

## Nikon S3500

# Nikon COOLPIX S3500 Digital Camera User Manual

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and effective use of your Nikon COOLPIX S3500 digital camera. The COOLPIX S3500 is a compact digital camera featuring a 20.1-megapixel CCD sensor, a 7x optical zoom NIKKOR glass lens, and the capability to record 720p HD videos. It is designed for ease of use, allowing you to capture high-quality images and videos in various situations.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read all safety instructions carefully before using the camera to prevent injury or damage to the device. Keep this manual accessible for future reference.

- **Battery Safety:** Use only the specified battery and charger. Do not expose batteries to heat, fire, or attempt to disassemble them. Dispose of batteries according to local regulations.
- **Water and Moisture:** This camera is not water-resistant. Avoid exposing the camera to water, rain, or high humidity to prevent electric shock or malfunction.
- **Handling:** Do not drop the camera or subject it to strong impacts. Avoid pointing the lens at the sun or other strong light sources for extended periods, as this may damage the image sensor.
- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth for cleaning. For the lens, use a lens brush or blower to remove dust, then gently wipe with a lens cleaning cloth.

### 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

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Verify that your package contains the following items:

- Nikon COOLPIX S3500 Digital Camera
- Rechargeable Li-ion Battery
- Charging AC Adapter
- USB Cable
- Camera Strap
- User Manual (this document)

### 4. CAMERA OVERVIEW

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#### 4.1 Front View



*Figure 4.1: Front view of the Nikon COOLPIX S3500 camera, showing the lens, flash, and AF-assist illuminator.*

- **Lens:** NIKKOR 7x optical zoom lens.
- **Flash:** Built-in flash for low-light conditions.
- **AF-assist illuminator:** Emits light to aid autofocus in dark environments.

#### 4.2 Rear View



Figure 4.2: Rear view of the Nikon COOLPIX S3500 camera, displaying the LCD monitor and control buttons.

- **LCD Monitor:** 2.7-inch display for framing shots and reviewing images.
- **Movie-record button:** Press to start/stop video recording.
- **Scene button:** Access various scene modes.
- **Playback button:** View captured photos and videos.
- **Multi selector (directional buttons):** Navigate menus and select options.
- **OK button:** Confirm selections.
- **Menu button:** Access camera settings.
- **Delete button:** Erase unwanted images or videos.

### 4.3 Top View



Figure 4.3: Top view of the Nikon COOLPIX S3500 camera, showing the power button and zoom control.

- **Power button:** Turns the camera on or off.
- **Shutter-release button:** Captures photos.
- **Zoom control (W/T):** Adjusts the optical zoom (W for wide-angle, T for telephoto).

## 5. SETUP

### 5.1 Inserting the Battery

1. Open the battery-chamber cover on the bottom of the camera.
2. Insert the supplied rechargeable Li-ion battery, ensuring the correct orientation as indicated inside the compartment.
3. Close the battery-chamber cover until it clicks securely into place.

## 5.2 Inserting a Memory Card

The camera supports SD, SDHC, and SDXC memory cards.

1. Open the battery-chamber cover. The memory card slot is located next to the battery.
2. Insert the memory card with the contacts facing the correct direction, pushing it gently until it clicks into place.
3. Close the battery-chamber cover.

## 5.3 Charging the Battery

1. Ensure the battery is inserted into the camera.
2. Connect the camera to the Charging AC Adapter using the supplied USB cable.
3. Plug the Charging AC Adapter into a power outlet. The charge lamp will light up.
4. Charging is complete when the charge lamp turns off.

## 5.4 Setting Date and Time

Upon first use or after the battery has been fully depleted, you may need to set the date and time.

1. Turn on the camera. If prompted, follow the on-screen instructions to set the date, time, and time zone.
2. Alternatively, access the setup menu via the **MENU** button and navigate to the 'Date and Time' option.

# 6. OPERATING THE CAMERA

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## 6.1 Powering On/Off

Press the **Power** button located on the top of the camera to turn it on or off.

## 6.2 Taking Photos

1. **Hold the Camera:** Grip the camera firmly with both hands to minimize camera shake.
2. **Frame Your Shot:** Use the LCD monitor to compose your image.
3. **Zoom:** Use the **W/T** zoom control to adjust the focal length. Push towards 'W' for wide-angle, 'T' for telephoto.
4. **Focus:** Gently press the **shutter-release button** halfway down. The camera will autofocus, and the focus indicator will appear.
5. **Shoot:** Press the **shutter-release button** fully down to take the picture.

## 6.3 Shooting Modes

The COOLPIX S3500 offers various shooting modes to optimize settings for different scenes.

- **Scene Auto Selector:** The camera automatically detects the scene and selects the optimal settings.
- **Scene Modes:** Press the **Scene** button to choose from specific scene modes such as Portrait,

Landscape, Night Portrait, Party/Indoor, Beach, Snow, Sunset, Dusk/Dawn, Night Landscape, Close-up, Food, Fireworks Show, Backlighting, and Panorama.

## 6.4 Recording Videos

To record a video:

1. Press the dedicated **Movie-record button** on the rear of the camera. Recording will start immediately.
2. Press the **Movie-record button** again to stop recording.
3. Videos are recorded in 720p HD resolution.

## 6.5 Playback

To view your photos and videos:

1. Press the **Playback button**.
2. Use the multi selector (directional buttons) to scroll through your images and videos.
3. Press the **OK** button to view a video or zoom into a photo.

## 6.6 Deleting Images/Videos

To delete an unwanted file:

1. In playback mode, navigate to the image or video you wish to delete.
2. Press the **Delete button** (trash can icon).
3. Confirm your selection when prompted.

# 7. ADVANCED FEATURES

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## 7.1 Vibration Reduction (VR)

The COOLPIX S3500 features lens-shift Vibration Reduction, which automatically minimizes blur caused by camera shake. This allows for sharper images, especially in low light or when using the zoom function, without the need for a tripod.

## 7.2 Subject Tracking

Subject Tracking is an autofocus mode that locks onto a moving subject and keeps it in focus, even if it moves across the frame. This feature is useful for capturing active children or pets.

# 8. CONNECTING TO OTHER DEVICES

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## 8.1 Connecting to a Computer

You can transfer photos and videos to a computer using the supplied USB cable.

1. Ensure the camera is off.
2. Connect the camera to your computer using the USB cable.
3. Turn on the camera. Your computer should recognize the camera as a removable disk or imaging device, allowing you to transfer files.

## 8.2 Connecting to a TV

To view your photos and videos on a compatible television, you may use an optional audio video cable (EG-CP14).

1. Connect the camera to your TV using the appropriate cable.
2. Select the correct input channel on your TV.
3. Turn on the camera and switch to playback mode.

## 9. MAINTENANCE

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### 9.1 Cleaning the Camera

- **Camera Body:** Wipe gently with a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn dirt, slightly dampen the cloth with water.
- **Lens:** Use a lens brush or blower to remove dust. For smudges, use a lens cleaning cloth and lens cleaning fluid. Avoid touching the lens with your fingers.
- **LCD Monitor:** Gently wipe with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid pressing hard on the screen.

### 9.2 Battery Care

- Charge the battery fully before first use.
- If the camera will not be used for an extended period, remove the battery and store it in a cool, dry place.
- Avoid exposing the battery to extreme temperatures.

### 9.3 Storage

When not in use, store the camera in a dry, well-ventilated area, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Consider using a camera case for added protection.

## 10. TROUBLESHOOTING

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

Problem	Solution
Camera does not turn on.	Ensure the battery is fully charged and correctly inserted. Try charging the battery again.
Images are blurry.	Hold the camera steady. Ensure the lens is clean. Check if Vibration Reduction is active. Use sufficient lighting.
Flash does not fire.	Check flash settings. Ensure the flash is not set to 'Off' or 'Red-eye reduction' in bright conditions.
Cannot record video.	Ensure there is sufficient space on the memory card. Check battery level.
Memory card error.	Reinsert the memory card. Try a different compatible memory card. Ensure the card is not locked.

## 11. SPECIFICATIONS

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Key technical specifications for the Nikon COOLPIX S3500:

- **Model Name:** Nikon S3500
- **Model Number:** 26361
- **Photo Sensor Resolution:** 20.1 MP
- **Photo Sensor Technology:** CCD
- **Optical Zoom:** 7x
- **Digital Zoom:** 4x
- **Lens:** NIKKOR glass lens with 4.7-32.9mm focal length (26-182mm equivalent in 35mm format)
- **Image Stabilization:** Optical (Lens-shift Vibration Reduction)
- **Video Resolution:** HD 720p (30 fps)
- **Video Capture Format:** AVI
- **Screen Size:** 2.7 Inches LCD
- **Flash Memory Type:** SD, SDHC, SDXC
- **Connectivity:** USB
- **Battery Type:** Lithium Ion
- **Item Weight:** 0.28 Pounds
- **Color:** Silver
- **Self Timer:** 4 Seconds
- **Minimum Shutter Speed:** 4 Seconds
- **Maximum Shutter Speed:** 5d-4 Seconds

## 12. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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Your Nikon COOLPIX S3500 camera is covered by a limited warranty. Please refer to the warranty card included in your product packaging for specific terms and conditions, including warranty period and coverage details.

For technical support, service, or further inquiries, please visit the official Nikon support website or contact Nikon customer service in your region. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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