

Glorious Portraits

Reduce saturation and dial up the contrast a bit in your software. You'll have a portrait as you've seen in ads, music videos and Hollywood.

Noon Dew

At sunrise, dew covers the flowers. You can have it even at 14:00! Spray the blossom with an atomizer or mist sprayer by water mixed up with sugar and a bit glycerin, which will slow down evaporation. Do not overdo it! It looks ridiculous!

Shutter Speed

- 1/500 or 1/1000 sec freezes even the fastest human activities.

- 1/30 sec is a good starting when panning a shot of a person in motion. 1/60 or 1/15 maybe the right choice, due to the subject's speed.

- ¼ sec when panning yields a blurred suggestion on a subject in a static shot.

Test it on a river! A waterfall! What is the result?

Low-Light

When your flash doesn't work in low-light, shut off the flash and switch to B&W mode. The ISO will go through the roof, but in B&W, the digital noise looks like grain, and the result looks as a sort of artistic photo. It's a monochrome photo.

WB Changes

White Balance changes acts as using filters in film photography as:

WB shade=81B filter (9200 K) normal warm tonality

WB cloudy= 81A filter (6400 K) strong warm tonality

Warm tonality filters= Yellow to Orange

Card Error

To prevent a card error:

1- Turn off your camera before removing or putting the memory card in your camera.

2- Do "Disk Defragmenter" your card by computer time to time.

3- Do "Format" your card by your camera. Do not use computer! This removes the extra files from your card too, and you will have more spaces.

4- If you change your camera, format

your previous card with your new camera before use.

5- Format any new card you buy by your personal camera.

When card error occurs, if your camera (and also your computer) couldn't play back your images, stop using the card.

Do not format it! Turn off your camera and take it out.

Two programs can recover your photos: "SacDisk's RescuePro" and "Lexar's Image Rescue" (some \$30-40). Both work on most cards.

My Camera Fell off My Boat!

Go fast to a repair center! If there's no repair center:

1- Into fresh water: Turn off the camera / Remove the batteries / Put it in a dry place / Leave it alone for a few days to air out. Maybe your camera works after that.

2- Into salt water: Plunge it in fresh water / Go fast to a repair center!

Digital Camera Froze Up!

While photographing, if suddenly the menu on your camera freezes, you need an instant reboot: Pull the batteries out and then put them back in.

CCD Cleaning

To check if your CCD is dusty or not, take a quick shot of a matt gray board in flat light; no focus is needed. If you dial up the contrast of this photo on PhotoShop, all the dust spots will clearly be revealed.

Tamron Zoom 18-250 Dill Macro AF f/3.5-6.3 equal to 28-388 for half-frame digital cameras has a wide range of tele and wide, and you don't need to change your lens, so your CCD remains clean.

GN Number

The Guide Number (or GN) is a number, which quantify the flash output. This number represents the maximum subject distance from the flash (not necessarily from camera), which flash could adequately expose an 18% gray subject at a special focal length (50 mm), aperture (f/1.4) and ISO 100.