

Digital Photography Checklist

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- Camera
 - Is the sensor free of dust?
 - Do the lenses need to be cleaned?
 - Is there enough power in the battery?
 - Is there enough space on the memory card?
 - Is the image recording quality set properly?
 - If not shooting raw, are the image settings set properly?
 - Is the ISO correct for the upcoming shoot?
 - Does the white balance setting match the light?
 - Is the proper metering mode selected?
 - Is the shooting mode set correctly for the subject matter?
 - Is the drive mode correct (single/continuous shooting)?
 - Is the auto focus set up correctly?
- Shooting Photos
 - Understand ins and outs of your camera.
 - Learn to control the flash.
 - Take close up shots of objects using macro mode.
 - Hold the camera level
 - Use a tripod that's convenient to carry around.
- After-Shoot
 - Download all images to your computer.
 - Backup your images to an external hard drive.
 - Reformat your cards in the camera after you've backed up your photo shoot.
 - Change the ISO setting back to its lowest value.
 - Change the white balance back to its auto setting.
 - Recharge your battery.
 - Set exposure compensation back to zero.
 - Change the metering method to Evaluative or Matrix.
 - Clean your lenses with a microfiber cloth.
 - Clean your camera body with a soft cloth and no solvents.