

HISTORY OF CAMERAS

1500

CAMERA OBSCURA

The first pinhole camera (also called the Camera Obscura) was invented by Alhazen (Ibn Al-Haytham)

1839

THE DAGUERREOTYPE CAMERA

was announced by the French Academy of Sciences. One of these inventions is now the world's most expensive cameras

1840

The first American patent issued in photography to Alexander Wolcott for his camera

1859

THE PANORAMIC CAMERA

Patented by Thomas Sutton.

1861

STEREOSCOPE VIEWER

Invented by Oliver Wendell Holmes

1888

KODAK ROLL-FILM CAMERA

George Eastman patents Kodak roll-film camera. Eastman was a pioneer in photographic films usage. He also started manufacturing paper films in 1885. His first Kodak box camera was very simple and very cheap.

1900

THE BROWNIE

First mass-marketed camera was presented by Eastman. It was on sale until 1960s.

1900

THE RAISECAMERA

The Raisecamera (travel camera) was invented. Extreme light weight and small dimensions when it is folded made this photo camera the most desirable thing for landscape photographers.

1913/ 1914

CANDID CAMERA

The first 35mm still camera (also called candid camera) developed by Oskar Barnack of German Leica Camera. Later it became the standard for all film cameras.

1948

POLAROID CAMERA

Edwin Land invented the Polaroid camera which could take a picture and print it in about one minute.

1978

JASUPIN

Konica introduces the first point-and-shoot, autofocus camera Konica C35 AF. It was named "Jasupin".

1981

SONY MAVICA

Sony demonstrates the Sony Mavica – the world's first digital electronic still camera. Digital photography and television images are related to the same technology, so this camera recorded images into a mini disk and then put them into a video reader. Images could be displayed to a television monitor or color printer.

1986

SINGLE-USE CAMERAS

Fuji introduced the disposable camera.

1991

DIGITAL CAMERA SYSTEM

Kodak released the first professional digital camera system (DCS) which was of a great use for photojournalists. It was a modified Nikon F-3 camera with a 1.3 megapixel sensor.

1994- 1996

APPLE QUICKTAKE 100 CAMERA

The first digital cameras for the consumer-level market that worked with a home computer via a serial cable were the Apple QuickTake 100 camera (February 17 , 1994), the Kodak DC40 camera (March 28, 1995), the Casio QV-11 (with LCD monitor, late 1995), and Sony's Cyber-Shot Digital Still Camera (1996).

2000

J-SH04

In Japan Sharp's J-SH04 introduced the world's first camera phone.