Canon

EOS 1200D

The "Quick Reference Guide" is included at the end of this manual.

Introduction

The EOS 1200D is a high-performance, digital single-lens reflex camera featuring a fine-detail CMOS sensor with approx. 18.0 effective megapixels, DIGIC 4, high-precision and high-speed 9-point AF, approx. 3.0 fps continuous shooting, Live View shooting, and Full High-Definition (Full HD) movie shooting.
The camera is highly responsive to any shooting situation, and provides many features for demanding shots.

Refer to This Manual While Using the Camera to Further Familiarize Yourself with the Camera

With a digital camera, you can immediately view the image you have captured. While reading this manual, take a few test shots and see how they come out. You can then better understand the camera.
To avoid botched pictures and accidents, first read the "Safety Warnings" (p.307-309) and "Handling Precautions" (p.20, 21).

Testing the Camera Before Use and Liability

After shooting, play images back and check whether they have been properly recorded. If the camera or memory card is faulty and the images cannot be recorded or downloaded to a computer, Canon cannot be held liable for any loss or inconvenience caused.

Copyrights

Copyright laws in your country may prohibit the use of your recorded images or copyrighted music and images with music in the memory card for anything other than private enjoyment. Also be aware that certain public performances, exhibitions, etc., may prohibit photography even for private enjoyment.

Item Check List

Before starting, check that all the following items have been included with your camera. If anything is missing, contact your dealer.
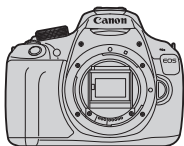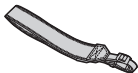
Camera
(with eyecup and body cap)

Battery Pack LP-E10
(with protective cover)

**Battery Charger
LC-E10/LC-E10E***

Wide Strap

Interface Cable

* Battery Charger LC-E10 or LC-E10E is provided. (The LC-E10E comes with a power cord.)

● The Instruction Manual and DVD/CD-ROMs provided are listed on the next page.
● If you purchased a Lens Kit, check that the lenses are included.
● Depending on the Lens Kit type, lens instruction manuals may also be included.
● Be careful not to lose any of the above items.

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Instruction Manual and DVD/CD-ROMs

The instruction manual consists of a booklet and PDF manuals in electronic form (provided on the DVD-ROM).

Basic Instruction Manual

EOS Camera Instruction Manuals Disk (DVD-ROM)
Contains the following PDF manuals:
* Instruction Manual (Detailed version)
* Software Instruction Manuals for the software on the EOS Solution Disk

* Instructions for viewing the Instruction Manuals on the DVD-ROM are on pages 315-316.

EOS Solution Disk
Contains various software. For outlines and installation procedure for the software, see pages 319-321.

Compatible Cards

The camera can use the following cards regardless of capacity: **If the card is new or was previously formatted by another camera or computer, it is recommended that you format the card with this camera** (p.50)**.**

- SD memory cards
- SDHC memory cards
- SDXC memory cards

📓 The camera can use UHS-I cards, but since it is not compatible with the UHS-I standard, reading/writing speeds will be equivalent to SD Speed Class 10 at most.

Cards that Can Record Movies

When shooting movies, use a large-capacity SD card rated SD Speed Class 6 "CLASS⑥" or higher.

- If you use a slow-writing card when shooting movies, the movie may not be recorded properly. Also, if you play back a movie on a card with a slow reading speed, the movie may not play back properly.
- If you want to shoot still photos while shooting a movie, you will need an even faster card.
- To check the card's reading/writing speed, refer to the card manufacturer's website.

In this manual, "card" refers to SD memory cards, SDHC memory cards, and SDXC memory cards.
* **The camera does not come with a card for recording images/ movies.** Please purchase it separately.
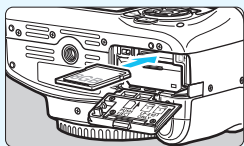
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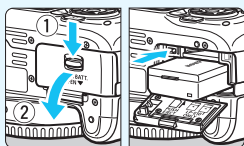
1 **Insert the battery** (p.32)**.**
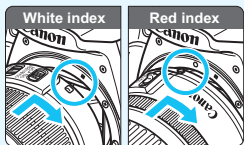- To charge the battery, see page 30.

2 **Insert a card** (p.32)**.**
- With the card's label facing toward the back of the camera, insert it into the card slot.
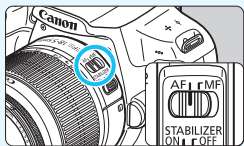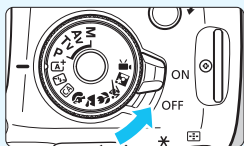
3 White index   Red index   **Attach the lens** (p.40)**.**
- Align the lens's white or red index with the camera's index in the matching color.
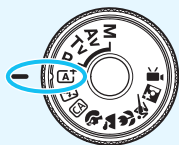
4 **Set the lens focus mode switch to <AF>** (p.40)**.**

5 **Set the power switch to <ON>** (p.35)**.**
- When the LCD monitor displays the date/time/zone setting screens, see page 37.

6 Set the Mode Dial to <$\boxed{A}^+$> (Scene Intelligent Auto) (p.56).
- All the necessary camera settings will be set automatically.

7 Focus on the subject (p.45).
- Look through the viewfinder and aim the viewfinder center over the subject.
- Press the shutter button halfway, and the camera will focus on the subject.
- If necessary, the built-in flash will be raised automatically.
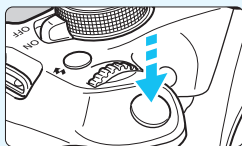
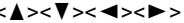**8** Take the picture (p.45).
- Press the shutter button completely to take the picture.

9 Review the picture (p.180).
- The image just captured will be displayed for 2 sec. on the LCD monitor.
- To display the image again, press the <$\boxed{\blacktriangleright}$> button (p.80).

- To shoot while looking at the LCD monitor, see "Live View Shooting" (p.133).
- To view the images captured so far, see "Image Playback" (p.80).
- To delete an image, see "Erasing Images" (p.227).

Conventions Used in this Manual

Icons in this Manual

<⛭>	: Indicates the Main Dial.
<▲><▼><◀><▶>	: Indicates the <✛> cross keys on the top, bottom, left, and right.
<(SET)>	: Indicates the Setting button.
⏱4, ⏱6, ⏱10, ⏱16	: Indicates that the corresponding function remains active for 4 sec., 6 sec., 10 sec., or 16 sec. respectively after you let go of the button.

* In this manual, the icons and markings indicating the camera's buttons, dials, and settings correspond to the icons and markings on the camera and on the LCD monitor.

MENU	: Indicates a function that can be changed by pressing the <MENU> button and changing the setting.
☆	: Shown at the upper right of a page title to indicate a function that is available only in the Creative Zone modes (p.26).
(p.**)	: Reference page numbers for more information.
🚫	: Warning to prevent shooting problems.
📄	: Supplemental information.
☼	: Tips or advice for better shooting.
?	: Problem-solving advice.

Basic Assumptions

- All operations explained in this manual assume that the power switch is <ON> (p.35).
- It is assumed that all the menu settings and Custom Functions are set to their defaults.
- The illustrations in this manual show the camera attached with the EF-S18-55mm f/3.5-5.6 IS II lens as an example.

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Chapters

For first-time DSLR users, Chapters 1 and 2 explain the camera's basic operations and shooting procedures.

Contents at a Glance