserted in the camera. Choose **Enable** to upload photographs to a preselected destination. Note that pictures will not be uploaded if signal strength is insufficient.

Observe all local laws concerning wireless devices and choose **Disable** where wireless devices are prohibited.



When an Eye-Fi card is inserted, its status is indicated by an icon in the information display:

- : Eye-Fi upload disabled.
- : Eye-Fi upload enabled but no pictures available for upload.
- (static): Eye-Fi upload enabled; waiting to begin upload.
- (animated): Eye-Fi upload enabled; uploading data.
- : Error.

Eye-Fi Cards

Eye-Fi cards may emit wireless signals when **Disable** is selected. If a warning is displayed in the monitor (🕮 224), turn the camera off and remove the card.

See the manual provided with the Eye-Fi card, and direct any inquiries to the manufacturer. The camera can be used to turn Eye-Fi cards on and off, but may not support other Eye-Fi functions.

Supported Eye-Fi Cards

As of January 2011, the following cards can be used: 2 GB SD Eye-Fi cards in the Share product category, 4 GB SDHC Eye-Fi cards in the Share Video product category, and 8 GB SDHC card in the Pro X2 product category. Some cards may not be available in some countries or regions; consult the manufacturer for more information. Eye-Fi cards are for use only in the country of purchase. Be sure the Eye-Fi card firmware has been updated to the latest version.

Firmware Version

MENU *button* ➜ *setup menu*

View the current camera firmware version.

The Retouch Menu: *Creating Retouched Copies*

To display the retouch menu, press **MENU** and select the (retouch menu) tab.



MENU *button*

The options in the retouch menu are used to create trimmed or retouched copies of existing pictures, and are only available when a memory card containing photographs is inserted in the camera.

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1 Can only be selected by pressing **MENU** button and selecting tab.
2 Available only if ⓚ button is pressed in full-frame playback when a retouched image or original is displayed.

Retouching Copies
With the exceptions of **Image overlay** and **Edit movie** > **Choose start point**/**Choose end point**, each effect can be applied only once (note that multiple edits may result in loss of detail). Options that can not be applied to the current image are grayed out and unavailable.

Image Quality
Except in the case of copies created with **Trim**, **Image overlay**, **NEF (RAW) processing**, and **Resize**, copies created from JPEG images are the same size and quality as the original, while copies created from NEF (RAW) photos are saved as large fine-quality JPEG images. Time stamps added with Custom Setting d5 (**Print Date**; 🕮 163) may however be cropped out or illegible depending on the retouch options used.

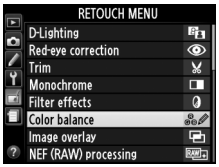
Creating Retouched Copies

To create a retouched copy:

1 Display retouch options.

Highlight the desired item in the retouch menu and press ▶.



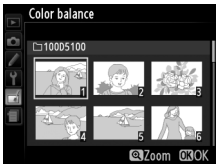


2 Select a picture.

Highlight a picture and press ⊛.

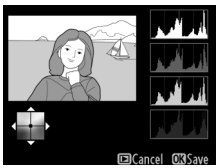
> **Retouch**
> The camera may not be able to display or retouch images created with other devices.





3 Select retouch options.

For more information, see the section for the selected item. To exit without creating a retouched copy, press MENU.



> **Monitor off Delay**
> The monitor will turn off and the menu will close without a retouched copy being created if no operations are performed for a brief period; if desired, the delay can be extended by choosing **Long** for Custom Setting c2 (**Auto off timers**; 🕮 160).

4 Create a retouched copy.

Press ⊛ to create a retouched copy. Retouched copies are indicated by a ✎ icon.

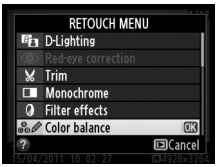




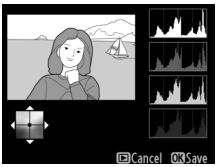
> **Creating Retouched Copies During Playback**
> Retouched copies can also be created during playback.



Display picture full frame and press ⊛.



Highlight an option and press ⊛.



Create retouched copy.

D-Lighting

MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*

D-Lighting brightens shadows, making it ideal for dark or backlit photographs.

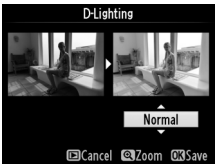


Before



After

Press ▲ or ▼ to choose the amount of correction performed. The effect can be previewed in the edit display. Press OK to copy the photograph.



Red-Eye Correction

MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*

This option is used to correct "red-eye" caused by the flash, and is available only with photographs taken using the flash. The photograph selected for red-eye correction is previewed as shown at right. Confirm the effects of red-eye correction and create a copy as described in the following table. Note that red-eye correction may not always produce the expected results and may in very rare circumstances be applied to portions of the image that are not affected by red-eye; check the preview thoroughly before proceeding.



To	Use	Description
Zoom in		Press button to zoom in, button to zoom out. While photo is zoomed in, use multi selector to view areas of image not visible in monitor. Keep multi selector pressed to scroll rapidly to other areas of frame. Navigation window is displayed when zoom buttons or multi selector is pressed; area currently visible in monitor is indicated by yellow border. Press OK to cancel zoom.
Zoom out		
View other areas of image		
Cancel zoom	OK	
Create copy	OK	If the camera detects red-eye in the selected photograph, a copy will be created that has been processed to reduce its effects. No copy will be created if the camera is unable to detect red-eye.



Trim

MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*

Create a cropped copy of the selected photograph. The selected photograph is displayed with the selected crop shown in yellow; create a cropped copy as described in the following table.



To	Use	Description
Increase size of crop		Press the button to increase the size of the crop.
Reduce size of crop		Press the button to reduce the size of the crop.
Change crop aspect ratio		Rotate the command dial to switch between aspect ratios of 3 : 2, 4 : 3, 5 : 4, 1 : 1, and 16 : 9.
Move crop		Use multi selector to move the crop to another area of the image.
Create copy		Save the current crop as a separate file.

Trim: Image Quality and Size

Copies created from NEF (RAW) or NEF (RAW) + JPEG photos have an image quality of JPEG fine (🕮 47); cropped copies created from JPEG photos have the same image quality as the original. The size of the copy varies with crop size and aspect ratio and appears at upper left in the crop display.



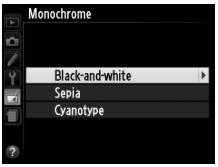
Viewing Cropped Copies

Playback zoom may not be available when cropped copies are displayed.

Monochrome

MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*

Copy photographs in **Black-and-white**, **Sepia**, or **Cyanotype** (blue and white monochrome).

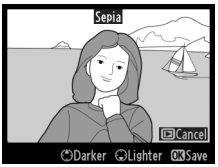


Selecting **Sepia** or **Cyanotype** displays a preview of the selected image; press ▲ to increase color saturation, ▼ to decrease. Press OK to create a monochrome copy.

Increase saturation



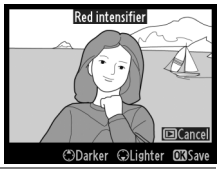
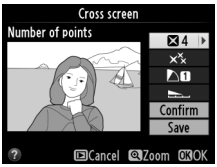
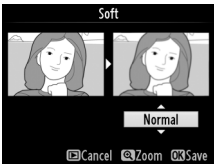
Decrease saturation



Filter Effects

MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*

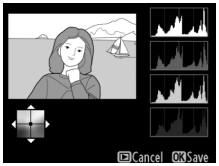
Choose from the following filter effects. After adjusting filter effects as described below, press ⓚ to copy the photograph.

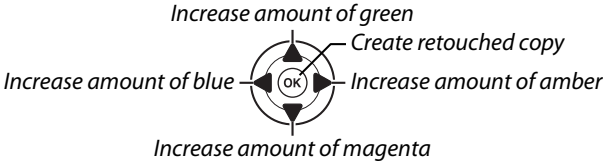
Option	Description
Skylight	Creates the effect of a skylight filter, making the picture less blue. The effect can be previewed in the monitor as shown at right. 
Warm filter	Creates a copy with warm tone filter effects, giving the copy a "warm" red cast. The effect can be previewed in the monitor.
Red intensifier **Green intensifier** **Blue intensifier**	Intensify reds (**Red intensifier**), greens (**Green intensifier**), or blues (**Blue intensifier**). Press ▲ to increase the effect, ▼ to decrease. 
Cross screen	Add starburst effects to light sources. • **Number of points**: Choose from four, six, or eight. • **Filter amount**: Choose the brightness of the light sources affected. • **Filter angle**: Choose the angle of the points. • **Length of points**: Choose the length of points. • **Confirm**: Preview the effects of the filter as shown at right. Press 🔍 to preview the copy full frame. • **Save**: Create a retouched copy. 
Soft	Add a soft filter effect. Press ▲ or ▼ to choose the filter strength. 

Color Balance

MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*

Use the multi selector to create a copy with modified color balance as shown below. The effect is displayed in the monitor together with red, green, and blue histograms (🕮 125) giving the distribution of tones in the copy.





Zoom

To zoom in on the image displayed in the monitor, press the 🔍 button. The histogram will be updated to show data only for the portion of the image displayed in the monitor. While the image is zoomed in, press the 🔑 (AE-L/AF-L) button to toggle back and forth between color balance and zoom. When zoom is selected, you can zoom in and out with the 🔍 and 🔍 buttons and scroll the image with the multi selector.



Image Overlay

MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*

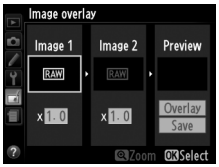
Image overlay combines two existing NEF (RAW) photographs to create a single picture that is saved separately from the originals; the results, which make use of RAW data from the camera image sensor, are noticeably better than overlays created in an imaging application. The new picture is saved at current image quality and size settings; before creating an overlay, set image quality and size (🕮 47, 49; all options are available). To create an NEF (RAW) copy, choose an image quality of **NEF (RAW)**.



1 Select **Image overlay.**

Highlight **Image overlay** in the retouch menu and press ▶. The dialog shown at right will be displayed, with **Image 1** highlighted; press OK to display a list of the NEF (RAW) pictures created with this camera.





2 Select the first image.

Use the multi selector to highlight the first photograph in the overlay. To view the highlighted photograph full frame, press and hold the ⊕ button. Press ⓚ to select the highlighted photograph and return to the preview display.

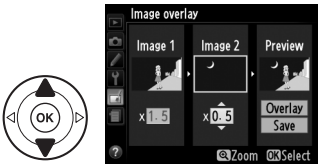


3 Select the second image.

The selected image will appear as **Image 1**. Highlight **Image 2** and press ⓚ, then select the second photo as described in Step 2.

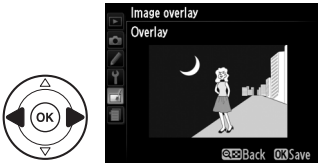
4 Adjust gain.

Highlight **Image 1** or **Image 2** and optimize exposure for the overlay by pressing ▲ or ▼ to select gain from values between 0.1 and 2.0. Repeat for the second image. The default value is 1.0; select 0.5 to halve gain or 2.0 to double it. The effects of gain are visible in the **Preview** column.



5 Preview the overlay.

Press ◀ or ▶ to place the cursor in the **Preview** column and press ▲ or ▼ to highlight **Overlay**. Press ⓚ to preview the overlay as shown at right (to save the overlay without displaying a preview, select **Save**). To return to Step 4 and select new photos or adjust gain, press ⊖.



6 Save the overlay.

Press ⓚ while the preview is displayed to save the overlay. After an overlay is created, the resulting image will be displayed full-frame in the monitor.

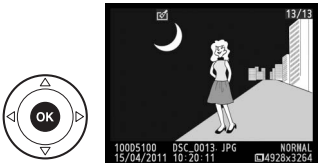


Image Overlay

The overlay has the same photo info (including date of recording, metering, shutter speed, aperture, shooting mode, exposure compensation, focal length, and image orientation) and values for white balance and Picture Control as the photograph selected for **Image 1**.

NEF (RAW) Processing

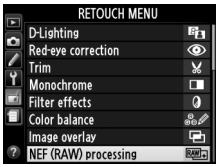
MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*

Create JPEG copies of NEF (RAW) photographs.

1 Select **NEF (RAW) processing.**

Highlight **NEF (RAW) processing** in the retouch menu and press ▶ to display a picture selection dialog listing only NEF (RAW) images created with this camera.

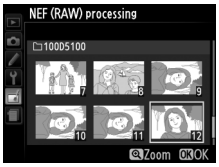




2 Select a photograph.

Highlight a photograph (to view the highlighted photograph full frame, press and hold the 🔍 button). Press OK to select the highlighted photograph and proceed to the next step.





3 Adjust NEF (RAW) processing settings.

Adjust the settings listed below. Color space (📖 153) is set to the value currently selected in shooting mode. Note that white balance is not available with pictures created with multiple exposure or image overlay, and that exposure compensation can only be set to values between –2 and +2 EV.



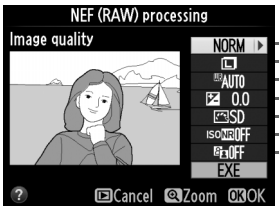


Image quality (📖 47)
Image size (📖 49)
White balance (📖 81)
Exposure compensation (📖 70)
Picture Control (📖 91)
High ISO NR (📖 154)
D-Lighting (📖 178)

4 Copy the photograph.

Highlight **EXE** and press OK to create a JPEG copy of the selected photograph. The resulting image will be displayed full-frame in the monitor. To exit without copying the photograph, press the MENU button.





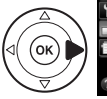
Resize

MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*

Create small copies of selected photographs.

1 Select Resize.

To resize selected images, press MENU to display the menus and select **Resize** in the retouch menu.





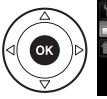
2 Choose a size.

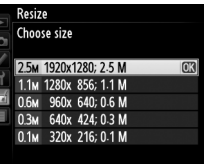
Highlight **Choose size** and press ▶.





The options shown at right will be displayed; highlight an option and press ⊛.





3 Choose pictures.

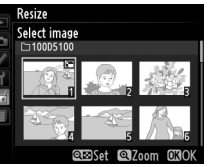
Highlight **Select image** and press ▶.





Highlight pictures using the multi selector and press the ⊡ button to select or deselect (to view the highlighted picture full screen, press and hold the ⊕ button). Selected pictures are marked by a ⊡ icon. Press ⊛ when the selection is complete.





4 Save the resized copies.

A confirmation dialog will be displayed. Highlight **Yes** and press ⊛ to save the resized copies.



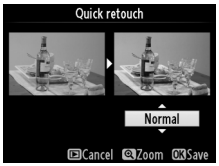


Viewing Resized Copies
Playback zoom may not be available when resized copies are displayed.

Image Quality
Copies created from NEF (RAW) or NEF (RAW) + JPEG photos have an image quality (🕮 47) of JPEG fine; copies created from JPEG photos have the same image quality as the original.

Quick Retouch

MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*

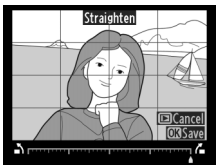


Create copies with enhanced saturation and contrast. D-Lighting is applied as required to brighten dark or backlit subjects.

Press ▲ or ▼ to choose the amount of enhancement. The effect can be previewed in the edit display. Press OK to copy the photograph.

Straighten

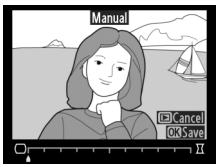
MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*



Create a straightened copy of the selected image. Press ▶ to rotate the image clockwise by up to five degrees in increments of approximately 0.25 degrees, ◀ to rotate it counterclockwise (the effect can be previewed in the edit display; note that edges of the image will be trimmed to create a square copy). Press OK to copy the photograph, or press ▶ to exit to playback without creating a copy.

Distortion Control

MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*

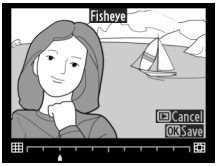


Create copies with reduced peripheral distortion. Select **Auto** to let the camera correct distortion automatically and then make fine adjustments using the multi selector, or select **Manual** to reduce distortion manually (note that **Auto** is not available with photos taken using auto distortion control; see page 153). Press ▶ to reduce barrel distortion, ◀ to reduce pin-cushion distortion (the effect can be previewed in the edit display; note that greater amounts of distortion control result in more of the edges being cropped out). Press OK to copy the photograph, or press ▶ to exit to playback without creating a copy.

Auto
Auto is for use only with pictures taken with type G and D lenses (PC, fisheye, and certain other lenses excluded). Results are not guaranteed with other lenses.

Fisheye

MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*



Create copies that appear to have been taken with a fisheye lens. Press ▶ to increase the effect (this also increases the amount that will be cropped out at the edges of the image), ◀ to reduce it. The effect can be previewed in the edit display. Press OK to copy the photograph, or press ▶ to exit to playback without creating a copy.

Color Outline

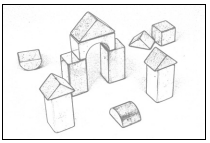
MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*



Create an outline copy of a photograph to use as a base for painting. The effect can be previewed in the edit display. Press OK to copy the photograph.



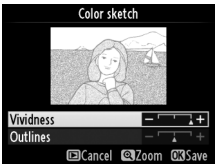
Before



After

Color Sketch

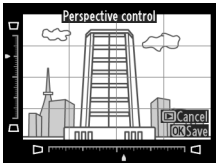
MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*



Create a copy of a photograph that resembles a sketch made with colored pencils. Press ▲ or ▼ to highlight **Vividness** or **Outlines** and press ◀ or ▶ to change. Vividness can be increased to make colors more saturated, or decreased for a washed-out, monochromatic effect, while outlines can be made thicker or thinner. Thicker outlines makes colors more saturated. The results can be previewed in the edit display. Press OK to copy the photograph, or press ▶ to exit to playback without creating a copy.

Perspective Control

MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*



Create copies that reduce the effects of perspective taken from the base of a tall object. Use the multi selector to adjust perspective (note that greater amounts of perspective control result in more of the edges being cropped out). The results can be previewed in the edit display. Press ⓚ to copy the photograph, or press ▶ to exit to playback without creating a copy.



Before

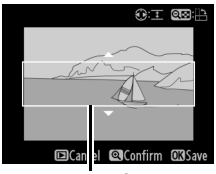
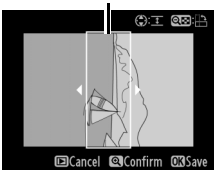


After

Miniature Effect

MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*

Create a copy that appears to be a photo of a diorama. Works best with photos taken from a high vantage point.

To	Press	Description
Choose orientation		Press to choose orientation of area that is in focus.
Choose position		If photo is displayed in wide orientation, press ▲ or ▼ to position frame showing area of copy that will be in focus.  *Area in focus*
		If photo is displayed in tall orientation (🕮 172), press ◀ or ▶ to position frame showing area of copy that will be in focus. 
Choose size		If area of effect is in wide orientation, press ◀ or ▶ to choose height.
		If area of effect is in tall orientation, press ▲ or ▼ to choose width.
Preview copy		Preview copy.
Cancel		Exit to full-frame playback without creating copy.
Create copy		Create copy.

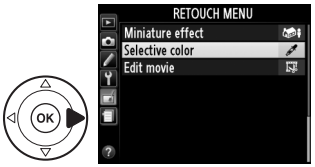
Selective Color

MENU *button* ➜ *retouch menu*

Create a copy in which only selected hues appear in color.

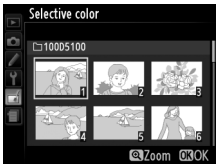
1 Select **Selective color.**

Highlight **Selective color** in the retouch menu and press ▶ to display a picture selection dialog.



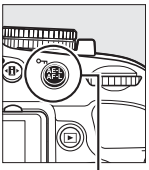
2 Select a photograph.

Highlight a photograph (to view the highlighted photograph full frame, press and hold the 🔍 button). Press OK to select the highlighted photograph and proceed to the next step.



3 Select a color.

Use the multi selector to position the cursor over an object and press ⊶ (AE-L/AF-L) to select the color of the object as one that will remain in the final copy (the camera may have difficulty detecting unsaturated colors; choose a saturated color). To zoom in on the picture for precise color selection, press 🔍. Press 🔍 to zoom out.



⊶ (AE-L/AF-L) *button*

Selected color



4 Highlight the color range.

Rotate the command dial to highlight the color range for the selected color.



Color range



5 Choose the color range.

Press ▲ or ▼ to increase or decrease the range of similar hues that will be included in the final photograph or movie. Choose from values between 1 and 7; note that higher values may include hues from other colors. The effect can be previewed in the edit display.





6 Select additional colors.

To select additional colors, rotate the command dial to highlight another of the three color boxes at the top of the display and repeat Steps 3–5 to select another color. Repeat for a third color if desired. To deselect the highlighted color, press 🗑, or press and hold 🗑 to remove all colors.





7 Save the edited copy.

Press ⓞ to copy the photograph.





Side-by-Side Comparison

Compare retouched copies to the original photographs. This option is only available if the ⓚ button is pressed to display the retouch menu when a copy or original is played back full frame.

1 Select a picture.

Select a retouched copy (shown by a ✎ icon) or a photograph that has been retouched in full-frame playback and press ⓚ.





2 Select Side-by-side comparison.

Highlight **Side-by-side comparison** in the retouch menu and press ⓚ.

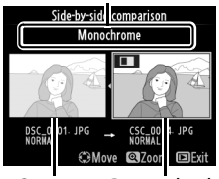




3 Compare the copy with the original.

Options used to create copy





Source image *Retouched copy*

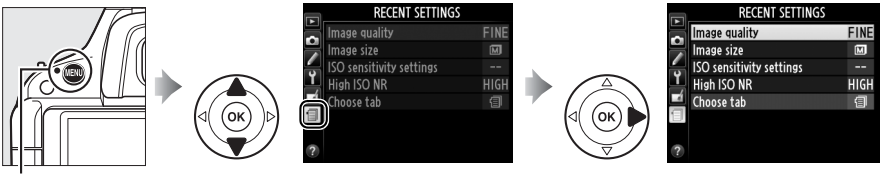
The source image is displayed on the left, the retouched copy on the right, with the options used to create the copy listed at the top of the display. Press ◀ or ▶ to switch between the source image and the retouched copy. To view the highlighted picture full frame, press and hold the 🔍 button. If the copy was created from two images using **Image overlay**, press ▲ or ▼ to view the other source image. If multiple copies exist for the current source image, press ▲ or ▼ to view the other copies. To exit to playback mode, press the ▶ button, or press ⓚ to return to playback with the highlighted image displayed.

Side-by-Side Comparisons

The source image will not be displayed if the copy was created from a photograph that has since been deleted or that was protected when the copy was made (🕮 132).

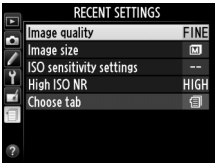
Recent Settings/My Menu

To display the recent settings menu, press MENU and select the (recent settings) tab.



MENU *button*

The recent settings menu lists the twenty most recently used settings, with the most recently-used items first. Press ▲ or ▼ to highlight an option and press ▶ to select.



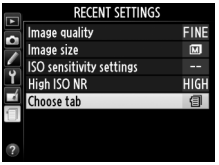
Removing Items from the Recent Settings Menu
To remove an item from the recent settings menu, highlight it and press the button. A confirmation dialog will be displayed; press again to delete the selected item.

My Menu

To access a customized menu of up to twenty options selected from the playback, shooting, Custom Settings, and setup menus, select **My Menu** for **Recent settings** > **Choose tab**.

1 **Select Choose tab.**
In the recent settings menu (), highlight **Choose tab** and press ▶.





2 **Select My Menu.**
Highlight **My Menu** and press OK. The name of the menu will change from "RECENT SETTINGS" to "MY MENU."



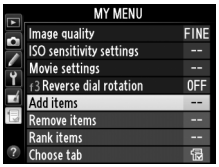


To view recent settings again, select **Recent settings** for **My Menu** > **Choose tab**.

■■ *Adding Options to My Menu*

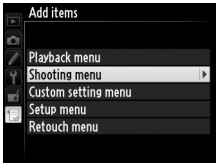
1 Select Add items.
In My Menu (), highlight **Add items** and press ▶.





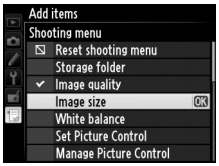
2 Select a menu.
Highlight the name of the menu containing the option you wish to add and press ▶.





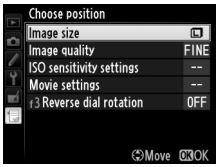
3 Select an item.
Highlight the desired menu item and press ⊛.





4 Position the new item.
Press ▲ or ▼ to move the new item up or down in My Menu. Press ⊛ to add the new item.





5 Add more items.
The items currently displayed in My Menu are indicated by a check mark. Items indicated by a ⊠ icon can not be selected. Repeat steps 1–4 to select additional items.



■■ *Deleting Options from My Menu*

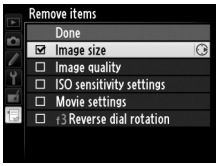
1 Select **Remove items.**

In My Menu (), highlight **Remove items** and press ▶.

2 Select items.

Highlight items and press ▶ to select or deselect. Selected items are indicated by a check mark.

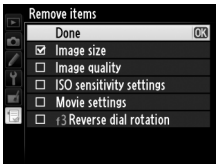




3 Select **Done.**

Highlight **Done** and press OK. A confirmation dialog will be displayed.





4 Delete the selected items.

Press OK to delete the selected items.





Deleting Items in My Menu

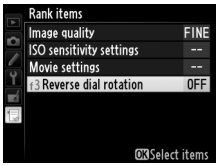
To delete the item currently highlighted in My Menu, press the 🗑 button. A confirmation dialog will be displayed; press 🗑 again to remove the selected item from My Menu.

■■ *Reordering Options in My Menu*

1 Select Rank items.
In My Menu (☰), highlight **Rank items** and press ▶.

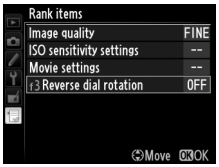
2 Select an item.
Highlight the item you wish to move and press ⊛.



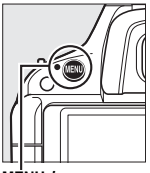


3 Position the item.
Press ▲ or ▼ to move the item up or down in My Menu and press ⊛. Repeat Steps 2–3 to reposition additional items.





4 Exit to My Menu.
Press the MENU button to return to My Menu.



MENU *button*



Technical Notes

Read this chapter for information on compatible accessories, cleaning and storing the camera, and what to do if an error message is displayed or you encounter problems using the camera.

Compatible Lenses

Compatible CPU Lenses

This camera supports autofocus with AF-S and AF-I CPU lenses only. AF-S lenses have names beginning with **AF-S**, AF-I lenses names beginning with **AF-I**. Autofocus is not supported with other autofocus (AF) lenses. The following table lists the features available with compatible lenses in viewfinder photography:

Camera setting / Lens/accessory	Focus			Mode			Metering		
	AF	MF (with electronic rangefinder)	MF	M	Other modes	3D	Color	⊡
AF-S, AF-I NIKKOR[1]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔[2]
Other type G or D AF NIKKOR[1]	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔[2]
PC-E NIKKOR series	—	✔[3]	✔	✔[3]	✔[3]	✔[3]	—	✔[2, 3]
PC Micro 85mm f/2.8D[4]	—	✔[3]	✔	✔	—	✔	—	✔[2, 3]
AF-S/AF-I teleconverter[5]	✔[6]	✔[6]	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔[2]
Other AF NIKKOR (except lenses for F3AF)	—	✔[7]	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔[2]
AI-P NIKKOR	—	✔[8]	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔[2]

1 Use AF-S or AF-I lenses to get the most from your camera. Vibration Reduction (VR) supported with VR lenses.
2 Spot metering meters selected focus point (🕮 68).
3 Can not be used with shifting or tilting.
4 The camera's exposure metering and flash control systems may not function as expected when the lens is shifted and/or tilted or an aperture other than the maximum aperture is used.
5 AF-S or AF-I lens required.
6 With maximum effective aperture of f/5.6 or faster.
7 When AF 80–200mm f/2.8, AF 35–70mm f/2.8, AF 28–85mm f/3.5–4.5 (New), or AF 28–85mm f/3.5–4.5 lenses are zoomed all the way in at the minimum focus distance, the in-focus indicator may be displayed when the image on the matte screen in the viewfinder is not in focus. Focus manually until image in viewfinder is in focus.
8 With maximum aperture of f/5.6 or faster.

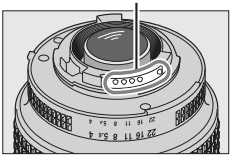
IX NIKKOR Lenses
IX NIKKOR lenses can not be used.

Lens f-number
The f-number given in lens names is the maximum aperture of the lens.

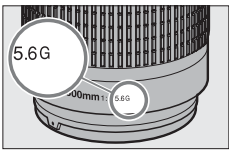
Identifying CPU and Type G and D Lenses

CPU lenses can be identified by the presence of CPU contacts, type G and D lenses by a letter on the lens barrel. Type G lenses are not equipped with a lens aperture ring.

CPU contacts

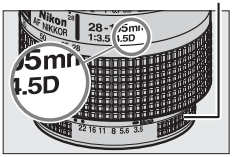


CPU lens



Type G lens

Aperture ring



Type D lens

Compatible Non-CPU Lenses

Non-CPU lenses may only be used when the camera is in mode **M**. Selecting another mode disables the shutter release. Aperture must be adjusted manually via the lens aperture ring and the camera metering system, i-TTL flash control, and other features requiring a CPU lens can not be used. Some non-CPU lenses can not be used; see "Incompatible Accessories and Non-CPU Lenses," below.

Camera setting / Lens/accessory	Focus			Mode		Metering
	AF	MF (with electronic rangefinder)	MF	M	Other modes	[▣], [◉], [·]
AI-, AI-modified NIKKOR or Nikon Series E lenses	—	✔[1]	✔	✔[2]	—	—
Medical NIKKOR 120mm f/4	—	✔	✔	✔[2, 3]	—	—
Reflex NIKKOR	—	—	✔	✔[2]	—	—
PC NIKKOR	—	✔[4]	✔	✔[2]	—	—
AI-type Teleconverter	—	✔[5]	✔	✔[2]	—	—
PB-6 Bellows Focusing Attachment[6]	—	✔[1]	✔	✔[2]	—	—
Auto extension rings (PK-series 11A, 12, or 13; PN-11)	—	✔[1]	✔	✔[2]	—	—

1 With maximum aperture of f/5.6 or faster.
2 Exposure indicator can not be used.
3 Can be used at shutter speeds slower than flash sync speed by one step or more.
4 Can not be used with shifting or tilting.
5 With maximum effective aperture of f/5.6 or faster.
6 Attach in vertical orientation (can be used in horizontal orientation once attached).

Incompatible Accessories and Non-CPU Lenses

The following accessories and non-CPU lenses can NOT be used with the D5100:

- TC-16AS AF teleconverter
- Non-AI lenses
- Lenses that require the AU-1 focusing unit (400mm f/4.5, 600mm f/5.6, 800mm f/8, 1200mm f/11)
- Fisheye (6mm f/5.6, 7.5mm f/5.6, 8mm f/8, OP 10mm f/5.6)
- 2.1cm f/4
- Extension Ring K2
- 180–600mm f/8 ED (serial numbers 174041–174180)
- 360–1200mm f/11 ED (serial numbers 174031–174127)
- 200–600mm f/9.5 (serial numbers 280001–300490)
- AF lenses for the F3AF (AF 80mm f/2.8, AF 200mm f/3.5 ED, AF Teleconverter TC-16)
- PC 28mm f/4 (serial number 180900 or earlier)
- PC 35mm f/2.8 (serial numbers 851001–906200)
- PC 35mm f/3.5 (old type)
- Reflex 1000mm f/6.3 (old type)
- Reflex 1000mm f/11 (serial numbers 142361–143000)
- Reflex 2000mm f/11 (serial numbers 200111–200310)

The Built-in Flash

The built-in flash can be used with lenses with focal lengths of 18–300 mm, although in some cases the flash may be unable to entirely light the subject at some ranges or focal lengths due to shadows cast by the lens, while lenses that block the subject's view of the red-eye reduction lamp may interfere with red-eye reduction. Remove lens hoods to prevent shadows. The flash has a minimum range of 0.6 m and can not be used in the macro range of macro zoom lenses. The flash may be unable to light the entire subject with the following lenses at ranges less than those given below:

Lens	Zoom position	Minimum distance without vignetting
AF-S DX NIKKOR 10–24mm f/3.5–4.5G ED	24 mm	2.5 m/8 ft. 2 in.
AF-S DX Zoom-Nikkor 12–24mm f/4G IF-ED	24 mm	1.0 m/3 ft. 3 in.
AF-S NIKKOR 16–35mm f/4G ED VR	35 mm	1.5 m/4 ft. 11 in.
AF-S DX NIKKOR 16–85mm f/3.5–5.6G ED VR	24–85 mm	No vignetting
AF-S Zoom-Nikkor 17–35mm f/2.8D IF-ED	28 mm	1.0 m/3 ft. 3 in.
	35 mm	No vignetting
AF-S DX Zoom-Nikkor 17–55mm f/2.8G IF-ED	28 mm	1.5 m/4 ft. 11 in.
	35 mm	1.0 m/3 ft. 3 in.
	45–55 mm	No vignetting
AF Zoom-Nikkor 18–35mm f/3.5–4.5D IF-ED	24 mm	1.0 m/3 ft. 3 in.
	28–35 mm	No vignetting
AF-S DX Zoom-Nikkor 18–70mm f/3.5–4.5G IF-ED	18 mm	1.0 m/3 ft. 3 in.
	24–70 mm	No vignetting
AF-S DX NIKKOR 18–105mm f/3.5–5.6G ED VR	18 mm	3.0 m/9 ft. 10 in.
	24 mm	1.0 m/3 ft. 3 in.
AF-S DX Zoom-Nikkor 18–135mm f/3.5–5.6G IF-ED	18 mm	2.0 m/6 ft. 7 in.
	24–135 mm	No vignetting
AF-S DX VR Zoom-Nikkor 18–200mm f/3.5–5.6G IF-ED, AF-S DX NIKKOR 18–200mm f/3.5–5.6G ED VR II	24 mm	1.0 m/3 ft. 3 in.
	35–200 mm	No vignetting
AF Zoom-Nikkor 20–35mm f/2.8D IF	24 mm	2.5 m/8 ft. 2 in.
	28 mm	1.0 m/3 ft. 3 in.
	35 mm	No vignetting
AF-S NIKKOR 24mm f/1.4G ED	24 mm	1.0 m/3 ft. 3 in.
AF-S NIKKOR 24–70mm f/2.8G ED	35 mm	1.5 m/4 ft. 11 in.
	50–70 mm	No vignetting
AF-S VR Zoom-Nikkor 24–120mm f/3.5–5.6G IF-ED	24 mm	1.0 m/3 ft. 3 in.
	28–120 mm	No vignetting
AF-S NIKKOR 24–120mm f/4G ED VR	24 mm	1.5 m/4 ft. 11 in.
AF-S Zoom-Nikkor 28–70mm f/2.8D IF-ED	35 mm	1.5 m/4 ft. 11 in.
	50–70 mm	No vignetting
AF-S NIKKOR 28–300mm f/3.5–5.6G ED VR	28 mm	1.5 m/4 ft. 11 in.
	35 mm	1.0 m/3 ft. 3 in.

Lens	Zoom position	Minimum distance without vignetting
AF-S VR Zoom-Nikkor 200–400mm f/4G IF-ED	250 mm	2.5 m/8 ft. 2 in.
	350 mm	2.0 m/6 ft. 7 in.
AF-S NIKKOR 200–400mm f/4G ED VR II	200 mm	5.0 m/16 ft. 5 in.
	250 mm	3.0 m/9 ft. 10 in.
	300 mm	2.5 m/8 ft. 2 in.
	350–400 mm	No vignetting
PC-E NIKKOR 24mm f/3.5D ED *	24 mm	3.0 m/9 ft. 10 in.

* When not shifted or tilted.

When used with the AF-S NIKKOR 14–24mm f/2.8G ED, the flash will be unable to light the entire subject at all ranges.

AF-Assist Illumination

AF-assist illumination is not available with the following lenses:

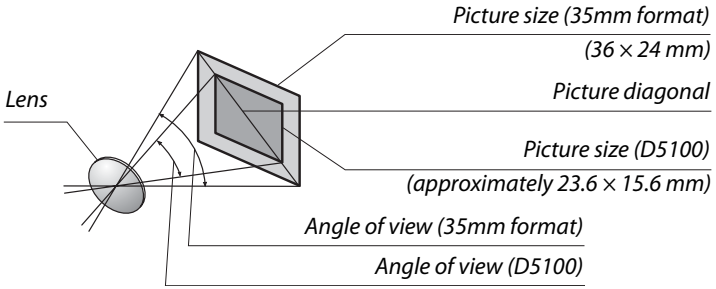
- AF-S NIKKOR 14–24mm f/2.8G ED
- AF-S NIKKOR 28–300mm f/3.5–5.6G ED VR
- AF-S DX NIKKOR 55–300mm f/4.5–5.6G ED VR
- AF-S VR Zoom-Nikkor 70–200mm f/2.8G IF-ED
- AF-S NIKKOR 70–200mm f/2.8G ED VR II
- AF-S Zoom-Nikkor 80–200mm f/2.8D IF-ED
- AF-S VR Nikkor 200mm f/2G IF-ED
- AF-S NIKKOR 200mm f/2G ED VR II
- AF-S VR Zoom-Nikkor 200–400mm f/4G IF-ED
- AF-S NIKKOR 200–400mm f/4G ED VR II

At ranges under 1 m (3 ft. 3 in.), the following lenses may block the AF-assist illuminator and interfere with autofocus when lighting is poor:

- AF-S NIKKOR 16–35mm f/4G ED VR
- AF-S Zoom-Nikkor 17–35mm f/2.8D IF-ED
- AF-S DX Zoom-Nikkor 17–55mm f/2.8G IF-ED
- AF-S DX NIKKOR 18–105mm f/3.5–5.6G ED VR
- AF-S DX VR Zoom-Nikkor 18–200mm f/3.5–5.6G IF-ED
- AF-S DX NIKKOR 18–200mm f/3.5–5.6G ED VR II
- AF-S NIKKOR 24–70mm f/2.8G ED
- AF-S VR Zoom-Nikkor 24–120mm f/3.5–5.6G IF-ED
- AF-S NIKKOR 24–120mm f/4G ED VR
- AF-S Zoom-Nikkor 28–70mm f/2.8D IF-ED
- AF-S NIKKOR 35mm f/1.4G
- AF-S NIKKOR 85mm f/1.4G
- AF-S VR Micro-Nikkor 105mm f/2.8G IF-ED

Calculating Angle of View

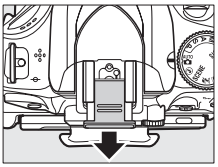
The size of the area exposed by a 35mm camera is 36 × 24 mm. The size of the area exposed by the D5100, in contrast, is about 23.6 × 15.6 mm, meaning that the angle of view of a 35mm camera is approximately 1.5 times that of the D5100. The approximate focal length of lenses for the D5100 in 35mm format can be calculated by multiplying the focal length of the lens by about 1.5.



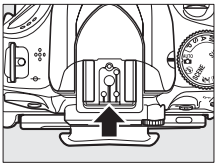
Optional Flash Units (Speedlights)

The camera supports the Nikon Creative Lighting System (CLS) and can be used with CLS-compatible flash units. Optional flash units can be attached directly to the camera accessory shoe as described below. The accessory shoe is equipped with a safety lock for flash units with a locking pin, such as the SB-900, SB-800, SB-700, SB-600, and SB-400.

1 Remove the accessory shoe cover.



2 Mount the flash unit on the accessory shoe.
See the manual provided with the flash unit for details. The built-in flash will not fire when an optional flash unit is attached.



The AS-15 Sync Terminal Adapter
When the AS-15 sync terminal adapter (available separately) is mounted on the camera accessory shoe, flash accessories can be connected via a sync cable.

Use Only Nikon Flash Accessories
Use only Nikon flash units. Negative voltages or voltages over 250 V applied to the accessory shoe could not only prevent normal operation, but damage the sync circuitry of the camera or flash. Before using a Nikon flash unit not listed in this section, contact a Nikon-authorized service representative for more information.

The Nikon Creative Lighting System (CLS)

Nikon's advanced Creative Lighting System (CLS) offers improved communication between the camera and compatible flash units for improved flash photography.

■■ *CLS-Compatible Flash Units*

The camera can be used with the following CLS-compatible flash units:

- **The SB-900, SB-800, SB-700, SB-600, SB-400, and SB-R200**:

Feature \ Flash unit		SB-900 [1]	SB-800	SB-700	SB-600	SB-400	SB-R200 [2]
Guide No. [3]	ISO 100	34/111	38/125	28/92	30/98	21/69	10/33
	ISO 200	48/157	53/174	39/128	42/138	30/98	14/46

1 If a color filter is attached to the SB-900 when **AUTO** or ⚡ (flash) is selected for white balance, the camera will automatically detect the filter and adjust white balance appropriately.

2 Controlled remotely using optional SB-900, SB-800, SB-700 flash unit or SU-800 wireless Speedlight commander.

3 m/ft., 20 °C (68 °F), SB-900, SB-800, SB-700, and SB-600 at 35 mm zoom head position; SB-900 and SB-700 with standard illumination.

- **The SU-800 wireless speedlight commander**: When mounted on a CLS-compatible camera, the SU-800 can be used as a commander for remote SB-900, SB-800, SB-700, SB-600, or SB-R200 flash units in up to three groups. The SU-800 itself is not equipped with a flash.

Guide Number

To calculate the range of the flash at full power, divide the Guide Number by the aperture. For example, at ISO 100 the SB-800 has a Guide Number of 38 m or 125 ft. (35 mm zoom head position); its range at an aperture of f/5.6 is 38÷5.6 or about 6.8 meters (or in feet, 125÷5.6=approximately 23 ft. 7 in.). For each twofold increase in ISO sensitivity, multiply the Guide Number by the square root of two (approximately 1.4).

The following features are available with CLS-compatible flash units:

Flash mode/feature		Flash unit: SB-900 / SB-800	SB-700	SB-600	SB-400	Advanced Wireless Lighting: Master/commander: SB-900 / SB-800	Master/commander: SB-700	Master/commander: SU-800 [1]	Remote: SB-900 / SB-800	Remote: SB-700 / SB-600	Remote: SB-R200
i-TTL	i-TTL balanced fill-flash for digital SLR [2]	✔[3]	✔[4]	✔[3]	✔[4]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
AA	Auto aperture [2]	✔[5]	—	—	—	✔[6]	—	✔[6]	✔[6]	—	—
A	Non-TTL auto	✔[5]	—	—	—	✔[6]	—	—	✔[6]	—	—
GN	Distance-priority manual	✔		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
M	Manual	✔	✔	✔	✔[7]	✔	—	✔	✔	✔	✔
RPT	Repeating flash	✔	✔	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—
AF-assist for multi-area AF [2]		✔	—	✔	—	✔	—	✔	—	—	—
Flash Color Information Communication		✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	—	—	—
REAR	Rear-curtain sync	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
👁	Red-eye reduction	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	—	—	—
Power zoom		✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	—

1 Only available when SU-800 is used to control other flash units. The SU-800 itself is not equipped with a flash.
2 CPU lens required.
3 Standard i-TTL flash for digital SLR is used with spot metering or when selected with flash unit.
4 Standard i-TTL flash for digital SLR is used with spot metering.
5 Selected with flash unit.
6 Auto aperture (**AA**) is used regardless of mode selected with flash unit.
7 Can be selected with camera.

■■ *Other Flash Units*

The following flash units can be used in non-TTL auto and manual modes.

Flash mode		Flash unit: SB-80DX, SB-28DX, SB-28, SB-26, SB-25, SB-24	SB-50DX [1]	SB-30, SB-27 [2], SB-22S, SB-22, SB-20, SB-16B, SB-15	SB-23, SB-29 [3], SB-21B [3], SB-29S [3]
A	Non-TTL auto	✔	—	✔	—
M	Manual	✔	✔	✔	✔
RPT	Repeating flash	✔	—	—	—
REAR	Rear-curtain sync [4]	✔	✔	✔	✔

1 Select mode **P**, **S**, **A**, or **M**, lower built-in flash, and use optional flash unit only.
2 Flash mode is automatically set to TTL and shutter-release is disabled. Set flash unit to **A** (non-TTL auto flash).
3 Autofocus is available with AF-S VR Micro-Nikkor 105mm f/2.8G IF-ED and AF-S Micro NIKKOR 60mm f/2.8G ED lenses only.
4 Available when camera is used to select flash mode.

Notes on Optional Flash Units

Refer to the Speedlight manual for detailed instructions. If the flash unit supports CLS, refer to the section on CLS-compatible digital SLR cameras. The D5100 is not included in the "digital SLR" category in the SB-80DX, SB-28DX, and SB-50DX manuals.

If an optional flash unit is attached in shooting modes other than , , and , the flash will fire with every shot, even in modes in which the built-in flash can not be used. Note that optional flash units can not be used while HDR is in effect.

i-TTL flash control can be used at ISO sensitivities between 100 and 6400. At values over 6400, the desired results may not be achieved at some ranges or aperture settings. If the flash-ready indicator blinks for about three seconds after a photograph is taken, the flash has fired at full power and the photograph may be underexposed.

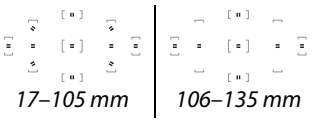
When an SC-series 17, 28, or 29 sync cable is used for off-camera flash photography, correct exposure may not be achieved in i-TTL mode. We recommend that you choose spot metering to select standard i-TTL flash control. Take a test shot and view the results in the monitor.

In i-TTL, use the flash panel or bounce adapter provided with the flash unit. Do not use other panels such as diffusion panels, as this may produce incorrect exposure.

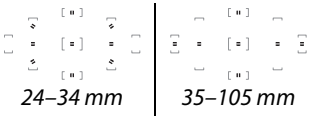
If the controls on the optional SB-900, SB-800, SB-700 or SB-600 flash unit or SU-800 wireless Speedlight commander are used to set flash compensation, will appear in the information display.

The SB-900, SB-800, SB-700, SB-600, and SB-400 provide red-eye reduction, while the SB-900, SB-800, SB-700, SB-600, and SU-800 provide AF-assist illumination with the following restrictions:

- **SB-900**: AF-assist illumination is available for all focus points; with 17–135 mm AF lenses, however, autofocus is available only with the focus points shown at right.
- **SB-800, SB-600 and SU-800**: With 24–105 mm AF lenses, AF-assist illumination is available only with the focus points shown at right.
- **SB-700**: AF-assist illumination is available for all focus points; with 24–135 mm AF lenses, however, autofocus is available only with the focus points shown at right.



17–105 mm | *106–135 mm*



24–34 mm | *35–105 mm*

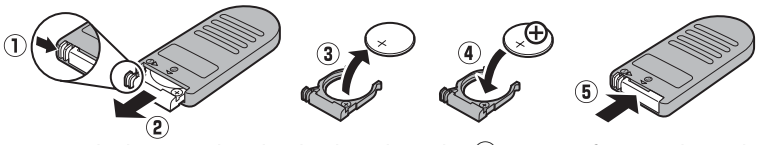
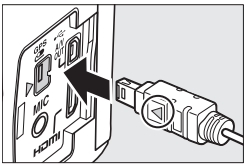


24–135 mm

Other Accessories

At the time of writing, the following accessories were available for the D5100.

Power sources	• **Rechargeable Li-ion Battery EN-EL14** (🕮 14–15): Additional EN-EL14 batteries are available from local retailers and Nikon-authorized service representatives. • **Battery Charger MH-24** (🕮 14): Recharge EN-EL14 batteries. • **Power Connector EP-5A, AC Adapter EH-5b**: These accessories can be used to power the camera for extended periods (EH-5a and EH-5 AC adapters can also be used). A power connector EP-5A is required to connect the camera to the EH-5b, EH-5a, or EH-5; see page 208 for details.
Filters	• Filters intended for special-effects photography may interfere with autofocus or the electronic rangefinder. • The D5100 can not be used with linear polarizing filters. Use C-PL or C-PL II circular polarizing filters instead. • NC filters are recommended for protecting the lens. • To prevent ghosting, use of a filter is not recommended when the subject is framed against a bright light, or when a bright light source is in the frame. • Center-weighted metering is recommended with filters with exposure factors (filter factors) over 1 × (Y44, Y48, Y52, O56, R60, X0, X1, C-PL, ND2S, ND4, ND4S, ND8, ND8S, ND400, A2, A12, B2, B8, B12). See the filter manual for details.
Viewfinder eyepiece accessories	• **DK-20C Eyepiece Correction Lenses**: Lenses are available with diopters of –5, –4, –3, –2, 0, +0.5, +1, +2, and +3 m^{-1} when the camera diopter adjustment control is in the neutral position (–1 m^{-1}). Use eyepiece correction lenses only if the desired focus can not be achieved with the built in diopter adjustment control (–1.7 to +0.7 m^{-1}). Test eyepiece correction lenses before purchase to ensure that the desired focus can be achieved. The rubber eyecup can not be used with eyepiece correction lenses. • **Magnifier DG-2**: The DG-2 magnifies the scene displayed in the center of the viewfinder for greater precision during focusing. Eyepiece adapter required (available separately). • **Eyepiece Adapter DK-22**: The DK-22 is used when attaching the DG-2 magnifier. • **Right-Angle Viewing Attachment DR-6**: The DR-6 attaches at a right angle to the viewfinder eyepiece, allowing the image in the viewfinder to be viewed at right angles to the lens (for example, from directly above when the camera is horizontal).
Software	• **Capture NX 2**: A complete photo editing package offering such features as white balance adjustment and color control points. • **Camera Control Pro 2**: Control the camera remotely from a computer and save photographs directly to the computer hard disk. **Note**: Use the latest versions of Nikon software. Most Nikon software offers an auto update feature when the computer is connected to the Internet. See the websites listed on page xv for the latest information on supported operating systems.
Body cap	**BF-1B and BF-1A Body Caps**: The body cap keeps the mirror, viewfinder screen, and low-pass filter free of dust when a lens is not in place.

Remote controls	**ML-L3 wireless remote control** (🕮 37): The ML-L3 uses a 3 V CR2025 battery.  Pressing the battery-chamber latch to the right (①), insert a fingernail into the gap and open the battery chamber (②). Ensure that the battery is inserted in the correct orientation (④).
Microphones	**ME-1 stereo microphone** (🕮 109)
Accessory terminal accessories	The D5100 is equipped with an accessory terminal for **MC-DC2 remote cords** (🕮 66) and **GP-1 GPS units** (🕮 174), which connect with the ◀ mark on the connector aligned with the ▶ next to the accessory terminal (close the connector cover when the terminal is not in use). 

Approved Memory Cards

The following SD memory cards have been tested and approved for use in the D5100. Cards with class 6 or faster write speeds are recommended for movie recording. Recording may end unexpectedly when cards with slower write speeds are used.

	SD memory cards	SDHC memory cards [2]	SDXC memory cards [3]
SanDisk	1 GB, 2 GB [1]	4 GB, 8 GB, 16 GB, 32 GB	64 GB
Toshiba			
Panasonic		4 GB, 6 GB, 8 GB, 12 GB, 16 GB, 24 GB, 32 GB	48 GB, 64 GB
Lexar Media		4 GB, 8 GB	—
Platinum II		4 GB, 8 GB, 16 GB, 32 GB	
Professional		4 GB, 8 GB, 16 GB, 32 GB	

1 Check that any card readers or other devices with which the card will be used support 2 GB cards.

2 Check that any card readers or other devices with which the card will be used are SDHC-compliant. The camera supports UHS-1.

3 Check that any card readers or other devices with which the card will be used are SDXC-compliant. The camera supports UHS-1.

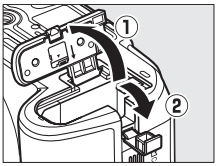
Other cards have not been tested. For more details on the above cards, please contact the manufacturer.

Attaching a Power Connector and AC Adapter

Turn the camera off before attaching an optional power connector and AC adapter.

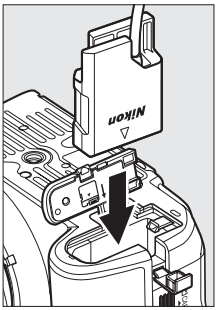
1 **Ready the camera.**

Open the battery-chamber (①) and power connector (②) covers.



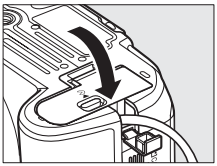
2 **Insert the EP-5A power connector.**

Be sure to insert the connector in the orientation shown, using the connector to keep the orange battery latch pressed to one side. The latch locks the connector in place when the connector is fully inserted.



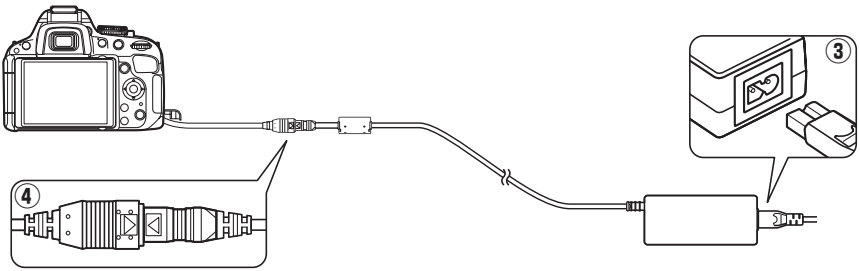
3 **Close the battery-chamber cover.**

Position the power connector cable so that it passes through the power connector slot and close the battery-chamber cover.



4 **Connect the AC adapter.**

Connect the AC adapter power cable to the AC socket on AC adapter (③) and the EP-5A power cable to the DC socket (④). A icon is displayed in the monitor when the camera is powered by the AC adapter and power connector.



Caring for the Camera

Storage

When the camera will not be used for an extended period, remove the battery and store it in a cool, dry area with the terminal cover in place. To prevent mold or mildew, store the camera in a dry, well-ventilated area. Do not store your camera with naphtha or camphor moth balls or in locations that:

- are poorly ventilated or subject to humidities of over 60%
- are next to equipment that produces strong electromagnetic fields, such as televisions or radios
- are exposed to temperatures above 50 °C (122 °F) or below –10 °C (14 °F)

Cleaning

Camera body	Use a blower to remove dust and lint, then wipe gently with a soft, dry cloth. After using the camera at the beach or seaside, wipe off sand or salt with a cloth lightly dampened in distilled water and dry thoroughly. **Important**: *Dust or other foreign matter inside the camera may cause damage not covered under warranty.*
Lens, mirror, and viewfinder	These glass elements are easily damaged. Remove dust and lint with a blower. If using an aerosol blower, keep the can vertical to prevent the discharge of liquid. To remove fingerprints and other stains, apply a small amount of lens cleaner to a soft cloth and clean with care.
Monitor	Remove dust and lint with a blower. When removing fingerprints and other stains, wipe the surface lightly with a soft cloth or chamois leather. Do not apply pressure, as this could result in damage or malfunction.

Do not use alcohol, thinner, or other volatile chemicals.

Servicing the Camera and Accessories

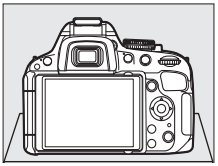
The camera is a precision device and requires regular servicing. Nikon recommends that the camera be inspected by the original retailer or Nikon-authorized service representative once every one to two years, and that it be serviced once every three to five years (note that fees apply to these services). Frequent inspection and servicing are particularly recommended if the camera is used professionally. Any accessories regularly used with the camera, such as lenses or optional flash units, should be included when the camera is inspected or serviced.

The Low-Pass Filter

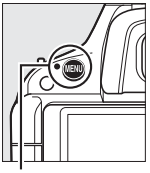
The image sensor that acts as the camera's picture element is fitted with a low-pass filter to prevent moiré. If you suspect that dirt or dust on the filter is appearing in photographs, you can clean the filter using the **Clean image sensor** option in the setup menu. The filter can be cleaned at any time using the **Clean now** option, or cleaning can be performed automatically when the camera is turned on or off.

■■ *"Clean Now"*

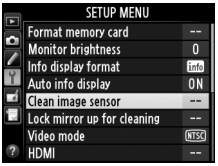
1 Place the camera base down.
Image sensor cleaning is most effective when the camera is placed base down as shown at right.



2 Display the Clean image sensor menu.
Press the MENU button to display the menus. Highlight **Clean image sensor** in the setup menu (🕮 167) and press ▶.

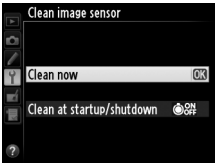


MENU *button*

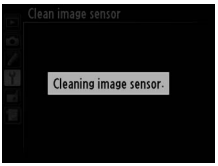


3 Select Clean now.
Highlight **Clean now** and press ⓞⓚ.





The message shown at right will be displayed while cleaning is in progress.



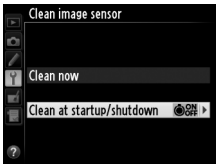
■■ *"Clean at startup/shutdown"*

Choose from the following options:

Option	Description
ON **Clean at startup**	The image sensor is automatically cleaned each time the camera is turned on.
OFF **Clean at shutdown**	The image sensor is automatically cleaned during shutdown each time the camera is turned off.
ON OFF **Clean at startup & shutdown**	The image sensor is cleaned automatically at startup and at shutdown.
Cleaning off	Automatic image sensor cleaning off.

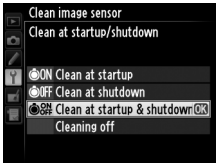
1 **Select Clean at startup/shutdown.**
Display the **Clean image sensor** menu as described in Step 2 on the previous page. Highlight **Clean at startup/shutdown** and press ▶.





2 **Select an option.**
Highlight an option and press ⊛.





☑ Image Sensor Cleaning
Using camera controls interrupts image sensor cleaning. Image sensor cleaning may not be performed at startup if the flash is charging.

Cleaning is performed by vibrating the low-pass filter. If dust can not be fully removed using the options in the **Clean image sensor** menu, clean the image sensor manually (🕮 212) or consult a Nikon-authorized service representative.

If image sensor cleaning is performed several times in succession, image sensor cleaning may be temporarily disabled to protect the camera's internal circuitry. Cleaning can be performed again after a short wait.

■■ *Manual Cleaning*

If foreign matter can not be removed from the low-pass filter using the **Clean image sensor** option in the setup menu (🕮 210), the filter can be cleaned manually as described below. Note, however, that the filter is extremely delicate and easily damaged. Nikon recommends that the filter be cleaned only by Nikon-authorized service personnel.

1 Charge the battery or connect an AC adapter.

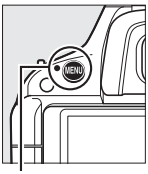
A reliable power source is required when inspecting or cleaning the low-pass filter. Turn the camera off and insert a fully-charged EN-EL14 battery or connect an optional EP-5A power connector and EH-5b AC adapter.

2 Remove the lens.

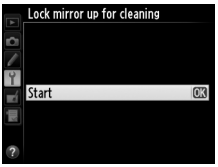
Turn the camera off and remove the lens.

3 Select Lock mirror up for cleaning.

Turn the camera on and press the MENU button to display the menus. Highlight **Lock mirror up for cleaning** in the setup menu and press ▶ (note that this option is not available at battery levels of ▭ or below).

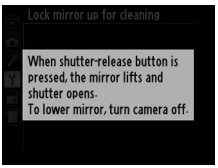


MENU *button*



4 Press ⊛.

The message shown at right will be displayed in the monitor. To restore normal operation without inspecting the low-pass filter, turn the camera off.



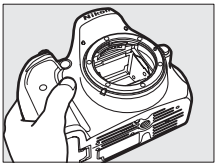
5 Raise the mirror.

Press the shutter-release button all the way down. The mirror will be raised and the shutter curtain will open, revealing the low-pass filter.

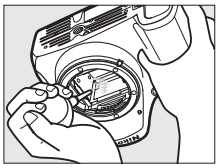


6 Examine the low-pass filter.

Holding the camera so that light falls on the low-pass filter, examine the filter for dust or lint. If no foreign objects are present, proceed to Step 8.



7 Clean the filter.



Remove any dust and lint from the filter with a blower. Do not use a blower-brush, as the bristles could damage the filter. Dirt that can not be removed with a blower can only be removed by Nikon-authorized service personnel. Under no circumstances should you touch or wipe the filter.

8 Turn the camera off.

The mirror will return to the down position and the shutter curtain will close. Replace the lens or body cap.

Use a Reliable Power Source

The shutter curtain is delicate and easily damaged. If the camera powers off while the mirror is raised, the curtain will close automatically. To prevent damage to the curtain, observe the following precautions:

- Do not turn the camera off or remove or disconnect the power source while the mirror is raised.
- If the battery runs low while the mirror is raised, a beep will sound and the self-timer lamp will blink to warn that the shutter curtain will close and the mirror will be lowered after about two minutes. End cleaning or inspection immediately.

Foreign Matter on the Low-Pass Filter

Nikon takes every possible precaution to prevent foreign matter from coming into contact with the low-pass filter during production and shipping. The D5100, however, is designed to be used with interchangeable lenses, and foreign matter may enter the camera when lenses are removed or exchanged. Once inside the camera, this foreign matter may adhere to the low-pass filter, where it may appear in photographs taken under certain conditions. To protect the camera when no lens is in place, be sure to replace the body cap provided with the camera, being careful to first remove all dust and other foreign matter that may be adhering to the body cap. Avoid exchanging lenses in dusty environments.

Should foreign matter find its way onto the low-pass filter, clean the filter as described above, or have the filter cleaned by authorized Nikon service personnel. Photographs affected by the presence of foreign matter on the filter can be retouched using Capture NX 2 (available separately; 🕮 206) or the clean image options available in some third-party imaging applications.

Caring for the Camera and Battery: Cautions

Do not drop: The product may malfunction if subjected to strong shocks or vibration.

Keep dry: This product is not waterproof, and may malfunction if immersed in water or exposed to high levels of humidity. Rusting of the internal mechanism can cause irreparable damage.

Avoid sudden changes in temperature: Sudden changes in temperature, such as those that occur when entering or leaving a heated building on a cold day, can cause condensation inside the device. To prevent condensation, place the device in a carrying case or plastic bag before exposing it to sudden changes in temperature.

Keep away from strong magnetic fields: Do not use or store this device in the vicinity of equipment that generates strong electromagnetic radiation or magnetic fields. Strong static charges or the magnetic fields produced by equipment such as radio transmitters could interfere with the monitor, damage data stored on the memory card, or affect the product's internal circuitry.

Do not leave the lens pointed at the sun: Do not leave the lens pointed at the sun or other strong light source for an extended period. Intense light may cause the image sensor to deteriorate or produce a white blur effect in photographs.

Turn the product off before removing or disconnecting the power source: Do not unplug the product or remove the battery while the product is on or while images are being recorded or deleted. Forcibly cutting power in these circumstances could result in loss of data or in damage to product memory or internal circuitry. To prevent an accidental interruption of power, avoid carrying the product from one location to another while the AC adapter is connected.

Cleaning: When cleaning the camera body, use a blower to gently remove dust and lint, then wipe gently with a soft, dry cloth. After using the camera at the beach or seaside, wipe off any sand or salt using a cloth lightly dampened in pure water and then dry the camera thoroughly.

The lens and mirror are easily damaged. Dust and lint should be gently removed with a blower. When using an aerosol blower, keep the can vertical to prevent discharge of liquid. To remove fingerprints and other stains from the lens, apply a small amount of lens cleaner to a soft cloth and wipe the lens carefully.

See "The Low-Pass Filter" (🕮 210, 212) for information on cleaning the low-pass filter.

Do not touch the shutter curtain: The shutter curtain is extremely thin and easily damaged. Under no circumstances should you exert pressure on the curtain, poke it with cleaning tools, or subject it to powerful air currents from a blower. These actions could scratch, deform, or tear the curtain.

Storage: To prevent mold or mildew, store the camera in a dry, well-ventilated area. If you are using an AC adapter, unplug the adapter to prevent fire. If the product will not be used for an extended period, remove the battery to prevent leakage and store the camera in a plastic bag containing a desiccant. Do not, however, store the camera case in a plastic bag, as this may cause the material to deteriorate. Note that desiccant gradually loses its capacity to absorb moisture and should be replaced at regular intervals.

To prevent mold or mildew, take the camera out of storage at least once a month. Turn the camera on and release the shutter a few times before putting it away.

Store the battery in a cool, dry place. Replace the terminal cover before putting the battery away.

Notes on the monitor: The monitor may contain a few pixels that are always lit or that do not light. This is common to all TFT LCD monitors and does not indicate a malfunction. Images recorded with the product are unaffected.

Images in the monitor may be difficult to see in a bright light.

Do not apply pressure to the monitor, as this could cause damage or malfunction. Dust or lint on the monitor can be removed with a blower. Stains can be removed by wiping lightly with a soft cloth or chamois leather. Should the monitor break, care should be taken to avoid injury from broken glass and to prevent liquid crystal from the monitor touching the skin or entering the eyes and mouth.

Moiré: Moiré is an interference pattern created by the interaction of an image containing a regular, repeating grid, such as the pattern of weave in cloth or windows in a building, with the camera image sensor grid. If you notice moiré in your photographs, try changing the distance to the subject, zooming in and out, or changing the angle between the subject and the camera.

Batteries: Batteries may leak or explode if improperly handled. Observe the following precautions when handling batteries:

- Use only batteries approved for use in this equipment.
- Do not expose the battery to flame or excessive heat.
- Keep the battery terminals clean.
- Turn the product off before replacing the battery.
- Remove the battery from the camera or charger when not in use and replace the terminal cover. These devices draw minute amounts of charge even when off and could draw the battery down to the point that it will no longer function. If the battery will not be used for some time, insert it in the camera and run it flat before removing it and storing it in a location with an ambient temperature of 15 to 25 °C (59 to 77 °F; avoid hot or extremely cold locations). Repeat this process at least once every six months.
- Turning the camera on and off repeatedly when the battery is fully discharged will shorten battery life. Batteries that have been fully discharged must be charged before use.
- The internal temperature of the battery may rise while the battery is in use. Attempting to charge the battery while the internal temperature is elevated will impair battery performance, and the battery may not charge or charge only partially. Wait for the battery to cool before charging.
- Continuing to charge the battery after it is fully charged can impair battery performance.
- A marked drop in the time a fully charged battery retains its charge when used at room temperature indicates that it requires replacement. Purchase a new EN-EL14 battery.
- Charge the battery before use. When taking photographs on important occasions, ready a spare EN-EL14 battery and keep it fully charged. Depending on your location, it may be difficult to purchase replacement batteries on short notice. Note that on cold days, the capacity of batteries tends to decrease. Be sure the battery is fully charged before taking photographs outside in cold weather. Keep a spare battery in a warm place and exchange the two as necessary. Once warmed, a cold battery may recover some of its charge.
- Used batteries are a valuable resource; recycle in accord with local regulations.

Available Settings

The following table lists the settings that can be adjusted in each mode.

		AUTO		P	S, A, M							
Shooting menu [1]	Image quality [2]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	Image size [2]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	White balance [2]	—	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Set Picture Control [2]	—	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Auto distortion control	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	Color space	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	Active D-Lighting [2]	—	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	HDR (high dynamic range) [2]	—	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Long exposure NR	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	✔
	High ISO NR	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	✔
	ISO sensitivity settings [2]	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	✔
	Release mode [2]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔	✔	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]
	Multiple exposure [2]	—	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Movie settings	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	Interval timer shooting	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Other settings [2]	Focus mode (viewfinder)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	✔
	AF-area mode (viewfinder)	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔	✔	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	—	✔ [3]	—	✔ [3]
	Focus mode (live view/movie)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	AF-area mode (live view/movie)	—	—	✔	✔	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	—	✔ [3]
	AE-L/AF-L button hold	—	—	✔	✔	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]	✔ [3]
	Flexible program	—	—	✔	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Metering	—	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Exposure compensation	—	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	✔	—	—	—
	Bracketing	—	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Flash mode	✔ [3]	—	✔	✔	✔ [3]	—	✔ [3]	—	✔ [3]	—	—
	Flash compensation	—	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Custom Settings [4]	a1: AF-C priority selection	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	a2: Built-in AF-assist illuminator	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	—	—	✔	—	✔
	a3: Rangefinder	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	b1: EV steps for exposure cntrl.	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	c1: Shutter-release button AE-L	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	c2: Auto off timers	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	c3: Self-timer	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	c4: Remote on duration	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

		AUTO		P	S, A, M							
Custom Settings[4]	d1: Beep	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	d2: ISO display	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	d3: File number sequence	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	d4: Exposure delay mode	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	d5: Print date	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	e1: Flash cntrl for built-in flash	—	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	e2: Auto bracketing set	—	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	f1: Assign ⏲/Fn button	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	f2: Assign AE-L/AF-L button	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	f3: Reverse dial rotation	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	f4: Slot empty release lock	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
	f5: Reverse indicators	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

1 Reset with **Reset shooting menu** (🕮 152).
2 Reset with two-button reset (🕮 58). Individual settings for HDR (high dynamic range) and multiple exposure are unaffected.
3 Reset when mode dial is rotated to new setting.
4 Reset with **Reset custom settings** (🕮 157).

Memory Card Capacity

The following table shows the approximate number of pictures that can be stored on an 8 GB Toshiba R95 W80MB/s UHS-I SDHC card at different image quality and size settings.

Image quality	Image size	File size [1]	No. of images [1]	Buffer capacity [2]
NEF (RAW)+ JPEG fine [3]	Large	23.9 MB	244	10
	Medium	20.8 MB	279	
	Small	18.4 MB	311	11
NEF (RAW)+ JPEG normal [3]	Large	20.4 MB	285	10
	Medium	18.6 MB	307	
	Small	17.4 MB	325	12
NEF (RAW)+ JPEG basic [3]	Large	18.3 MB	311	10
	Medium	17.5 MB	324	
	Small	16.9 MB	333	12
NEF (RAW)	—	16.4 MB	343	16
JPEG fine	Large	7.1 MB	844	100
	Medium	4.4 MB	1400	
	Small	2.0 MB	3300	
JPEG normal	Large	3.9 MB	1600	
	Medium	2.2 MB	2900	
	Small	1.0 MB	6200	
JPEG basic	Large	1.8 MB	3300	
	Medium	1.1 MB	5700	
	Small	0.5 MB	11400	

1 All figures are approximate. File size varies with scene recorded.

2 Maximum number of exposures that can be stored in memory buffer at ISO 100. Drops if long exposure noise reduction (🕮 154) or auto distortion control (🕮 153) is on.

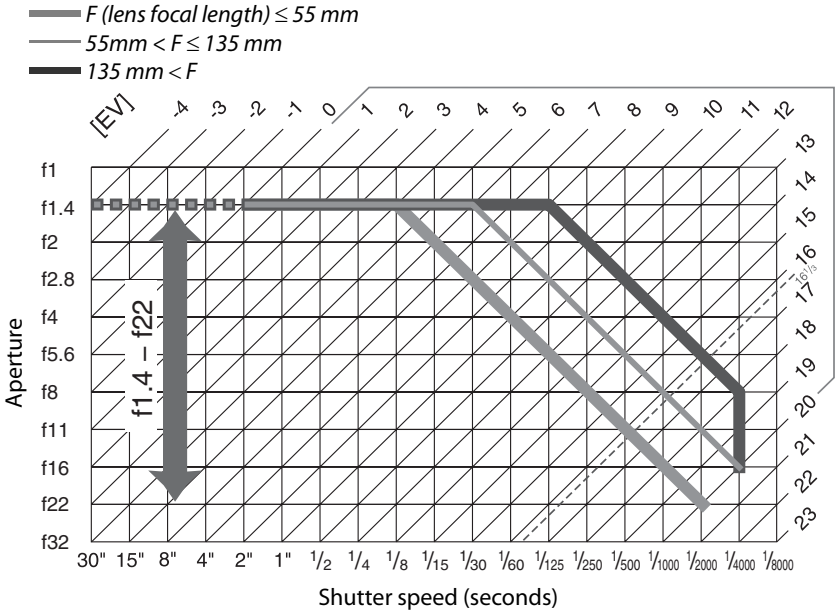
3 Image size applies to JPEG images only. Size of NEF (RAW) images can not be changed. File size is the total for NEF (RAW) and JPEG images.

File Names

Photographs are stored as image files with names of the form "DSC_*nnnn.xxx*," where *nnnn* is a four-digit number between 0001 and 9999 assigned automatically in ascending order by the camera, and *xxx* is one of the following three letter extensions: "NEF" for NEF images, "JPG" for JPEG images, or "MOV" for movies. The NEF and JPEG files recorded at settings of NEF (RAW)+JPEG have the same file names but different extensions. Copies created with image overlay (🕮 181) and movie edit options (🕮 111) have file names beginning with "DSC_" ; copies created with the other options in the retouch menu have file names beginning with "CSC" (e.g., "CSC_0001. JPG"). Images recorded with the **Color space** option in the shooting menu set to **Adobe RGB** (🕮 153) have names that begin with an underscore (e.g., "_DSC0001.JPG").

Exposure Program (Mode P)

The exposure program for mode **P** is shown in the following graph:



The maximum and minimum values for EV vary with ISO sensitivity; the above graph assumes an ISO sensitivity of ISO 100 equivalent. When matrix metering is used, values over 16 1/3 EV are reduced to 16 1/3 EV.

Troubleshooting

If the camera fails to function as expected, check the list of common problems below before consulting your retailer or Nikon representative.

Display

Viewfinder is out of focus: Adjust viewfinder focus or use optional eyepiece correction lenses (🕮 23, 206).

Displays turn off without warning: Choose longer delays for Custom Setting c2 (**Auto off timers**; 🕮 160).

Information display does not appear in monitor: Shutter-release button is pressed halfway. If information display does not appear when you remove your finger from shutter-release button, confirm that **On** is selected for **Auto info display** (🕮 170) and that battery is charged.

Camera does not respond to controls: See "A Note on Electronically-Controlled Cameras," below.

Viewfinder display is unresponsive and dim: The response times and brightness of this display vary with temperature.

A Note on Electronically-Controlled Cameras

In extremely rare instances, unusual characters may appear in the monitor and the camera may stop functioning. In most cases, this phenomenon is caused by a strong external static charge. Turn the camera off, remove and replace the battery, taking care to avoid burns, and turn the camera on again, or, if you are using an AC adapter (available separately), disconnect and reconnect the adapter and turn the camera on again. If the problem persists after removing the battery from the camera, contact your retailer or Nikon-authorized service representative.

Shooting (All Modes)

Camera takes time to turn on: Delete files or folders.

Shutter-release disabled:

- Memory card is locked or full (🕮 21, 25).
- **Release locked** is selected for Custom Setting f4 (**Slot empty release lock**; 🕮 166) and no memory card is inserted (🕮 21).
- Built-in flash is charging (🕮 28).
- Camera is not in focus (🕮 27).
- CPU lens with aperture ring attached but aperture not locked at highest f-number (🕮 198).
- Non-CPU lens is attached but camera is not in mode **M** (🕮 199).

Only one shot taken each time shutter-release button is pressed in continuous shooting mode: Lower built-in flash (🕮 50).

Final photo is larger than area shown in viewfinder: Viewfinder horizontal and vertical frame coverage is approximately 95%.

Photos are out of focus:
- AF-S or AF-I lens is not attached: use AF-S or AF-I lens or focus manually.
- Camera unable to focus using autofocus (🕮 40): use manual focus or focus lock (🕮 44, 45).
- Camera is in manual focus mode: focus manually (🕮 45).

Focus does not lock when shutter-release button is pressed halfway: Use **AE-L/AF-L** button to lock focus when live view is off and **AF-C** is selected for focus mode or when photographing moving subjects in **AF-A** mode (🕮 44).

Can not select focus point:
- [▬] (**Auto-area AF**; 🕮 42) is selected: choose another AF-area mode.
- Press shutter-release button halfway to turn monitor off or activate exposure meters (🕮 28).

Subject-tracking AF not available: Select a non-monochrome Picture Control (🕮 91).

Can not select AF-area mode: Manual focus selected (🕮 39, 100).

Image size can not be changed: NEF (RAW) option selected for image quality (🕮 48).

Camera is slow to record photos: Turn long exposure noise reduction off (🕮 154).

Noise (randomly-spaced bright pixels, fog, or lines) appear in photos:
- Choose lower ISO sensitivity or turn high ISO noise reduction on (🕮 154).
- Shutter speed is slower than 1 s: use long exposure noise reduction (🕮 154).

No photo taken when remote control shutter-release button is pressed:
- Replace battery in remote control (🕮 207).
- Choose remote control release mode (🕮 35).
- Flash is charging (🕮 28).
- Time selected for Custom Setting c4 (**Remote on duration**, 🕮 161) has elapsed: press camera shutter-release button halfway.
- Bright light is interfering with remote.

Beep does not sound:
- **Off** is selected for Custom Setting d1 (**Beep**; 🕮 161).
- Camera is in quiet shutter-release mode (🕮 35) or movie is being recorded (🕮 107).
- **MF** or **AF-C** is selected as the focus mode or subject moves when **AF-A** is selected (🕮 39).

Smudges appear in photographs: Clean front and rear lens elements. If problem persists, perform image sensor cleaning (🕮 210).

Date is not imprinted on photos: An NEF (RAW) option is selected for image quality (🕮 48).

Sound is not recorded with movies: **Microphone off** is selected for **Movie settings** > **Microphone** (🕮 109).

Flicker or banding appears during live view or movie recording: Choose an option for **Flicker reduction** that matches the frequency of the local AC power supply (🕮 170).

Menu item can not be selected: Some options are not available in all modes.

Shooting (P, S, A, M)

Shutter-release disabled:
- Non-CPU lens is attached: rotate camera mode dial to **M** (🕮 65, 199).
- Mode dial rotated to **S** after shutter speed of "Bulb" or "Time" selected in mode **M**: choose new shutter speed (🕮 63).

Full range of shutter speeds not available: Flash in use (🕮 53).

Colors are unnatural:
- Adjust white balance to match light source (🕮 81).
- Adjust **Set Picture Control** settings (🕮 91).

Can not measure white balance: Subject is too dark or too bright (🕮 85).

Image can not be selected as source for preset white balance: Image was not created with D5100 (🕮 87).

Effects of Picture Control differ from image to image: **A** (auto) is selected for sharpening, contrast, or saturation. For consistent results over a series of photos, choose another setting (🕮 93).

Metering can not be changed: Autoexposure lock is in effect (🕮 69).

Exposure compensation can not be used: Choose mode **P**, **S**, or **A** (🕮 61, 70).

Noise (reddish areas or other artifacts) appears in long time-exposures: Enable long-exposure noise reduction (🕮 154).

Playback

NEF (RAW) image is not played back: Photo was taken at image quality of NEF (RAW)+JPEG (📖 48).

Some pictures are not displayed during playback: Select **All** for **Playback folder**. Note that **Current** is automatically selected after photograph is taken (📖 149).

"Tall" (portrait) orientation photos are displayed in "wide" (landscape) orientation:
- Select **On** for **Rotate tall** (📖 150).
- Photo was taken with **Off** selected for **Auto image rotation** (📖 172).
- Camera orientation was changed while shutter-release button was pressed in continuous release mode or camera was pointed up or down when photo was taken (📖 36).
- Photo is displayed in image review (📖 150).

Can not delete picture:
- Picture is protected: remove protection (📖 132).
- Memory card is locked (📖 21).

Can not retouch picture: Photo can not be further edited with this camera (📖 176).

Can not change print order:
- Memory card is full: delete pictures (📖 25, 133).
- Memory card is locked (📖 21).

Can not select photo for printing: Photo is in NEF (RAW) format. Create JPEG copy using **NEF (RAW) processing** or transfer to computer and print using supplied software or Capture NX 2 (📖 137, 183).

Picture is not displayed on TV:
- Choose correct video mode (📖 170) or output resolution (📖 148).
- A/V (📖 146) or HDMI (📖 147) cable is not correctly connected.

Can not transfer photos to computer: OS not compatible with camera or transfer software. Use card reader to copy photos to computer (📖 137).

NEF (RAW) photos not displayed in Capture NX 2: Update to latest version (📖 206).

Image Dust Off option in Capture NX 2 does not have desired effect: Image sensor cleaning changes the position of dust on the low-pass filter. Dust off reference data recorded before image sensor cleaning is performed can not be used with photographs taken after image sensor cleaning is performed. Dust off reference data recorded after image sensor cleaning is performed can not be used with photographs taken before image sensor cleaning is performed (📖 173).

Miscellaneous

Date of recording is not correct: Set camera clock (📖 19, 170).

Menu item can not be selected: Some options are not available at certain combinations of settings or when no memory card is inserted (📖 21, 176, 216).

Error Messages

This section lists the indicators and error messages that appear in the viewfinder and monitor.

Warning Icons
A flashing ? in the monitor or ? in the viewfinder indicates that a warning or error message can be displayed in the monitor by pressing the **?** (?) button.

Indicator		Solution	
Monitor	**Viewfinder**		🕮
Lock lens aperture ring at minimum aperture (largest f/-number)	FEE (blinks)	Set lens aperture ring to minimum aperture (largest f-number).	18, 198
Lens not attached	F- -/? (blinks)	• Attach non-IX NIKKOR lens. • If non-CPU lens is attached, select mode **M**.	197 65
Shutter release disabled. Recharge battery.	(blinks)	Turn camera off and recharge or replace battery.	14, 15
This battery cannot be used. Choose battery designated for use in this camera.		Use Nikon-approved battery.	206
Initialization error. Turn camera off and then on again.	/(Err) (blinks)	Turn camera off, remove and replace battery, and then turn camera on again.	2, 15
Battery level is low. Complete operation and turn camera off immediately.	—	End cleaning and turn camera off and recharge or replace battery.	213
Clock not set	—	Set camera clock.	19, 170
No SD card inserted	(-E-)/? (blinks)	Turn camera off and confirm that card is correctly inserted.	21
Memory card is locked. Slide lock to "write" position.	Cd (blinks)	Memory card is locked (write protected). Slide card write-protect switch to "write" position.	21
This memory card cannot be used. Card may be damaged. Insert another card.	Cd/(Err) (blinks)	• Use approved card. • Format card. If problem persists, card may be damaged. Contact Nikon-authorized service representative. • Error creating new folder. Delete files or insert new memory card. • Insert new memory card. • Eye-Fi card is still emitting wireless signal after **Disable** has been selected for **Eye-Fi upload**. To terminate wireless transmission, turn the camera off and remove the card.	207 22 21, 133 21 175

Indicator		Solution	🕮
Monitor	**Viewfinder**		
Not available if Eye-Fi card is locked.	[Ed]/[Err] (blinks)	Eye-Fi card is locked (write protected). Slide card write-protect switch to "write" position.	21
This card is not formatted. Format the card.	[For] (blinks)	Format card or turn camera off and insert new memory card.	22
Card is full	FuL/▯/▯? (blinks)	• Reduce quality or size. • Delete photographs. • Insert new memory card.	47, 49 133 21
—	● (blinks)	Camera can not focus using autofocus. Change composition or focus manually.	27, 40, 45
Subject is too bright	▯? (blinks)	• Use a lower ISO sensitivity. • Use commercial ND filter. • In mode: **S** Increase shutter speed **A** Choose a smaller aperture (larger f-number) Choose another shooting mode	54 — 63 64 116
Subject is too dark		• Use a higher ISO sensitivity. • Use flash. • In mode: **S** Lower shutter speed **A** Choose a larger aperture (smaller f-number)	54 50 63 64
No Bulb in S mode	bulb (blinks)	Change shutter speed or select manual exposure mode.	63, 65
No Bulb in HDR mode	bulb (blinks)	Change shutter speed.	65, 76
Interval timer shooting	—	Menus and playback are not available while interval timer photography is in progress. Turn camera off.	57
—	ϟ (blinks)	Flash has fired at full power. Check photo in monitor; if underexposed, adjust settings and try again.	53
Flash is in TTL mode. Choose another setting or use a CPU lens.		Change flash mode setting on optional flash unit or use CPU lens.	197, 199
—	ϟ/▯? (blinks)	• Use the flash. • Change distance to subject, aperture, flash range, or ISO sensitivity. • Lens focal length is less than 18 mm: use a longer focal length. • Optional SB-400 flash unit attached: flash is in bounce position or focus distance is very short. Continue shooting; if necessary, increase focus distance to prevent shadows from appearing in photograph.	50 53, 54, 64 — —

Indicator		Solution	🕮
Monitor	**Viewfinder**		
Flash error	⍰ (blinks)	Error occurred updating firmware for optional flash unit. Contact Nikon-authorized service representative.	—
Error. Press shutter release button again.	Err (blinks)	Release shutter. If error persists or appears frequently, consult Nikon-authorized service representative.	—
Start-up error. Contact a Nikon-authorized service representative.		Consult Nikon-authorized service representative.	—
Autoexposure error			
Unable to start live view. Please wait for camera to cool.	—	Wait for the internal circuits to cool before resuming live view or movie recording.	105, 109
Folder contains no images.	—	Folder selected for playback contains no images. Insert another memory card or select a different folder.	21, 149
Cannot display this file.	—	File has been created or modified using a computer or different make of camera, or file is corrupt.	177
Cannot select this file.			
No image for retouching.	—	Memory card does not contain NEF (RAW) images for use with **NEF (RAW) processing**.	183
Check printer.	—	Check printer. To resume, select **Continue** (if available).	—*
Check paper.	—	Paper is not selected size. Insert paper of correct size and select **Continue**.	—*
Paper jam.	—	Clear jam and select **Continue**.	—*
Out of paper.	—	Insert paper of selected size and select **Continue**.	—*
Check ink supply.	—	Check ink. To resume, select **Continue**.	—*
Out of ink.	—	Replace ink and select **Continue**.	—*

* See printer manual for more information.

Specifications

■■ *Nikon D5100 Digital Camera*

Type	
Type	Single-lens reflex digital camera
Lens mount	Nikon F mount (with AF contacts)
Effective angle of view	Approx. 1.5 × lens focal length (Nikon DX format)
Effective pixels	
Effective pixels	16.2 million
Image sensor	
Image sensor	23.6 × 15.6 mm CMOS sensor
Total pixels	16.9 million
Dust-reduction System	Image sensor cleaning, Image Dust Off reference data (optional Capture NX 2 software required)
Storage	
Image size (pixels)	• 4,928 × 3,264 (L) • 3,696 × 2,448 (M) • 2,464 × 1,632 (S)
File format	• **NEF (RAW)**: 14 bit, compressed • **JPEG**: JPEG-Baseline compliant with fine (approx. 1 : 4), normal (approx. 1 : 8), or basic (approx. 1 : 16) compression • **NEF (RAW)+JPEG**: Single photograph recorded in both NEF (RAW) and JPEG formats
Picture Control System	Standard, Neutral, Vivid, Monochrome, Portrait, Landscape; selected Picture Control can be modified; storage for custom Picture Controls
Media	SD (Secure Digital), SDHC, and SDXC memory cards
File system	DCF (**D**esign Rule for **C**amera **F**ile System) 2.0, DPOF (**D**igital **P**rint **O**rder **F**ormat), Exif 2.3 (**Ex**changeable **I**mage **F**ile Format for Digital Still Cameras), PictBridge
Viewfinder	
Viewfinder	Eye-level pentamirror single-lens reflex viewfinder
Frame coverage	Approx. 95% horizontal and 95% vertical
Magnification	Approx. 0.78 × (50 mm f/1.4 lens at infinity, –1.0 m^{-1})
Eyepoint	17.9 mm (–1.0 m^{-1}; from center surface of viewfinder eyepiece lens)
Diopter adjustment	–1.7 – +0.7 m^{-1}
Focusing screen	Type B BriteView Clear Matte Mark VII screen
Reflex mirror	Quick return
Lens aperture	Instant return, electronically controlled

Lens	
Compatible lenses	Autofocus is available with AF-S and AF-I lenses. Autofocus is not available with other type G and D lenses, AF lenses (IX NIKKOR and lenses for the F3AF are not supported), and AI-P lenses. Non-CPU lenses can be used in mode **M**, but the camera exposure meter will not function. The electronic rangefinder can be used with lenses that have a maximum aperture of f/5.6 or faster.
Shutter	
Type	Electronically-controlled vertical-travel focal-plane shutter
Speed	1/4000 – 30 s in steps of 1/3 or 1/2 EV; Bulb; Time (requires optional ML-L3 remote control)
Flash sync speed	X = 1/200 s; synchronizes with shutter at 1/200 s or slower
Release	
Release mode	S (single frame), CL (continuous), ⏲ (self-timer), 2s (delayed remote), (quick-response remote), Q (quiet shutter release)
Frame advance rate	Up to 4 fps (manual focus, mode **M** or **S**, shutter speed 1/250 s or faster, and other settings at default values)
Self-timer	2 s, 5 s, 10 s, 20 s; 1–9 exposures
Exposure	
Metering	TTL exposure metering using 420-pixel RGB sensor
Metering method	• **Matrix**: 3D color matrix metering II (type G and D lenses); color matrix metering II (other CPU lenses) • **Center-weighted**: Weight of 75% given to 8-mm circle in center of frame • **Spot**: Meters 3.5-mm circle (about 2.5% of frame) centered on selected focus point
Range (ISO 100, f/1.4 lens, 20 °C/68 °F)	• **Matrix or center-weighted metering**: 0 – 20 EV • **Spot metering**: 2 – 20 EV
Exposure meter coupling	CPU
Mode	Auto modes (AUTO auto; auto, flash off); programmed auto with flexible program (**P**); shutter-priority auto (**S**); aperture-priority auto (**A**); manual (**M**); scene modes (portrait; landscape; child; sports; close up; night portrait; night landscape; party/indoor; beach/snow; sunset; dusk/dawn; pet portrait; candlelight; blossom; autumn colors; food); special effects modes (night vision; color sketch; miniature effect; selective color; silhouette; HI high key; LO low key)
Exposure compensation	–5 – +5 EV in increments of 1/3 or 1/2 EV
Bracketing	• **Exposure bracketing**: 3 frames in steps of 1/3 or 1/2 EV • **White balance bracketing**: 3 frames in steps of 1 • **Active D-Lighting bracketing**: 2 frames
Exposure lock	Luminosity locked at detected value with **AE-L/AF-L** button

Exposure	
ISO sensitivity (Recommended Exposure Index)	ISO 100 – 6400 in steps of 1/3 EV. Can also be set to approx. 0.3, 0.7, 1, or 2 EV (ISO 25600 equivalent) above ISO 6400; auto ISO sensitivity control available
Active D-Lighting	Auto, extra high, high, normal, low, off
Focus	
Autofocus	Nikon Multi-CAM 1000 autofocus sensor module with TTL phase detection, 11 focus points (including one cross-type sensor), and AF-assist illuminator (range approx. 0.5–3 m/1 ft. 8 in.–9 ft. 10 in.)
Detection range	–1 – +19 EV (ISO 100, 20 °C/68 °F)
Lens servo	• **Autofocus (AF)**: Single-servo AF (**AF-S**); continuous-servo AF (**AF-C**); auto AF-S/AF-C selection (**AF-A**); predictive focus tracking activated automatically according to subject status • **Manual focus (MF)**: Electronic rangefinder can be used
Focus point	Can be selected from 11 focus points
AF-area mode	Single-point AF, dynamic-area AF, auto-area AF, 3D-tracking (11 points)
Focus lock	Focus can be locked by pressing shutter-release button halfway (single-servo AF) or by pressing **AE-L/AF-L** button
Flash	
Built-in flash	AUTO, , , , , , , : Auto flash with auto pop-up **P**, **S**, **A**, **M**, : Manual pop-up with button release
Guide Number	Approx. 12/39, 13/43 with manual flash (m/ft, ISO 100, 20 °C/68 °F)
Flash control	• **TTL**: i-TTL balanced fill-flash and standard i-TTL flash for digital SLR using 420-pixel RGB sensor are available with built-in flash and SB-900, SB-800, SB-700, SB-600, or SB-400 (i-TTL balanced fill-flash is available when matrix or center-weighted metering is selected) • **Auto aperture**: Available with SB-900/SB-800 and CPU lens • **Non-TTL auto**: Supported flash units include SB-900, SB-800, SB-80DX, SB-28DX, SB-28, SB-27, and SB-22S • **Distance-priority manual**: Available with SB-900, SB-800, and SB-700
Flash mode	Auto, auto with red-eye reduction, auto slow sync, auto slow sync with red-eye reduction, fill-flash, red-eye reduction, slow sync, slow sync with red-eye reduction, rear-curtain with slow sync, rear-curtain sync, off
Flash compensation	–3 – +1 EV in increments of 1/3 or 1/2 EV
Flash-ready indicator	Lights when built-in flash or optional flash unit such as SB-900, SB-800, SB-700, SB-600, or SB-400 is fully charged; blinks for 3 s after flash is fired at full output
Accessory shoe	ISO 518 hot-shoe with sync and data contacts and safety lock
Nikon Creative Lighting System (CLS)	Advanced Wireless Lighting supported with SB-900, SB-800, or SB-700 as a master flash, or SU-800 as commander; Flash Color Information Communication supported with built-in flash and all CLS-compatible flash units
Sync terminal	AS-15 sync terminal adapter (available separately)

White balance	
White balance	Auto, incandescent, fluorescent (7 types), direct sunlight, flash, cloudy, shade, preset manual, all except preset manual with fine tuning.
Live view	
Lens servo	• **Autofocus (AF)**: Single-servo AF (**AF-S**); full-time-servo AF (**AF-F**) • **Manual focus (MF)**
AF-area mode	Face-priority AF, wide-area AF, normal-area AF, subject-tracking AF
Autofocus	Contrast-detect AF anywhere in frame (camera selects focus point automatically when face-priority AF or subject-tracking AF is selected)
Automatic scene selection	Available in AUTO and modes
Movie	
Metering	TTL exposure metering using main image sensor
Metering method	Matrix
Frame size (pixels) and frame rate	• 1,920 × 1,080, 30 p/25 p/24 p, ★ high/normal • 1,280 × 720, 30 p/25 p/24 p, ★ high/normal • 640 × 424, 30 p/25 p, ★ high/normal A frame rate of 30 p (actual frame rate 29.97 fps) is available when **NTSC** is selected for video mode. 25 p is available when **PAL** is selected for video mode. Actual frame rate when 24 p is selected is 23.976 fps.
File format	MOV
Video compression	H.264/MPEG-4 Advanced Video Coding
Audio recording format	Linear PCM
Audio recording device	Built-in monaural or external stereo microphone; sensitivity adjustable
Monitor	
Monitor	7.5-cm/3-in., approx. 921k-dot (VGA), vari-angle low-temperature polysilicon TFT LCD with 170 ° viewing angle, approx. 100% frame coverage, and brightness adjustment
Playback	
Playback	Full-frame and thumbnail (4, 9, or 72 images or calendar) playback with playback zoom, movie playback, slide show, histogram display, highlights, auto image rotation, and image comment (up to 36 characters)

Interface	
USB	Hi-Speed USB
Video output	NTSC, PAL
HDMI output	Type C mini-pin HDMI connector
Accessory terminal	**Remote cord**: MC-DC2 (available separately) **GPS unit**: GP-1 (available separately)
Audio input	Stereo mini-pin jack (3.5 mm diameter)
Supported languages	
Supported languages	Arabic, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Thai, Turkish
Power source	
Battery	One rechargeable Li-ion EN-EL14 battery
AC adapter	EH-5b AC adapter; requires EP-5A power connector (available separately)
Tripod socket	
Tripod socket	1/4 in. (ISO 1222)
Dimensions/weight	
Dimensions (W × H × D)	Approx.128 × 97 × 79 mm (5.0 × 3.8 × 3.1 in.)
Weight	Approx. 560 g (1 lb. 3.7 oz.) with battery and memory card but without body cap; approx. 510 g/1 lb. 2 oz. (camera body only)
Operating environment	
Temperature	0–40 °C (+32–104 °F)
Humidity	Less than 85% (no condensation)

- Unless otherwise stated, all figures are for a camera with a fully-charged battery operating at an ambient temperature of 20 °C (68 °F).
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MH-24 battery charger	
Rated input	AC 100–240 V, 50/60 Hz, 0.2 A maximum
Rated output	DC 8.4 V/0.9 A
Supported batteries	Nikon rechargeable Li-ion battery EN-EL14
Charging time	Approx. 1 hour and 30 minutes when no charge remains
Operating temperature	0–40 °C (+32–104 °F)
Dimensions (W × H × D)	Approx. 70 × 26 × 97 mm (2.8 × 1.0 × 3.8 in.), excluding plug adapter
Weight	Approx. 89 g (3.1 oz.), excluding plug adapter

EN-EL14 rechargeable Li-ion battery	
Type	Rechargeable lithium-ion battery
Rated capacity	7.4 V/1030 mAh
Dimensions (W × H × D)	Approx. 38 × 53 × 14 mm (1.5 × 2.1 × 0.6 in.)
Weight	Approx. 48 g (1.7 oz.), excluding terminal cover

AF-S DX NIKKOR 18–55mm f/3.5–5.6G VR lens	
Type	Type G AF-S DX NIKKOR zoom lens with built-in CPU and F mount for use exclusively with Nikon DX-format digital SLR cameras
Focal length	18–55 mm
Maximum aperture	f/3.5–5.6
Lens construction	11 elements in 8 groups (including 1 aspherical element)
Angle of view	76 °–28 ° 50 ′
Focal length scale	Graduated in millimeters (18, 24, 35, 45, 55)
Distance information	Output to camera
Zoom	Manual zoom using independent zoom ring
Focusing	Autofocus controlled by Silent Wave Motor; manual focus
Vibration reduction	Lens-shift method using **v**oice **c**oil **m**otors (VCMs)
Minimum focus distance	0.28 m (0.9 ft) from focal plane at all zoom positions
Diaphragm blades	7 (rounded diaphragm opening)
Diaphragm	Fully automatic
Aperture range	• **18 mm focal length**: f/3.5–22 • **55 mm focal length**: f/5.6–36
Metering	Full aperture
Filter-attachment size	52 mm (P=0.75 mm)
Dimensions	Approx. 73 mm diameter × 79.5 mm/2.9 × 3.1 in. (distance from camera lens-mount flange)
Weight	Approx. 265 g (9.3 oz.)

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■■ *The AF-S DX NIKKOR 18–55mm f/3.5–5.6G VR*

The AF-S DX NIKKOR 18–55mm f/3.5–5.6G VR is for use exclusively with Nikon DX format digital cameras. If the camera is equipped with an AF-ON button, vibration reduction will not be activated when the AF-ON button is pressed.

Using the Built-in Flash

When using the built-in flash, be sure the subject is at a range of at least 0.6 m (2 ft.) and remove lens hoods to prevent vignetting (shadows created where the end of the lens obscures the built-in flash).

Camera	Minimum distance without vignetting
D7000, D5100, D5000, D3100, D3000, D300 series, D200, D100, D90, D80, D70 series, D60, D50, D40 series	No vignetting at any focus distance

Because the built-in flash units for the D100 and D70 can only cover the angle of view of a lens with a focal of 20 mm or more; vignetting will occur at a focal length of 18 mm.

Lens Care

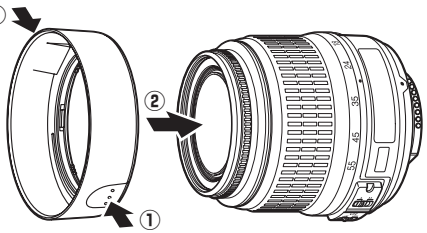
- Keep the CPU contacts clean.
- Use a blower to remove dust and lint from the lens surfaces. To remove smudges and fingerprints, apply a small amount of ethanol or lens cleaner to a soft, clean cotton cloth or lens-cleaning tissue and clean from the center outwards using a circular motion, taking care not to leave smears or touch the glass with your fingers.
- Never use organic solvents such as paint thinner or benzene to clean the lens.
- The lens hood or NC filters can be used to protect the front lens element.
- Attach the front and rear caps before placing the lens in its flexible pouch.
- When a lens hood is attached, do not pick up or hold the lens or camera using only the hood.
- If the lens will not be used for an extended period, store it in a cool, dry location to prevent mold and rust. Do not store in direct sunlight or with naphtha or camphor moth balls.
- Keep the lens dry. Rusting of the internal mechanism can cause irreparable damage.
- Leaving the lens in extremely hot locations could damage or warp parts made from reinforced plastic.

Supplied Accessories

- 52 mm Snap-on Front Lens Cap LC-52

Optional Accessories

- 52 mm screw-on filters
- LF-1 and LF-4 rear lens caps
- Flexible Lens Pouch CL-0815
- Lens Hood HB-45 (attaches as shown at right)



A Note on Wide-Angle Lenses

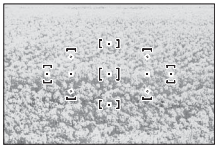
Autofocus may not provide the desired results with wide– and super-wide–angle lenses in the following situations:

1 The subject does not fill the focus point.
If the subject does not fill the focus point, the camera may focus on the background and the subject may be out of focus.



Example*: A far-off portrait subject at some distance from the background*

2 The subject contains many fine details.
The camera may have difficulty focusing on subjects that contain many fine details or that are lacking in contrast.



Example*: A field of flowers*

In these cases, use manual focus, or use focus lock to focus on another subject at the same distance and then recompose the photograph. For more information, see "Getting Good Results with Autofocus" (🕮 40).

■■ *Supported Standards*

- **DCF Version 2.0**: The Design Rule for Camera File Systems (DCF) is a standard widely used in the digital camera industry to ensure compatibility among different makes of camera.
- **DPOF**: Digital Print Order Format (DPOF) is an industry-wide standard that allows pictures to be printed from print orders stored on the memory card.
- **Exif version 2.3**: The D5100 supports Exif (Exchangeable Image File Format for Digital Still Cameras) version 2.3, a standard in which information stored with photographs is used for optimal color reproduction when the images are output on Exif-compliant printers.
- **PictBridge**: A standard developed through cooperation with the digital camera and printer industries, allowing photographs to be output directly to a printer without first transferring them to a computer.
- **HDMI**: **H**igh-**D**efinition **M**ultimedia **I**nterface is a standard for multimedia interfaces used in consumer electronics and AV devices capable of transmitting audiovisual data and control signals to HDMI-compliant devices via a single cable connection.

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Battery Life

The number of shots that can be taken with fully-charged batteries varies with the condition of the battery, temperature, and how the camera is used. Sample figures for EN-EL14 (1030 mAh) batteries are given below.

- **Single-frame release mode (CIPA standard [1])**: Approximately 660 shots
- **Continuous release mode (Nikon standard [2])**: Approximately 2200 shots

1 Measured at 23 °C/73.4 °F (±2 °C/3.6 °F) with an AF-S DX NIKKOR 18–55mm f/3.5–5.6G VR lens under the following test conditions: lens cycled from infinity to minimum range and one photograph taken at default settings once every 30 s; after photograph is taken, monitor is turned on for 4 s; tester waits for exposure meters to turn off after monitor is turned off; flash fired at full power once every other shot. Live view not used.

2 Measured at 20 °C/68 °F with an AF-S DX NIKKOR 18–55mm f/3.5–5.6G VR lens under the following test conditions: vibration reduction off, continuous release mode, focus mode set to **AF-C**, image quality set to JPEG basic, image size set to **M** (medium), white balance set to **AUTO**, ISO sensitivity set to ISO 100, shutter speed $^1/_{250}$ s, focus cycled from infinity to minimum range three times after shutter-release button has been pressed halfway for 3 s; six shots are then taken in succession and monitor turned on for 4 s and then turned off; cycle repeated once exposure meters have turned off.

The following can reduce battery life:

- Using the monitor
- Keeping the shutter-release button pressed halfway
- Repeated autofocus operations
- Taking NEF (RAW) photographs
- Slow shutter speeds
- Using a GP-1 GPS unit
- Using VR (vibration reduction) mode with VR lenses

To ensure that you get the most from rechargeable Nikon EN-EL14 batteries:

- Keep the battery contacts clean. Soiled contacts can reduce battery performance.
- Use batteries immediately after charging. Batteries will lose their charge if left unused.

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