

Canon SD940IS

Canon PowerShot SD940IS Digital Camera User Manual

Model: SD940IS

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Read all instructions carefully before using the camera. Keep this manual for future reference. Observe all warnings and instructions marked on the product.

- **Battery Safety:** Use only specified batteries and chargers. Do not expose batteries to excessive heat or dispose of them in fire.
- **Water Exposure:** This camera is not waterproof. Avoid exposing the camera to water or high humidity.
- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth for cleaning. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners.
- **Disassembly:** Do not attempt to disassemble or modify the camera. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- **Operating Temperature:** Operate the camera within the recommended temperature range to prevent malfunction.

1. SETUP

1.1 Unpacking

Verify that all items are present in the package:

- Canon PowerShot SD940IS Digital Camera
- Battery Pack
- Battery Charger
- Wrist Strap
- USB Cable
- AV Cable
- Digital Camera Solution CD-ROM
- User Manual (this document)

1.2 Battery Installation and Charging

The camera uses a rechargeable lithium-ion battery pack. Ensure the battery is fully charged before first use.

1. Open the battery cover located on the bottom of the camera.
2. Insert the battery pack with the contacts facing the correct direction, as indicated inside the compartment.
3. Close the battery cover securely.
4. Connect the battery charger to a power outlet and insert the battery. The charging indicator will illuminate.
5. Once charging is complete (indicator turns off), remove the battery from the charger.



Image: Canon PowerShot SD940IS Digital Camera. This image illustrates the general appearance of the camera, including the location of the battery compartment on the underside.

1.3 Memory Card Insertion

The camera supports SD/SDHC memory cards (not included). A Class 6 or higher SD card is recommended for HD video recording.

1. Open the memory card slot cover, usually located near the battery compartment.
2. Insert the SD/SDHC card into the slot with the label facing the front of the camera until it clicks into place.
3. Close the memory card slot cover securely.

1.4 Initial Setup

Upon first power-on, you may be prompted to set the date, time, and language. Follow the on-screen instructions using the camera's control buttons.

2. OPERATING THE CAMERA

2.1 Turning the Camera On/Off

Press the **POWER** button to turn the camera on or off. The lens will extend when powered on.

2.2 Basic Photography Modes

Rotate the mode dial to select your desired shooting mode:

- **Smart AUTO (green camera icon):** The camera automatically detects the scene and applies optimal settings from 22 predefined shooting situations. This is recommended for beginners.
- **Program AE (P):** Allows more control over settings like ISO, white balance, and metering, while the camera sets aperture and shutter speed.
- **Scene Modes (SCN):** Offers various scene-specific presets like Portrait, Landscape, Night Snapshot, Kids & Pets, Indoor, etc.
- **Movie Mode (red camera icon):** For recording video.

2.3 Taking Photos

1. Turn the mode dial to a photography mode (e.g., Smart AUTO).
2. Frame your shot using the 2.7-inch LCD screen.
3. Use the zoom lever to adjust the optical zoom (4x).
4. Press the shutter button halfway down to focus. The focus frame will turn green when focus is achieved.
5. Press the shutter button fully down to take the picture.



Image: Front view of the Canon PowerShot SD940IS Digital Camera. This image highlights the lens, flash, and autofocus assist beam.

2.4 Recording Videos

The PowerShot SD940IS can record 720p HD movies.

1. Rotate the mode dial to the Movie Mode icon.

2. Press the movie button (often a dedicated red button) to start recording.
3. Press the movie button again to stop recording.
4. **Note:** Optical zoom is not available during video recording; digital zoom can be used up to 4x.

2.5 Playback Mode

Press the **PLAYBACK** button to review your photos and videos.

- Use the directional buttons to navigate through images.
- Press the **FUNC./SET** button to play videos.
- Use the zoom lever to zoom in on photos or view multiple images at once.

2.6 Connecting to a Computer or TV

You can view your images and videos on a computer or HDTV.

- **Computer:** Connect the camera to your computer using the supplied USB cable. The camera will appear as a removable drive, allowing you to transfer files. Install the Canon Digital Camera Solution software for advanced features.
- **HDTV:** Use an HDMI cable (Type C Mini HDMI, not included) to connect the camera to an HDTV for high-definition playback.

3. MAINTENANCE

3.1 Cleaning the Camera

- **Camera Body:** Wipe with a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn dirt, slightly dampen the cloth with water.
- **Lens:** Use a lens brush or a blower to remove dust. For smudges, use a lens cleaning cloth and lens cleaning fluid. Avoid touching the lens with your fingers.
- **LCD Screen:** Gently wipe with a soft, dry cloth.

3.2 Battery Care

- Charge the battery fully before extended storage.
- Remove the battery from the camera if it will not be used for a long period.
- Store batteries in a cool, dry place.

3.3 Storage

When not in use, store the camera in a dry, well-ventilated area, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Consider using a camera case for protection.

4. TROUBLESHOOTING

Refer to the table below for solutions to common issues.

Problem	Solution
Camera does not turn on.	Ensure the battery is fully charged and correctly inserted.
Cannot take pictures.	Check if a memory card is inserted and has sufficient free space. Ensure the lens cap is removed.

Problem	Solution
Images are blurry.	Ensure the lens is clean. Hold the camera steady. Check focus settings.
Video recording stops unexpectedly.	Use a high-speed memory card (Class 6 or higher). Ensure sufficient memory card space.
Camera freezes.	Remove and reinsert the battery to reset the camera.

5. SPECIFICATIONS

Key technical specifications for the Canon PowerShot SD940IS Digital Camera:

Feature	Detail
Model Name	PowerShot SD940IS
Photo Sensor Resolution	12.1 Megapixels
Optical Zoom	4x
Digital Zoom	4x
Image Stabilization	Optical
Screen Size	2.7 Inches LCD
Video Resolution	720p HD
Supported Memory Cards	SD, SDHC (up to 32 GB)
Connectivity	USB, HDMI (Type C Mini)
Item Weight	4.16 ounces

6. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

6.1 Warranty Information

Canon products typically come with a limited warranty covering defects in materials and workmanship. Please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Canon website for detailed warranty terms and conditions specific to your region.

Note: Warranty terms may vary by country and retailer. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

6.2 Customer Support

For technical assistance, service, or further inquiries, please contact Canon customer support. Support contact information can usually be found on the Canon official website or in the documentation provided with your camera.

Online Resources: Visit the official Canon support website for FAQs, driver downloads, and additional resources. [Canon Support Website](#)

