

Camera and Lens Buyer's Guide from 1993

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Manual Focus SLRs

Under £200

Name	Price	Standard Lens	Shutter Speed (sec)	Manual Exposure	Aperture Priority	Shutter Priority	Program Mode	Year of Release
Zenit 122	£80	58mm f/2	1/30-1/500+B	Yes	No	No	No	1992
Seagull DF 2ETM	£100	50mm f/1.8	1-1/1000+B	Yes	No	No	No	1992
Yashica FX-3 Super 2000	£150	50mm f/1.4	1-1/2000+B	Yes	No	No	No	1986
Praktica BX20s	£165	50mm f/1.8	40-1/1000+B	Yes	Yes	No	No	1992
Cosina C1	£170	35-70mm f/3.5	1-1/2000+B	Yes	No	No	No	1992
Canon EF-M	£200	50mm f/1.8	2-1/1000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1991
Yashica MP108	£200	28-80mm f/3.9-4.9	16-1/2000+B	Yes	No	No	2	1989

£201-£500

Name	Price	Standard Lens	Shutter Speed (sec)	Manual Exposure	Aperture Priority	Shutter Priority	Program Mode	Year of Release
Pentax K1000	£210	50mm f/2	1-1/1000+B	Yes	No	No	No	1976
Ricoh KR-10M	£220	35-70mm f/3.4-4.5	32-1/1000+B	Yes	Yes	No	No	1990
Minolta X-300s	£230	28-70mm f/3.5-4.8	4-1/1000+B	Yes	Yes	No	No	1990
Pentax P30T	£250	28-80 mm f/3.5-4.5	1-1/1000+B	Yes	Yes	No	1	1988
Minolta X-700	£330	28-70mm f/3.5-4.8	4-1/1000+B	Yes	Yes	No	1	1982
Nikon F-601n	£360	50mm f/1.8	30-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	1990

Over £500

Name	Price	Standard Lens	Shutter Speed (sec)	Manual Exposure	Aperture Priority	Shutter Priority	Program Mode	Year of Release
Nikon FM2	£530	50mm f/1.8	1-1/4000+B	Yes	No	No	No	1982
Contax 167MT	£575	50mm f/1.7	16-1/4000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	1987
Olympus OM-4Ti	£800	50mm f/1.8	60-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	No	No	1986
Contax S2	£1025	50mm f/1.7	1-1/4000+B	Yes	No	No	No	1992
Pentax LX	£1160	50mm f/1.7	4-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	No	No	1980
Canon F1N	£1175	50mm f/1.8	30-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	1981

Name	Price	Standard Lens	Shutter Speed (sec)	Manual Exposure	Aperture Priority	Shutter Priority	Program Mode	Year of Release
Rollei 3003	£1175	50mm f/1.8	16-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	No	No	1986
Contax ST	£1325	50mm f/1.7	16-1/6000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1992
Nikon F3	£1210	50mm f/1.8	8-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	No	No	1980
Leica R-E	£1565	50mm f/2	15-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	No	No	1990
Contax RTS III	£1875	50mm f/1.7	32-1/8000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	1990
Leica R7	£2232	50mm f/2	16-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1992
Leica R6.2	£2335	50mm f/2	1-1/2000+B	Yes	No	No	No	1992

Autofocus SLRs

Up to £350

Name	Price	Standard Lens	Shutter Speed (sec)	Manual Exposure	Aperture Priority	Shutter Priority	Program Mode	Year of Release
Chinon Genesis III	£190	38-110mm built-in	1-1/1000+B	No	No	No	4	1990
Minolta 2xi	£280	50mm f/1.7	30-1/2000+ B	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1992
Canon EOS 1000N	£300	35-80mm f/4-5.6	30-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	1992
Minolta SPxi	£310	35-80mm f/4-5.6	30-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1991
Yashica 270AF	£330	28-70mm f3.5-4.5	8-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1992
Minolta 3xi	£340	35-80mm f/4-5.6	30-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1991
Canon EOS 1000FN	£350	35-80mmf/4-5.6	30-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1992

£301-£500

Name	Price	Standard Lens	Shutter Speed (sec)	Manual Exposure	Aperture Priority	Shutter Priority	Program Mode	Year of Release
Sigma SA-300	£370	35-80mm f/4-5.6	30-1/4000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	1993
Nikon F-401x	£390	50mm f/1.8	30-1/2000+T	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1991
Pentax Z-10	£400	28-80mm f/3.5-4.7	1-1/2000+B	Yes	One shot	No	1	1991
Pentax Z-20	£450	28-80mm f/3.5-4.7	30-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	1993
Minolta 5xi	£460	35-80mm f/4-5.6	30-1/2000+ B	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1992
Olympus IS-2000	£480	35-135mm built-in	15-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes		3	1992

Name	Price	Standard Lens	Shutter Speed (sec)	Manual Exposure	Aperture Priority	Shutter Priority	Program Mode	Year of Release
Canon EOS 10	£485	50mm f/1.8	30-1/4000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	1990

£501-£1000

Name	Price	Standard Lens	Shutter Speed (sec)	Manual Exposure	Aperture Priority	Shutter Priority	Program Mode	Year of Release
Nikon F-601	£530	50mm f/1.8	30-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	1990
Canon EOS 100	£600	28-80mm f/3.5-5.6	30-1/4000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	7	1991
Olympus IS-3000	£600	35-180mm built-in	13-1/2000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	1992
Pentax Z-1	£650	28-80mm f/3.5-4.7	30-1/8000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	1992
Minolta 7xi	£660	28-80mm f/4-4.5	30-1/8000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1991
Nikon F-801s	£670	50mm f/1.8	30-1/8000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	1991
Canon EOS 5	£905	28-105mm f/3.5-4.5	30-1/8000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	8	1992

Over £1000

Name	Price	Standard Lens	Shutter Speed (sec)	Manual Exposure	Aperture Priority	Shutter Priority	Program Mode	Year of Release
Minolta 9xi	£1060	28-80mm f/4-5.6	30-1/12000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	1992
Nikon F90	£1210	28-70mm f/3.5-4.5	30-1/8000+8	Yes	Yes	Yes	7	1992
Canon EOS-1	£1275	50mm f/1.8	30-1/8000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	1989
Nikon F4	£1690	50mm f/1.8	30-1/8000+B	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	1988

Lens Listing

Canon EF (EOS autofocus fit)

Lens	Price
14mm f/2.8L	£1570
15mm f/2.8 fisheye	£617
20mm f/2.8 USM	£422
20-35mm f/2.8L	£1098
24mm f/2.8	£271
24mm f/3.5L tilt & shift	£925
28mm f/2.8	£148
28-70mm f/3.5-4.5	£233
28-80mm f/2.8-4L	£1172

28-80mm f/3.5-5.6 USM	£239
28-105mm f/3.5-4.5 USM	£304
35mm f/2	£247
35-70mm f3.5-4.5	£185
35-80mm f/4-5.6	£114
35-105mm f/4-5.6	£165
35-135mm f/4-5.6	£314
35-350mm f/3.5-5.6L	£1470
45mm f/2.8 tilt & shift	£925
50mm f/1L	£1850
50mm f/1.8	£75
50mm f/2.5 macro	£246
70-210mm f/3.5-4.5 USM	£314
75-300mm f/4-5.6	£210
80-200mm f/2.8L	£986
80-200mm f/4.5-5.6	£185
85mm f/1.2L	£1418
85mm f/1.8	£301
90mm f/2.8 tilt & shift	£925
100mm f/2	£362
100mm f/2.8 macro	£493
100-300mm f/4.5-5.6 USM	£315
100-300mm f/5.6L	£493
135mm f/2.8 soft focus	£234
200mm f/1.8L	£3331
200mm f/2.8L	£603
300mm f/2.8L	£3207
300mm f/4L	£905
400mm f/2.8L	£4934
500mm f/4.5L	£4588
600mm f/4L	£6908

Canon FD (Manual focus FD fit)

Lens	Price
7.5mm f/5.6 fisheye	£965
14mm f/2.8L	£1630
15mm f/2.8 fisheye	£785
17mm f/4	£543
20mm f/2.8	£382
20mm f/3.5 macro	£135
20-35mm f/3.5L	£177
24mm f/1.4L	£1233
24mm f/2	£567
28mm f/2	£520
28mm f/2.8	£135
35mm f/2	£301
37-70mm f/3.5-4.5	£148
35mm f/2.8 tilt & shift	£1026
50mm f/1.21	£603
50mm f/1.2	£308
50mm f/1.4	£123
50mm f/1.8	£74
50mm f/3.5 macro	£296
75-200mm f/4.5	£222
80-200mm f/4L	£579
85mm f/1.2L	£740
100mm f/2	£394
100mm f/4 macro	£543
135mm f/2	£543

200mm 8/1.8L	£3622
200mm t/2.8	£468
300mm f/2.8L	£2985
300mm f/4L	£1061
300mm f/4	£579
400mm f/2.8L	£4873
500mm f/4.5L	£3682
600mm f/5.6L	£4286

CONTAX fit Carl Zeiss Lenses

Lens	Price
15mm t/3.5	£4024
16mm f/2.8 fisheye	£2874
18mm f/4	£954
25mm f/2.8	£632
28mm f/2.8	£321
28-85mm f/3.3-4	£1150
35mm t/1.4	£1092
35mm t/2.8	£310
35mm f/2.8 shift	£2587
35-70mm f/3.4	£850
35-135mm f/3-4.5	£609
45mm f/2.8	£287
50mm f/1.4	£250
50mm f/1.7	£175
60mm f/2.8 macro	£885
80-200mm f/4	£885
85mm f/1.2	£2299
85mm f/1.4	£758
100mm f/2	£1379
100mm f/2.8 macro	£1379
135mm f/2	£1494
135mm f/2.8	£425
180mm f/2.8	£1080
200mm f/4	£632
300mm f/2.8	£1265
500mm F/4.5	POA
1000mm f/5.6	POA

Leica (R lenses)

Lens	Price
15mm f/3.5	£3958
16mm f/2.8	£1698
19mm f/2.8	£1854
21mm f/4	£1598
24mm f/2.8	£1399
28mm f/2.8	£1148
28-70mm f/3.5-4.5	£689
35mm f/4	£1611
35mm f/2.8	£658
35mm f/2	£1148
35mm f/1.4	£1865
35-70mm f/3.5	£1268
50mm f/2	£437
50mm f/1.4	£1298
60mm f/2.8	£1198
70-210mm f/4	£1570

80mm f/1.4	£1860
90mm f/2.8	£830
90mm f/2	£1199
100mm f/2.8	£1740
100mm 1/4	£1156
135mm f/2.8	£945
180mm f/4	£1198
180mm f/3.4	£2110
180mm f/2.8	£1770
250mm f/4	£2278
280mm f/2.8	£5166
350mm f/4.8	£2759
400mm f/6.8	£2160
400mm f/2.8	£9980
500mm f/8	£1768
560mm f/6.8	£2760
800mm f/6.3	£14600

Minolta (Autofocus fit)

Lens	Price
16mm f/2.8	£610
20mm f/2.8	£430
24mm f/2.8	£325
24-50mm f/4	£350
28mm f/2	£500
28mm f/2.8	£170
28-80mm f/4-5.6 xi	£160
28-105mm f/3.5-4.5 xi	£290
28-135mm f/4-4.5	£290
35mm f/1.4	£850
35mm f/2	£300
35-80mm f/4-5.6 PZ	£110
35-80mm f/4-5.6 Dynax	£110
35-105mm f/3.5-4.5 Dynax	£240
35-200mm f/4.5-5.6 xi	£500
50mm f/1.4	£200
50mm f/1.7	£90
50mm f/2.8 macro	£390
75-300mm f/4.5-5.6	£420
80-200mm f/2.8 apo	£1150
80-200mm f/4.5-5.6 xi	£210
85mm f/1.4	£700
100mm f/2	£440
100mm f/2.8 macro	£500
100-200mm f/4.5	£130
100-300mm f/4.5-5.6	£320
135mm f/2.8	£190
200mm f/2.8 apo Dynax	£1000
300mm f/2.8 apo Dynax	£3459
600mm 4 apo Dynax	£6300
500mm f/8 mirror	£525
3x-1x f/1.7-2.8 macro zoom	£1800

Minolta (manual focus)

Lens	Price
28-70mm f/3.5-4.8	£100
50mm f/1.7	£90

70-210mm f/4.5-5.6	£150
70-300mm f/4.5-5.8	£230

Nikon (Autofocus)

Lens	Price
20mm f/2.8	£545
24mm f/2.8	£360
24-50mm f/3.3-4.5	£420
28mm f/2.8	£230
28-70mm f/3.5-4.5	£310
28-70mm f/3.5-4.5D	£340
28-85mm f/3.5-4.5	£450
35mm f/2	£345
35-70mm f/3.3-4.5	£160
35-70mm f/2.8D	£720
35-105mm f/3.5-4.5	£450
35-135mm f/3.5-4.5	£500
50mm f/1.4	£270
50mm f/1.8	£90
60mm f/2.8 micro	£415
105mm f/2.8 micro	£750
70-210mm f/4-5.6	£300
75-300mm f/4.5-5.6	£550
80-200mm f/2.8D	£1000
85mm f/1.8	£355
135mm f/2 DC Nikkor	£1180
180mm f/2.8	£175
300mm f/2.8	£3210
300mm f/4	£1069
600mm f/4D	£7700

Nikon (manual focus)

Lens	Price
6mm f/2.8 fisheye	£8450
8mm f/2.8 fisheye	£1930
15mm f/3.5	£1970
16mm f/2.8 fisheye	£930
18mm f/3.5	£1200
20mm f/2.8 A	£620
24mm f/2	£759
24mm f/2.8	£430
28mm f/2	£750
28mm f/2.8	£430
28mm f/3.5 PC	£1250
28-85mm f/3.5-4.5	£615
35mm f/1.4	£840
35mm f/2	£480
35mm f/2.8	£330
35mm f/2.8 PC	£735
35-70mm f/3.3-4.5	£280
35-105mm f/3.5-4.5	£475
35-135mm f/3.5-4.5	£660
35-200mm f/3.5-4.5	£890
50mm f/1.2	£515
50mm f/1.4	£400
50mm f/1.8 Nikkor	£110
50-300mm f/4.5 ED	£3090

55mm f/2.8 micro	£360
80-200mm f/4	£1040
85mm f/1.4	£925
85mm f/2	£440
100-300mm f/5.6	£640
105mm f/1.8	£755
105mm f/2.5	£440
105mm f/2.8 micro	£720
135mm f/2	£985
135mm t/2.8	£460
180mm f/2.8 ED	£1000
180-600mm f/8 ED	£8650
200mm f/4 IF micro	£950
1200-1700mm f/5.6	£62700
200mm f/2 IF-ED	£4600
200mm f/4	£480
300mm f/4.5	£705
300mm f/4.5 IF-ED	£1369
400mm f/2.8 Nikkor IF-ED	£7500
400mm f/3.5 IF-ED	£4920
400mm f/5.6 IF-ED	£2260
500mm f/4P IF-ED	£4440
500mm f/8 mirror	£855
600mm f/4 IF-ED	£7710
600mm f/5.6 IF-ED	£5120
800mm f/5.6 IF-ED	£6730
1000mm f/11 mirror	£1930

Olympus (manual focus)

Lens	Price
16mm f/3.5 fisheye	£670
18mm f/3.5	£760
20mm f/2 macro	£430
21mm f/2	£730
24mm f/2	£610
24mm f/3.5 shift	£1880
28mm f/2	£520
28mm f/2.8	£190
35mm f/2	£310
35mm f/2.8	£165
35mm f/2.8 shift	£730
38mm f/2.8 macro	£440
50mm f/1.8	£100
50mm f/1.2	£450
50mm f/2 macro	£560
50mm f/3.5 macro	£290
50-250mm f/5	£600
80mm f/4 macro	£390
85mm f/2	£380
85-250mm f/5	£920
90mm f/2	£710
100mm f/2	£650
100mm f/2.8	£250
135mm f/4.5 macro	£410
180mm f/2	£4560
180mm f/2.8	£840
200mm f/4	£220
250mm	£6940
300mm f/4.5	£620

350mm f/2.8	£6790
400mm f/6.3	£1510
500mm f/8	£720
600mm f/6.5	£2870
1000mm f/11	£3080

Olympus (auto/power focus)

Lens	Price
24mm f/2.8 (for OM 101/OM707 only)	£100
35-70mm f/3.5-4.5 (for OM 101 only)	£100
50mm f/1.8 (for OM101/OM707 only)	£73
70-210mm f/3.5-4.5 (for OM101 only)	£250

Pentax (autofocus lenses)

Lens	Price
24mm f/2 AL	£440
28mm f/2.8 AL	£220
28-80mm f/3.5-4.7	£160
28-105mm f/4-5.6	£360
35-70mm f/3.5-4.5F	£180
50mm f/1.4	£180
50mm f/1.7	£120
50mm f/2.8 macro	£350
70-200mm f/4-5.6	£240
85mm f/1.4 IF	£750
85mm f/2.8 soft focus	£400
100mm f/2.8 macro	£480
100-300mm 4.5-5.6	£400
135mm f/2.8 IF	£330
200mm f/2.8 ED IF	£1050
250-660mm f/5.6	£6500
300mm f/4.5 ED IF	£800
600mm f/4 ED IF	£5500

Pentax (manual focus)

Lens	Price
15mm f/3.5	£1150
16mm t/2.8	£715
20mm f/2.8	£660
28mm f/3.5 shift	£990
28-80mm f/3.5-4.5	£150
50mm f/2	£62
50mm f/1.2	£490
70-200mm f/4-5.6	£170
100mm f/4 macro	£420
300mm f/2.8 IF-ED	£4200
400mm f/5.6	£1200
400mm f/2.8 ED-IF	£5500

400-600mm f/8-12 mirror	£1200
500mm f/4.5M	£2000
1000mm f/11 mirror	£2500
1200mm f/8 EDIF	£8800
2000mm f/13.5 mirror	£7050

Praktica

Lens	Price
18-28mm f/4-4.5	£145
28mm f/2.8	£65
28-70mm f/3.5-4.5	£85
28-200mm f/4-5.6	£165
35-70mm f/3.5-4.5	£75
70-210mm f/4-5.6	£100
135mm f/2.8	£65

Ricoh

Lens	Price
28mm f/2.8	£110
35-70mm f/3.4-4.5	£80
50mm f/2	£40
50mm f/1.7	£60
70-210mm f/4-5.6	£160
60-300mm f/4-5.6	£220

Key to 3rd party lenses:

- 1 - Manual focus to fit Canon FD, Nikon AIS, Olympus, Minolta MD, Contax, Yashica, Pentax, Ricoh
- 2 - Autofocus to fit Minolta AF, Nikon AF
- 3 - Autofocus to fit Pentax AF
- 4 - Autofocus to fit Canon EOS

Sigma (prices vary according to fit)

Lens	Fit	Price
8mm f/2.8 fisheye	1	£560
14mm f/3.5	1,4	£70
15mm f/2.8 fisheye	1	£380
18mm f/3.5	1,4	£274
21-35mm f/3.5-4.2	1,2,4	£390
24mm f/2.8	1,2,3,4	£140
24-50mm f/4-5.6	1,2,3,4	£180
28mm f/1.8	1,2,4	£170
28mm f/2.8	1	£65
28-70mm f/2.8	1,2,3,4	£275
28-70mm f/3.5-4.5	1,2,3	£150
35-80mm f/4-5.6	1,2,4	£110
35-135mm f/4-5.6	1,2,3,4	£157
50mm f/2.8 macro	1,2,4	£190
70-210mm f/2.8 apo	1,2,4	£590
70-210mm f/4-5.6 apo	1,2,3,4	£210
70-210mm f/4-5.6	1,2,3,4	£150
75-300mm f/4-5.6 apo	1,2,4	£260
75-300mm f/4.5-5.6	1,2,4	£180
90mm · 2.8 macro	1,2,4	£280
180mm f/2.8 apo	1,2,4	£700

180mm f/5.6 apo	1,2,4	£315
300mm f/2.8 apo	1,2,4	£2500
400mm f/5.6 apo	1,2,4	£420
500mm f/4.5 apo	1,2,4	£2875
500mm f/1.2	1,2,4	£480
600mm f/8 mirror	1,2,4	£335
800mm f/5.6 apo	1,2,4	£4450
1000mm f/8 apo	1,2,4	£3450

Tamron (prices vary according to fit)

Lens	Fit	Price
17mm f/3.5	1	£270
24mm f/2.5	1	£160
28-70mm f/3.5-4.5	1	£110
28-200mm f/3.8-5.6	2,4	£270
35-105mm f/2.8	1,2	£450
35-135mm f/3.5-4.5	1	£230
90mm f/2.5	1	£230
70-210mm f/3.5	1	£280
70-210mm f/2.8	2	£800
60-300mm f/3.8-4.5	1	£300
300mm f/2.8 LD	1,2,3	£2000
400mm LD	1	£2000
500mm f/8 mirror	1	£290

Tokina (prices vary according to fit)

Lens	Fit	Price
17mm f/3.5	2,4	£630
20-35mm f/3.5-4.5	2,4	£382
24-40mm f/2.8	1	£403
28-70mm f/3.5-4.5	1	£153
28-70mm t/2.8-4.5	2,4	£190
28-70mm f/2.8	2,3,4	£445
70-210mm f/4-5.6	1,2,4	£153
60-300mm f/4-5.6	1	£255
80-200mm f/2.8	1,2,4	£726
90mm f/2.5 macro	1	£340
100mm f/2.8 macro	2,4	£640
100-300mm f/4	1,2,4	£775
150-500mm f/5.6	1	£1600
300mm f/2.8	1,2,4	£2900
400mm f/5.6	2,3,4	£663

Vivitar (prices vary according to fit)

Lens	Fit	Price
19mm f/3.8	1	£100
24mm f/2.8	1	£80
28mm f/2.8	1	£50
28-70mm f/3.5-4.8	1	£100
28-70mm f/2.8-4.5	2,3,4	£150
28-105mm f/2.8-3.8	1	£200
28-210mm f/3.5-5.6	1	£160
70-210mm f/2.8-4 Q-DOS	1	£225
70-210mm f/4.5-5.6	1,2,3,4	£150
70-300mm f/4.2-5.8	1	£160

105mm f/2.5	1	£250
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Yashica (autofocus fit)

Lens	Price
24mm f/2.8	£287
28mm f/2.8	£150
28-70mm f/3.5-4.5	£139
28-85mm f/3.5-4.5	£320
35-105mm f/3.5-4.5	£235
50mm f/1.8	£90
60mm t/2.8	£300
70-210mm f/4-5.6	£235

Yashica (manual fit)

Lens	Price
28mm f/2.8	£120
28-80mm f/3.9-4.9	£120
35-70mm f/3.5-4.9	£100
50mm f/1.9	£60
75-200mm f/4.5	£120
500mm f/8 mirror	£1000
1000mm f/11 mirror	£1000