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## Canon A1200

# Canon PowerShot A1200 Digital Camera User Manual

Model: A1200

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The Canon PowerShot A1200 is a 12.1-megapixel digital camera equipped with a 4x optical zoom lens. It features both an LCD screen and an optical viewfinder, offering flexibility for image composition. The camera is designed for ease of use with various automatic and creative shooting modes, and it records 720p HD video. It operates on readily available AA batteries.



This image shows the front of the Canon PowerShot A1200 digital camera. It features a black body, the Canon logo, a 4x optical zoom lens, a built-in flash, and an optical viewfinder. The model name 'PowerShot A1200' and '12.1 Megapixels' are visible on the camera body.

## SETUP

### 1. Inserting Batteries

The PowerShot A1200 uses AA-size batteries. Open the battery compartment cover located on the bottom of the camera. Insert two AA batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+/-) as indicated inside the compartment. Close the cover securely.

### 2. Inserting a Memory Card

The camera supports SD, SDHC, and SDXC memory cards. Open the memory card slot cover, typically located near the battery compartment. Insert the memory card with the gold contacts facing the correct direction until it clicks into place. Close the cover.

### 3. Initial Power-On

Press the power button to turn on the camera. Follow any on-screen prompts to set the date, time, and language. Ensure the lens cover (if applicable) is removed before use.

## 1. Basic Shooting Modes

- **Smart AUTO:** This mode automatically detects the scene and selects optimal settings from 32 predefined situations. Turn the mode dial to 'Smart AUTO' for simplified shooting.
- **Program (P):** This mode allows for more control over exposure compensation while the camera handles most other settings.

## 2. Using the Viewfinder and LCD Screen

The camera offers both an optical viewfinder and a 2.7-inch LCD screen for composing shots. The optical viewfinder can be used to stabilize the camera by holding it to your eye, which can reduce camera shake. The LCD screen provides a detailed view and access to camera settings.

## 3. Taking Photos

1. Select your desired shooting mode using the mode dial.
2. Frame your subject using either the LCD screen or the optical viewfinder.
3. Press the shutter button halfway down to focus. The focus frame will illuminate when focus is achieved.
4. Press the shutter button fully to capture the image.

## 4. Recording Videos (720p HD)

To record video, switch the camera to video mode (if available via a dedicated button or mode dial setting). Press the movie button to start recording and press it again to stop. The camera records in 720p HD resolution.

## 5. Special Shooting Modes (Creative Filters & Scene Modes)

The Creative Filters mode dial setting provides access to various effects:

- **Fisheye Effect:** Applies a curvilinear distortion.
- **Miniature Effect:** Blurs the top and bottom of the image to create a miniature look.
- **Toy Camera Effect:** Simulates photos from toy cameras with vignetting.
- **Monochrome:** Offers Black-and-White, Sepia, or Blue tones.
- **Super Vivid:** Intensifies existing colors.
- **Poster Effect:** Combines similar shades for a poster-like appearance.

Additional scene modes include:

- **Portrait:** Blurs the background to emphasize the subject.
- **Landscape:** Sets a small aperture for front-to-back sharpness.
- **Kids & Pets:** Reduces focusing time for fast-moving subjects.
- **Smart Shutter:** Automatically takes photos when subjects smile, wink, or enter the frame.
- **Low Light:** Optimizes for dimly lit situations.
- **Discreet Mode:** Disables flash, AF assist beam, and all camera sounds for quiet environments.

## 6. Zoom Operation

Use the zoom lever (typically around the shutter button) to adjust the optical zoom. Zoom in to magnify distant subjects or zoom out for wider shots.

## 7. Reviewing Images and Videos

Press the playback button (usually marked with a play icon) to view captured photos and videos on the LCD screen. Use the directional buttons to navigate through your media.

## MAINTENANCE

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### 1. Cleaning the Camera

- **Camera Body:** Wipe with a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn dirt, use a cloth lightly dampened with water. Avoid harsh chemicals.
- **Lens:** Use a lens brush to remove dust, then gently wipe with a microfiber lens cloth. Do not touch the lens surface with your fingers.
- **LCD Screen:** Wipe gently with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid pressing too hard.

### 2. Battery Care

- Remove batteries when the camera will not be used for an extended period.
- Store batteries in a cool, dry place.
- Replace AA batteries when the low battery indicator appears.

### 3. Memory Card Handling

- Always format new memory cards in the camera before first use.
- Avoid removing the memory card while the camera is writing data (e.g., immediately after taking a photo or during video recording).
- Keep memory cards away from strong magnetic fields.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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### Camera Does Not Power On

- Check if the batteries are inserted correctly with the correct polarity.
- Replace with fresh AA batteries.
- Ensure the battery compartment cover is fully closed.

### Images Are Blurry

- Ensure the camera is held steady during shooting. Use the optical viewfinder or a tripod if necessary.
- Check that the lens is clean and free from smudges.
- In low light, the camera may automatically increase ISO, which can introduce noise. Consider using a flash or a stable surface.

### Flash Does Not Fire

- Check the flash mode settings. Ensure it is not set to 'Off' or 'Discreet Mode'.
- The flash may not fire if the ambient light is sufficient.

### Memory Card Error

- Ensure the memory card is inserted correctly.
- Try reformatting the memory card (note: this will erase all data).

- Test with a different, known-good memory card.

## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Model Name</b>	PowerShot A1200
<b>Model Number</b>	5032B001
<b>Photo Sensor Resolution</b>	12.1 MP
<b>Optical Zoom</b>	4x
<b>Digital Zoom</b>	4x
<b>Lens Type</b>	Wide Angle, Zoom
<b>Minimum Focal Length</b>	28 Millimeters
<b>Maximum Focal Length</b>	112 Millimeters (35mm equivalent)
<b>Maximum Aperture</b>	F2.8 - F5.9
<b>Image Stabilization</b>	Digital, Optical
<b>Photo Sensor Technology</b>	CCD
<b>Screen Size</b>	2.7 Inches
<b>Display Type</b>	LCD
<b>Viewfinder</b>	Optical
<b>Video Resolution</b>	HD 720p
<b>Supported File Format</b>	JPEG, RAW
<b>Flash Memory Type</b>	SD/SDHC/SDXC/MMC/MMCplus/HCMMCplus
<b>Power Source</b>	AA Batteries
<b>Connectivity Technology</b>	USB
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Canon Cameras US

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

This Canon PowerShot A1200 digital camera comes with a **ONE YEAR** limited warranty from the date of purchase. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For detailed terms and conditions, refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Canon support website.

## CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or service inquiries regarding your Canon PowerShot A1200 camera, please visit the official Canon support website or contact Canon customer service directly. Contact information can typically be found on the Canon website or in the documentation provided with your camera.

