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CES 2008: Sony update DSLR with A200

New model replaces the DSLR-A100

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Sony has announced a new DSLR camera at CES in Las Vegas within its Alpha series.

The new model, the DSLR-A200 camera will replace the former Sony DSLR-A100 model and offer 10.2 megapixels on a CCD image sensor.

The DSLR-A200 model supports JPEG and RAW file format support. It has a slot for CompactFlash Type I/II media cards. An adaptor for Memory Stick Duo media cards is sold separately as an accessory.

According to Sony, the new model is designed to be faster, lighter and easier to use with upgraded features including a wider, 2.7-inch Clear Photo LCD screen for easy playback viewing; a more compact body and an easily-accessible mode dial; an easy-to-use function menu (camera function display); improved noise control for higher quality images; an auto focus speed 1.7x faster than the previous model; improved predictive control performance; quieter shutter sound; automatic pop-up flash; and a battery life indicator that displays the percentage of battery life remaining so you know exactly when to recharge.

The DSLR-A200K kit includes the camera body and a DT 18-70mm f3.5-5.6 3.9x zoom lens for about \$700. The DSLR-A200W kit includes the camera body, the DT 18-70mm lens and a 75-300mm f4.5-5.6 lens for about \$900.

Both will ship in February.

