

Exposure Compensation

What Is Exposure Compensation?

Concept: When you change the exposure to over or under expose the image, overriding the camera's default "correct" exposure value of 0.

Camera Function: Option that allows you to over or under expose the image while using a priority mode.

How It Works: Manual Mode

You just change any of your ISO, Aperture, or Shutter Speed settings to your desired exposure

How It Works: Priority Modes

Hold down your exposure compensation button* and spin your control dial to place the exposure indicator at the exposure value you want.**

How It Works: Manual Mode with Auto ISO

Two options:

1. Take the camera out of Auto ISO and set all of your settings as desired for the exposure value that meets your needs (works on any camera).
2. Use the Exposure Compensation function just like you do with the priority modes. In doing so, the camera will adjust the ISO to balance the exposure to the new value.

*The button is marked with this icon: 

**Don't forget to change it back to 0 when you are done!

Common Situations To Use Exposure Compensation***

These are some common shooting scenarios where you would use exposure compensation. Keep in mind that you can use exposure compensation in ANY situation you need to make the photo look the way you want it to look.

Snow scene/White subject filling frame	+2 Stops
Small subject against white background	+2 Stops
Large subject against white background	+1 Stops
Average scene w/ a range of brightness	0 Stops
Large subject against dark background	-1 Stops
Small subject against dark background	-2 Stops
Dark subject filling frame	-2 Stops

****All adjustments are approximate and will vary depending on the shooting situation. Use your judgement to get the results that you want.*