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Model: EasyShare Z981

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and effective use of your Kodak EasyShare Z981 Digital Camera. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the camera to ensure optimal performance and to prevent damage. The Kodak EasyShare Z981 features a 14-megapixel sensor, 26x optical zoom, and HD video recording capabilities, designed for versatile photography.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- **Battery Safety:** Use only recommended batteries. Do not mix old and new batteries, or different types of batteries. Dispose of batteries properly.
- **Water and Moisture:** This camera is not waterproof. Avoid exposing the camera to water, rain, or high humidity.
- **Temperature:** Do not expose the camera to extreme temperatures (hot or cold).
- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth for cleaning. Do not use harsh chemicals.
- **Lens Care:** Avoid touching the lens surface. Use a lens brush or cloth specifically designed for camera lenses.
- **Disassembly:** Do not attempt to disassemble or repair the camera yourself. Refer servicing to qualified personnel.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items are present in your camera package:

- Kodak EasyShare Z981 Digital Camera
- Lens Cap
- USB Cable
- Battery (AA type, quantity may vary)
- Neck Strap

CAMERA OVERVIEW

Familiarize yourself with the main components of your Kodak EasyShare Z981 camera.



Figure 1: Rear View. This image shows the back of the Kodak EasyShare Z981 camera, highlighting the 3-inch LCD screen, navigation buttons, and the 'share' button. The screen displays a sample image.



Figure 2: Top View. This image displays the top of the Kodak EasyShare Z981 camera, featuring the mode dial, power button, shutter release button, and the extended optical zoom lens.



Figure 3: Side View. This image provides a side perspective of the Kodak EasyShare Z981 camera, illustrating the ergonomic grip and the profile of the lens barrel.

SETUP

1. Battery Installation

1. Locate the battery compartment door on the bottom of the camera.
2. Slide the latch to open the door.
3. Insert the AA batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+/-) as indicated inside the compartment.
4. Close the battery compartment door firmly until it latches securely.

2. Memory Card Installation

The camera supports SD and SDHC memory cards (not included).

1. Open the memory card slot cover, usually located near the battery compartment.
2. Insert the SD/SDHC card with the metal contacts facing the correct direction, as shown by the diagram near the slot.
3. Push the card gently until it clicks into place.
4. Close the memory card slot cover.

3. Attaching the Neck Strap

Thread the neck strap through the strap lugs on the camera body as per the instructions provided with the strap. Ensure it is securely fastened to prevent accidental drops.

4. Attaching the Lens Cap

Place the lens cap onto the front of the lens when the camera is not in use to protect the lens from dust and scratches. Remember to remove it before powering on the camera to avoid error messages.

5. Initial Power On

Press the **Power** button to turn on the camera. The LCD screen will illuminate, and the lens will extend. Follow any on-screen prompts for initial setup, such as setting the date and time.

OPERATING THE CAMERA

Photography Modes

Rotate the mode dial on the top of the camera to select your desired shooting mode:

- *Auto Mode*: The camera automatically adjusts all settings for simple point-and-shoot operation.
- *Program (P) Mode*: The camera sets aperture and shutter speed, but you can adjust other settings like ISO and white balance.
- *Aperture Priority (A) Mode*: You set the aperture, and the camera selects the appropriate shutter speed.
- *Shutter Priority (S) Mode*: You set the shutter speed, and the camera selects the appropriate aperture.
- *Manual (M) Mode*: You have full control over both aperture and shutter speed.
- *Scene (SCN) Modes*: Pre-programmed settings for specific situations (e.g., Portrait, Landscape, Sport).

Taking Pictures

1. **Framing**: Use the 3-inch LCD screen or the electronic viewfinder to compose your shot.
2. **Zoom**: Use the zoom lever (W/T) to adjust the 26x optical zoom for wide-angle or telephoto shots. The camera also features 5x digital zoom.
3. **Focusing**: Press the shutter button halfway down to activate autofocus. The camera will focus on the subject, and a focus indicator will appear. The camera supports multi-area, center, and spot autofocus.
4. **Shutter Release**: Press the shutter button fully to capture the image. A vertical shutter release is also available for comfortable vertical shooting.
5. **Flash**: Adjust flash settings (Auto, On, Off, Slow Synch, Rear Curtain Synch) via the camera menu or dedicated button.
6. **White Balance**: Select appropriate white balance settings (Auto, Daylight, Flash, Shade, Tungsten) to ensure accurate color reproduction.
7. **Self-Timer**: Activate the 16-second self-timer for delayed shots.

Video Recording

The Kodak EasyShare Z981 can record HD 720p video in AVC format.

1. Switch the mode dial to the video recording icon.
2. Press the dedicated video record button to start recording.
3. Press the button again to stop recording.

Reviewing Images and Videos

Press the **Review** button (often indicated by a play icon) to view your captured photos and videos on the LCD screen. Use the navigation buttons to scroll through your media.

Sharing Content

Utilize the dedicated **Share** button to easily tag pictures for upload to platforms like YouTube, Facebook, Flickr, and Kodak Gallery sites, or for emailing, once the camera is connected to a computer with Kodak EasyShare software.

MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning the Camera Body:** Wipe the camera body with a soft, lint-free cloth. For stubborn dirt, slightly dampen the cloth with water.
- **Cleaning the Lens:** Use a lens brush to remove dust, then gently wipe with a microfiber lens cloth. Avoid using harsh cleaning solutions.
- **Cleaning the LCD Screen:** Use a soft, dry, lint-free cloth. Do not press hard on the screen.
- **Battery Care:** Remove batteries if the camera will not be used for an extended period. Store batteries in a cool, dry place.
- **Memory Card Care:** Format memory cards regularly (after backing up data) to maintain optimal performance. Avoid removing the card while the camera is writing data.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause / Solution
Camera does not power on.	Check battery installation and charge level. Ensure batteries are inserted with correct polarity.
"Lens Cap On" error.	Remove the lens cap before turning on the camera.
Images are blurry.	Ensure proper focus. Use a higher shutter speed in low light or for moving subjects. Consider using a tripod for telephoto shots.
Camera operates slowly.	A full memory card or a slow memory card can affect performance. Try a different, faster SDHC card.
Battery door is difficult to close.	Ensure batteries are correctly seated and not obstructing the door mechanism. Apply firm, even pressure.

Problem	Possible Cause / Solution
Autofocus focuses on wrong object.	In scenes with foreground objects, the camera may focus on the closer element. Try using spot focus or manual focus if available.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	Kodak Easyshare Z981
Photo Sensor Resolution	14 MP
Optical Zoom	26x
Digital Zoom	5x
Lens Type	Wide Angle, Zoom (26-676mm focal length)
Screen Size	3 Inches (LCD)
Viewfinder	Electronic
Video Resolution	HD 720p
Image Stabilization	Optical
Photo Sensor Technology	CCD
Supported File Format	JPEG, RAW
Minimum ISO	64
Shutter Speed Range	1/2000 to 16 seconds
Exposure Control	Automatic, Manual
Flash Modes	Auto, On, Off, Slow Synch, Rear Curtain Synch
Storage Media	SD/SDHC card, Internal memory
Connectivity	USB
Item Weight	1.2 Pounds
Color	Black

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Specific warranty details for the Kodak EasyShare Z981 camera are typically provided with the product at the time of purchase. Please refer to the warranty card or documentation included in your original packaging for information regarding warranty period, coverage, and terms. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or to download the latest software and drivers, please visit the official KODAK support website. You may also find FAQs and additional resources there.

Note: Product specifications and features are subject to change without notice.