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For use with Canon EF 50mm f/1.8 STM Lens

1. INTRODUCTION

The Canon ES-68 Lens Hood is an essential accessory designed specifically for the Canon EF 50mm f/1.8 STM lens. Its primary function is to prevent unwanted stray light from entering the lens, which can cause lens flare and ghosting, thereby improving image contrast and color saturation. Additionally, it provides a degree of physical protection to the front element of the lens against accidental impacts and scratches.

2. SETUP AND ATTACHMENT

Follow these steps to correctly attach the ES-68 Lens Hood to your Canon EF 50mm f/1.8 STM lens:

- 1. Align the Hood:** Locate the red dot on the ES-68 Lens Hood and align it with the corresponding red dot on the front of your Canon EF 50mm f/1.8 STM lens.
- 2. Attach and Rotate:** Gently place the lens hood onto the lens, ensuring the alignment marks are matched. Then, rotate the lens hood clockwise until you hear a distinct click. This indicates that the hood is securely locked into position.
- 3. Verify Attachment:** Lightly tug on the hood to ensure it is firmly attached and does not wobble.



Figure 1: Front view of the Canon ES-68 Lens Hood, showing the 'ES-68' model designation and the red alignment dot for proper attachment.

To detach the lens hood, press the release button located on the side of the hood and rotate it counter-clockwise until it disengages from the lens. The quick-release button ensures easy and secure removal.



Figure 2: Rear view of the Canon ES-68 Lens Hood, illustrating the bayonet mounting mechanism and the integrated release button.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The ES-68 Lens Hood is designed for straightforward operation:

- **Normal Use:** When shooting, attach the lens hood in the forward position as described in Section 2. This orientation effectively blocks stray light from entering the lens, reducing flare and improving image quality.
- **Storage and Transport:** For convenient storage or transport, the ES-68 Lens Hood can be reversed and attached backward onto the lens. This compact configuration protects the front element of the lens while minimizing the space required in your camera bag.



Figure 3: Side view of the Canon ES-68 Lens Hood, highlighting the bayonet mount for secure attachment to the lens.

4. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your ES-68 Lens Hood, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry, lint-free cloth to wipe the lens hood. For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used, followed by immediate drying. Avoid using harsh chemicals, solvents, or abrasive materials, as these can damage the finish.
- **Storage:** Store the lens hood in a clean, dry environment away from extreme temperatures and direct sunlight when not in use. Attaching it in the reversed position on the lens during storage can help protect both the hood and the lens.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the mounting mechanism for any signs of wear or damage. Ensure the release button operates smoothly.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter any issues with your ES-68 Lens Hood, consider the following:

- **Difficulty Attaching/Detaching:** Ensure the red alignment dots are perfectly matched before rotating to

attach. When detaching, firmly press the release button while rotating. Do not force the hood.

- **Vignetting (Dark Corners):** The ES-68 is specifically designed for the Canon EF 50mm f/1.8 STM lens to prevent vignetting. If you observe dark corners in your images, verify that the lens hood is correctly and fully attached. Ensure you are using the correct lens hood for your specific lens model.
- **Loose Fit:** If the lens hood feels loose after attachment, ensure it has been rotated fully until it clicks into place. A slight gap at the base is normal for some lens hood designs and typically does not affect performance.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Canon
Model Name	ES-68 Lens Hood
Model Number	0575C001
Compatible Lens	Canon EF 50mm f/1.8 STM
Mount Type	Bayonet Mount with Release Button
Country of Origin	Japan
Item Weight	0.01 Pounds (approximately 4.5 grams)

7. WARRANTY INFORMATION

This Canon ES-68 Lens Hood is covered by Canon's standard limited warranty. For detailed information regarding warranty terms, conditions, and duration, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Canon website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

8. SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or service inquiries regarding your Canon ES-68 Lens Hood or compatible Canon products, please visit the official Canon support website or contact Canon customer service directly. You can find contact information and support resources on the Canon website:

www.usa.canon.com/support