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Canon announces five new HD camcorders for 2009

HF S10, HF S100, HF20, HF200 and HV40

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Canon has announced five new high definition camcorder models in its 2009 line-up.

First up are the Canon Legria HF S10 and Legria HF S100 flash memory camcorders. This pair are the company's top-of-the-line HD flash memory camcorders, that both feature the new Digic DV III image processor, an 8.59-megapixel full HD CMOS image sensor, and the ability to take 8-megapixel digital photographs.

Other features include face detection that will detect up to 35 faces, an advanced auto exposure system, and both Video Snapshot and Dual Shot modes.

The two models differ in that the HF S10 offers the option of recording content to a 32GB internal flash drive, or directly to an SDHC card, while the HF S100 can record to SDHC card only.

Next up are the Legria HF20 and Legria HF200 - Canon's most compact HD flash memory camcorders and a good choice for those looking to capture video on the go.

Similarly to the HF S10 and HF S100, the only difference between the two is that the HF20 has a 32GB internal flash drive, while the HF200 can only record to SDHC card.

Both camcorders feature a 3.89-megapixel full HD CMOS image sensor, the newly designed Canon 15x HD video lens, the advanced auto exposure system, and once again - the Video Snapshot and Dual Shot Modes.

Last in the HD line-up is the Legria HV40 HDV camcorder. A replacement to the Legria HV30 camcorder, it shares similar features to the rest of



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the Legria line, but also boasts a Canon 10x HD video lens and 2.96-megapixel full HD CMOS image sensor.

Another nice feature is the ability to record in 24p mode, a feature previously only seen in Canon's professional camcorders.

Another add-on feature, Custom Key Mode, enables consumers to assign commonly used functions to a single button on the camcorder for easy access.

It's worth noting that the Video Snapshot and face detection features seen in several of these new camcorders are both new features to Canon's video line-up.

The first will allow you to capture a series of four second video clips and edit them together into one movie, while the latter will allow you to pick a face that you would like to track, or access certain scenes in playback based on chosen faces.

There's been no news on dates or prices as yet but we'll get them to you when we have them.