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Picture Porter Elite Review by Steve Baczewski

Portable digital photo viewer



The Picture Porter Elite is a compact portable digital card transfer/photo viewer with a scratch-resistant 3.6" LCD and slots supporting most memory cards. The Elite also supports and plays numerous music and video file formats, prints directly to PictBridge-compliant printers, is a voice recorder with built-in microphone/speaker, and can play and record from its built-in FM radio!

Despite a resolution of 320x240, the 3.6" backlit LCD displays bright and sharp images in open sunlight, which makes judging

your images practical in the field. The Elite's rugged, black plastic body is protected by a thick leather case with openings for the screen, memory cards, controls, and connectivity ports.

Picture Porter Elite supports TIFF, JPEG, GIF, BMP, and numerous proprietary RAW formats (see list on the website). After inserting your memory card, the screen shows your options. The interface and menus are easy to move using the control buttons at the right of the screen—there's also a joystick for easy four-way navigation.

Images can be displayed with shooting EXIF data and a histogram. You can zoom, pan, rotate, and scroll your image. Downloading a 1-GB SanDisk Ultra II card took 3 minutes, 15 seconds. I was able to download thirty 1-GB cards on a single charge. Transferring a 1-GB folder from the Picture Porter Elite via USB 2.0 to my Mac took 2 minutes, 30 seconds. One problem, however, is that the charge on the rechargeable lithium battery ends abruptly, with no warning. It's available in 40-, 80-, or 100-GB models. ■

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