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Step 2 - People Photography


Recommended Specification

Photographs of people are one of the most common types of shot taken.

Today's basic compact digital cameras can take good pictures provided you have experimented with them so that you know what they can do well and what their limitations are.

Ideally you need a camera that works well in low light and has a good flash unit. Advanced digital cameras will give you more control over how you may wish to compose your picture and allow you to set specific exposure settings for different lighting conditions.

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Megapixels	Above 3 Megapixels
Memory	At least 512MB (100 photos @ 5 MP)
Zoom Range	At least 3x zoom
Exposure Modes	Auto plus optional scene modes
Shutter Speeds	4 seconds to 1/2000 of a second
Sensitivity Range	Auto / manual control (80 to 1600 ISO)
Image Stabiliser	Can be useful in low light conditions
Flash Modes	Auto, flash on, flash off, red eye reduction
Batteries	AA (Ni-MH rechargeables)
Weight	Less than 200g

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