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Bell+Howell WP20-O Splash3 Digital Camera User Manual

Your guide to operating and maintaining your waterproof digital camera.

Introduction

The Bell+Howell WP20-O Splash3 is a durable and rugged waterproof digital camera designed for capturing high-quality photos and videos in various environments, including underwater. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your camera.



Front view of the Bell+Howell WP20-O Splash3 digital camera, showcasing its robust design and orange finish.

Package Contents

Ensure all items are present in your camera package:

- Bell+Howell WP20-O Splash3 Digital Camera
- Li-ion Battery
- Camera Pouch
- Wrist-Strap
- USB Cable
- Image Editing Software (on CD or download link)
- Instruction Manual (this document)
- Warranty Information

Setup

1. Charging the Battery

Before first use, fully charge the included Li-ion battery. Connect the camera to a USB power source using the supplied USB cable. The 'CHARGE' indicator light will illuminate during charging and turn off when complete.

2. Inserting the Battery and Memory Card

The camera requires a MicroSDHC memory card (up to 32GB, not included) for storing photos and videos. Locate the battery and memory card compartment. Ensure the camera is powered off before opening.

1. Open the battery/card compartment door. Ensure it is securely latched to maintain waterproofing.
2. Insert the Li-ion battery according to the polarity indicators inside the compartment.
3. Insert the MicroSDHC card into its slot until it clicks into place. The label side of the card should face away from the LCD screen.
4. Close the compartment door firmly until it clicks, ensuring a watertight seal.



Rear view of the camera, highlighting the 2.4-inch LCD display and control layout.

Operating the Camera

Powering On/Off

Press and hold the Power button (usually located on the top or side) to turn the camera on or off.

Mode Selection

Use the 'MODE' button to switch between different camera functions:

- **Still Photo Mode:** For capturing high-resolution images.
- **Video Recording Mode:** For capturing Full HD 1080p video.
- **Playback Mode:** To review captured photos and videos.

Taking Photos

1. Switch to Still Photo Mode.
2. Frame your shot using the LCD screen.
3. Press the Shutter button (typically on top) halfway down to focus, then fully press to capture the image.

Recording Videos

1. Switch to Video Recording Mode.
2. Press the Shutter button once to start recording.

3. Press the Shutter button again to stop recording.



Visual representation of video quality at different resolutions (480p, 720p, 1080p), demonstrating the clarity of Full HD video.

Digital Zoom

The camera features an 8x digital zoom. Use the 'W' (Wide) and 'T' (Telephoto) buttons to adjust the zoom level. Note that digital zoom may reduce image quality compared to optical zoom.

Maintenance and Care

Waterproofing Guidelines

The Bell+Howell WP20-O is waterproof up to 10 feet (3 meters) and O-ring sealed. To maintain its waterproof integrity:

- Always ensure the battery/memory card compartment door is securely closed and latched before submerging the camera.
- Inspect the O-ring seal for any dirt, sand, or damage before each use, especially when used in water. Clean with a soft, damp cloth if necessary.
- Do not open the compartment while the camera is wet or submerged.
- After use in saltwater, rinse the camera thoroughly with fresh water and dry it completely with a soft cloth.



The Bell+Howell WP20-O Splash3 camera in an underwater environment, showcasing its waterproof design.

General Care

- Clean the lens and LCD screen with a soft, lint-free cloth. Avoid abrasive materials.
- Store the camera in a cool, dry place when not in use.
- Avoid extreme temperatures and direct sunlight for prolonged periods. The camera is freeze-proof to -10°C.



The camera positioned in a cold, snowy environment, highlighting its freeze-proof capabilities.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Camera does not power on.	Battery is dead or incorrectly inserted.	Charge the battery. Ensure battery is inserted with correct polarity.
Cannot take photos/videos.	Memory card full, not inserted, or corrupted.	Delete some files, insert a memory card, or format the card (this will erase all data).
Poor image quality.	Lens is dirty, low light conditions, or digital zoom used excessively.	Clean the lens. Use adequate lighting. Avoid excessive digital zoom.
Water inside camera.	Compartment door not properly sealed.	Immediately power off the camera, remove battery and memory card, and allow to dry completely. Contact customer support if damage persists. Ensure proper sealing for future use.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Name	ELBWP20O (WP20-O)
Maximum Webcam Image Resolution	20 MP
Video Resolution	1080p Full HD
Screen Size	2.4 Inches LCD
Digital Zoom	8x
Water Resistance Level	Waterproof to 10 Feet (3 meters)
Flash Memory Type	Micro SD (up to 32GB)
Battery Type	Lithium Ion
Item Weight	6.4 ounces
Special Feature	Waterproof, Shock Proof, Freeze Proof (-10°C)
Connectivity Technology	USB
Supported File Format	JPEG, RAW (for photos), MP4 (for video)

Warranty and Support

The Bell+Howell WP20-O Splash3 Digital Camera comes with a manufacturer's warranty. Please refer to the warranty card included in your package for specific terms and conditions.
For technical support, service, or warranty claims, please contact Bell+Howell customer service. You may also find additional resources, including a downloadable PDF version of this manual, on the official Bell+Howell website.

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