

Olympus SH-21

Olympus SH-21 Digital Camera Instruction Manual

Model: SH-21

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use of your Olympus SH-21 digital camera. Please read it thoroughly before using the camera and keep it in a safe place for future reference. The Olympus SH-21 is a 16-megapixel point-and-shoot digital camera featuring a 12.5x optical zoom lens and optical image stabilization, designed for capturing high-quality stills and Full HD video.

1. SETUP

1.1. Installing the Battery

The Olympus SH-21 uses a Lithium-Ion battery. Ensure the battery is fully charged before first use.

1. Open the battery compartment cover located on the bottom of the camera.
2. Insert the battery with the contacts facing the correct direction, as indicated inside the compartment.
3. Close the battery compartment cover securely until it clicks into place.

1.2. Inserting a Memory Card

The camera supports SD memory cards for storing photos and videos. A memory card is required for extensive shooting.

1. Open the memory card slot cover, usually located near the battery compartment.
2. Insert the SD card into the slot with the label facing the front of the camera until it clicks.
3. Close the memory card slot cover.

1.3. Initial Power On and Date/Time Setting

After installing the battery and memory card, power on the camera for the first time.

1. Press the **ON/OFF** button located on the top of the camera.
2. The camera display will prompt you to set the date and time. Use the directional buttons and **OK** button to navigate and confirm settings.
3. Set your preferred language.

2. OPERATING THE CAMERA

2.1. Basic Photography

The SH-21 offers various shooting modes, including an easy automatic mode for straightforward operation.

1. Turn the mode dial to the desired shooting mode (e.g., **i-Auto** for intelligent auto mode).
2. Frame your subject using the LCD screen.
3. Use the zoom lever (W/T) to adjust the optical zoom (12.5x) or digital zoom (4x).
4. Press the shutter button halfway down to focus. The focus frame will turn green when focus is achieved.
5. Press the shutter button fully to take the picture.



Figure 2.1: Front view of the Olympus SH-21 digital camera, showing the lens and flash. The 12.5x optical zoom lens is visible, along with the built-in flash unit.

2.2. Using the Flash

The built-in flash can be used in low-light conditions. Flash modes can typically be adjusted via the camera's menu or a dedicated button.

- **Auto Flash:** The camera automatically determines when to fire the flash.
- **Red-Eye Reduction:** Fires a pre-flash to reduce red-eye effect.
- **Fill Flash:** Forces the flash to fire regardless of ambient light.
- **Flash Off:** Disables the flash.

2.3. Recording Videos

The SH-21 can record Full HD videos with sound.

1. Press the dedicated **Movie Record Button** (often marked with a red dot) to start recording.
2. Press the button again to stop recording.
3. Optical zoom is available during video recording, though some operational noise may be recorded.



Figure 2.2: Rear view of the Olympus SH-21 digital camera, displaying the LCD screen and control buttons. The movie record button, directional pad, and menu button are visible.

2.4. Reviewing Images and Videos

To view your captured content:

1. Press the **Playback** button (often marked with a triangle icon).
2. Use the directional buttons to scroll through images and videos.
3. Press **OK** to play a video.
4. Press the Playback button again to exit playback mode.

2.5. Connecting to a Computer or TV

You can connect your camera to a computer for file transfer or to a TV for viewing on a larger screen.

- **USB Connection:** Use the supplied USB cable to connect the camera to your computer. The camera will appear as a removable drive, allowing you to copy files.
- **HDMI Connection:** Use an HDMI cable (sold separately) to connect the camera to an HDMI-compatible TV. Select the correct HDMI input on your TV to view camera content.

3. MAINTENANCE

3.1. Cleaning the Camera

- **Lens:** Use a soft, lint-free cloth or a lens brush to gently remove dust. For smudges, use a lens cleaning solution applied to the cloth, not directly to the lens.
- **LCD Screen:** Wipe gently with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid pressing hard.
- **Camera Body:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe away dust and dirt. Do not use organic solvents or strong cleaning agents.

3.2. Battery Care

- Always use the original Olympus charger for your Lithium-Ion battery.
- Avoid exposing the battery to extreme temperatures.
- If the camera will not be used for an extended period, remove the battery.

3.3. Storage

Store the camera in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and high humidity. Use a camera bag to protect it from dust and physical impact.

4. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Olympus SH-21, refer to the following common solutions:

- **Camera does not power on:** Ensure the battery is fully charged and correctly inserted.
- **Cannot take pictures:** Check if a memory card is inserted and has sufficient free space. Ensure the lens cap is removed (if applicable) and the camera is not in playback mode.
- **Blurry images:** Ensure the lens is clean. Check if the camera is focusing correctly (half-press the shutter button). Use optical image stabilization in low light or with zoom.
- **Flash does not fire:** Check flash settings; it might be set to "Flash Off." Ensure the subject is within flash range.
- **Battery drains quickly:** Reduce screen brightness, limit video recording, and turn off the camera when not in use. Ensure the battery is not old or damaged.
- **Memory card error:** Reinsert the memory card. If the error persists, try formatting the card (this will erase all data) or use a different card.

5. SPECIFICATIONS

Below are the key technical specifications for the Olympus SH-21 digital camera:

Model Name	SH-21
Photo Sensor Resolution	16 MP
Photo Sensor Technology	CMOS
Optical Zoom	12.5x
Digital Zoom	4x
Image Stabilization	Optical
Screen Size	3 Inches
Supported File Format	JPEG, RAW
Video Capture Format	MP4 (Full HD)
Battery Type	Lithium Ion
Flash Memory Type	SD
Connectivity Technology	HDMI, USB
Item Weight	184 Grams



Figure 2.3: Top view of the Olympus SH-21 digital camera, showing the mode dial, shutter button, and zoom lever. The stereo microphones are also visible.

6. WARRANTY INFORMATION

Please note that this Olympus SH-21 camera is an **International Version** and is sold **without a manufacturer's warranty**. Any claims regarding defects or malfunctions should be directed to the retailer from whom the product was purchased, subject to their return and exchange policies.

7. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or inquiries not covered in this manual, please refer to the official Olympus support website or contact your local Olympus service center. Contact information can typically be found on the Olympus official website.

You may also find additional resources and FAQs by visiting the [Olympus Store on Amazon](#).