

Wireless Memory Cards

Dirk Lammers:

If you've done any digital photography, you've likely gotta mess of USB cables in order to move your photos to your computer. That's one way you can do it. Another way is of course the USB card reader, and some of these are real slick now, in which they have a ton of different cards that you can plug into 'em.

Dirk Lammers:

But there's a new option, and it's the Eye-Fi wireless SD card. This two-gig card plugs in exactly into your camera's slot where your normal one would go; but, instead of having to use one of these card readers or these cables, it's gonna wirelessly send this to your router, and from your router you can send it to either, um, right to your computer on a file or a folder on your computer, or you can send it to a number of Internet sites, such as file sharing or, uh, or even some printing sites, such as Costco or Walmart.

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Once the card's in the camera, I notice virtually no difference than my other two-gig card that I was using. You just pretty much point and shoot, and eventually the ca-uh, pictures are gonna start appearing.

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You can see: I haven't even connected a single one of those USB cables and here's the photos. They're uploading one by one from my camera over to my computer through this wireless router.

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Now, I've also set this up to use my Shutterfly account, which is a photo sharing site. So, in addition to going up onto my hard drive and my-My Documents/My Pictures folder, they're also appearing on Shutterfly. So, I can email somebody to take a look on the Web instantly.

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One other thing is you can actually bypass the computer c-completely and just turn on this right near the wireless router and, because the photo inf- or the network information is actually stored on the card, it can send it directly from this right up to the Internet when your computer's off.

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Now this-this is a great product, for ninety-nine dollars, to avoid the mess of cables and everything. It's just wonderful. The one caveat: it's made for a home Internet network. It's not gonna work or play well with most corporate networks or Wi-Fi hotspots, 'cause it once it-um, it just takes an encryption key in order to get access to a secure network and a lot a corporate and Wi-Fi want a user name and password, and it won't work with that. But for what it's designed, the home network, it's a great product.

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