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INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Model: L26 (26299)

1. Introduction

Welcome to the world of digital photography with your new Nikon COOLPIX L26 camera. This manual provides essential information on how to set up, operate, and maintain your camera to ensure optimal performance and longevity. The COOLPIX L26 is designed for ease of use, featuring a 16.1-megapixel CCD sensor, a 5x Zoom-NIKKOR glass lens, and a 3-inch LCD monitor, making it ideal for capturing everyday moments in high quality. Please read this manual thoroughly before using your camera and keep it in a safe place for future reference.

2. Product Overview

Familiarize yourself with the various parts of your Nikon COOLPIX L26 camera.



Figure 2.1: Front and Top View of the Nikon COOLPIX L26 Digital Camera (Red)

This image displays the Nikon COOLPIX L26 digital camera in its red finish. Key features visible include the prominent NIKKOR 5x Wide Optical Zoom lens on the front, the built-in flash to the right of the lens, and the Nikon and COOLPIX branding. On the top surface, the shutter button and zoom lever are clearly visible, along with the power button. The camera's sleek, compact design is evident.

2.1. Camera Components

- **Lens:** NIKKOR 5x optical zoom lens (4.6-23.0mm, equivalent to 26-130mm in 35mm format).
- **Flash:** Built-in flash for low-light conditions.
- **Shutter Button:** Press to take photos.
- **Zoom Lever:** Controls the optical and digital zoom.
- **Power Button:** Turns the camera on/off.
- **LCD Monitor:** 3-inch bright LCD for framing shots and reviewing images.
- **Battery Compartment:** Holds two AA batteries.
- **Memory Card Slot:** For SD, SDHC, or SDXC memory cards.
- **USB Port:** For connecting to a computer (UC-E16 USB Cable included).

3. Setup

3.1. Installing Batteries

1. Open the battery compartment cover located on the bottom of the camera.

2. Insert two AA batteries (LR6/L40 alkaline, NiMH, or Lithium) according to the polarity indicators (+/-) inside the compartment.
3. Close the battery compartment cover securely.

Note: The camera is compatible with 'AA' batteries. For best performance, use high-quality alkaline, NiMH rechargeable, or Lithium batteries. Battery life is approximately 200 photos with alkaline batteries.

3.2. Inserting a Memory Card

1. Locate the memory card slot, usually next to the battery compartment.
2. Insert an SD, SDHC, or SDXC memory card with the label facing the correct direction until it clicks into place.
3. Close the memory card slot cover.

Note: The camera has 19MB of built-in memory, but an SD card is recommended for extended shooting. Supported file formats are RAW and JPEG.

4. Operating the Camera

4.1. Powering On/Off

- To turn on the camera, press the **Power** button. The lens will extend.
- To turn off the camera, press the **Power** button again. The lens will retract.

4.2. Taking Photos

1. Turn on the camera.
2. Frame your shot using the 3-inch LCD monitor.
3. Use the zoom lever to adjust the focal length (5x optical zoom, 4x digital zoom).
4. Press the shutter button halfway down to focus. The focus frame will turn green when focus is achieved.
5. Press the shutter button all the way down to take the picture.

Tip: The camera features Scene Auto Selector, which automatically optimizes settings for various shooting conditions. Other shooting modes include Portrait, Landscape, Night Landscape, Close Up, and more.

4.3. Recording Videos

The COOLPIX L26 can record HD (720p) movies.

1. Ensure the camera is in a video recording mode (refer to your camera's on-screen menu for specific instructions).
2. Press the dedicated movie record button (if available) or the shutter button to start recording.
3. Press the button again to stop recording.

Note: Video capture format is MPEG-4. Frame rates include 24fps, 30fps, and 60fps.

4.4. Flash Modes

The built-in flash has several modes:

- **Auto:** Flash fires automatically when needed.
- **On:** Flash fires with every shot.
- **Off:** Flash does not fire.
- **Slow Sync:** For night portraits, combining flash with slow shutter speed.

To change flash mode: Refer to the camera's menu system, typically accessed via a dedicated button or the main menu.

5. Maintenance

5.1. Cleaning the Camera

- **Lens:** Use a soft, lint-free cloth specifically designed for camera lenses. Gently wipe in a circular motion. Avoid using harsh chemicals.
- **Body:** Wipe the camera body with a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn dirt, slightly dampen the cloth with water.
- **LCD Monitor:** Use a soft, dry cloth. Avoid pressing too hard.

Caution: Do not use alcohol, thinner, or other volatile chemicals. Do not get the camera wet; it is not water resistant.

5.2. Battery Care and Storage

- Remove batteries when the camera will not be used for an extended period.
- Store batteries in a cool, dry place.
- If using rechargeable NiMH batteries, ensure they are fully charged before use and discharged periodically to maintain their capacity.

5.3. Camera Storage

When storing the camera for long periods, place it in a dry, well-ventilated area, away from direct sunlight, high temperatures, and humidity. It is advisable to store it in a camera bag or case to protect it from dust and physical damage.

6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Nikon COOLPIX L26, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause / Solution
Camera does not turn on or turns off immediately.	<p>Check battery installation and ensure correct polarity.</p> <p>Batteries may be depleted. Replace with fresh AA batteries or fully charged NiMH batteries.</p> <p>Battery contacts may be dirty. Clean with a dry cloth.</p>
"Lens Error" message or lens not extending/retracting.	<p>Obstruction: Ensure nothing is blocking the lens, such as a finger, strap, or debris.</p> <p>Battery level: Low battery can sometimes cause lens errors. Replace or recharge batteries.</p> <p>If the issue persists after checking for obstructions and battery level, contact Nikon support.</p>
Pictures are blurry.	<p>Camera shake: Hold the camera steady or use a tripod.</p> <p>Subject movement: Use a faster shutter speed or flash.</p> <p>Out of focus: Ensure the camera has focused correctly before pressing the shutter button fully.</p> <p>Lens is dirty: Clean the lens gently.</p>
Memory card error.	<p>Ensure the memory card is inserted correctly.</p> <p>The card may be full; delete some images or insert a new card.</p> <p>The card may be corrupted; try formatting the card (this will erase all data).</p> <p>Try a different memory card.</p>

For more complex issues or if troubleshooting steps do not resolve the problem, please contact Nikon customer support.

7. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Name	COOLPIX L26
Effective Pixels	16.1 Megapixels
Image Sensor	1/2.3-inch CCD
Lens	NIKKOR lens with 5x optical zoom (26-130mm equivalent)
Digital Zoom	Up to 4x
Monitor	3-inch (approx. 230k-dot) TFT LCD
Storage Media	SD, SDHC, SDXC memory cards; 19MB internal memory
File Formats	Still images: JPEG; Movies: MOV (Video: MPEG-4 AVC/H.264, Audio: PCM monaural)
Movie Recording	HD 720p (1280 x 720)
ISO Sensitivity	ISO 80 to 1600
Power Source	Two AA alkaline, NiMH rechargeable, or lithium batteries
Battery Life (approx.)	200 shots (with alkaline batteries)
Dimensions (W x H x D)	Approx. 96.0 x 59.7 x 28.9 mm (3.8 x 2.4 x 2.0 inches) excluding projections
Weight (approx.)	Approx. 164 g (5.8 oz) including batteries and SD memory card
Connectivity	USB

8. Warranty and Support

Your Nikon COOLPIX L26 camera comes with a **1-Year Limited Warranty**. Please refer to the warranty card included with your product for full terms and conditions. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For technical support, service, or further inquiries, please visit the official Nikon support website or contact their customer service department. Contact information can typically be found on the Nikon website or in the documentation provided with your camera.

Nikon Support Website: www.nikonusa.com/en/service-and-support/index.page