Nikon Digital SLR Camera D600 Specifications

- Lens Mount: Nikon F mount (with AF coupling and AF contacts)
- Effective Pixels: 24.3 million
- ISO Sensitivity: ISO 100 to 6400 in steps of 1/3 or 1/2 EV; can also be set to approx. 0.3, 0.5, 0.7 or 1 EV (ISO above ISO 6400; auto ISO sensitivity control available)
- Shutter Speed: 1/4,000 to 30 s in steps of 1/3 or 1/2 EV, bulb, time (requires optional ML-L3 Remote Control), X=1/200 s; synchronizes with shutter at 1/250 s or slower (flash range drops at speeds slower than f/5.6 and faster than f/8, while the center 7 points are available at f/8)
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- Movie Metering Method: Matrix
- Autofocus: Contrast-detect AF anywhere in frame (camera selects focus point automatically when autofocus area mode is set to multi selector), Single-servo AF (AF-S); full-time servo AF (AF-F)
- White Balance: Auto (2 types), incandescent, fluorescent (7 types), direct sunlight, flash, cloudy, shade, preset (manual (up to 4 values can be stored), choose color temperature (2,500 K to 10,000 K); all with manual white balance option)
- White Balance Bracketing: 3 frames in steps of 1, 2 or 3 EV
- AF-Area Modes: Single-point AF, 9-, 21- or 39-point dynamic-area AF, 3D-tracking, auto-area AF
- Focus Point: Can be selected from 39 or 11 focus points
- Detection Range: -1 to +19 EV (ISO 100, 20°C/68°F)
- Dust Reduction System: Image sensor cleaning, Image Dust Off reference data (optional Capture NX 2 software), Capture NX 2 Dust Detector feature
- Flash Ready Indicator: Lights when built-in flash or optional flash unit is fully charged; flashes after flash is fired at camera-selected output (can be set to 1/3 or 1/2 steps)
- Flash Compensation: -3 to +1 EV in increments of 1/3 or 1/2 EV
- Auto Exposure: Program (P), shutter-priority auto (S), aperture-priority auto (A), manual (M), U1 (user settings), U2 (user settings), U3 (user settings), U4 (user settings), U5 (user settings)
- Exposure Bracketing: 2 to 3 frames in steps of 1/3, 1/2, 2/3, 1, 2 or 3 EV
- Metering: 2 to 20 EV
- Spot Metering: 2 to 20 EV
- Built-In Flash: Pop-up, pentaprism,-assist illuminator (range approx. 0.5 to 3 m/1 ft 8 in. to 9 ft 10 in.)

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Smallest and lightest FX-format D-SLR

24.3-megapixel CMOS sensor

Standard ISO sensitivity range: 100 to 6400

Approx. 100% frame coverage

39-point AF system, 7 points compatible with f/8

Multi-area mode Full HD D-Movie

Double SD card slots compatible with UHS-I

Long awaited by passionate photographers everywhere, the new Nikon D600 is an innovative 24.3-megapixel D-SLR in a size and weight never seen before in FX format. Equipped to shoot virtually any subject— from landscapes to portraiture, from still life to action—the D600 renders each with stunning sharpness and all of the benefits that the versatile FX format can offer, such as superior high ISO capability, smooth tonality and beautiful bokeh. Your creative potential will be immeasurable with the latest range of NIKKOR lenses—once they’re attached to this agile and reliable body, it will become clear just how far the D600 can take you.

High-end photography was once a privilege enjoyed only by professionals. No longer. See what power lies within your reach.

Shoot Big, Travel Light

Stunning sharpness and clarity from Nikon’s innovative 24.3-megapixel FX-format D-SLR

• Exposure: [A] mode, 1/200 second, f/8 • White balance: Auto 1 • Sensitivity: ISO 100
• Picture Control: Standard

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AF-S NIKKOR 70-200mm f/2.8G ED VR II
Exquisite detail and subtle tonal range in both highlights and shadows

- Exposure: [A] mode, 1/800 second, f/8
- White balance: Direct sunlight
- Sensitivity: ISO 100
- Picture Control: Landscape

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AF-S NIKKOR 24-85mm f/3.5-4.5G ED VR
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From the bright, harsh noonday sun, to low-lit interiors or evening scenes, the large FX-format sensor handles light so effectively that it delivers exceptional image clarity from ISO 100 up to ISO 6400. When it comes to high ISO settings, Nikon takes image quality very seriously. Strict standards have been put into place to ensure clearer pictures. When the situation demands even more versatility, you can now push your light sensitivity to ISO 50 (Lo 1) or ISO 25600 (Hi 2) equivalent. The higher ISO capability gives the D600 a specific edge, not only creating further handheld shooting opportunities via faster shutter speeds, but also offering video enthusiasts the confidence to shoot in darker places.

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**Scene Recognition System for further metering accuracy**

Utilizing the camera’s built-in 2,016-pixel RGB sensor, Nikon’s Scene Recognition System analyzes each scene’s brightness and color information, and then uses this information to further improve accuracy in autofocus, auto exposure, auto white balance and i-TTL flash metering. Such accuracy instills a vital dose of confidence when using auto control. This is particularly helpful with autofocus, where the Scene Recognition System measures subject identification and tracking information for an enhanced performance by 3D-tracking and auto-area AF.

**Available focus points according to aperture**

- **39 AF points**: Compatible with maximum aperture f/5.6 and faster
- **23 AF points**: Compatible with maximum aperture slower than f/5.6 and faster than f/8
- **7 AF points**: Compatible with maximum aperture f/8

**Versatile AF-area modes**

Regardless of your photographic passion, the D600 has AF-area modes optimized to suit your subject matter. Dynamic-area AF is a powerful tool for tracking moving subjects using one priority focus point and the supporting points surrounding it. Switch between 9-point, 21-point and 39-point coverage, depending on your subject’s size, speed, and type of movement. The intelligent 3D-tracking feature allows you more compositional freedom by continuously following moving subjects that stay within your 39 AF points. Try single-point AF when you need pinpoint focus on stationary subjects such as landscapes, portraits or still lifes. On the other hand, the D600’s auto-area AF is an ideal choice for candid shooting, as it automatically detects main subjects.

**Incredible AF design with compatibility up to f/8**

The D600 delivers remarkable AF performance using 39 tightly packed, strategically placed AF points, which work like a net to find your subject and lock it into sharp focus. The nine cross-type sensors in the center give you further accuracy, even when light and contrast are scarce. If the maximum effective aperture of your super-telephoto lens gets as slow as f/8 when attaching a 2.0x teleconverter, you can still count on the D600’s AF performance with seven active AF points — a huge benefit for sports and wildlife shooters.

**Speed that responds to your reflexes**

To ensure you catch the right moment, the D600 shoots up to approx. 5.5 fps in both FX and DX formats — outstanding speed when you consider that each image is 24.3 megapixels. Such speed makes dynamic-area AF even more effective. The power switch strategically encircles the shutter-release button, which means that once turned on, your finger is already in position. The camera is ready to shoot in approx. 0.13 s*, and release time lag has been minimized to approx. 0.052 s* , close to the Nikon D4’s approx. 0.042 s* . The right-hand grip has been optimized as well, complemented by a redesign of the shutter-release button area for faster response and less stress to your finger.

* Based on CIPA Guidelines.
Double SD card slots compatible with UHS-I

When shooting large image files, recording speed and card capacity matter. The D600 comes equipped with double SD card slots that are compatible with the latest UHS-I for faster data transfer. The camera also supports SDXC, the SD cards’ large-capacity standard, to ensure stress-free and productive shooting. Eye-Fi equipped SD cards are also compatible. Having two SD cards offers a number of advantages, including backup recording, RAW/JPEG separate recording and more.

Shutter tested for 150,000 cycles

The camera’s highly durable shutter and sequential control mechanism have been tested to 150,000 cycles on fully assembled cameras. While the shutter unit is designed for speeds between 1/4,000 of a second up to 30 s, its intelligent, self-diagnostic shutter monitor automatically monitors actual shutter speeds in order to correct possible variances that can occur over time.

Leading-edge LCD monitor with automatic brightness control

The large 8-cm (3.2-in.), approx. 921k-dot LCD monitor offers you bright, crisp image playback with an extended color reproduction capacity. Its anti-reflective design offers clear, glare-free performance, even under bright conditions. Set your monitor brightness to Auto, and when the monitor turns on, the camera will automatically adjust the LCD brightness according to the environmental lighting conditions, allowing easy image confirmation in both bright and dimly lit places.

The most compact FX-format D-SLR camera

When in the field, photographers always stress the importance of traveling light, and Nikon engineers listened. While designing the D600, many camera components were reassessed and redesigned in order to free up as much internal camera space as possible. The main challenge was to optimize the design surrounding the pentaprism and employ a smaller AF sensor module. The result is an FX-format D-SLR camera that weighs approx. 760 g/1 lb 10.8 oz* — the lightest and smallest in the FX-format category. Where would you go with mobility like this?

Light, rugged magnesium alloy body

Nikon engineers trimmed both the size and weight without sacrificing ruggedness. The D600 uses durable magnesium alloy for the top and rear frames, which helps keep it light while protecting the sensitive technologies within from accidental shock. Extensive weather sealing gives the D600 dust- and moisture-proof protection that is just as reliable as its higher-end cousins, the Nikon D800 series, allowing you to work in harsh environments.

Accuracy to match both your view and your vision

A precise understanding of every element in the frame can be crucial to your compositional intentions, especially when shooting landscapes. The D600 is equipped with a newly developed glass prism optical viewfinder that gives you approx. 100% frame coverage. Enjoy a bright and clear view thanks to the large FX-format sensor, plus a focusing screen that is painstakingly designed to make sharp focus fast and intuitive in both autofocus and manual. Unlike the LCD monitor, the viewfinder allows you to truly home in on your subject more steadily and without distractions. The speed of viewfinder shooting also gives you an edge when you need to make quick decisions, which can be crucial while shooting portraits, candid images or action shots. If needed, try the viewfinder’s on-demand grid lines* for simpler, more accurate framing.

* Available only with FX format.
Live view selector makes switching between still and movie modes smooth and intuitive

Broadcast quality video at your fingertips

Cinematic experience with Full HD quality video

Whether you want to record nature, exotic locations or just the magic moments of daily life, Nikon’s broadcast-quality D-Movie demonstrates exquisite moving image integrity, due in part to its 24.3 megapixels and large FX-format sensor. By using the B frame data compression method, the D600 can record 1080p Full HD video at 30p in H.264/MPEG-4 AVC format for up to 29 min. 59 s* of recording in a single clip. The camera’s intelligent image sensor reads out movie images at faster rates than ever. Thanks to EXPEED 3, Nikon’s latest image-processing engine, you can expect exceptionally smooth gradation, with minimum block noise and beautifully natural movement rendered sharp and clear. Your movies will take on a distinctive look of their own, even when shot in dimly lit locations. Combine these benefits and you’ll begin to realize what new creative opportunities are possible for photographers and video enthusiasts alike.

* Total time dependent on frame rate, frame size and movie quality settings.

Multi-area mode Full HD D-Movie for cinematic freedom

With two formats in one camera, the D600 is designed to explore a variety of moods and perspectives. The camera gives you exquisite Full HD image quality in both FX- and DX-based movie formats. Video enthusiasts will love the shallow depth of field that the large FX-based format can deliver. Action and wildlife shooters can take advantage of the DX-based format and its telephoto effect for extra reach when they need it. Combine the benefits of both formats with an arsenal of NIKKOR lenses and you can begin to see what an incredibly versatile movie-making tool the D600 truly is.

Optimized live view controls for stills or movies

The D600 comes with independent live view controls that have been designed specifically for both stills and movie shooting. During still photography shooting, live view is capable of fast contrast-detect AF, operating at the same speed as the D4 and D800 series. It also displays your images with up to approx. 19x magnifying capability for accurate focus confirmation. When shooting movies, on the other hand, the camera’s specialized exposure controls enable smooth exposure transitions for moving subjects. Use live view mode for a clear and accurate way to confirm both the image area and the shooting information so you can concentrate on the shot.

Comprehensive audio recording control

The D600 is designed for crisp stereo recording with a built-in external stereo microphone. Attach the compact ME-1 Stereo Microphone to record clear sound while significantly reducing mechanical noise. An external headphone connector enables you to effectively monitor and control audio in isolation. The sound level indicator offers visual confirmation of audio level, the microphone sensitivity can be controlled precisely in 20 incremental steps.

Time-lapse photography made easy

Creating a time-lapse photography piece once required elaborate calculations and editing, but no longer. Simply designate the interval and duration times through the menu and the D600 does the rest: each series of frames you shoot will be automatically converted and saved as a movie file, ready for your review. Whether it’s traffic, passing clouds or something more creative, the D600 makes it easy to show slow-moving activity at dramatic speeds*.

* Replaying rates can be set from 24 times to 36,000 times faster than normal. Note: Movie files of time-lapse photography will be saved in 16:9 aspect ratio.

View simultaneous live view output on external monitors and record uncompressed video via HDMI

In addition to the camera’s LCD monitor, the D600 lets you watch the camera’s output on an external monitor* in real time using an HDMI connection. And for those who need the purest video output for professional quality editing, you can now record uncompressed live view movie footage directly onto an external storage device via HDMI interface.

* When video is output through HDMI interface simultaneously with SD card recording, output image through HDMI interface will be smaller than 1,280 x 720.

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Nikon’s smart, creativity-boosting features

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The importance of bokeh quality

FX-format shooting with fast NIKKOR lenses means incredible control over the quality and quantity of bokeh, which also means added depth and dimension in your photographs. Bokeh can be crucial to how you approach your subject, especially when shooting portraits. Nikon engineers are committed to achieving the most aesthetically pleasing bokeh, based on Nikon’s own set of criteria.

Your DX lenses, your assets

Thanks to Nikon’s consistent F-mount design, the D600 makes active use of almost every NIKKOR lens, including DX lenses you may already own. Simply attach a lens to the D600, and the camera automatically recognizes it, setting the required crop. Relatively smaller DX lenses contribute to keeping the camera’s total weight down — a definite advantage when agility is a must.

Lateral chromatic aberration reduction

Take advantage of Nikon’s unique solution to reducing chromatic aberration caused by lenses and get even more out of your NIKKOR lens collection. Unlike other correction methods that simply eliminate chromatic aberration, Nikon’s method compensates for these color differences in a resolving index for each color, making it particularly effective in achieving the sharpest images possible.
Scene mode menu

Two SB-700s were placed in a portable softbox and wirelessly triggered using the D600’s built-in flash. The softbox diffused light evenly on the subject.

Boost your creativity with simple wireless lighting

The D600 is designed to work together with the Nikon Creative Lighting System for an unmatched level of lighting accuracy and flexibility. Unequaled in versatility and portability, the advantages of this partnership are best experienced via Advanced Wireless Lighting. Using the D600’s built-in flash as a commander, you can trigger your remote off-camera Speedlights wirelessly with ease, making lighting as creative and comprehensive as your imagination can take it. A vital ingredient of stunning portraiture and countless other subjects.

Get the most out of Nikon’s RAW file—the NEF

To draw the maximum potential out of NEF files, Nikon’s exclusive ViewNX 2 and Capture NX 2 software are the only true choices. Each NEF file contains an unmatched level of imaging data that others cannot. Nikon software truly understands the characteristics of the D600’s sensor and the settings of your lenses and Speedlights, which means you get the best results possible.

Wireless camera control via smart devices

Attaching the optional WL-1b Wireless Mobile Adapter to the D600 allows your wireless, LAN-equipped smart device to control your camera remotely. Now you can release the shutter, select a focus point and shoot in Time mode. Once the images are in your hand, you can share them with the world instantly through social networking services (SNS) or e-mail.

As a documentary photographer, I capture strong images when I can respond quickly. The D600 is small, light and fast enough to have with me at all times, rendering 24.3-megapixel full-frame images that are big and beautiful. I can even crop tightly to perfect my composition and still maintain stunning detail. The D600’s intuitive operation and 39-point autofocus system give me complete control over the imaging process. Technical concerns fade away, and the camera becomes an extension of my eye, letting me work unencumbered. Using the bright viewfinder’s approx. 100% frame coverage, I can confidently record authentic, storytelling moments that will never be repeated. When shooting portraits, I’m often at a lens’ widest apertures for the dreamlike bokeh that a full-frame sensor achieves with fast NIKKOR glass. Now I don’t hesitate to use ISO 6400 to capture the atmosphere of a low-light scene. Live view lets me compose my landscapes precisely, its two-axis smart virtual horizon helping me center the camera and keep distortion minimized. The D600’s new broadcast quality D-Movie, HDR (High Dynamic Range) and time-lapse photography features are so easy to use they are now taking my work into new and unexpected directions. This camera inspires my photographic passions and helps my creativity soar.

I am often asked to recommend the best camera for nature photographers, and this incredibly versatile new camera is it. In nature photography, weight often matters, and here you have the finest Nikon technology in a rugged, full-frame camera body that is impressively compact and lightweight. With 24.3 megapixels, a very fast autofocus, 5.5 frames per second and fantastic ISO capabilities, it has exactly what nature photographers want. The D600 gives you access to NIKKOR’s beautiful array of wide-angle lenses like the AF-S NIKKOR 14-24mm f/2.8 ED, but also lets you use autofocus at f/8, even when using my favorite long lens, the AF-S NIKKOR 200-400mm f/4G ED VR II with a 2x teleconverter. This versatility extends to video as well. It delivers fantastic Full HD video files, and with the large FX-format sensor, you can shoot cinematically with a shallow depth of field, and the camera’s lightweight design makes it easier to use on cranes and magic arms. I love creating multimedia presentations, and for that, the new time-lapse photography feature is a very handy little gizmo. Never before has there been such a compact camera loaded with so many fantastic features. Now there are no limits to your creativity. The D600 is a true all-rounder.

For further details, please visit Nikon’s website.