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Welcome to Polaroid PhotoMAX FUN!

Thank you for purchasing the Polaroid PhotoMAX FUN! FLASH 820 Digital Camera Creative Kit. This kit contains everything you need to enter the world of digital imaging. Just follow the simple instructions in this Quickstart Guide and you’ll be working with digital images quickly and easily.

Our goal at Polaroid is to make digital imaging easy and fun—right from the moment you open the box.

If you get stuck or need help, please visit www.polaroid.com

Please read this booklet to learn how fun and easy it is to use Polaroid PhotoMAX FUN!
The PhotoMAX FUN! FLASH 820 Creative Kit

Your Polaroid PhotoMAX FUN! FLASH 820 Creative Kit contains everything you need to take digital photos and save them to your computer. Using the software in your kit you can correct, edit, and play with your digital photos.

You can use your Polaroid PhotoMAX SE Image Maker SE 2.3 (or later) software with other digital cameras and scanners if they are TWAIN-compliant. Check the instructions that came with your device to see if it is TWAIN-compliant.
Kit Components

Make sure that your kit contains the following:

- Polaroid *FUN! FLASH 820* Digital Camera
- AC power adapter
- 4 AA batteries
- Camera-to-computer serial cable (RS-232C serial cable)
- Polaroid PhotoMAX SE Image Maker software CD-ROM
- Quickstart Guide
Camera Features

a. Wrist strap slot
b. Shutter button
c. Flash unit
d. Viewfinder
e. Lens
f. AC adapter port
g. Serial connector port
h. Self-timer indicator
i. Battery compartment
j. Flash settings button
k. Self-timer button
l. Viewfinder
m. On/off switch
n. Shutter button
o. LCD on/off button
p. LCD scroll up button
q. LCD scroll down button
r. Delete photo button
s. Menu on/off button
t. Tripod mount (bottom of camera)
u. Picture counter (LCD menu on)
v. Memory full icon (LCD menu on)
w. Self-timer icon (LCD menu on)
x. Flash setting icon (LCD menu on)
y. Resolution setting icon (LCD menu on)
z. Camera power on/flash charge LED indicator lights
Inserting Batteries

Your kit includes four AA batteries. Use the AC adapter included in your kit whenever possible to save battery power.

1. Open the battery door.

2. Insert four AA batteries. Make sure that the battery terminals (+ and −) are properly positioned.

Note: You can use AA disposable batteries (high-capacity super alkaline or lithium) or rechargeable (NiMH or Nicad) batteries. Lithium batteries last much longer than high-capacity super alkaline, but are generally more expensive.

Note: If you use rechargeable batteries, you will need to purchase a battery charger.
Note: Replace the batteries when the LED indicator light blinks and the LCD does not turn on. Replace all four batteries at the same time.

Battery precautions

- Always remove batteries from the camera if you are not going to use the camera for an extended period of time.
- Do not leave dead batteries in the camera; they are susceptible to leakage, which can cause significant damage to your camera.
- You should never mix old and new batteries or different types of batteries. If you use Nicad batteries, it is recommended that you use a Nicad conditioning charger to extend the life of the batteries.
Using the AC Adapter

- Use only the AC adapter that came with your camera. Using a different AC adapter may cause damage to your camera.
- Turn the camera power off before connecting or disconnecting the AC adapter.
- Grasp the plug, not the cord, when you unplug the adapter from an outlet. Avoid bending, pulling, or twisting the AC adapter cord. Do not try to lengthen the cord by splicing it with another wire.
- Replace a damaged power cord with a new one (to avoid electrical shock).

Note: The AC adapter may become warm to the touch after extended periods of use. This is no cause for alarm.

1. Insert the AC adapter cord into the power connector on the camera.
2. Plug the cord into a grounded electrical outlet.
Connecting the Wrist Strap

Your kit also includes a convenient wrist strap. Insert the wrist strap in the slot on the camera as shown.

You are now ready to take photos!
Taking Photos

Your Polaroid PhotoMAX FUN! FLASH 820 Digital Camera is perfect for taking digital photos both indoors and outdoors.

Some features of your digital camera include:

- automatic flash settings
- fixed-focus
- self-timer

1. Turn on the camera (a). The green power light on the back of the camera is lit.
   If the green power light is not lit, check to make sure the batteries are properly loaded.

2. Look through the camera viewfinder or turn on the LCD (b).
Frame your subject(s) in the viewfinder or on the LCD.

>Note: When you use the LCD to compose photos, the LCD menu is always visible.

3. Hold the camera steady and press the shutter button (c). Your photo displays on the LCD.
Tips for Taking Great Photos

Follow these steps to take great photos with your Polaroid PhotoMAX FUN! FLASH 820 Digital Camera.

**Indoor photos**

3-7 feet

- Indoor photos are best taken in an evenly lit room.
- Use the **Autoflash** setting for best results.
- Be sure to keep your subject(s) three to seven feet from the camera.

*Note:* See “Using the Camera Flash” on page 18 to learn how to change the flash settings on your digital camera.
Outdoor photos

3 feet to infinity

- Avoid intense sunlight that may cause sun spots in photos.
- Always make sure that the sun or other light source is behind the person taking the photo.
- Be sure to keep your subject three to seven feet from the camera when using the flash.

Note: See “Using the Camera Flash” on page 18 to learn how to change the flash settings on your digital camera.

Note: For more tips on taking great photos with your digital camera, visit www.polaroid.com
Using Sleep Mode

To help save battery power, your digital camera automatically shuts off after approximately thirty seconds of inactivity. This is called sleep mode.

In sleep mode, the camera LCD turns off and the power indicator light (a) blinks every five seconds.

Press the shutter button while the camera is in sleep mode to turn on the camera. The LCD turns on and the power indicator light (a) displays green.

Note: If you don’t use your digital camera after approximately three minutes of sleep mode, all power is shut off. Turn the power switch (b) off and then back to the on position to restore power.
Using the Picture Counter

The picture counter is found on the LCD menu. It tells you how many digital photos are stored on the digital camera’s internal memory.

Your FUN! FLASH 820 Digital Camera comes with 4 MB of internal memory that stores up to 20 photos (800 x 600 pixel resolution) or up to 80 photos (400 x 300 pixel resolution).

1. Turn on the camera (a).

2. Press the LCD on/off button (b). The picture counter displays in the LCD menu (d).

Note: Your digital camera does not have removable memory. When the camera is full, download photos to your computer and erase them from camera memory. For more information, see “Transferring Photos to Your Computer” on page 28, and “Reviewing and Deleting Photos” on page 21.
Using the Camera Flash

Each time you turn on your digital camera, it automatically sets to the **Flash off** setting. You can change the flash setting at any time.

There are three different flash settings:

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**Flash off**
- The flash does not fire.
- Use in places where flash is prohibited or may be distracting.
- Use when shooting toward a reflective background, such as a window or a mirror.

**Autoflash**
- The flash fires automatically when needed.
- The autoexposure sensor in the camera determines when the flash is necessary.

**Force flash**
- The flash fires for every photo.
Changing the flash setting

1. Turn on the camera (a).

2. Press the LCD on/off button (b). The current flash setting displays on the LCD menu.

3. Press the flash setting button (f) to change the setting.

4. If you turn on the **Autoflash** or **Force flash** setting, the flash charges for a few seconds. The flash indicator light (e) blinks while the flash charges. Wait until the flash is ready (the indicator light is steady green) before taking a photo.

   *Note: You can turn off the LCD after changing the flash setting. Using the viewfinder to take a photo will help save battery power.*
Using the Self-timer

Your digital camera comes with a built-in self timer.

Note: It is recommended that you use a tripod with the self-timer. There is a tripod mount on the bottom of your digital camera (c).

1. Look through the viewfinder or turn on the LCD to compose your photo.

2. Press the self-timer button (a). The self-timer icon appears on the LCD menu (d).

3. Set the camera into position to take a photo. When you are ready, press the shutter button (b) to activate the self-timer countdown. A red light on the front of the camera (below the lens) blinks for ten seconds.

4. After ten seconds, the digital camera takes the photo. To turn off the self-timer while the red light is blinking, press the self-timer button.
Reviewing and Deleting Photos

You can review the photos stored on your digital camera at any time. You can also delete photos that you don’t want to keep. Remember that your digital camera can only store a certain number of photos before the memory is full. When the memory is full, you have to put the photos on your computer or delete them from memory to free up space. After you free up space, you can begin taking more photos.

\textit{Note:} When reviewing your photos, you can turn the LCD menu on or off by pressing the menu button (d). Keep in mind, however, that the LCD menu is always visible while composing photos in the LCD.

\textit{Note:} The memory on your digital camera is full when a \textbf{Full} message displays on the LCD menu and the flash and power indicator lights blink. You cannot take any more digital photos until you delete some or all of them from memory.
Reviewing photos

1. Turn on the digital camera.
2. Turn on the LCD (a).
3. Press the up arrow (b) or down arrow (c). Your photos display on the screen.
4. Press the menu button (d) to turn the LCD menu if it is not visible. The menu displays information about your photo (number in sequence, flash, and resolution settings). (To turn off the LCD menu, press the menu button again.)
Deleting photos

It is necessary to delete photos from your digital camera when a Full message displays on the LCD menu and the flash and power indicator lights blink. You can also delete photos from your camera with the software included in your kit.

1. Turn on the camera.
2. Turn on the LCD (a).
3. Press the up (b) or down (c) arrow button to review your photos.
4. Press the menu button (d) to turn the LCD menu if it is not visible. The menu displays the number of your photo.
   (To turn off the LCD menu, press the menu button again.)
5. You can only delete the last photo in sequence (photo with highest number) from your camera. Press the delete photo (garbage can) button (d) to delete the last photo. A message appears.
6. Press the up arrow (b) to delete the last photo. To not delete the last photo, press the down arrow (c). Remember that you are deleting the last photo from your camera.

7. Press and hold the delete photo (garbage can) button for three seconds and release to delete all the photos from your camera. When you release the delete photo button, a confirmation message displays. Press the up arrow to delete all photos.
Changing the Resolution Setting

You can change the resolution setting on your camera between two different options:

- 800 x 600 pixel resolution
- 400 x 300 pixel resolution

The resolution setting refers to the number of pixels in your digital photo. The higher the pixel resolution, the more pixels that are contained in your photo. A higher pixel resolution means that the quality of the digital photo is higher when it is put on your computer and either viewed on your computer screen or printed.

Your camera automatically sets to 800 x 600 pixel resolution. It is recommended that you keep these resolution settings. The 400 x 300 resolution setting should be used for photos that will only be displayed online (digitally), such as on a Web site or an email attachment. Printing images at 400 x 300 resolution may result in enlarged pixels appearing on your photo.
Changing resolution settings

1. While pressing the self-timer button (a), turn on the camera power.

2. To check that the resolution settings have changed, turn on the LCD and press the Menu button. The resolution setting appears on the LCD menu (b). One star represents 400 x 300 resolution. Two stars represents 800 x 600 resolution.

3. To return the camera to the 800 x 600 resolution, turn the camera power off and on.

Note: Each time you turn the camera off and on, its settings return to the default.
Using the Power and Flash LEDs

Depending on what state the camera is in, the Power LED and Flash LED lights can be on, off, or blinking. You can use the LEDs together to determine what the camera is ready to do.

There are seven different possible states of the camera:

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Transferring Photos to Your Computer

After taking digital photos with your camera you need to transfer them to your computer. First you must first install the Polaroid PhotoMAX SE Image Maker software included in your kit. Your software includes many fun and interesting features to use with your digital photos. Included are:

- A wide selection of digital special effects such as melting, swirling, motion-blur and more.
- Full preview of all your changes as you make them.
- PhotoFantasy, which lets you put someone’s picture inside one of the many supplied digital fantasies—such as a magazine cover or a 50’s time warp.

⚠️ Note: Before installing the software make sure that your computer meets the minimum system requirements necessary for installing it. For more information, see the next section.
Minimum System Requirements

- PC with Pentium class processor
- Microsoft Windows 95 or Windows 98
- 36 MB of RAM
- 85 MB available hard drive space
- Available COMM (serial) port
- Display settings at 800 x 600 pixels
- High Color display adapter (True Color display adapter recommended)
- Color monitor
- 2x or faster CD-ROM drive
- Mouse

Note: If you have any questions about the system capabilities of your computer, please read the documentation that came with your computer or contact the computer manufacturer.
Installing PhotoMAX Software

1. Insert the PhotoMAX CD-ROM in your CD-ROM drive.
   If the installation program does not start automatically:
   a. Select Run from the Windows Start menu.
   b. Click Browse to locate your CD-ROM drive.
   c. Select Setup.exe from the CD-ROM.
   d. Click Open.
   e. Click OK.

2. Follow the instructions on your computer screen.

3. Click Finish to complete software installation.

   Note: Read the ReadMe file for any important last minute information about your software. You can access the ReadMe file at Start\Programs\Polaroid\ReadMe.
Connecting the Digital Camera to Your Computer

1. Turn off your computer and any peripheral devices attached to it (scanner, printer).

2. Locate the serial cable from your kit.

3. Connect the serial cable to the serial port on your computer.

   **Note:** To get help finding the serial port on your computer, read the instruction manual included with your computer or contact the computer manufacturer.

4. Connect the other end to the serial port on the camera (b).
5. Connect the AC adapter to the camera (c). Plug the cord into a grounded electrical outlet.

6. Turn on the camera.

7. Turn on your computer.

8. Click the Start button on the Windows taskbar.

*Note: The Windows taskbar is usually found at the bottom of your screen.*
9. Select **Polaroid PhotoMAX 2.3 by ArcSoft** from the Programs menu.

10. Select **PhotoMAX SE**. The software launches.

You also can open the Polaroid PhotoMAX Software by double-clicking the Polaroid PhotoMAX icon on your desktop. This icon is a shortcut to the Polaroid PhotoMAX application that was created automatically at the end of the installation procedure.
Transferring Photos to Your Computer

1. Click the **Get Photo** button.
The **Get Photo** button lets you select a photo from a variety of sources. You can select a photo from:

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2. Click **Album or Camera**. The Album manager window opens.

   ![Album manager window](image)

   **Note:** To create a new Album, select **New Album** from the **Album:** pull-down menu. Type a new album description, if desired, in the **Description:** field.

3. Click the **Acquire** button on the top menu bar.
The **Select Source** window appears.

4. Highlight **Polaroid Fun! Flash 820 Digital Camera** from the list of devices; click **Select**.

   The Polaroid PhotoMAX *FUN! FLASH 820* Digital Camera TWAIN software opens. The TWAIN software is used to download, delete, and save photos from your digital camera.

5. Click **Refresh Thumbnails** to load thumbnail images of your photos from the camera.
Thumbnail versions of your photos appear on the screen.

Note: If your digital camera fails to connect to your computer, close the Polaroid PhotoMAX SE Image Maker software and restart it. If you continue having problems connecting your digital camera to your computer, please visit www.polaroid.com.
6. Click on a single photo to put it in your photo album.
   To put more than one photo in your photo album, press Control (Ctrl) on your keyboard while clicking on each thumbnail.
   To put all photos in your photo album, click Select All.

   <Note: The selected thumbnail images have a red border.>

7. Click Get Photos. The selected photos appear in the active photo album.

   <Note: For help with photo albums see “Need Help?” on page 49 learn how to open the Online User’s Guide.>
**Working with Images**

With Polaroid PhotoMAX SE Image Maker software you can add special effects, retouch colors, cut and paste selections between photos, and much more.
Opening an Image

To play with an image, first use your software to open it from an Album.

1. Double-click on an Album thumbnail to open it in the software. The image appears in the image tray.
Applying a Special Effect

You can apply many different special effects to a selected part of your image or to the entire image. For example, try making part of your image look like an oil painting!

1. Click and drag the mouse cursor to select the area on your image that you want to paint, or make sure no area is selected if you want to paint the entire image.

2. Click **Special Effects**.

3. Click the down arrow on the tool palette until you see the **painting** special effect.

4. Drag the slider to the left to decrease the intensity of the effect or to the right to increase the intensity of the effect. You also can click the – or the + buttons to change the intensity.

5. Click **painting** to apply the effect to your image.
   
   Click **undo** if you change your mind.

   **Note:** For information about using the image editing tools and special effects, see “Need Help?” on page 49.
Cropping an Image

Sometimes you need to cut out part of an image you scanned or took with your digital camera. Use the Crop tool.

1. Select the area you want to keep in your image.
2. Click **Setup Photo**.
3. Click **Crop Image**.
4. Move the cursor over the selected area on your image.
   The cursor changes to a pair of scissors.
5. Press the left mouse button.
   The cropped image appears in the image tray. Click **undo** if you change your mind.
Saving an Image

After you finish manipulating your image, you need to save it to your computer.

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2. Click **Quick Save.** |
| With a different file name or in a different file format | 1. Click **Save It!**  
2. Click **Save Image as.**  
The Save As dialog box appears.  
3. Select the folder where you want to save the file.  
4. Select a file format from the Save as type list, if needed. |
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- **Note:** If you select JPG, a slider appears to set the amount of image compression. A higher setting saves the file with less compression and higher image quality. A lower setting saves the file with more compression and a lower image quality. Files with more compression take up less hard disk space.

5. Enter a different file name, if needed.
6. Click **Save**.
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As a screen saver | 1. Click **Save It!**
2. Click **Make Screen Saver.**

As wallpaper for your desktop | 1. Click **Save It!**
2. Click **Make Wallpaper.**
Printing an Image

After you have fun manipulating your digital image, you can print one or more copies of it.

1. Click **Print Image**.

2. Type a caption in the **Description:** field to add a caption to your printed image.

3. Enter the number of copies.
   This option is not available if your printer driver does not support multiple printing.

4. Click **Hori-Centered** and **Vert-Centered** to print the image in the center of the page.

5. Drag the **Output:** slider to change the dot-per-inch (dpi) resolution and the resulting image size on the page.

6. Click and drag the image to reposition it.

7. Click **Printer Setup** if needed.

8. Click **Print**.

*Note: Click **Print multiple copies on one sheet of paper** to print up to 84 copies of your image on a single page.*
Sending an Image to Friends

You can also send your images to family and friends. A good way to send images is to attach them to an email message.

1. Get the image file name.
   
   Your photo album thumbnail display shows the file names for each image.

2. Locate the image file on your computer.
   
   You can find your downloaded images in the following folder (if you chose the default options during software installation):
   
   C:\Program Files\Polaroid\PhotoMAX SE\PhotoMAX\Photos\n
3. Attach the image file to an email message.
   
   Refer to your email system’s instructions on how to “attach” a file to an email message.

4. Send the message, with the image file attached, to your relatives and friends.
Need Help?
Whenever you need help using Polaroid PhotoMAX SE Image Maker software, click the ? button on the main window to open the *Online User’s Guide*.


*For help, visit [www.polaroid.com](http://www.polaroid.com).*
Product Limited Warranties

One Year Limited Warranty

Polaroid PhotoMAX FUN! FLASH 820 Digital Camera

Polaroid will, at our option, repair or replace any unit found defective in manufacture within the warranty period. The warranty period is determined by the date of purchase. Keep the receipt as proof of purchase. Otherwise, the warranty period is determined by the date of manufacture. This warranty does not apply to damage caused by accident, misuse or tampering, and excludes all consequential damages except in jurisdictions not allowing such exclusions or limitations.

Note: Polaroid Corporation provides technical support for digital cameras at www.PolaroidDigital.com or photomaxhelp.com, and within the United States by calling 800-897-0356 from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. EST, 7 days a week. Please note that phone support and repair services are regional and may not be available for a particular product outside the country where it was purchased. To obtain parts and service for cameras purchased in the United States, call 800-343-4846. A list of Polaroid International sales and customer support offices is available at www.polaroid.com/service/phone.html

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Ninety Day Limited Warranty

Polaroid PhotoMAX SE Image Maker Software

Polaroid warrants that the software media will be free of defects in materials and workmanship for a period of 90 days from the date of purchase. Polaroid's entire liability and your exclusive remedy shall be, at Polaroid's option, either (a) return of the price paid or (b) repair or replacement of the software that does not meet Polaroid's Limited Warranty and which is returned to Polaroid with a copy of your sales receipt. This Limited Warranty is void if failure of the software has resulted from accident, abuse, or misapplication. Any replacement software will be warranted for the remainder of the original warranty period or 30 days, whichever is longer.

Polaroid makes no other warranties with respect to the software, either express or implied, including but not limited to implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Some states and countries do not allow the exclusion of implied warranties, so the above exclusions may not apply to you.

Thank you for purchasing this Polaroid Digital Product. For more information on our other digital imaging products, please visit www.PolaroidDigital.com or photomaxhelp.com
FCC Notice

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules.

For detailed information about FCC compliance, see the Polaroid PhotoMAX SE Image Maker Software Online User’s Guide accessed from the software.

Camera precautions

Follow these guidelines when using your Polaroid PhotoMAX FUN! FLASH 820 Digital Camera:

• Do not open the camera case or attempt your own repairs. High-voltage internal components create the risk of electrical shock when exposed.
• Supervise children when the camera is operated by them or used in their presence.
• Do not expose the camera to, or immerse it in, water or other liquids. Turn off the camera and remove the batteries if the camera is exposed to fluids. Using the camera under these conditions creates the risk of electrical shock or fire.
• Do not open the battery compartment or unplug the AC adapter when the camera power is on.
• Do not operate the camera if it is dropped or damaged.
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