

Various Controls

Controls on the back or top of a camera

There are hundreds of cameras out there, and it would be impossible to show and describe them all. However, manufacturers have standardized on controls and symbols. Here are some of the more common ones.



Mode Controls tell the camera's computer how to set the exposure via the aperture, shutter, and ISO settings.
A - Auto: computer picks settings;
M - manual, users picks shutter and aperture;
S - user sets shutter speed;
A - user sets aperture size;
P - Program: computer picks settings, flower (macro closeup), mountain (distance), night portrait, portrait, and fast action.



A simple mode control with only 4 controls: camera, manual camera, scene, and movie.



Image Review Button shows on the view screen the pictures you have taken.



Display button turns on/off the technical information that appears on top of the picture on the display



The menu button allows you to access all of the camera's settings and menu controls.



The flash button allows you to turn the flash on/off and adjust the flash settings for "red eye."

This Function Set button is similar to a menu button.



The Flower (macro closeup) and Mountain (long distance) allow you to make close focus or distance pictures.

The Timer control allows you to set the self-timer to take a delayed picture.

