QuickStart Guide
D-550 ZOOM

UNPACKING THE BOX CONTENTS

Gather your D-550 Zoom and all the parts as shown in the illustration. You’ll need these items to complete the steps for the camera set up procedures that follow.

1. D-550 Zoom
2. Strap
3. USB Cable (beige color)
4. 16MB SmartMedia Card with static-free case and labels
5. 2 pairs of AA batteries
6. Menu button
7. Flash mode button
8. Self-timer button
9. Battery check
10. Exposure compensation
11. AF Target mark
12. AF
13. White balance
14. Sequential shooting
15. Protect
16. Print reservation, number of prints
17. Date and time
18. White balance
19. ISO
20. Memory gauge
21. Number of pixels
22. Spot metering
23. Playing time
24. Number of still pictures/seconds remaining
25. Number of storable still pictures/seconds
26. Flashstandby (lights up)
27. Camera movement warning/Flash charge (blinks)
28. Zoom lever
29. AF
30. ZOOM 5.8-16.2MM 1:29-4.
31. OLYMPUS LENS 4
32. Tripod mount
33. Battery compartment lock
34. Battery compartment door
35. Card cover door
36. Sliding front cover
37. Battery compartment lock
38. Battery compartment
39. Flash Self-timer lamp
40. Shutter button
41. Optical Viewfinder
42. Shooting mode button
43. Green lamp
44. SET
45. Menu button
46. DC-IN jack
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2. PREPARE THE CAMERA FOR USE

Before you begin using your Olympus D-550 Zoom Digital Camera...

A. Load the Batteries

Load 4 AA batteries into the compartment as indicated in the illustrations and on the camera body. Close the cover and slide it towards the camera body until you feel a click. Put the battery compartment door back into the locked position.

Confirm you have installed the batteries properly and that there is power to the monitor by pressing . The “No Card” message should be displayed in the LCD monitor. Turn the monitor off by pressing again.

B. Insert the SmartMedia™ Card

The SmartMedia card is where the camera stores your pictures. The pictures you take remain on the SmartMedia card even when the camera is turned off and/or the batteries are removed.

First make sure the sliding front cover is closed. Open the card cover door and note the diagram on the inside. Attach the orientation of the SmartMedia card to the diagram, and slide the card into the slot as far as it will go. Close the cover until it locks into place; you will feel it snap closed.

C. Attach the strap (OPTIONAL)

Attach the strap as illustrated to make the camera easier to handle.

3. TURNING ON THE CAMERA

All you need to do is slide the lens cover open or closed to turn the camera ON or OFF.

A. Turn the camera ON (Shooting Mode)

Open the lens cover fully. You should feel two clicks. The lens barrel extends and the flash pops up.

If the lens barrel does not extend, the lens cover is probably not fully open. Slide the lens cover completely to the open position.

To turn the camera off, slide the lens cover until you feel the first click. Allow the lens barrel to retract, then close the lens cover completely, and press the flash down until it locks into place.

B. Set the Date and Time (OPTIONAL)

Although this is not required, it is recommended that you set the date and time. This affects the way image file names are created, and will conveniently stamp each picture with this information.

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C. Camera Diagram and Controls

Now take a moment to familiarize yourself with the key areas of camera controls by reviewing the illustrations.
**TAKING PICTURES**

There are two ways to compose your subject— with the optical viewfinder or using the LCD monitor. Depending on the shooting situation, there may be advantages to each method. Please refer to the printed Basic Manual for more information.

**a. Taking a Picture with the Optical Viewfinder**

- Turn the camera on and frame your subject using the optical viewfinder.
- Press the shutter button halfway.
- The D-550 Zoom confirms the focus and exposure are properly set when the green lamp in the viewfinder lights steady. The orange lamp informs you that the flash is recommended and/or recharging (when blinking), or ready to fire (when steady).
- Press the shutter button completely to take the picture. A short beep confirms your picture has been taken.

**b. Taking a Picture with the LCD Monitor**

- Press once while in shooting mode, and frame your subject using the full-color LCD monitor.

**Zooming**

The D-550 Zoom features a zoom lens, allowing you to get closer to the action, capture wide-angle shots and get everything into the picture.

- Pull the lever toward “T” to choose telephoto shooting and get closer to your subject.
- Push it toward “W” to choose wide-angle shooting.

**SPECIAL MODES**

The camera offers four special shooting modes: Color Options, Scene Program, Macro Mode, and Fireworks Mode. You can change modes at any time. Each once is activated, the camera automatically switches to the next mode.

**TIP:** To quickly switch between flash modes, press the shutter button halfway with the shutter release button pressed. To return to shooting mode, press the shutter button halfway again.

**d. Flash Modes**

While in shooting mode, press to cycle through and manually select one of the D-550’s four flash modes:

- **Auto Flash:** The camera automatically decides if the flash is needed.
- **Red-eye Reduction:** Reduces incidence of red-eye by emitting pre-flashes to shrink pupil size before firing the main flash. The strobe effect is normal operation for this mode.
- **Fill-in Flash:** Always fires with every picture.
- **Flash off:** Turns the flash off for times when flash photography is prohibited or not desired. The flash remains free.

**E. Number of Storable Pictures**

Your D-550 Zoom Digital Camera package includes a 16 MB SmartMedia card. In the default quality setting of HQ mode (High Quality), you have enough capacity to store approximately 21 pictures.

This mode allows you to capture high-quality images with medium file sizes. The HQ mode is suitable for most shooting situations.

To find out how many frames you have left, turn on the LCD monitor and look for the number in the lower left corner. Remember, you can always delete unwanted pictures to make room for more. (See Step #5)

**VIEWING AND ERASING PICTURES**

With the D-550 Zoom, you can easily view photos and delete the ones you don’t want.

**a. Viewing Pictures**

There are two ways to access the Playback mode:

- If the camera is OFF and the lens cover closed, press once.
- If the camera is in the shooting mode with the lens cover fully open and lens barrel extended, press twice in rapid succession (Quick View).

The last picture taken appears in the LCD monitor. Use to scroll through the images saved on the SmartMedia card.

**b. Erasing Pictures**

The beauty of digital photography is your ability to keep the photos you want, delete the rest, and reuse empty memory space to take new pictures. The D-550 Zoom offers two ways to permanently erase unwanted digital photos:

- **Single-Frame Erase:** Deletes only the picture currently displayed in the LCD monitor.
- **All-Frame Erase:** Deletes all pictures on the SmartMedia card in one operation. Use this function for pictures you have protected.

**6 CONNECTING THE CAMERA TO A COMPUTER**

Olympus recommends the use of an optional AC adapter to ensure a consistent power supply when downloading images.

Make sure that the camera is turned off before connecting it to your computer.

Olympus makes it simple to connect the D-550 Zoom to your computer.

- Turn the camera off.
- Plug the supplied USB cable into the ports on your computer and computer as illustrated.

**7 INSTALLING THE CAMERA SOFTWARE**

You’re now mastered the basic functionality of your new Olympus D-550 Zoom Digital Camera! You are now ready to begin exploring the possibilities that digital photography brings to your computer. Activities such as photo editing, emailing, printing, and much more are now only steps away!

About the Olympus CAMEDIA Master 4.0 CD-ROM

Your Olympus D-550 Zoom Digital Camera comes bundled with a suite of software and documentation. The CD includes:

- **CAMEDIA Master 4.0**
  - To download pictures from the camera and view, organize, retouch, share, and print your digital photos and movies.

- **USB Driver for Windows 98**
  - This utility must be installed to allow the camera to communicate with your computer if it uses the Microsoft Windows 98 operating system.

- **Adobe Acrobat Reader 4.0**
  - To access the D-550 Zoom Reference Manual stored on the CDROM in PDF format.

- **Olympus D-550 Zoom Reference Manual**
  - A complete reference guide in digital form, saved on the CD in PDF format.

You may or may not need to install all of these applications, depending upon your type of computer and whether you have previously installed any of them.

You are now ready to install the camera software.

- **Open the CAMEDIA Master 4.0 CD-ROM package and locate the Software Installation Guide in the language you wish to use.**
- **Follow the step-by-step instructions for installing the software, and enjoy your new digital photo processing capabilities!**

**Additional Camera Features**

The D-550 Zoom offers a host of advanced features to expand your creativity. Here’s just a small sampling. See the D-550 Zoom Basic Manual for details on these capabilities, and more!

- **Dispor Adjustment:** This feature allows you to adjust the clarity of the viewfinder to match your eyesight.

- **Digital Zoom:** Allows you to extend the optical zoom range of the camera to get even closer to the action.

- **Macro Mode:** For extremely tight close-ups, select the D-550 Zoom’s Macro Mode.

- **Movie Mode:** Yes, the D-550 Zoom records movies! (Movie Mode does not record sound.)

- **7 Scene Program Shooting Modes:** Select the best camera setting that most closely matches your shooting situation with one touch.

- **Video Monitoring:** View your pictures and movies directly on a TV.

- **Printing Pictures:** You can make photographic prints using your computer and printer, or by using a photo printer.

- **Close-up Playback:** The picture currently displayed in the LCD monitor may be enlarged several times, enabling you to check the details of any image.

- **Index Display:** You can view several thumbnail pictures on the LCD monitor at once.

- **Protecting Pictures:** Prevents you from accidentally erasing pictures.

**TIP:** Remember to complete and return your Registration Card, and keep all camera documentation handy.

For additional help, call 1-888-553-4448 8:00am - 10:00pm Eastern Time (Mon - Fri)