

Sony Cyber-shot DSC-P150 Review

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Review based on a production Sony DSC-P150

Announced in July 2004, The DSC-P150 is Sony's latest salvo in the megapixel wars, and the first truly compact 7 megapixel camera. It's based closely on the current DSC-P100, with the only differences - resolution aside - being the brushed metal casing. With 7 million pixels and a 3x Carl Zeiss lens squeezed into a body around 1" thick, the P150 is sure to appeal to those who want to pack a lot of power into their pocket.

- ✗ 7.2 effective megapixels
- ✗ Aluminum body (130cc)
- ✗ Carl Zeiss Vario-Tessar lens (3x optical zoom)
- ✗ F2.8 - F5.2, 38-114mm (35mm equiv.)
- ✗ Long life STAMINA battery: 320 shots per charge
- ✗ 1.8" LCD (134,000 pixels)
- ✗ Manual Exposure Function
- ✗ Real Imaging Processor
- ✗ Conversion lens compatibility via adapter
- ✗ Scene Selection (9 modes)
- ✗ Histogram Indication
- ✗ USB Direct Print (PictBridge)
- ✗ Memory Stick / Memory Stick PRO compatible (32mb Memory Stick supplied)

Sony DSC-P150 Key specifications

Street price	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• US: \$499• UK: £330
Body Material	Metal (aluminum)
Sensor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1/1.8" Sony Super HAD CCD• 7.2 million effective pixels
Image sizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3,072 x 2,304• 3,072 x 2,048 (3:2)• 2,592 x 1,944• 2,048 x 1,536• 1,600 x 1,200• 640 x 480
Movie clips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 640 x 480 pixels @ 30fps• 640 x 480 pixels @ 15fps• 160 x 112 pixels @ 8fps

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion JPEG (.avi) • With sound • Clip length limited only by media capacity (streaming) • 640 x 480 pixels / 30 fps only with Memory Stick PRO media
Lens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carl Zeiss 38 - 114mm equiv. (3x optical zoom) • F2.8-F5.2 • 2x digital zoom
Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TTL autofocus • 5 Area Multi-Point AF • 5-step Manual focus • 6cm macro mode (Wide), 30cm (Tele)
Shooting mode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auto • Program • Manual • Twilight • Twilight Portrait • Landscape • Soft Snap • Candle • Snow • Beach • Fireworks • High Speed Shutter • AE compensation -2.0EV to +2.0 EV in 1/3EV steps
Sensitivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auto • ISO 100 • ISO 200 • ISO 400
White Balance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auto • 5 presets
Image parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturation (3 levels) • Contrast (3 levels) • Sharpness (3 levels) • Color effects (Sepia, Black and White)
Continuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.6 to 0.9 fps (5 shots 7MP / JPEG fine)
Flash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built-in flash • Auto, Forced On, Forced Off, Slow Synchro • Range (ISO auto): Wide; 0.2 - 3.5 m (0.66 - 11.48 ft) Tele; 0.3 - 3.5 m (0.98 - 11.48 ft)
Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory Stick, Memory Stick PRO • 32MB Memory Stick supplied*
Viewfinder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real Image Optical
LCD monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.8" TFT, 134,000 pixels
Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USB 2.0 • A/V out • DC-IN
Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NP-FR1 Rechargeable InfoLithium® Battery, • AC adapter included (in-camera charging)
In the box*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NP-FR1 Rechargeable InfoLithium Battery • AC-LS5 Battery Charger • A/V and USB Cables • Wrist Strap • MSA-32A 32MB Memory Stick® Media • Software CD-ROM (Picture Package™ for Sony v1.0 (Windows), Pixela™ ImageMixer VCD2 (Macintosh), SPVD-012.1 USB Driver, Cyber-shot Life tutorial (Windows))
Other features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot & Multi-pattern metering • PictBridge and DPOF compatible • Live Histogram & playback histogram • Autofocus Illuminator • Optional 2.6x Tele converter lens (VCL-DH2630) • Optional 1.7x Tele converter lens (VCL-DH1730) • Optional 0.7x Wide converter lens (VCL-DH0730) • Optional Camera Dock (Cyber-shot Station CSS-PHA) • Optional Slave flash + bracket • Optional waterproof case (Marine Pack MPK-PHB) • Optional filter kits and filter adapter
Weight (inc batt)	147 g (5.4 oz)
Dimensions	108 x 52 x 26mm (4.25 x 2.1 x 1in)

* Supplied accessories may differ in each country or area