

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File :Closeup\_of\_pixels.JPG

R,G,B = 0,0,0 = black, off.

R,G,B, = 255, 255, 255 = all full on = white (8 bits = 2^8 = 256 possible levels) R,G,B = 0,0, 256 = blue

# bits used per pixel per color = color depth, bit depth

Cameras are often 12 bit depth, but Photoshop has limited capabilities for depths > 8 bits

In RGB color space, have 3 color channels per pixel; Red, Green and Blue subpixels each has 8 bit range

FF,FF,FF= full white, all subpixels at max

FF 00 00 = red

Values of R=G=B, (i.e. 100,100,100) should be neutral grays. If not, check your screen calibration. Calibrator is available for checkout.





Autoexposure programs (AE)

Wide variety. Stay away if you can.

Semi -automatic programs are better.

Av = aperture priority. You choose the aperture, camera will choose shutter speed. ISO might be automatic too.

Tv = Time priority; you set the shutter speed and ISO, camera AE will choose the aperture.

M = Manual (maybe). You choose both aperture and shutter speed. Meter will tell you if exposure is OK.



to set over/under exposure

Lighten image, overexpose compared to AE suggestion +++ Darken, underexpose compared to AE, -----



How to choose?

Minute paper: list pros and cons of

- 1. small aperture vs large aperture
- 2. short shutter (high shutter speed) vs long (slow)
- 3. high ISO vs low
- 4. Deliberate over/under exposure

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- 1. Aperture: large f/ = better DOF, but less light, maybe less sharpness overall
- 2. Short shutter = freeze the flow, minimize motion blur, but less light
- 3. High ISO adds noise, but can use low light
- 4. Need to be careful about which value gets changed to achieve what you asked for.

Usually, set ISO for overall conditions, then choose Av = aperture priority, let AE (auto exposure) choose shutter

or

Tv = shutter priority, AE chooses aperture

## Other considerations of shutter speed:

Short enough to 'freeze' flow, or long enough to get desired particle tracks.

If long shutter is needed, might be too much light, even at low ISO. Try a NDF = Neutral Density Filter. Neutral = all wavelengths equally. Gray. NDF 1 = 1 /10 light transmission. NDF 2 = 1/100 etc. Log scale. <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Strickland\_Falls\_Shadows\_Lifted.jpg</u> 30 seconds. NDF 8x



Need a tripod for macros, or shutters > 1/30 sec Full size start at \$25. Highly recommended. Several available for checkout.

Estimate motion blur *in pixels* to guide choice of shutter speed.

Example: Field of view = 10 cm Fluid moving at 0.5 m/s 10 Mpx sensor

Minute paper: what shutter speed will 'freeze' this flow?

Can tolerate maybe 5 px blur? 10 Mpx ~ 3750 X 2750 0.1 m / 3750 = 2.6 e-5 = 0.000026 m/px = 26  $\mu$ m/px 5 px = 1.3 e-4 m = 0.00013 = 0.13 mm estimated acceptable object displacement x time t = x/velocity 1.3e-4 m / (0.5 m/s) = 2.6e-4 seconds 2.6e-4 sec = 1/3750 Very short. Can your camera do this? 5/3750 = 0.0013 = 0.13% of image width

Do this analysis for each image. Motion blur is surprisingly common and annoying.