



PHOTOGRAPHY

All you need to know about film

The type of film you should use depends on your particular camera (eg 35mm, advantix or Polaroid). Once you know what film your camera takes there are other options to take into consideration.

These include such things as slide film. When developing slide film it can be done in the traditional manner to produce slides or it can be cross-developed giving more contrasting colours in photos.

There is also the option of Black and White film. In regard to a 35mm film there are two main sorts on the market now, true black and white and a black and white that can be processed in colour chemicals. The true black and white gives a better colour contrast however is very expensive to process.

Polaroid cameras can also use black and white film however the processing's not an issue as they are instant photos. Film for Polaroid cameras depend on the size film your camera takes. The three sizes are 500 (for a JoyCam) 600 (extreme) and 800 (spectra).

Film for an advantix or 35mm camera comes with a lot more options. Firstly the speed of the film you want to use. This depends on what you are taking photos of. The main speeds available are 100, 200, 400 and 800iso. The table below outlines the pro's and con's of each film.

Speed (iso)	Advantages	Disadvantages
100 Best for outside use, ideal for summer beach photos	The slower speed film gives a finer grain and sharpness in your photos, as well as greater colour saturation and contrast.	When taking inside or night time shots results tend to be very under exposed
200 Middle of the range	Good colours. Inside shots work well with a flash.	Night time shots still tend to be underexposed but not as much as the 100
400 Best for most situation	Works inside and outside. Also is great for fast action shots and low light ie night time photos	Photos can tend to be slightly grainy especially with the 400-advantix film
800 Best for night time photography	This is very fast film and is great for night time shots of the city etc	The colours are not as good as a slower film. Also with a flash the photo can be very grainy.