

MINOLTA INTRODUCES NEW DiMAGE CAPTURE REMOTE IMAGING SOFTWARE

*New software created to enhance the capabilities of the
new Minolta DiMAGE A1 digital camera*

New York, NY (August 7, 2003) – Minolta introduces the new DiMAGE Capture remote-imaging software for Minolta's new DiMAGE A1 5 megapixel digital camera. With a simple USB connection, the DiMAGE A1 can be controlled and monitored from a computer as well as allowing direct storage of image data to the computer's hard drive.

DiMAGE Capture allows basic camera settings to be made with the user's computer mouse. By connecting the Minolta DiMAGE A1 digital camera to a computer with a Windows operating system, users can record images directly from the computer.

"Minolta's new DiMAGE Capture software gives photographers direct control over their DiMAGE A1 as well as immediate storage of images," said Jon Sienkiewicz, vice president of marketing, Minolta Corporation's Consumer Products Group. "This added flexibility ensures that the camera can be used to document ongoing or critical procedures where access to the camera remotely is desired or where it's simply necessary to be working with a full-size monitor."

The camera's live instantly image is displayed on the computer monitor. Clicking on the live image can specify the position of the Flex Focus Point for autofocus control or, during manual focus, the specified area of the image can be magnified to check sharpness. White balance can also be calibrated with any point within the image.

Camera settings can be confirmed with a quick glance in an area under the live image. Color matching can be employed to give the best possible reproduction of the live image on the monitor. The DiMAGE Viewer can be launched from DiMAGE Capture program so recorded images can be viewed on the user's PC.

DiMAGE Capture software allows large amounts of image data to be recorded quickly and easily. Since the data is transferred directly to the computer, the computer's hard drive, rather than the camera's CompactFlash card, limits storage capacity.

Minimum System Requirements

Computers	IBM PC/AT compatible computers
CPU *	Pentium II 300MHz or later processor
Operating systems	Windows 2000 Professional, XP Professional, XP Home, or Me
RAM *	64 MB of RAM
Hard-disk space	100 MB of free hard-disk space
Monitor	800x600 monitor capable of displaying 24-bit color quality. 1024x768 or greater recommended.

** The CPU and RAM must satisfy the requirements of the operating system.*

Specifications and system requirements are subject to change without notice.

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The corporation's Business Products Group (BPG) markets digital and analog office equipment. Products include black-and-white copiers, digital black and white printer/copiers, plain-paper laser facsimile machines, digital color printer/copiers, micrographic systems, document management software, and related office equipment.

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