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Model: PIC-300 | Brand: Polaroid

INTRODUCTION

The Polaroid PIC-300 Instant Film Camera captures and prints business card-sized color photos instantly. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, and maintaining your camera to ensure optimal performance and enjoyment.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

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

Note: Instant film is not included and must be purchased separately. Only use Polaroid instant color film.

SETUP

1. Battery Installation

The Polaroid PIC-300 requires four AA alkaline batteries. Ensure all batteries are of the same type and size for proper operation.

1. Open the battery compartment located on the side of the camera.
2. Insert four AA alkaline batteries, observing the correct polarity (+/-) as indicated inside the compartment.
3. Close the battery compartment securely.

2. Film Loading

Use only Polaroid instant color film. Each film pack contains one black film cover and 10 film sheets.

1. Open the film compartment door on the back of the camera.
2. Remove the new film pack from its inner bag immediately before loading.
3. Align the yellow mark on the film pack with the yellow mark on the camera's film compartment.

4. Gently slide the film pack into the compartment until it clicks into place. Do not force it.
5. Close the film compartment door. The black film cover will automatically eject. This indicates the camera is ready to take pictures.



Figure 1: Open film compartment for loading film.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Turning the Camera On/Off

To turn the camera on, pull the lens barrel outwards. To turn it off, push the lens barrel back into the camera body.

If the camera is left idle for 5 minutes, it will automatically enter an energy-saving state. To reactivate, press the shutter release button or pull/push the lens barrel.

2. Selecting a Scene Setting

The PIC-300 features four scene settings to optimize your photos for different lighting conditions. Rotate the dial on the top of the camera to select the appropriate setting:

- **Indoor + Dark:** For dimly lit indoor environments.
- **Cloudy + Shady:** For overcast days or shaded outdoor areas.
- **Fine:** For bright, sunny outdoor conditions.
- **Clear:** For very bright, clear outdoor conditions.



Figure 2: Scene selection dial on top of the camera.

3. Taking a Picture

Once the camera is on and the desired scene setting is selected:

1. Frame your subject through the viewfinder.
2. Press the shutter release button. The camera has an automatic flash feature that will activate as needed.
3. The photo will automatically eject from the top slot of the camera.



Figure 3: Front view of the Polaroid PIC-300 camera.

4. Photo Development

The ejected photo will develop in minutes. The Polaroid PoGo Zink Photo Paper uses ZINK Zero Ink Technology, where billions of tiny dye crystals embedded in the paper are activated by precise heat pulses from the camera's thermal print head. This process creates 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

them to various surfaces.

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Video 1: A user demonstrates the simple operation of the Polaroid PIC-300 Instant Film Camera, including pulling out the lens to turn it on and taking a picture.

MAINTENANCE

1. Film Care

Store film packs in a cool, dry place and keep them out of direct heat to preserve their quality. Do not remove film from its inner bag until immediately before loading it into the camera.

2. Cleaning the Camera

Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the exterior of the camera. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials that could damage the finish or lens.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Camera Not Turning On

- Ensure the lens barrel is fully pulled out to turn the camera on.
- Check that the four AA batteries are correctly installed with the proper polarity.
- Replace old or depleted batteries with new alkaline batteries of the same type and size.

Film Not Ejecting or Developing Properly

- Verify that a new film pack has been correctly loaded into the camera, with the yellow marks aligned.
- Ensure you are using genuine Polaroid instant color film.
- If the black film cover did not eject upon loading, try opening and re-closing the film compartment door.
- Allow sufficient time (a few minutes) for the photo to fully develop after ejection.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Product Dimensions:** 4.75 x 2.5 x 5 inches
- **Item Weight:** 11.3 ounces (320 Grams)
- **Model Name:** PIC-300
- **Power Source:** 4 AA batteries (alkaline recommended)
- **Film Format Type:** 2x3 inch instant color photos
- **Shutter Speed:** 1/60 seconds (electronic shutter)
- **Special Feature:** Built-in automatic flash
- **Manufacturer:** Polaroid Corporation

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Specific warranty details for the Polaroid PIC-300 Instant Film Camera are not provided in this manual. Please refer to the product packaging or contact Polaroid customer support for detailed warranty information and assistance.

