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# G1 General

## My evaluation of G1

In this page I'll tell what I think about Canon G1, it might sound little negative but G1 would still be the camera that I would buy for the price and I really like it. All opinions are mine and if someone thinks otherwise that is his/hers problem. This evaluation have been written in January 2001 and then I had taken about 3000 shots with G1. I use G1 for very different photos: night-, landscape-, people- (portraits, action) and technical photos (computers, electronics, cars, motorcycles)



### The pros...

- | Very good LCD, battery life and picture quality
- | Hotshoe
- | Usability of creative modes (Av,Tv,M)
- | You can change contrast, sharpness and saturation
- | Support for Compact Flash 2
- | Strong frame
- | Top LCD has enough information and camera can be used without main LCD
- | Good optical viewfinder for digicam

### ...and the cons

- | Av-mode is with flash is always in "fill-in flash mode" (Custom function 9 from EOS cameras is missing)
- | Manual Mode: No E-TTL, No metering (exposure meter in Nikon 990 manual mode is great)
- | Manual Mode: LCD changes to reflect the look of the final image with selected exposure values -> when using flash the display is black, user should be able to set the display to normal or like that (simulation of exposure parameters) (in my opinion normal display with exposure meter would be very nice)
- | Manual focus: No distance readout, No sharpening or zooming while focusing
- | Depth of field is too big even when using biggest aperture (common problem in digital cameras because the short focal length, this can be considered as a good feature also, I didn't)
- | Lens: Barrel distortion (wide) and chromatic aberrations
- | Autofocus and AE-metering takes way too much time (normal for digital camera, G1 is actually very fast digital camera)
- | Software: Slow, especially with RAW-files
- | Sometimes the autofocus fails, not sure why. Usually this happens when your target is 1.8-2 meters away and for some odd reason camera focuses on 3 meters (tested by taking photos of wall -> it's not problem with the focus point not being in subject)

I have found some ways to get over some design defects with G1 when using external flash and I wrote page [about](#) it and specially "Using the flash"-part of it. Here is my [album](#) in [photopoint.com](http://photopoint.com). [dpreview.com](http://dpreview.com)'s Canon Talk Forum is the greatest place to get information

about G1.

## The software I use with G1

I really hate Canon software (RAWConverter and ZoomBrowser). I use two programs: Downloader (to download images from camera to harddrive) and BreezeBrowser (to convert RAW-images to TIFF and to make HTML galleries to be burned to CD with RAW-files.)

[Breeze Systems Limited](#)

## Some tips for photographing with G1

- | Use always manual mode
- | Use always ISO 50
- | Use focus lock and then recompose
- | Newer overexpose
- | Avoid using 1/8s-1.0s exposure times. After 1.3s noise reduction system starts operatign
- | Use tripod(/monopod) when the shutter speed is longer than 1/50s

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