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Kodak Easyshare C1550 Digital Camera User Manual

Model: C1550

Introduction

Welcome to the user manual for your Kodak Easyshare C1550 Digital Camera. This guide provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your camera to help you capture high-quality photos and videos. The Kodak Easyshare C1550 is designed for ease of use, featuring a 16-megapixel sensor, 5x optical zoom, and a 3-inch LCD screen.



Image: Front view of the Kodak Easyshare C1550 digital camera, showcasing its lens and compact design.

Setup

1. Battery Installation

The Kodak Easyshare C1550 uses two AA batteries. For optimal performance, use high-quality alkaline or rechargeable Ni-MH batteries.

1. Locate the battery compartment door on the bottom of the camera.
2. Slide the latch to open the compartment.
3. Insert two AA batteries, ensuring the positive (+) and negative (-) terminals align correctly with the indicators inside the compartment.
4. Close the battery compartment door securely until it clicks into place.



Image: Side view of the Kodak Easyshare C1550, illustrating the location of the battery compartment and controls.

2. Memory Card Installation

The camera supports SD and SDHC memory cards. A memory card is required to store photos and videos.

1. With the camera powered off, open the battery compartment door. The memory card slot is usually located next to the batteries.
2. Insert the SD or SDHC card into the slot with the metal contacts facing the front of the camera, until it clicks into place.
3. Close the battery compartment door.

Important: Ensure the camera is off before inserting or removing the memory card to prevent data corruption.

3. Initial Power On

Press the **Power** button (usually located on the top or side of the camera) to turn on the camera. Follow any on-screen prompts for initial setup, such as setting the date and time.

Operating the Camera

1. Taking Photos (Smart Capture Mode)

The Kodak Easyshare C1550 features Smart Capture Technology, which automatically adjusts camera settings for optimal results in most situations.

1. Turn on the camera. It will typically default to Smart Capture mode.
2. Frame your shot using the 3-inch LCD screen.
3. Press the shutter button halfway down to focus. The focus frame will turn green when focus is achieved.
4. Press the shutter button all the way down to take the picture.



Image: Rear view of the Kodak Easyshare C1550, showing the LCD screen and control buttons for navigation and shooting.

2. Using Zoom

The camera has 5x optical zoom and 5x digital zoom.

- To zoom in, push the zoom lever (often labeled 'T' for Telephoto) towards the 'T' side.
- To zoom out, push the zoom lever (often labeled 'W' for Wide) towards the 'W' side.

Note: Optical zoom maintains image quality, while digital zoom magnifies the image electronically and may reduce quality.

3. Flash Modes

The built-in flash can be adjusted for different lighting conditions. Access flash settings via the camera's menu or a dedicated flash button.

- **Auto Flash:** Camera automatically determines if flash is needed.
- **Fill Flash (On):** Flash fires for every shot.
- **Red-Eye Reduction:** Fires a pre-flash to reduce red-eye effect.
- **Off:** Flash does not fire.

- **Slow Sync:** Combines flash with a slow shutter speed for balanced exposure in low light.

4. Shooting Modes

The camera offers various scene modes to optimize settings for specific situations.

- **Landscape:** For wide outdoor scenes.
- **Night Portrait:** For portraits in low light with flash.
- **Portrait:** For taking pictures of people, blurring the background.
- **Scene:** Access various pre-set scene modes (e.g., beach, snow, fireworks).

5. Recording Videos

The Kodak C1550 can record videos in 640 x 480 resolution.

1. Switch the camera to video mode (if available via a dedicated button or menu option).
2. Press the shutter button to start recording.
3. Press the shutter button again to stop recording.

6. Image Playback

To view your photos and videos:

1. Press the **Playback** button (often indicated by a triangle icon).
2. Use the directional pad to navigate through your images.
3. Press the **OK** button to view details or play videos.

7. Connecting to a Computer

Transfer photos and videos to your computer using the supplied USB cable.

1. Ensure the camera is off.
2. Connect one end of the USB cable to the camera's USB port and the other end to your computer's USB port.
3. Turn on the camera. Your computer should detect the camera as a removable drive.
4. Follow your computer's instructions to import files.

Maintenance

1. Cleaning the Camera

- Use a soft, lint-free cloth to clean the camera body.
- For the lens, use a specialized lens cleaning cloth and solution. Avoid touching the lens with your fingers.
- Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.

2. Battery Care

- Remove batteries if the camera will not be used for an extended period to prevent leakage.
- Store batteries in a cool, dry place.
- Dispose of old batteries responsibly according to local regulations.

3. Storage

- Store the camera in a dry, dust-free environment, away from extreme temperatures and direct sunlight.

- Consider using a camera bag for protection during transport.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause / Solution
Camera does not turn on.	• Batteries are dead or inserted incorrectly. Replace or reinsert batteries. • Battery compartment door is not closed securely.
"Memory Card Error" message.	• Memory card is not inserted correctly. Reinsert the card. • Memory card is corrupted or damaged. Try a different card. • Memory card is full. Delete some files or use a new card.
Pictures are blurry.	• Camera shake. Hold the camera steady or use a tripod. • Subject is out of focus. Ensure the camera focuses before taking the shot. • Lens is dirty. Clean the lens.
Flash does not fire.	• Flash mode is set to "Off". Change to Auto or Fill Flash. • Batteries are low. Replace batteries.
Camera is slow to respond.	• Memory card is nearly full or a slow-speed card. Use a faster, less full card. • Low battery power.

Specifications

- **Effective Still Resolution:** 16 MP
- **Optical Zoom:** 5x
- **Digital Zoom:** 5x
- **Screen Size:** 3 Inches LCD
- **Photo Sensor Technology:** CCD
- **Image Stabilization:** Electronic
- **Supported File Format:** MP4 (for video)
- **Video Resolution:** 640 x 480
- **Flash Modes:** Auto, On/Fill, Off, Slow Sync
- **Memory Card Type:** SD, SDHC
- **Connectivity:** USB
- **Power Source:** 2 x AA Batteries
- **Item Weight:** 10.72 ounces
- **Model Number:** C1550BLU

Warranty and Support

For information regarding your product's warranty, please refer to the warranty card included in the original packaging or visit the official Kodak support website. For technical assistance, frequently asked questions, or to download updated drivers and software, please visit the Kodak support portal.

Online Support: www.kodak.com/go/support (This is a placeholder link, actual link may vary)

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