

Important features in digital cameras

1. Image quality
2. Megapixels
3. Optical zoom
4. Image stabilization
5. Manual control (such as focus, aperture, shutter)
6. Viewfinder
 - a. Optical
 - b. Electronic
 - c. LCD
 - d. Articulated LCD
7. Commercial and user reviews
 - a. <http://www.steves-digicams.com/>
 - b. <http://www.dpreview.com/>
 - c. <http://www.dcvviews.com/>
 - d. <http://www.amazon.com>
 - e. http://www.epinions.com/Digital_Cameras
8. Memory card
9. Size
10. Cost
11. Battery
12. Boot time; photo-to-photo time; flash recycle time
13. White balance control
14. Macro focus capability
15. Socket for mounting an external flash
16. Tripod socket
17. Ease of use
18. Low-light focus assist illuminator
19. Automatic and beginner modes and scenes
20. Camera and manufacturer reputation for quality and reliability
21. Movie mode and quality
22. TV output
23. Remote control
24. Flash range
25. File format (RAW, jpeg, TIFF)
26. Histogram in viewfinder
27. Shutter lag
28. Autofocus lag
29. Self-timer