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EXTREME RANGE

Go from wide to long tele with image stabilization using **Sigma's 18-250mm f/3.5-6.3 DC OS HSM**. This zoom delivers top-notch image quality throughout its entire range with low-dispersion glass and aspherical-lens elements for minimizing chromatic aberrations and spreading light evenly across the sensor. Hybrid Optical Stabilizer technology compensates for shake by providing image stabilization in the camera body and viewfinder. A minimum focusing distance of 17.7 inches and a maximum magnification ratio of 1:3.4 allow you to get up close. Estimated Street Price: \$530. **Contact:** Sigma, (800) 896-6858, www.sigmaphoto.com.



RARE D-SLR RELEASE

Check out **Pentax's limited-edition white K2000 D-SLR system**, which comes with a double-zoom lens kit. The uniquely colored camera comes with the DA L 18-55mm f/3.5-5.6 AL and 50-200mm f/4-5.6 AL, which both feature white trim. The camera sports a 10.2-megapixel CCD sensor, advanced manual control, an Auto Picture Mode, sensor-shift Shake Reduction that works with all lenses, a comprehensive sensor-dust removal system and a dedicated programmable Help button for those who are new to using a D-SLR. List Price: \$679. **Contact:** Pentax, (800) 877-0155, www.pentaxslr.com.

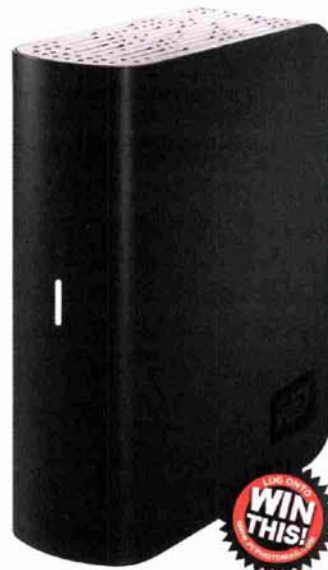
GO WIDE

Enhance your landscape sceneries using **Tokina's AT-X 124 PRO DX II 12-24mm f/4 AF lens**. The ultrawide-angle zoom is the 35mm equivalent of an 18-36mm lens. For Nikon users, the second generation of this lens features a built-in autofocus motor drive designed to work with the D40, D60 and other bodies. The Canon version already had a built-in AF motor. A new multicoating helps reduce reflections that can cause flare and ghosting. The one-touch focus clutch mechanism gives you a fast way of switching between auto and manual focus. List Price: TBA. **Contact:** THK Photo Products, (800) 421-1141, www.thkphoto.com.



MAC BACKUP

Store loads of images without necessarily having to take up valuable space on your desktop hard drive using **Western Digital's My Passport and My Book** external storage drives, which now come preformatted for Macs. My Passport is a shock-resistant device powered through USB, and comes in 320 GB and 500 GB capacities. My Book also features a USB interface, holds 1 TB and preserves power by turning itself on and off with your computer. List Price: \$129, \$179 (320 GB, 500 GB My Passport); \$179 (My Book). **Contact:** Western Digital, (949) 672-7000, www.westerndigital.com.



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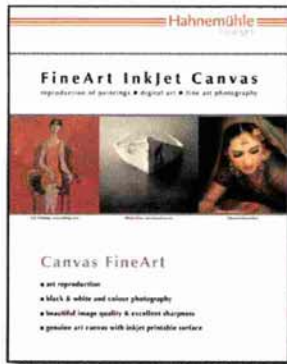
THE BIG PICTURE

Project your stills and video in top-notch quality with the **Canon REALiS SX800 Multimedia Projector**. The bright, high-contrast projector supports SXGA (1400x1050) resolution and can be used with widescreen notebook and desktop computers. The SX800 can display 720p high-definition video uncompressed and also supports 1080p. Powered by its AISYS Optical Engine, the projector produces images with crisp details, vibrant colors, smooth rendition of fine lines, and subtle color gradations and tones. Estimated Street Price: \$2,199. **Contact:** Canon, (800) OK-CANON, www.usa.canon.com.



BOOK IT

Show off your photos in a custom-printed hardcover book using **AdoramaPix**. With many sizes and style options, you can create a photo book for any occasion. The PixPublisher software works from any web browser, allowing you to simply drag and drop your photos into one of hundreds of templates. For a more customized look, build your book from scratch with a variety of color backgrounds, borders and frames. The pages are professional-quality, archival photo paper, resistant to fading. When opened, the pages lie completely flat for easy, seamless spread display. Estimated Street Price: \$34 (8x10-inch book with 26 pages). **Contact:** Adorama, (888) 216-6400, www.adoramapix.com.

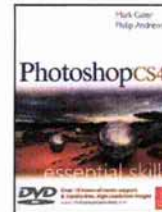


PAPER MATTERS

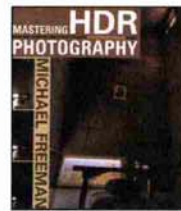
Make gallery-quality prints using **Hahnemühle's Monet Canvas 410**. The heavy, 100-percent cotton inkjet canvas features a classic woven pattern and fine surface texture. The paper's natural white color is ideal for making fine-art photo prints. Monet Canvas is part of Hahnemühle's Digital FineArt collection of genuine artists' papers and canvases. With specially developed coatings for inkjet printers, these papers deliver long-lasting prints with a large color gamut and high color density. Estimated Street Price: \$43 (10 sheets of 8½x11 inches). **Contact:** Hahnemühle, (815) 502-5880, www.hahnemuehle.com.

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Photoshop CS4: Essential Skills by Mark Galer and Philip Andrews (Focal Press, 2008; ISBN: 978-0-240-52124-4). This in-depth guide comes with a DVD featuring more than eight hours of detailed video tutorials that accompany the projects laid out in the book. Learn how to retouch images, create montages, produce special effects and more.



Mastering HDR Photography: Combining Technology and Artistry to Create High Dynamic Range Images by Michael Freeman (Amphoto Books, 2008; ISBN: 978-0-8174-9999-0). Master this popular technique by learning how to shoot specifically for HDR, use software for combining multiple exposures into a single image and print.



Travel Photography: Tread Your Own Path by Steve Davey (Footprint, 2009; ISBN: 978-1-906098-42-1). Packed with tips and anecdotes on how photography can enhance your travel experience, this pictorial guide explores how to plan your trip, what equipment to take, how to get the most from your camera and more.



How to Cheat in Photoshop Elements 7: Create Stunning Photomontages on a Budget by David Asch and Steve Caplin (Focal Press, 2008; ISBN: 978-0-240-52154-1). Turn day into night or give your subject a makeover using this practical guide. More than 80 fun, easy-to-follow projects are included to enhance your creativity.



Minimalist Lighting: Professional Techniques For Location Photography by Kirk Tuck (Amherst Media, 2008; ISBN: 978-1-584282-30-3). Regardless of where you mainly shoot, this book shows you how to select easy, portable lighting equipment with tidbits on the latest technology, including battery-powered flashes and accessories.



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VIDEO IN A FLASH

Record HD video clips on a memory card designed for extended use. The **Lexar Secure Digital High Capacity Full-HD Video memory card** comes in 4 GB, 8 GB and 16 GB capacities and can record up to 90, 180 and 360 minutes of content, respectively. It also transfers image files quickly to the computer. Whether you're shooting with a Flash-based camcorder or capturing high-def video on the Nikon D90, the card has enough space and speed to get the job done. List Price: TBA. **Contact:** Lexar, (800) 789-9418, www.lexar.com.



LONG-LENS TRAVELER

Carry your SLR and 300mm telephoto lens in the **Domke F-300 Long Lens Bag**. With a 45-degree-angle vertical design, you can get to your camera quickly. Foam-padded on all sides, the F-300 also has an expandable front pocket with fitted weather flap, with a rear pocket for accessories. The bag is made from a water-resistant heavyweight cotton canvas that has been treated with repellent for keeping moisture out and protecting your camera. Hook-and-loop straps on the side hold a monopod. Estimated Street Price: \$153. **Contact:** Tiffen, (800) 645-2522, www.tiffen.com.



SCAN IT

Preserve film images by converting them to digital files with **HP's Scanjet G3110**. Scan four 35mm slides at once or one strip of film with up to five frames. Other key specs include 4800x9600-dpi resolution and 48-bit color, plus options for restoring color to faded photos, removing dust and scratches, and applying adaptive lighting to fix backlighting and other problems. List Price: \$99. **Contact:** HP, (800) 752-0900, www.hp.com.




BACK UP AND SHOOT

Avoid running out of memory card space after just a few days of vacation by taking along the **NEXTO eXtreme**. This easy-to-use portable hard drive comes with a built-in memory card reader and convenient USB port. Pressing a button allows you to copy, delete, browse and store content. The device confirms when the backup is complete and also checks file quality. If a file didn't back up properly, you'll know right away. The NEXTO eXtreme is available in capacities of 160 GB, 250 GB, 320 GB and 500 GB. List Price: \$429 (160 GB). **Contact:** NEXTO Di, (800) 999-1984, www.international Supplies.com.

PHOTO ASSIST

Make fast work of typical image fixes with **Serif's Digital Photo Suite 2009**. The software features simple editing tools for quickly cropping images, removing unwanted objects, straightening horizons, correcting color and adjusting brightness and contrast. With Makeover Studio, you can perfect your people shots by whitening teeth, smoothing skin, painting away blemishes, brightening eyes and more. Other features include AlbumPlus X3 for organizing images and PanoramaPlus 3 for stitching photos together into a panorama. List Price: \$49. **Contact:** Serif, (800) 557-3743, www.serif.com.



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