

Digital SLR Camera Cheat Sheet

The Camera's Basic Features

Digital Single-Lens Reflex (DSLR) and mirrorless cameras have many features. While the basics vary somewhat from camera to camera, they are generally very similar. Let's take a look:



#	Item	Description
a	Shutter button	Takes the picture.
b	Settings wheel	Usually customizable, with a matching one on the back; one changes the shutter speed, and the other changes the aperture opening, or F-stop.
c	Mode dial	Allows you to change the camera mode; typical modes include manual, auto, program, aperture priority, and shutter priority.
d	Lens	The lenses for DSLR and mirrorless cameras are detachable and interchangeable.
e	Lens aperture	The lens aperture is the part of the lens that allows the light to pass through.
f	Lens release	The lens release button allows the currently mounted lens to be removed, and serves as a lock to keep the lens from coming off unintentionally.
g	Flash hotshoe	A top-mounted bracket that allows a flash unit to be attached to and controlled by the camera.