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Minolta MN26Z-BL

Minolta ProShot 20MP Camera User Manual

Model: MN26Z-BL

Brand: Minolta

Introduction

The Minolta MN26Z Digital Camera combines powerful features and easy operation, making it an excellent choice for anyone looking to elevate their photography—especially on the go. With a 20MP CMOS sensor, 26x optical zoom lens, and 1080p Full HD video capability, you'll be ready to capture everything from wide landscapes to distant details. Optical image stabilization keeps your shots steady, while built-in WiFi allows seamless file transfers and remote control via app. This travel-ready camera offers a wide array of intelligent shooting modes, including face, smile, and blink detection, as well as creative scene presets like Panorama, Night Portrait, and Sunset. The 3.0" LCD screen makes framing and reviewing your shots simple. Whether you're capturing spontaneous moments on vacation or shooting family events, the MN26Z delivers high-quality results in a compact, user-friendly design. Powered by four AA batteries and bundled with a 32GB SD card, this all-in-one kit is ready to shoot straight out of the box. From casual snapshots to travel photography, Minolta helps you capture life's best moments with clarity and convenience.

Package Contents

Upon opening your Minolta ProShot 20MP Camera package, please verify that all the following items are included:

- Minolta MN26Z Digital Camera Body
- Carrying Pouch
- USB Cable
- 32GB SD Card
- 4 AA Batteries
- Lens Cap
- Wrist Strap
- User Manual (this document)



Figure 1: Minolta ProShot 20MP Camera and included accessories.

Setup

1. Battery Installation

The Minolta MN26Z camera operates on four (4) AA batteries. Ensure you use fresh, high-quality alkaline or rechargeable AA batteries for optimal performance.

1. Locate the battery compartment door on the bottom of the camera.
2. Slide the latch to open the battery compartment.
3. Insert the four AA batteries according to the polarity indicators (+/-) inside the compartment.
4. Close the battery compartment door firmly until it clicks into place.

2. SD Card Installation

The camera supports standard SD memory cards. A 32GB SD card is included with your purchase.

1. Locate the SD card slot, typically adjacent to the battery compartment.

2. Insert the SD card with the metal contacts facing the front of the camera until it clicks into place.
3. To remove the SD card, gently push it inward until it springs out.

3. Initial Power On

After installing batteries and the SD card, you can power on your camera.

1. Press the **ON/OFF** button located on the top of the camera.
2. The LCD screen will illuminate. Follow any on-screen prompts for initial setup, such as setting the date and time.

Operating the Camera

1. Basic Photography

The Minolta MN26Z captures vibrant 20MP still photos. To take a picture:

1. Turn the camera on.
2. Frame your shot using the 3.0” LCD screen.
3. Press the shutter button halfway down to focus. The focus frame will turn green when focus is achieved.
4. Press the shutter button fully down to capture the image.



Figure 2: Front view of the Minolta MN26Z camera.

2. Zoom Function

Utilize the powerful 26x optical zoom to capture distant subjects with clarity.

- Use the zoom lever located around the shutter button. Push it towards **T** (Telephoto) to zoom in, and towards **W** (Wide) to zoom out.
- The zoom level will be displayed on the LCD screen.



Figure 3: Demonstrating 26x Optical Zoom.

3. Video Recording

Record smooth, vivid videos in 1080p Full HD quality.

1. Turn the mode dial to the **Movie Mode** icon (usually a video camera symbol).
2. Press the shutter button to start recording. A red recording indicator will appear on the screen.
3. Press the shutter button again to stop recording.

4. Image Stabilization

The camera features optical image stabilization to reduce blur from camera shake, especially useful when zooming or in low light conditions.

- Optical Image Stabilization (OIS) is automatically engaged to help keep your shots steady.
- For best results, hold the camera steady with both hands.



Figure 4: Optical Image Stabilization in action.

5. Smart Features and Scene Modes

The MN26Z offers intelligent shooting modes and 13 scene presets to optimize your photos for various situations.

- **Face, Smile, and Blink Detection:** These features automatically detect faces, capture smiles, and alert you to blinks, ensuring everyone looks their best.
- **Scene Modes:** Turn the mode dial to **SCN** (Scene) and use the navigation buttons to select from 13 different scene modes, including:
    - Panorama: For wide landscape shots.
    - Night Portrait: Optimizes settings for portraits in low light.
    - Sunset: Enhances colors during sunset.
    - Party: Adjusts for indoor lighting and flash.
    - Landscape: Ideal for outdoor scenery.
    - Portrait: Softens skin tones and blurs backgrounds.
    - Burst Mode: Captures a rapid sequence of images for fast-moving subjects.

- And more, tailored for specific shooting conditions.



Figure 5: Smart Face Detection.

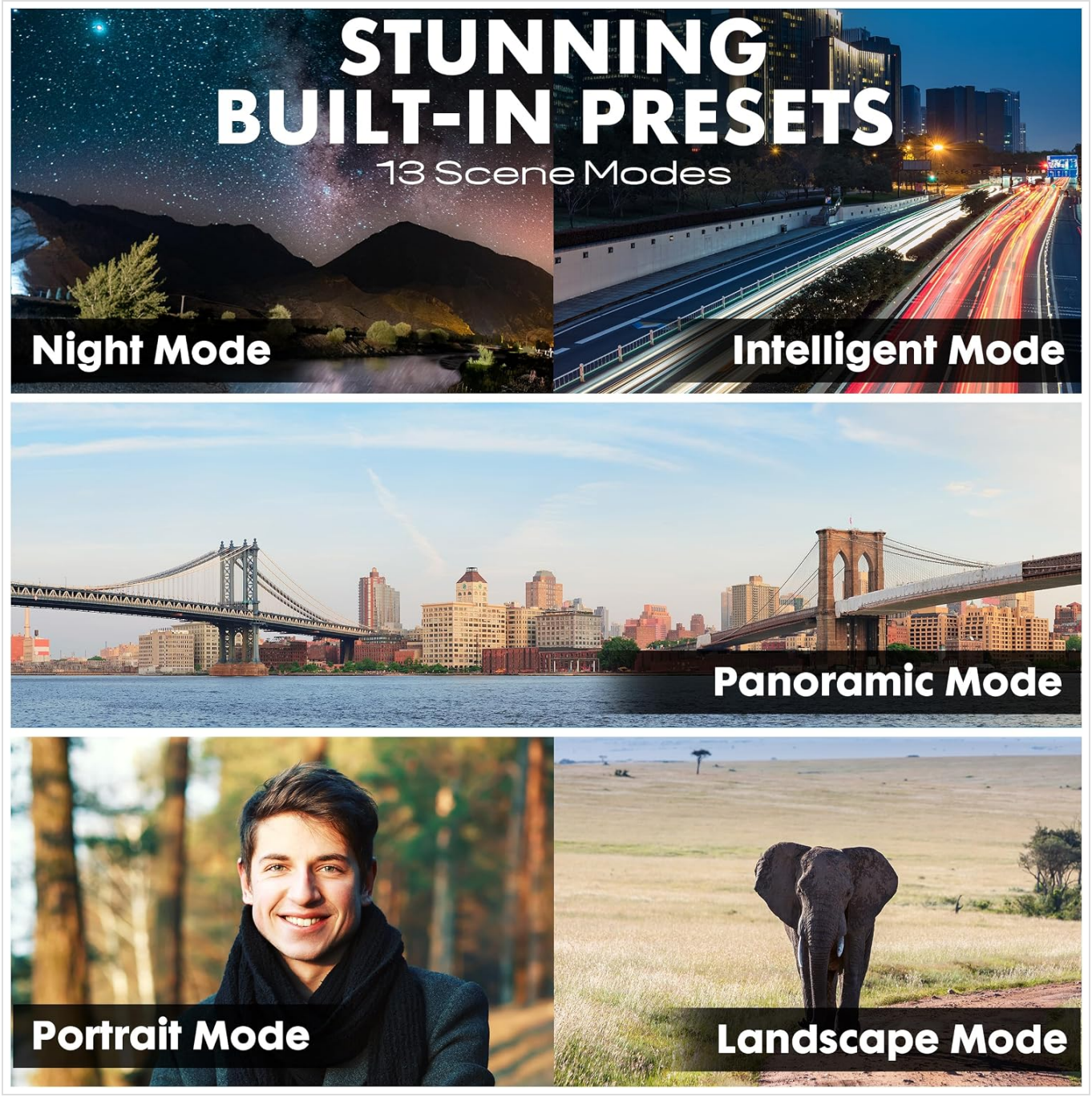


Figure 6: Examples of Built-in Scene Presets.



Figure 7: Capturing action with Burst Mode.



Figure 8: Stunning Panoramas.



Figure 9: Stunning Night Mode.



Figure 10: Capturing Motion.

6. WiFi Connectivity

The built-in WiFi allows for seamless file transfers and remote control via a dedicated smartphone app.

1. Download the Minolta ProShot app from your device's app store.
2. On the camera, navigate to the WiFi settings and enable the WiFi function.
3. Connect your smartphone to the camera's WiFi network (SSID and password will be displayed on the camera screen).
4. Open the app to view images, transfer files, or control the camera remotely.



Figure 11: WiFi Connectivity for Live View and Photo Transfer.

Maintenance

1. Cleaning the Camera

Regular cleaning helps maintain the camera's performance and appearance.

- Use a soft, lint-free cloth to wipe the camera body. For stubborn dirt, slightly dampen the cloth with water.
- For the lens, use a specialized lens cleaning cloth and lens cleaning solution. Never use abrasive materials or harsh chemicals.
- Use a blower brush to remove dust from the lens and sensor (if accessible).

2. Battery Care

Proper battery care extends battery life and ensures reliable operation.

- Remove batteries when the camera will not be used for an extended period to prevent leakage.
- Store batteries in a cool, dry place.
- If using rechargeable batteries, follow the manufacturer's guidelines for charging and discharging.

3. Storage

When not in use, store your camera properly to protect it from damage.

- Store the camera in its carrying pouch or a padded camera bag.
- Avoid storing the camera in areas with extreme temperatures, high humidity, or direct sunlight.
- Keep the lens cap on when the camera is not in use.

Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your Minolta MN26Z camera.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Camera does not power on.	Dead or incorrectly inserted batteries.	Replace batteries with fresh ones or ensure correct polarity.
Cannot take pictures.	SD card full or locked; lens cap on.	Delete some photos, replace SD card, unlock SD card, or remove lens cap.
Images are blurry.	Camera shake; out of focus; dirty lens.	Hold camera steady, allow camera to focus, clean the lens.
WiFi connection issues.	Incorrect password; app not running; camera WiFi off.	Verify password, restart app/camera, ensure camera WiFi is enabled.
Date/Time resets.	Batteries removed for extended period.	Re-enter date and time settings.

Specifications

Detailed technical specifications for the Minolta MN26Z Digital Camera:

Feature	Detail
Product Dimensions	2.7 x 4.4 x 3 inches
Item Weight	1.12 pounds
ASIN	B0D1J3X686
Item Model Number	MN26Z-BL
Batteries	4 AA batteries (included)
Date First Available	April 11, 2024
Manufacturer	Minolta
Compatible Mountings	Micro Four Thirds

Feature	Detail
Aspect Ratio	16:9
Photo Sensor Technology	CMOS
Supported File Format	JPEG
Image Stabilization	Optical
Maximum Focal Length	624 Millimeters
Optical Zoom	26 x
Maximum Aperture	3.7 f
Expanded ISO Minimum	100
Metering Description	Multi-Zone or Evaluative

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