

Topic: Protecting your camera's digital memory cards.

Memory cards (on which you store your digital photos in your camera) can become damaged very easily. To protect your memory cards, as well as any pictures you have stored on them, follow these care instructions.



- ✓ Don't remove the card while the camera is turned on. Doing so poses a big risk to the card and all the pictures it holds.
- ✓ Don't turn the camera off while it's in the process of writing the last picture file to the memory card. An indicator light on the camera should let you know when the camera is done with this step.
- ✓ Try not to touch the contact area of the card. The contact area is the part of the card that interfaces with the camera's recording element.
- ✓ Keep the card in the storage case, if one came with it. Or keep it in the camera.
- ✓ Although memory cards aren't exceptionally fragile, they can be damaged by heat, humidity, dirt, static electricity, and a strong magnetic charge, as well as your puppy's teeth and the heel of your shoe. Don't leave your memory card anywhere you wouldn't leave your camera or other sensitive equipment.
- ✓ Don't use memory cards for long-term storage of your pictures. Instead, archive pictures on a more secure, non-erasable storage media, such as a CD-ROM or DVD disc, or your computer's hard drive. ▲

