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It also uses a coin battery for retaining the date and time information.

The camera comes with a coin battery (already installed), three NiMH batteries, and an NiMH battery charger. Installing the Main Batteries Caution: Use only AA NiMH batteries. Replace all three batteries at the same time. Do not replace the batteries individually. Always follow instructions on the battery package when handling or disposing of batteries.

To install the main batteries: 1. Make sure the camera power is off off. Main battery compartment door 2. Open the main battery compartment door by sliding the latch in the direction of the word OPEN. 3. Insert three batteries, making sure the +/- electrodes are facing the proper direction (see the diagram inside the battery compartment). 4. Close the main battery compartment door. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 7 Setting Up Your Camera Installing a New Coin Battery When you buy the camera, a coin battery is already installed. Follow these directions if you need to install a new coin battery.

Caution: Use only a CR2025 or equivalent 3 volt coin battery. Always follow instructions on the battery package when handling or disposing of batteries. To install a coin battery: 1. Make sure the camera power is off off. 2. Remove the coin battery compartment cover by placing the edge of a coin in the groove and turning it counter-clockwise until it stops. 3. Insert the coin battery, so you see the positive (+) side facing up. 4. Replace the coin battery compartment cover and turn it clockwise until it stops.

HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 8 Setting Up Your Camera Checking the Battery Level The battery icon on the camera's status LCD indicates the charge level for the main NiMH batteries. There are three levels of battery charge: fully charged, partially charged, and empty. You can purchase additional NiMH batteries from HP's Shopping Village at www.hpshopping.com or from your local camera or electronics store.

www.hpshopping.com, Battery life depends on several factors. These include: . . . How often and how long you use the color LCD. How often you use the flash and zoom.

The number of photos you take. Temperature conditions (operating the camera at colder temperatures results in shorter battery life). To preserve battery life: . . . When using the camera with a computer or television or when using the color LCD for extended periods of time, use an AC power adapter that HP has approved for use with the HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera. Limit your use of the color LCD, except when using an AC power adapter. Do not leave batteries in the charger for an extended period of time (such as several days). HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 9 Setting Up Your Camera

To check the main battery level: . Press the on/off button to turn the camera on. The status LCD displays the battery status icon. Fully charged Partially charged Empty Note: Battery status icon Status LCD On/off button If the batteries are low when you first turn on the camera, the camera beeps 5 times, the empty battery icon flashes on the status LCD, the lens retracts, and the status LCD goes blank as the camera turns itself off. Coin battery icon indicates low charge or no battery installed To check the coin battery level: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec.

2. Press the color LCD on/off button to turn the color LCD on. 3. If you do not see the overlay bars, press the Overlay button to turn them on. 4. Press the Status button (right soft key) to see the camera status. The coin battery icon appears on the color LCD only if the battery level is low, or if there is no coin battery installed in the camera. 5. Press the Exit button (right soft key) to exit the Status screen. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 10 Setting Up Your Camera Charging the Batteries To make sure your NiMH batteries are charged when you need them, we recommend charging them overnight using the battery charger included in the camera package.

Once the batteries are fully charged, remove them from the charger. Note: The batteries reach optimum charge capacity for the first time after they have been drained and charged four times. Installing the Memory Card The "film" used in the HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera is a removable, reusable CompactFlash memory card. To install the memory card: 1. Slide the memory card door latch down to open the memory card door.

Memory card door latch HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 11 Setting Up Your Camera 2. If you are removing an existing card: Caution: Before you remove a memory card from the camera, make sure the memory card access light is off (see the picture below). . Press the memory card release button to release the card from the slot. Remove the card. Memory card access light Memory card door CompactFlash memory card Memory card release button 3.

Insert the new memory card so that the front of the card faces the front of the camera and the edge with pinholes is placed into the camera first. 4. Gently push the memory card all the way into the camera until it stops. 5. Close the memory card door. Tip: If you cannot close the memory card door, you may not have inserted the memory card correctly. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 12 Setting Up Your Camera Checking the Memory Card Status The memory card icon on the camera's status LCD indicates the status of the memory card. If there is not a memory card installed in the camera, the memory card icon has a flashing X over it, the number of photos remaining is 000, and a red light appears to the left of the viewfinder. . Press the on/off button to turn the camera on. The status LCD displays the memory card status icon and the number of photos remaining.

The Status menu displays the memory card inserted icon on the color LCD. (See "Using the Color LCD" on page 33 for more information about the Status menu.) Memory card inserted Memory card status Photos remaining HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 13 Setting Up Your Camera The number of photos a memory card can store depends on the memory card's storage capacity and the settings that you choose for each photo. The number is a conservative estimate, so you might find that you can take more photos than it indicates. You can also check the status of the memory card using the memory card indicator on the color LCD. For example, you can see from the indicator in the graphic that the memory card is more than half full. Memory card indicator Formatting a Memory Card Most CompactFlash memory cards are already formatted when you buy them. But if you buy a memory card that has not been formatted, you need to format it before you can use it in the camera. To format a memory card: 1. Insert the memory card and turn the camera on.



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The camera can be in any mode. If the memory card is not formatted, the color LCD displays a message asking if you want to format the memory card. 2. Press the Format button (left soft key). The camera formats the memory card.

HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 14 Camera Basics Camera Basics Turning the Camera On and Off To turn the camera power on: · Press the on/off button to turn the camera power on. The camera lens automatically extends, and the status LCD displays the status of the camera. Tip: Remember to remove the lens cover before taking a photo. To remind yourself, always replace the lens cover with the leash attachment pointing up so that you see it when you look through the viewfinder. Status LCD On/off button To turn the camera power off: · Press the on/off button to turn the camera power off. The camera lens automatically retracts and the status LCD goes blank. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 15 Camera Basics Sleep Mode To conserve battery power, the HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera automatically "sleeps" after a period of no activity. This period of time differs depending on the camera mode and the power source. For example, if you are using battery power and you do not press any camera buttons for 30 seconds, the color LCD turns itself off and the camera sleeps. The camera also turns itself off and retracts the lens after 10 minutes with battery power, and after 30 minutes with AC adapter power. For more information about the sleep and shutoff times, see "Setting Auto Shutoff" on page 64. To "wake up" the camera: · Press any button. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 16 Camera Basics Using the Camera Modes The HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera has four modes. The camera mode determines which features and menu options are active. Use the camera mode dial to select the mode.

Camera mode dial Mode Rec (Record) Rev (Review) Functions · Take photos · Preview photos on the camera's color LCD or a television · View thumbnails of your photos · Mark, categorize, group, protect, and delete photos · View photos on the camera's color LCD or a television · Transmit photos via infrared Play · View one photo at a time, using the entire color LCD · Play back Burst, Timelapse, and grouped photo sequences · Create slide shows · View photos on the camera's color LCD or a television PC · View photos on a computer monitor when the camera is connected to a computer · Share, print, and download photos HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 17 Camera Basics Understanding the Viewfinder Indicator Light The indicator light appears to the left of the viewfinder. The color of the light changes depending on the camera mode and at different stages in the photography process. If the flashing light indicates a camera error, a message also displays on the status or color LCD. Light color Red (flashing) Meaning · Memory card problem · No memory card · Full memory card · Internal memory full (only for burst photos) · Batteries low · Camera error Red (solid) Orange (flashing) Orange (solid) · Flash charging · Camera initializing from Sleep mode · Auto Focus failed or photo underexposure will occur (flash off and insufficient light) · Slow shutter (not enough light or tripod needed) Green (flashing) · Sending a photo via JetSend Viewfinder indicator light HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 18 Camera Basics Light color Green (solid) Meaning · Camera is ready to take a photo (Auto Exposure and Auto Focus have been completed) · Continuous Auto Exposure activated Using the Color LCD The color LCD is located on the back of the HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera. Use the color LCD to frame or view your photos and to access the camera's menus. You can adjust the brightness of the color LCD to suit lighting conditions. For example, if you are using the camera outside in bright sunlight, you can make the color LCD brighter (see below). The display on the color LCD varies with each camera mode. The following table indicates whether the color LCD is on or off in each mode, and the default display. Color LCD HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 19 Camera Basics Mode Rec (Record) Rev (Review) Status Off.

You can turn the color LCD on by pressing the color LCD on/off button. Turns on automatically. Turns off automatically after 30 seconds if you are using battery power. Turns on automatically. Turns off automatically after 30 seconds if you are using battery power.

Off. Display No display unless you turn the color LCD on. Displays thumbnails of photos stored on the memory card. Displays photos stored on the memory card using the entire color LCD screen. No display.

Play PC Tip: The color LCD uses a lot of battery power. If you are not using an AC power adapter, you may want to limit your use of the color LCD. To adjust the brightness of the color LCD: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec. Rec Menu button 2. Press the Menu button. 3. Use the 4-way arrow button to scroll to the Preferences menu. LCD Brightness is highlighted. 4.

Press the Edit button (left soft key). 4-way arrow button Soft keys HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 20 Camera Basics 5. Use the 4-way arrow button to adjust the color LCD brightness. A higher number gives a brighter display. 6. Press the Exit button (right soft key) twice to activate and save the new settings, and exit the menus. Tip: The brightness of the color LCD affects battery life; the brighter the color LCD, the more power it uses. You may want to lower the brightness level if you use the color LCD often. Overlay Bars Overlay bars appear at the top and bottom of the color LCD. They provide you with information about the camera settings, such as the type of photo (Still, Burst or Timelapse).

They also indicate the functions of the soft keys. The number of overlay bars and the information they provide varies with each camera mode. In Rev (Review) mode, the lower overlay bar is always visible. In Rec (Record) mode you can choose whether or not to see the overlay bars. In Play mode you can choose to see both overlay bars, just the lower bar, or neither of the bars.

You can find information about the icons that appear on the overlay bars throughout this guide. Overlay button Overlay bars Color LCD on/off button HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 21 Camera Basics To turn the overlay bars on or off in Rec (Record) mode: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2. Press the color LCD on/off button.

By default both the overlay bars appear. 3. Press the Overlay button to turn the overlay bars off and on.



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To turn the overlay bars on or off in Play mode: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Play Play. By default only the lower overlay bar appears. 2. Press the Overlay button once to turn off the overlay bar. Press the button again to see both the overlay bars. You can continue pressing the Overlay button to toggle between the three options.

Lower overlay bar No overlay bars Both overlay bars HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 22 Camera Basics Soft Keys Soft keys are buttons that change function depending on the camera mode, state, and menu option. Each soft key function is labeled on the lower overlay bar, above the key that is used to activate the function. If the overlay bars are off, you can still use the function by pressing a soft key. For example, if the camera is in Play mode and the overlay bars are turned off, you can press the center soft key (the zoom button) once to turn the lower overlay bar on, and then a second time to zoom in on the photo. Soft keys Using the Camera Menus The HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera menus display on the color LCD. You can use these menus to adjust camera settings and use camera features. The menus vary with each camera mode. Use the color LCD and the controls on the back of the camera to access the camera menus and select the menu options. Menu options are described in detail throughout this guide. For a list of options, see "Menu Structure" on page 124 in Appendix B.

Menu button Menus display on the color LCD 4-way arrow button Soft keys HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 23 Camera Basics To use the camera menus: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to the mode you want to use. 2. Press the Menu button. 3. Use the right and left sides of the 4-way arrow button to select a menu. 4. Use the up and down sides of the 4-way arrow button to scroll through a menu's options. 5. Press the soft keys to select or edit a menu option, or to exit the camera menus.

Note: You must press the Exit button to save the settings and exit the menus. If you change the camera mode while you are selecting the menu options, the camera does not save the new settings. You must exit all menus before you can turn the color LCD off. Setting the Date and Time Before you begin taking photos, set the correct date and time. The camera stores the date and time with other information about the photo, and displays it in Rev (Review) mode. When you turn your camera on, the color LCD prompts you to set the date and time under any of the following conditions: · · · The first time you use your camera. After removing or replacing the coin battery when you have not installed the NiMH batteries and are not using an AC power adapter. After losing power in both the coin and NiMH batteries at the same time. You can also use the Preferences camera menu in Rec (Record) mode to change the date and time as needed. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 24 Camera Basics Menu button 4-way arrow button Soft keys To set the date and time when prompted by the color LCD: 1.

Select a format for the date and time: · · · Press the Format button (left soft key). Use the 4-way arrow button to scroll to the format you want. Press the Select button (left soft key). A camera's default date and time formats match the camera's language. For example, cameras with the language set to English have a default date format of MM/DD/YY and a default time format of 12 hours. Cameras with the language set to French have a default date format of DD/MM/YY and a default time format of 24 hours. Note: HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 25 Camera Basics 2. Set the date and time: · · Use the up and down sides of the 4-way arrow button to select a value for the highlighted field. Use the right side of the 4-way arrow button to save the value in the current field and to move to another field. The fields are month, day, year, hour, minute, and in 12 hour format, AM or PM.

3. When you have finished, press the Exit button (right soft key). To change the date and time using the camera menu: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2.

Press the Menu button. 3. Use the 4-way arrow button to scroll to the Preferences menu, then scroll down to Date & Time Time. 4. Press the Edit button (left soft key).

5. If you want to change the date and time formats from the ones displayed on the color LCD: · · · Press the Format button (left soft key). Use the 4-way arrow button to scroll to the format you want. Press the Select button (left soft key). HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 26 Camera Basics 6. Set the date and time: · · Use the up and down sides of the 4-way arrow button to select a value for the highlighted field. Use the right side of the 4-way arrow button to save the value in the current field and to move to another field. The fields are month, day, year, hour, minute, and in 12 hour format, AM or PM. 7. Press the Exit button (right soft key) twice to save the settings and exit the menus.

Changing the Language The HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera allows you to change the language used for the camera menus, overlay bars, and default date and time formats. To change the language: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rev Rev. 2. Press the Menu button. 3. Use the 4-way arrow button to scroll to the Preferences menu. 4. Press the Edit button (left soft key). 5.

Use the 4-way arrow button to scroll to the language you want to use. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 27 Camera Basics 6. Press the Select button (left soft key). A check mark appears next to the selected language and the language immediately changes. 7.

When you have finished, press the right soft key, which will be labeled Exit in the language selected. Changing the Camera's Name The camera's default name is HP C500. The name appears in the photo information only if you use the memory card in another camera. For example, if you and a friend both have HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Cameras, you can share your photos by exchanging memory cards. Any photos that you have taken will display on your friend's camera with your camera's name in the photo information.

To change the camera's name: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2. Press the Menu button. 3. Use the 4-way arrow button to scroll to the Preferences menu, then scroll down to Camera Name Name. 4. Press the Edit button (left soft key). · Use the left soft key to toggle between capital letters, lower case letters, numbers, and special characters: A-capital letters, a-lower case letters, 1-numbers, %-special characters. Use the center soft key to add a space between letters and characters.

· HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 28 Camera Basics · · Use the up and down sides of the 4-way arrow button to select a letter, number, or special character for the camera name.



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Use the right side of the 4-way arrow button to save the letter, number, or special character. 5. Press the Exit button (right soft key) twice to save the settings and exit the menus. Using an AC Power Adapter (recommended) To preserve battery life, use an AC power adapter that HP has approved for use with the HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera. Use the adapter as your power source when you connect your camera to a computer or a television, or when using the color LCD for an extended period of time. Note: An AC power adapter provides power to the camera. It does not recharge the batteries. AC power adapters are available from www.hpshopping.com.

For AC power adapter specifications, refer to HP's www.hpshopping.com. PhotoSmart Web site at www.photosmart.com.

To connect an AC power adapter: 1. Plug the adapter into a power source (such as a wall outlet or power strip).

AC power adapter connection 2. Connect the round end of the adapter cable to the camera. Note: If you want to use battery power, remove the AC adapter from the power source and the camera. If the AC adapter is connected to the camera, even if it is not connected to a power source, the camera will not use battery power. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 29 Chapter 3 -Taking Photos This chapter describes the process of taking photos with your HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera, including how to take Still, Burst, and Timelapse photos, and detailed descriptions of adjusting the camera settings. If you want a quick overview, see the Basics guide that you received with your camera. There are three settings you can use to take photos: Still, Burst, and Timelapse. Still Burst Timelapse Use this setting for taking a single color or black and white photo. Use this setting for taking up to 4 photos in rapid succession. Use this setting for taking several photos, with a set amount of time (1 minute to 24 hours) between photos.

Tip: The Burst setting is ideal for taking action photos. Use the Timelapse setting for observing a subject over a longer period of time. Overview Taking a Photo The HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera has a 2-step Shutter button. When you press the Shutter button 1/2 way down, the camera adjusts the focus and exposure of the photo. After these settings are adjusted, a green light appears to the left of the viewfinder, indicating that you can press the Shutter button all the way down to take the photo. You may want to practice to get used to the timing, before taking important photos. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 30 Overview To take a photo: Shutter button 1. Remove the lens cover. 2. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. The camera is automatically ready to take a Still photo. 3. Frame your subject in the viewfinder. 4. Press and hold the Shutter button 1/2 way down to allow

the camera to adjust the focus and exposure.

Camera mode dial On/off button 5. When you see the green light to the left of the viewfinder, press the Shutter button all the way down to take the photo. Wait for the beeps, indicating your photo has been taken, then release the Shutter button. Tip: When you are taking a photo, be especially careful to keep your fingers away from the lens, flash, and sensors on the front of the camera. The following illustrations give you examples of how to hold the camera.

HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 31 Overview Checking the Camera Status Use the status LCD and the color LCD to check the status of the camera. Basic camera information such as battery level, number of photos remaining, photo quality, flash status, and memory card status display on the status LCD. The color LCD shows information such as the number of photos stored on the memory card, the current compression level, resolution setting, and battery status. Using the Status LCD Use the status LCD on the top of the camera to check the status of the memory card, the battery level, and the number of photos available on the memory card. The status LCD also displays the flash and photo quality settings, and any camera error messages. Memory Battery level card status Photos remaining Flash Photo quality To view the camera status on the status LCD: · Press the on/off button to turn the camera on. Individual icons are discussed throughout this guide or you can see a list of all the icons in Appendix B "Icons" on page 129. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 32 Overview Using the Color LCD Use the color LCD on the back of the camera to check current camera settings and status, including the number of photos stored on the memory card, and the compression and resolution settings. To view the camera status on the color LCD: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec.

Rec 2. Press the color LCD on/off button to turn the color LCD on. 3. Press the Status button (right soft key). The color LCD displays the current camera settings and status. To change the camera settings, use the camera menus. See the following sections of this chapter for details. One or more icons may also appear on the Status screen, depending on the camera status. Color LCD Color LCD on/off button Soft keys HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 33 Overview Memory card inserted Battery status Images taken The number of photos stored on the memory card. Compression The current compression level.

Resolution White Bal Digita The current resolution setting. The current white balance setting. The camera firmware version number. Color LCD Status 4.

When you have finished viewing the camera status, press the Exit button (right soft key).

HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 34 Taking Still, Burst and Timelapse Photos Taking Still, Burst and Timelapse Photos Taking Still Photos Use the Still setting to take one photo each time you press the Shutter button. To take a Still photo: 1. Remove the lens cover. Number of photos available Shutter button 2. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec.

The status LCD displays the approximate number of photos available on the memory card. The camera is not ready until this number appears. 3. Adjust your camera settings as needed. See "Adjusting the Camera Settings" on page 42 for details. Status LCD Camera mode dial On/off button 4. Press the color LCD on/off button to turn the color LCD on, then press the left soft key until the Still icon appears on the lower overlay bar. Tip: To conserve battery power, turn the color LCD off after you choose the photo type. Still icon 5. Frame your subject in the viewfinder, then press and hold the Shutter button 1/2 way down to allow the camera to adjust the focus and exposure.

If you see an orange light to the left of the viewfinder, you may need to change the flash setting to adjust for the lighting conditions. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 35 Taking Still, Burst and Timelapse Photos 6.



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When you see the green light to the left of the viewfinder, press the Shutter button all the way down to take the photo. Wait for the beeps, indicating the photo has been taken, before releasing the Shutter button. 7. If Instant Review is on, your photo appears briefly on the color LCD. If you are happy with the photo, press the Save button (right soft key) to save it on the memory card. If not, press the Delete button (center soft key) to discard the photo and try again. If you do not press either button, the camera automatically saves the photo. Taking Burst Photos Use the Burst setting to take photos in rapid succession while holding the Shutter button down.

You can take up to four photos at a rate of one to three frames per second. The Burst setting is recommended for taking action photos. The default Burst rate is two frames per second. If you want to change the Burst rate, see below. Note that you cannot use the flash for Burst photos; the flash button is inactive.

Note: Burst photos take longer to process than Still photos because the camera takes up to three frames per second rather than a single photo. Number of photos available Shutter button To take Burst photos: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. The status LCD displays the approximate number of photos available on the memory card. The camera is not ready until this number appears.

2. Adjust your camera settings as needed. See "Adjusting the Camera Settings" on page 42 for details. 3. Press the color LCD on/off button to turn the color LCD on. Status LCD Camera mode dial On/off button HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 36 Taking Still, Burst and Timelapse Photos 4.

Press the left soft key until the Burst icon appears on the lower overlay bar. Tip: To conserve battery power, turn the color LCD off after you choose the photo type. Burst icon If there is not enough space on the memory card for the number of photos specified, the red light to the left of the viewfinder flashes and the upper overlay bar displays "Not enough memory." To solve this problem, insert a new memory card, or try a lower photo quality setting.

5. Frame your subject in the viewfinder, then press and hold the Shutter button 1/2 way down to allow the camera to adjust the focus and exposure. If you see an orange light to the left of the viewfinder, there may not be enough light on your subject. You can still take the photo. 6. When you see a green light to the left of the viewfinder, press the Shutter button all the way down and hold it for the amount of time you want to take photos, or until the camera beeps. Tip: If you are taking an action sequence, you can move the camera to follow your subject as you hold the Shutter button down. 7. If Instant Review is on, your first photo appears briefly on the color LCD. If you are happy with the photo, press the Save button (right soft key) to save the series of photos on the memory card.

If not, press the Delete button (center soft key) to discard the photos and try again. Pressing Delete discards the entire series of photos, not just the first photo.

If you do not press either button, the camera automatically saves the photo. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 37 Taking Still, Burst and Timelapse Photos To change the Burst rate: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec.

2. Press the Menu button. The color LCD displays the Media Settings menu. 3. Use the 4-way arrow button to scroll to Burst Burst.

4. Press the Edit button (left soft key), and then scroll down to Burst Rate Rate. 5. Use the 4-way arrow button to choose the desired setting, from 1 to 3 frames per second. 6. Press the Exit button (right soft key) twice to save your settings and exit the menus. Taking Timelapse Photos Use the Timelapse setting to take a series of photos at preset time intervals. You can specify the number of photos you want the camera to take, as well as the amount of time between photos. It is recommended that you attach the camera to a tripod, or place it on a firm surface at an appropriate distance and height from the subject, to keep the camera steady. It is recommended that you use an AC power adapter for long Timelapse photo sequences.

See "Using an AC Power Adapter (recommended)" on page 29 for more information. Tip: By default the camera takes 10 photos with 1 minute intervals between photos. If you want to change the Timelapse settings, see below. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 38 Taking Still, Burst and Timelapse Photos To take Timelapse photos: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. The status LCD displays the approximate number of photos available on the memory card. The camera is not ready until this number appears. 2. Adjust your camera settings as needed. See "Adjusting the Camera Settings" on page 42 for details.

Status LCD Camera mode dial On/off button Number of photos available Shutter button 3. Press the color LCD on/off button to turn the color LCD on. 4. Press the left soft key until the Timelapse icon appears on the lower overlay bar. Tip: To conserve battery power, turn the color LCD off after you choose the photo type.

Timelapse icon If there is not enough space on the memory card for the number of photos specified, the red light to the left of the viewfinder flashes and the upper overlay bar displays "Not enough memory." To solve this problem, insert a new memory card, try a lower photo quality setting or decrease the number of photos specified in the Timelapse settings. 5. Frame your subject in the viewfinder, then press and hold the Shutter button 1/2 way down to allow the camera to adjust the focus and exposure. If you see an orange light to the left of the viewfinder, there may not be enough light on your subject.

You can still take the photo. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 39 Taking Still, Burst and Timelapse Photos 6. When you see a green light to the left of the viewfinder, press the Shutter button all the way down to take the first photo. Wait for the beeps, indicating the photo has been taken, before releasing the Shutter button. The camera automatically takes the number of photos at the time interval specified in the Timelapse settings. Tip: If you want to stop taking photos before the camera reaches the number of photos specified in the Timelapse settings, press the Stop button (right soft key). 7. If Instant Review is on and you are using an AC power adapter, your first photo appears on the color LCD; an indicator on the upper overlay bar shows the number of photos that have been taken and a timer counts down the time until the next photo is taken. If Instant Review is on and you are using batteries, your first photo appears briefly on the color LCD. The color LCD turns itself off after 30 seconds.

Once the series of photos has been taken and the first photo appears on the color LCD, press the Save button (right soft key) to save the series of photos on the memory card, or press the Delete button (center soft key) to discard the photos and try again.



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Pressing Delete discards the entire series of photos, not just the first one. If you do not press either button, the camera automatically saves the photos. To change the Timelapse settings: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2. Press the Menu button. The color LCD displays the Media Settings menu. 3. Use the 4-way arrow button to scroll down to Timelapse Timelapse.

4. Press the Edit button (left soft key). HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 40 Taking Still, Burst and Timelapse Photos 5. Use the 4-way arrow button to select a setting to change. Setting Interval # Images Description This is the amount of time you want the camera to wait before taking the next photo.

Select from 1 minute to 24 hours. This is the number of photos you want the camera to take. Select from 2 to 1000 photos. Default 1 min 10 6. Use the 4-way arrow button to select the desired setting.

7. Press the Exit button (right soft key) twice to save your settings and exit the menus. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 41 Adjusting the Camera Settings Adjusting the Camera Settings Taking Black and White Photos You can take either color or black and white photos using the Still, Burst, or Timelapse settings. The default is color. This setting remains until you change it, even if you turn the camera off. To change to color or black and white photos: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2. Press the Menu button. 3.

Select the photo type. 4. Press the Edit button (left soft key), then scroll down to Color Color. 5. Use the 4-way arrow button to choose B&W (black and white) or Full color. 6. Press the Exit button (right soft key) twice to save the settings and exit the menus. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 42 Adjusting the Camera Settings Changing the Flash Setting To change the flash setting: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2.

Press the Flash button repeatedly until the flash setting you want displays on the status LCD. The flash setting is effective for Still and Timelapse photos, and remains until you change it, even if you turn the camera off. Note: You cannot use the flash for Burst photos; the flash button is inactive. Flash button The flash settings are indicated by icons on the status LCD: Auto On Off Auto with red-eye reduction The camera determines the need for a flash based on lighting conditions. This is the default setting.

The flash will be used, regardless of the lighting conditions. The flash will not be used, regardless of the lighting conditions. The flash will be used if needed. Red-eye reduction minimizes the occurrence of red-eye in photos of people or animals by flashing twice. Note: The flash needs to recharge between photos.

When the red light next to the viewfinder is off, you can take another flash photo. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 43 Adjusting the Camera Settings You can also change the flash settings using the camera menus. To select a flash setting using the camera menus: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2. Press the Menu button. 3. @ @4. Press the Edit button (left soft key). 5.

Scroll to Flash Flash. 6. Use the 4-way arrow button to select a flash setting. See the table above for information about each of the flash settings. Note: You cannot use the flash for Burst photos. If you choose a flash setting from the menu but you are taking Burst photos, the setting will not be effective until you take your next Still or Timelapse photo. 7. Press the Exit button (right soft key) twice to save the settings and exit the menus. Tip: To conserve battery power, turn the color LCD off after you choose the setting. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 44 Adjusting the Camera Settings Adjusting the Photo Quality The photo quality setting determines the photo's resolution and compression.

Because of this, it also affects how many photos can be stored on the memory card. The photo quality setting remains the same for each photo of the same type (Still, Burst, and Timelapse) until you change it, even if you turn the camera off and on again. When selecting the photo quality, keep in mind: . . . How you plan to use the photo (on screen, printed, enlarged, etc.). Higher photo quality requires more space on the memory card; lower photo quality requires less space.

Because photo quality affects the number of photos that can be stored on the memory card, the number of available photos (displayed on the status LCD) changes as you change the photo quality. The number of photos is a conservative estimate, so you might find that you can take more photos than it indicates. You can use different photo quality settings for different photos on the same memory card. You can choose different photo quality settings for Still, Burst and Timelapse photos. The camera processes photos with Fine or Super-fine diamond photo quality faster than those with lower photo quality.

If you want to take several photos, one after the other, in a short period of time, use the Fine or Superfine photo quality setting. . . . HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 45 Adjusting the Camera Settings To adjust the photo quality: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2. Press the Photo Quality button repeatedly until the desired photo quality setting displays on the status LCD. Photo quality icon Photo quality button HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 46 Adjusting the Camera Settings Each of the photo quality settings corresponds to a combination of resolution and compression settings. The diamond icons on the status LCD indicate photo quality as follows: Photo quality E-mail Description Is the most memory-efficient. Use this setting for photos that you plan to send via e-mail, place on the Internet, use for screen savers or wallpaper, or print up to 3x5 inch prints. Produces quality photos and uses less memory than Fine mode. Use this setting for photos that you plan to store on your disk or in a database, or print up to 4x6 inch prints.

Produces high-quality photos and requires less memory than Super-fine mode. Use this setting for photos that you plan to print up to 5x7 inch prints. This is the default setting. Produces the highest-quality photos and uses the most memory. Use this setting for taking photos you plan to enlarge and print. Resolution Low (640x480 pixels) Compression High Basic Medium (1152x864 pixels) Medium Fine High (1600x1200 pixels) Medium Super-fine High (1600x1200 pixels) Low HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 47 Adjusting the Camera Settings You can also adjust the photo quality by adjusting the individual resolution and compression settings for each of the three types of photos: Still, Burst and Timelapse. To adjust the photo quality using the menus: 1.



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Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2. Press the Menu button.

3. Select the photo type. 4. Press the Edit button (left soft key). 5.

Use the 4-way arrow button to select a resolution or compression setting to change. Setting Resolution Description This is the number of pixels in each photo.

More pixels results in higher photo quality. Choose from High, Medium, or Low. Select a higher resolution for photos that you want to enlarge.

Select a lower resolution for photos that you want to email (so that the photo file size is small). Default High Compression This is the amount each photo is compressed. The compression level is a trade-off between photo quality and storage space: the lower the compression level, the higher the photo quality but the larger the photo file size. Choose from High, Medium, or Low. Select a lower compression level for better quality photos. Select a higher compression level to save space on the memory card. Medium HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 48 Adjusting the Camera Settings 6. Use the 4-way arrow button to select the desired setting. As you decide which settings to use, remember that there is a trade-off between resolution and compression. Higher resolution photos provide better quality, but if you use high resolution and high compression, some of the photo's detail will be lost.

Some combinations of settings correspond to the camera's standard settings indicated by the photo quality diamonds on the status LCD. If you choose to use combinations of settings that do not correspond to the camera's standard photo quality settings, you will see no photo quality diamonds on the status LCD.

This just means that you are using a custom photo quality setting. Tip: If you aren't sure which settings to select, press the Default button (left soft key). 7.

Press the Exit button (right soft key) twice to save your settings and exit the menus. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 49 Adjusting the Camera Settings Using the Zoom The HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera has optical zoom and digital zoom. Optical zoom uses the lens to focus in on a distant object. Use it to increase the size of a subject that is distant from you. Digital zoom selects pixels from the center of the photo and enlarges the image further.

Use digital zoom once you have reached the maximum optical zoom, to increase the size of your subject even further. Zoom type When to use it Example You are taking a photo of a scene and you want to zoom in on a tree. You are taking a photo of a scene and you want to increase the size of a bird in the tree.

Optical (3x) Use this setting when your subject is distant from you and you want to increase or decrease its size in the photo. Digital (2x) Use this setting when your subject is distant from you and you want to increase its size more than you can with the optical zoom.

If you use the digital zoom, your photos will have lower resolution than they usually would for a particular photo quality setting. It is recommended that you print these photos in smaller sizes. Photo quality Standard resolution 640x480 pixels 1152x864 pixels 1600x1200 pixels 1600x1200 pixels Resolution with digital zoom 640x480 pixels 800x600 pixels 800x600 pixels 800x600 pixels HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 50 Adjusting the Camera Settings To use optical zoom: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. Zoom control 2.

As you frame your subject in the viewfinder, move the Zoom control to the right to zoom in on your subject, or to the left to zoom out. 3. Take your photo. To use digital zoom: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2. Press the color LCD on/off button to turn the color LCD on. Note: The color LCD must be on for digital zoom. 3. If you do not see the overlay bars on the color LCD, press the Overlay button to turn the overlay bars on.

4. Zoom all the way in on your subject using the Zoom control. Release the Zoom control and then press it to the right again. The digital zoom icon displays in the top overlay bar. 5. Frame your subject on the color LCD rather than through the viewfinder. Use the Zoom control to make further adjustments. 6. Take your photo. 7.

Press the color LCD on/off button to turn the color LCD and digital zoom off. Digital zoom icon HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 51 Adjusting the Camera Settings Using Macro Mode Use macro mode to take close-up photos of small objects. For example, use macro mode to take a close-up photo of a flower. To turn on macro mode: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec.

2. Press the color LCD on/off button to turn the color LCD on. Note: The color LCD must be on for macro mode. 3. If you do not see the overlay bars on the color LCD, press the Overlay button to turn the overlay bars on.

4. Press the center soft key until the macro mode icon appears in color at the center of the lower overlay bar. Note: The center soft key toggles between the self-timer and macro mode so that you can take photos using just one of the modes, or both at the same time. The icons appear in color if they are on. Keep pressing the button until you have selected the combination of self-timer and macro mode that you want; one on, both on, or both off. Macro mode icon 5.

View your subject through the viewfinder, and then frame your photo on the color LCD. 6. Take your photo. Self-timer icon 7.

Press the center soft key twice to turn macro mode off. The macro mode icon appears in black and white, indicating that macro mode is off. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 52 Adjusting the Camera Settings Using the Self-Timer Use the self-timer to take a photo of yourself or a posed group photo. Ten seconds (:10) is the default amount of time the camera waits before taking the photo. You can change this delay time to 3, 5, 10, 20, or 30 seconds. Note: The self-timer is only available for Still photos. Tripod mount To use the self-timer: 1. Attach the camera to a tripod, or place it on a firm surface at an appropriate distance and height from the subject. 2. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec.

3. Press the color LCD on/off button to turn the color LCD on. 4. Select the Still option: · Press the left soft key repeatedly until the Still icon displays on the lower overlay bar. Still icon HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 53 Adjusting the Camera Settings 5.

Press the center soft key until you see :10 (or the number of seconds you have set) appear on the upper overlay bar, and the self-timer icon appear in color on the lower overlay bar. Note: The center soft key toggles between the self-timer and macro modes so that you can take photos using just one of the modes, or both at the same time. The icons appear in color if they are on. Keep pressing the button until you have selected the combination of self-timer and macro mode that you want; one on, both on, or both off.



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Self-timer activated Self-timer icon Macro mode icon 6.

Frame your subject in the viewfinder, then press and hold the Shutter button 1/2 way down to allow the camera to adjust the focus and exposure. 7. When you see a green light to the left of the viewfinder, press the Shutter button all the way down, then release it. The red self-timer indicator light on the front of the camera starts blinking. The light blinks faster for the final 3 seconds, then stops blinking just before the camera takes the photo. Self-timer indicator light HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 54 Adjusting the Camera Settings To change the self-timer delay: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2. Press the color LCD on/off button to turn the color LCD on. 3.

Press the Menu button. 4. @5. Press the Edit button (left soft key). 6. Scroll to Self-Timer. 7. Use the 4-way arrow button to decrease or increase the number of seconds the camera waits before taking the photo. You can select 3, 5, 10, 20, or 30 seconds. 8.

Press the Exit button (right soft key) twice to save the settings and exit the menus. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 55 Adjusting the Camera Settings Setting the Exposure The HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera automatically adjusts the amount of light in your photo for different lighting conditions. It includes two automatic methods (Matrix and Spot) which calculate the exposure setting differently. To make the final photo lighter or darker than the automatic exposure would produce, you can also manually adjust the exposure. Exposure can be adjusted as much as +/-1.

5 EVs (Exposure Values) in 0.3 EV increments. To change the exposure setting: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2. Press the Menu button. 3. Use the 4-way arrow button to scroll to the Photo Assist menu. The Photo Assist menu displays with Exposure selected. 4. Press the Edit button (left soft key). 5. Use the 4-way arrow button to select an exposure option. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 56 Adjusting the Camera Settings Option EV Description Select EV (Exposure Value) to manually adjust the exposure from -1.5 EV to +1.

5 EV, in 0.3 EV increments, + values for lighter photos, - values for darker photos. Default 0 AE Method Select AE (Automatic Exposure) Method to have the camera automatically adjust the exposure for different lighting conditions. There are two AE methods, Matrix and Spot. Matrix calculates the exposure by taking the average of several points of light in the photo. Spot calculates the exposure by reading the light from one small spot in the center of the photo. 6.

Use the 4-way arrow button to choose a setting. Tip: Matrix If you aren't sure which settings to select, press the Default button (left soft key). 7.

Press the Exit button (right soft key) twice to save the settings and exit the menus. If you use the AE method you can also adjust whether the camera continuously calculates the exposure method, (Continuous AE), or calculates the exposure when you press the Shutter button 1/2 way down and then locks the exposure (Auto Exposure Lock). If you are taking a photo of a scene that has darker and lighter sections, (for example, a subject standing in a shadow) Auto Exposure Lock can help you to expose the photo correctly. For example, you can aim the camera at a darker part of the scene, press the Shutter button 1/2 way down, and then move the camera to include a brighter part of the scene. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 57 Adjusting the Camera Settings To adjust the AE method's meter setting: 1.

Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2. Press the Menu button. 3. Use the 4-way arrow button to scroll to the Preferences menu, then scroll down to Meter Meter.

4. Press the Edit button (left soft key). 5. Use the 4-way arrow button to select an exposure option. · · Continuous AE calculates the automatic exposure continuously when you press the Shutter button. Auto Exposure Lock calculates the automatic exposure when you press the Shutter button 1/2 way down, and then locks the exposure at that setting. 6. Press the Select button (left soft key) to choose an option. 7. Press the Exit button (right soft key) twice to save the settings and exit the menus.

Setting the White Balance For the truest color reproduction in your photos, the HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera automatically adjusts the balance of colors to make a true white in different lighting conditions. You can manually adjust this setting to have the camera compensate for specific lighting conditions. The white balance setting remains the same until you change it, even if you turn the camera off. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 58 Adjusting the Camera Settings To manually adjust the white balance setting: 1. Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2.

Press the Menu button. 3. Use the 4-way arrow button to scroll to the Photo Assist menu, then scroll down to White Balance Balance. 4.

Press the Edit button (left soft key). 5. Use the 4-way arrow button to select a white balance option. Setting Auto Select this option when You want the camera to automatically sense the lighting conditions and adjust the white balance appropriately for optimum color reproduction in your photo. Auto is the default.

You are taking a photo in daylight without artificial lighting. You are taking a photo under fluorescent light. You are taking a photo under normal incandescent light, such as the light from tungsten filament light bulbs in household lamps. You are using the flash to illuminate the subject. Daylight Fluorescent Tungsten Flash 6.

Press the Select button (left soft key). 7. Press the Exit button (right soft key) twice to save the settings and exit the menus. HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 59 Adjusting the Camera Settings Using Instant Review After you take a photo, Instant Review briefly displays the photo on the color LCD, even if you have not turned the color LCD on. @@If not, you can discard the photo and try again. @@@@Turn the camera on and turn the camera mode dial to Rec Rec. 2. Press the Menu button. 3. @@4.

Press the Edit button (left soft key). 5. Scroll to Instant Review. 6. Use the 4-way arrow button to turn Instant Review on or off. 7. @@Take your photo. After a few seconds, your photo appears briefly on the color LCD. @@@@If you chose to delete the photo, press the Delete button (left soft key) to confirm the deletion. If you do not confirm that you want to delete the photo before the photo disappears from the color LCD, the camera saves the photo.

HP PhotoSmart C500 Digital Camera User's Guide 61 Adjusting the Camera Settings Setting the Eye Start Eye Start brings the camera out of sleep mode and starts adjusting the exposure when your eye is close to the viewfinder. Eye Start works by using sensors located next to the viewfinder.



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