

LCD Accessories

Viewing your pictures right after taking them is one of the most rewarding aspects of using a digital camera. Immediately, you can see if you've captured the shot the way you intended and verify that the exposure settings and focus are correct. It is difficult, if not impossible, to see the LCD in bright light—especially when outdoors. This can make composing and reviewing your pictures difficult. There are many accessories available for digital cameras, and one of the most useful is the LCD hood.

Along with extra batteries and memory cards, LCD hoods rank high on the list of essential digital camera accessories. Designed expressly for camera type and LCD size, LCD hoods come in several models (including a version with a magnifier). Most hoods cost about \$20 and are well worth the investment.

The hoods attach around the screen with Velcro® strips or elastic straps, and can be easily removed when not needed. They are great for viewing images and changing settings via the menu. You can also use a hood to take pictures by holding the camera up to your eye or out in front of you. The following hoods are made for compact cameras. Hoods and magnifying loupes are also available for dSLRs.



This collapsible hood attached with Velcro strips includes a magnifier.



This rubber hood is also attached with Velcro strips.



Following are two popular manufacturers of LCD hoods. Check your local camera store for additional manufacturers.

Hoodman
<http://hoodmanusa.com/>
800-818-2946

Screen-Shade (LEE Filters)
<http://screen-shade.com/>
800-576-5055