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INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the KODAK Easyshare Z981 Digital Camera. Please read this manual thoroughly to understand the camera's functions and ensure proper operation and maintenance. Keep this manual for future reference.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Key Features

- **14-Megapixel Resolution:** Captures high-resolution images suitable for large prints.
- **26x Optical Zoom Lens:** Features a Schneider-Kreuznach Variogon 26x wide-angle optical image stabilized zoom lens for versatile shooting.
- **3.0-Inch LCD Screen:** Provides a clear display for framing shots and reviewing images.
- **One-Button Upload:** Simplifies sharing photos and videos.
- **Vertical Shutter Release:** Enhances ergonomic handling for portrait-oriented shots.
- **Fast Click-to-Capture Speed:** Captures images quickly, approximately 0.2 seconds.
- **SD/SDHC Memory Card Support:** Compatible with standard SD and SDHC memory cards for storage.

Camera Components

Familiarize yourself with the various parts of your KODAK Easyshare Z981 camera.



Figure 1: Front View of the KODAK Easyshare Z981 Digital Camera. This image displays the camera's front, highlighting the large Schneider-Kreuznach Variogon 26x optical zoom lens and the integrated flash unit above the lens.



Figure 2: Back View of the KODAK Easyshare Z981 Digital Camera. This view shows the 3.0-inch LCD screen, the control buttons on the right side including the share button, navigation pad, and menu access.



Figure 3: Top View of the KODAK Easyshare Z981 Digital Camera. This perspective illustrates the mode dial, power button, shutter release button, and the top of the lens barrel with zoom markings.

SETUP

1. Battery Installation

1. Locate the battery compartment on the bottom of the camera.
2. Open the compartment cover.
3. Insert four AA (NiMH Rechargeable) batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+/-).
4. Close the battery compartment cover securely.

2. Memory Card Insertion

1. Locate the memory card slot, typically near the battery compartment.
2. Insert an SD or SDHC memory card with the label facing the front of the camera until it clicks into place.
3. To remove, press the card gently to release it.
4. **Note:** The camera does not include a memory card. Purchase separately.

3. Initial Power On

1. Press the Power button located on the top of the camera.
2. Follow the on-screen prompts to set the date, time, and language.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Basic Photography

Power On/Off

Press the **Power** button to turn the camera on or off.

Selecting a Shooting Mode

Rotate the mode dial on the top of the camera to select your desired shooting mode (e.g., Auto, Program, Manual, Scene).

Zooming

Use the zoom lever, typically located around the shutter button, to adjust the optical zoom. Push it towards 'W' for wide-angle and 'T' for telephoto.

Taking a Picture

1. Frame your subject using the LCD screen.
2. Press the shutter button halfway down to allow the camera to focus. The focus frame will turn green when focus is achieved.
3. Press the shutter button fully down to capture the image.

2. Advanced Settings

Exposure Control

In Program (P), Aperture Priority (A), Shutter Priority (S), or Manual (M) modes, you can adjust exposure settings such as aperture, shutter speed, and ISO sensitivity. Refer to the on-screen menu for specific

adjustments.

Focus Modes

The camera supports autofocus (contrast detection, multi-area, sensor) and manual focus. Access focus settings through the camera's menu.

White Balance

Adjust white balance to ensure accurate color reproduction under different lighting conditions. Options typically include Auto, Daylight, Cloudy, Fluorescent, and Tungsten.

3. Video Recording

1. Rotate the mode dial to the video recording icon.
2. Press the dedicated video record button (if available) or the shutter button to start recording.
3. Press the button again to stop recording.
4. The camera records video in HD 720p resolution.

4. Image Playback and Review

1. Press the Playback button (often indicated by a triangle icon).
2. Use the navigation buttons to scroll through your captured images and videos.
3. Press the zoom in/out buttons to magnify images or view multiple thumbnails.

5. Connecting to a Computer

1. Ensure the camera is turned off.
2. Connect the camera to your computer using a USB cable.
3. Turn on the camera. It should appear as a removable drive on your computer, allowing you to transfer files.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning the Camera

- **Lens:** Use a soft, lint-free cloth or a lens brush to gently remove dust. For smudges, use a specialized lens cleaning solution applied to a cloth, not directly to the lens.
- **LCD Screen:** Wipe gently with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid harsh chemicals.
- **Camera Body:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe away dust and fingerprints.

2. Battery Care

- Remove batteries if the camera will not be used for an extended period.
- Store batteries in a cool, dry place.
- Use only recommended NiMH rechargeable AA batteries.

3. Storage

Store the camera in a dry, dust-free environment, away from extreme temperatures and direct sunlight. Consider using a camera bag for protection.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Camera does not power on.	Batteries are depleted or incorrectly inserted.	Replace or recharge batteries. Ensure correct polarity.
Cannot take pictures.	Memory card is full or not inserted.	Insert a memory card or delete some images.
Images are blurry.	Camera shake or incorrect focus.	Hold the camera steady. Ensure the camera focuses correctly before pressing the shutter fully. Use image stabilization.
Flash does not fire.	Flash is disabled or subject is too far.	Check flash settings. Ensure subject is within flash range.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model	Easyshare Z981
Image Sensor	14 MP CCD (1/2.3-inch)
Optical Zoom	26x
Lens	Schneider-Kreuznach Variogon 26mm Wide Angle
Image Stabilization	Digital, Optical
Display	3.0-inch LCD (201,000 dots)
Video Resolution	HD 720p
File Format	JPEG
Shutter Speed	1/2000 to 16 seconds
Focus Type	Autofocus & Manual
Storage Media	SD/SDHC card, Internal memory
Connectivity	USB
Power Source	4 x AA (NiMH Rechargeable) batteries
Weight	1.2 Pounds (approx.)

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information

This KODAK Easyshare Z981 Digital Camera comes with a **90-day limited warranty**. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. The warranty covers manufacturing defects under normal use.

Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this manual, or warranty inquiries, please refer to the

official KODAK support channels or the retailer from whom the product was purchased.