

# Digital Camera

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### CATEGORY

# Lenses

A camera is only as good as the lens on the front, so choose wisely...

#### WIDE-ANGLE ZOOMS

**1** Sigma 10-20mm f/3.5 EX DC HSM  
Street price: £450  
Contact: 01707 329999  
Web: www.sigma-imaging-uk.com

This Sigma offers HSM (HyperSonic Motor) autofocus with full-time manual override, a fast f/3.5 maximum aperture that remains constant throughout the zoom range, sharp optics, and a sturdy build quality. It's available in Canon, Nikon, Pentax, Sigma and Sony mounts. A top buy for APS-C format SLRs.

**2** Nikon AF-S DX 10-24mm f/3.5-4.5G ED  
Street price: £625  
Contact: 0330 123 0932  
Web: www.nikon.co.uk

Along with all of Nikon's usual refinements, including Silent Wave autofocus and solid build quality, this new lens features two ED (Extra-low Dispersion) elements, three aspherical elements and SIC (Super Integrated Coating) to boost image quality. It's pin-sharp, and chromatic aberrations are particularly well controlled. Again, APS-C.

#### SUPER-ZOOMS

**3** Nikon AF-S DX 18-200mm f/3.5-5.6G ED VR II  
Street price: £550  
Contact: 0330 123 0932  
Web: www.nikon.co.uk

A great compromise between optical quality and zoom range, offering excellent sharpness and contrast. The new-generation four-stop VR (Vibration Reduction) system works a treat, with the choice of Normal and Active modes. The effective zoom range of 27-300mm is very versatile. Again, APS-C.

**4** Sigma 18-250mm f/3.5-6.3 DC OS HSM  
Street price: £400  
Contact: 01707 329999  
Web: www.sigma-imaging-uk.com

With its monster 13.9x zoom range, this solidly built Sigma lens for APS-C format SLRs really puts the super into super-zoom. Even though the maximum aperture is relatively small at the telephoto end, Sigma's new-generation four-stop stabilisation system works to great effect. The HSM autofocus is an absolute steal at this price.

### FINEST FLASHES



**Canon Speedlite 580EX II**  
Street price: £330  
Contact: 0844 369 0100  
Web: www.canon.co.uk  
Offering power and control, the 580EX II features strobe output and wireless master/slave modes. There's also an excellent Selection Dial that enables quick access to important adjustments.



**Nikon SB-900 AF Speedlight**  
Street price: £315  
Contact: 0330 123 0932  
Web: www.nikon.co.uk  
Offering strobe flash and full master/slave wireless control, this powerful gun also has automatic zoom sensing for SLRs with APS-C or full-frame sensors.



**Nissin Speedlite Di866 Pro**  
Street price: £215  
Contact: 01793 615836  
Web: www.kenro.co.uk  
Outstanding value for Canon or Nikon SLRs, the Nissin offers wireless master/slave operation, a secondary sub-flash and an innovative LCD.

### FAVOURITE LENS FILTER

**Light Craft Workshop 77mm ND500MC**  
Street price: £48  
Contact: 08700 661884  
Web: www.lightcraftworkshop.co.uk  
An outstanding performer, this neutral density filter gives you a nine-stop exposure advantage along with impressively natural colour balance and resistance to flare. Plus, an ultra-thin frame enables use with wide-angle lenses.

