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Model: S550

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and effective use of your Nikon CoolPix S550 digital camera. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the camera and keep it accessible for future reference. The Nikon CoolPix S550 is a compact 10.0-megapixel digital camera featuring a 5x optical zoom lens and a 2.5-inch LCD display, designed for capturing high-quality still images and video recordings.

SETUP

1. Installing the Battery

The camera uses a rechargeable EN-EL11 Li-ion Battery. Ensure the battery is fully charged before first use.

1. Open the battery chamber cover located on the bottom of the camera.
2. Insert the EN-EL11 battery into the chamber, ensuring the correct orientation as indicated by the markings inside the compartment.
3. Close the battery chamber cover securely.

Note: The battery charges externally using the provided charger. An extra battery is recommended for extended use.

2. Inserting a Memory Card

The camera supports SD and SDHC memory cards. A memory card is required to store photos and videos.

1. Open the memory card slot cover, usually located near the battery compartment.
2. Insert an SD or SDHC card into the slot with the contacts facing the correct direction until it clicks into place.
3. Close the memory card slot cover securely.

The camera has approximately 52 MB of internal memory, but an SD/SDHC card is highly recommended for practical use.

3. Initial Power On

Press the **ON/OFF** button to power on the camera. The lens will extend, and the LCD monitor will display the shooting screen.



Image: Top view of the Nikon CoolPix S550, highlighting the ON/OFF button and shutter release.

OPERATING THE CAMERA

1. Basic Photography

The CoolPix S550 offers various modes for capturing still images.

- **Shooting Modes:** Use the **MODE** button to select from various scene modes such as Portrait, Night Portrait, Sports, Landscape, Party, Beach/Snow, Sunset, Dusk/Dawn, Night Landscape, Museum, and Fireworks Show. The camera also features an Auto mode for general shooting.
- **Zoom:** Use the zoom control (W/T lever) to adjust the 5x optical zoom. "W" zooms out (wide-angle), and "T" zooms in (telephoto).
- **Flash:** The built-in flash has several modes: Auto, Auto with red-eye reduction, Anytime flash, Flash cancel/flash off, and Red-eye reduction with slow sync. Select the appropriate flash mode based on lighting conditions. The flash range is up to 11.5 ft (3.5m).
- **Shutter Release:** Press the shutter button fully to take a picture.
- **Self-timer:** Set the self-timer for 2 or 10 seconds for group photos or to prevent camera shake.



Image: Rear view of the Nikon CoolPix S550, displaying the LCD screen and various control buttons including MODE and zoom lever.

2. Video Recording

The camera can record movies with sound.

- Switch to movie mode (refer to your camera's specific button or menu option for this).
- Press the shutter button to start recording. Press it again to stop.
- Movie formats include AVI.

Note: Video recording duration is limited by memory card capacity and battery life.

3. Playback

To view your photos and videos:

- Press the playback button (often indicated by a triangle icon).
- Use the multi-selector (directional pad) to navigate through images.
- Options include full frame view, thumbnail display (4, 9, or 16 segments), zoom, slideshow, and shooting data display.

4. Transferring Images and Videos

Connect the camera to a computer using a USB cable to transfer files.

1. Ensure the camera is powered off.
2. Connect the camera to your computer using the supplied USB cable.
3. Power on the camera. Your computer should recognize the camera as a removable storage device.
4. Follow your computer's instructions to import photos and videos.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning the Camera

- **Camera Body:** Wipe gently with a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn dirt, use a cloth lightly dampened with water or lens cleaner.
- **Lens:** Use a lens brush to remove dust, then gently wipe with a lens cleaning cloth. Avoid touching the lens surface with your fingers.
- **LCD Monitor:** Wipe gently with a soft, dry cloth.

Do not use organic solvents such as paint thinner or benzene to clean the camera.

2. Battery Care

- Always use the specified EN-EL11 battery and charger.
- Store the battery in a cool, dry place when not in use.
- Avoid exposing the battery to extreme temperatures.
- If the camera will not be used for an extended period, remove the battery.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Camera does not power on:**
 - Ensure the battery is fully charged and correctly inserted.
 - Check battery contacts for dirt and clean if necessary.
- **Cannot take pictures:**
 - Verify that a memory card is inserted and has sufficient free space.
 - Check if the lens cap (if applicable) is removed.
 - Ensure the camera is not in playback mode.
- **Images are blurry:**
 - Hold the camera steady when shooting.
 - Ensure the lens is clean.
 - Check focus settings; allow the camera to focus before fully pressing the shutter.
- **"Lens Error" message:**
 - This may indicate an obstruction or malfunction with the lens mechanism. Try turning the camera off and on again. If the problem persists, contact customer support.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model	CoolPix S550
Effective Pixels	10.0 MP
Image Sensor	1/2.3-inch CCD
Optical Zoom	5x
Focal Length	36-180mm (35mm equivalent)
Aperture	f/3.5-5.6

LCD Monitor	2.5-inch, 230K dots
Storage Media	SD / SDHC Card, Internal Memory (approx. 52 MB)
File Formats	JPEG (EXIF 2.21), AVI (Movie)
ISO Sensitivity	64-2000
Image Stabilization	Digital Image Stabilization
Battery	Rechargeable EN-EL11 Li-ion Battery
Dimensions (W x H x D)	88 x 51 x 22mm (approx.)
Weight	120g (without battery, memory card)

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Manufacturer Warranty: Nikon provides a 1-year limited warranty for parts and labor for the CoolPix S550 camera. For technical support, service, or warranty claims, please refer to the official Nikon website or contact Nikon customer service directly. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty validation.

Online Resources: For additional information, firmware updates, and FAQs, visit the official Nikon support website.

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