

## Polaroid POLPIC300BL

# Polaroid PIC-300 Instant Film Camera User Manual

Model: POLPIC300BL | Brand: Polaroid

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Polaroid PIC-300 is a modern instant film camera designed to capture and print photos instantly. This camera allows you to take pictures that develop in front of your eyes within minutes, providing a tangible memory in a digital age. It is an analog camera that prints business card-sized photos (1.8 inches x 2.4 inches) on paper measuring 2.1 inches x 3.4 inches, utilizing Zink Zero Ink Technology for high-quality, full-color glossy prints without the need for ink cartridges.

Each photo print is dry-to-the-touch, water-resistant, and features an adhesive back, allowing you to stick your photos to various surfaces without damage.

## 2. GETTING STARTED: SETUP

### 2.1. Unpacking

Before using your Polaroid PIC-300 camera, ensure all components are present in the box:

- Polaroid PIC-300 Instant Camera
- Wrist strap
- 4 AA batteries

*Note: Instant film is not included and must be purchased separately.*

### 2.2. Installing Batteries

The PIC-300 camera requires four AA alkaline batteries. Ensure all batteries are of the same type and size for optimal performance.

1. Locate the battery compartment on the rear of the camera.

2. Open the battery compartment cover.
3. Insert four AA batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+/-) as indicated inside the compartment.
4. Close the battery compartment cover securely.



Image: Rear view of the Polaroid PIC-300 camera, showing the film and battery compartment.

### 2.3. Loading Film

The Polaroid PIC-300 uses Polaroid 300 Instant Film (also compatible with PIF 300 Instant Film). Each film pack includes one black film cover and 10 film sheets.

1. Ensure the camera is powered off before loading film.
2. Open the film compartment door on the rear of the camera.
3. Remove the new film pack from its inner bag immediately before loading. Avoid exposing the film to direct heat or sunlight.
4. Align the yellow mark on the film pack with the yellow mark inside the camera's film compartment.
5. Gently push the film pack into place until it clicks.
6. Close the film compartment door securely.
7. When you power on the camera for the first time after loading film, the black film cover will automatically eject. This is normal and indicates the film is loaded correctly.



Image: Front view of the Polaroid PIC-300 camera, ready for use.

### 3. OPERATING YOUR CAMERA

#### 3.1. Powering On/Off

To power on the camera, push and pull the lens section forward. The camera will activate, and the lamps will illuminate. To power off, push the lens section back into the camera body.

If the camera is not used for 5 minutes while powered on, all lamps will automatically turn off, and the camera will enter an energy-saving state. To reset to the "power on" state, press the shutter release button or push and pull the lens section again.



Image: Top view of the Polaroid PIC-300 camera, illustrating the lens and power mechanism.

### 3.2. Taking a Picture

Using the Polaroid PIC-300 is simple: snap, print, and share your photos.

1. Power on the camera.
2. Frame your shot through the viewfinder.
3. Press the shutter release button to take the picture.
4. The photo will instantly print from the top of the camera.

The film counter will indicate how many pictures remain in the pack, similar to a disposable camera.

### 3.3. Adjusting Scene Settings

The camera features four scene settings to help you capture the perfect shot in various lighting conditions. Rotate the dial on the side of the camera to select the appropriate setting:

- **Indoors:** For well-lit indoor environments.
- **Cloudy/Shady:** For overcast days or shaded outdoor areas.
- **Fine Weather:** For bright, sunny outdoor conditions.
- **Clear:** For very bright, clear outdoor conditions.



Image: Side view of the Polaroid PIC-300 camera, highlighting the scene selection dial.

### 3.4. Automatic Flash

The Polaroid PIC-300 features an automatic flash that activates as needed to ensure proper exposure, especially in low-light conditions. The flash will fire automatically when the camera determines additional light is required.

## 4. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

### 4.1. Film Storage and Handling

To ensure the best quality prints, store your Polaroid instant film in its original packaging and inner bag until immediately before use. Keep film away from direct sunlight, high temperatures, and excessive humidity.

### 4.2. Cleaning Your Camera

To clean the camera body, use a soft, dry cloth. For the lens, use a lens cleaning cloth specifically designed for camera optics. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents, as these can damage the camera's finish or optical components.

## 5. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Polaroid PIC-300 camera, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Camera does not power on.	Dead or incorrectly installed batteries.	Check battery polarity. Replace all four AA batteries with new, alkaline batteries of the same type.
Film does not eject.	Film not loaded correctly; film pack empty; camera malfunction.	Ensure film pack is correctly inserted with yellow marks aligned. Check if the film pack is empty. If a new pack, ensure the black cover ejected. Try powering off and on.
Photos are too bright/washed out.	Incorrect scene setting for lighting conditions; excessive flash.	Adjust the scene setting dial to match the ambient light. Ensure you are not too close to the subject when the flash fires.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Photos are too dark.	Incorrect scene setting; insufficient light.	Adjust the scene setting dial to match the ambient light. Ensure there is enough light for the shot, or allow the automatic flash to activate.

## 6. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Product Dimensions	4.75 x 2.5 x 5 inches
Item Weight	11.3 ounces (320 Grams)
Model Number	POLPIC300BL
Batteries	4 AA batteries (included)
Max Shutter Speed	1/60 seconds
Film Format Type	2x3 (Business Card Size)
Special Feature	Built-in Automatic Flash
Included Components	Camera, Wrist Strap, 4 AA Batteries
Manufacturer	Polaroid Corporation
First Available Date	June 1, 2010

## 7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information and further support, please refer to the official user guide or contact Polaroid customer service.

You can download the official User Guide (PDF) [here](#).

Visit the official Polaroid Store for additional product information and support: [Polaroid Store on Amazon](#).

