

## Nikkor AF-S 17-35mm f/2.8 D IF-ED - Review / Lab Test Report

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## Introduction

The Nikkor AF-S 17-35mm f/2.8 D IF-ED is a *gold ring* lens indicating a professional grade Nikon lens for F-mount DSLRs. Released back in 1999 it is a full frame lens but in the scope of this review we'll have a look how it performs on a Nikon D200 where its field-of-view is equivalent to 25.5-52.5mm. So on APS-C DSLRs it loses its ultra-wide angle characteristic towards a standard zoom.



At around 1800€/US\$ you better have to get some value for your money and the build quality of the lens is certainly superb. The lens body is made of metal and control rings operate very smooth. The inner lens tube moves marginally during zooming but the physical length of the lens remains constant at all times. Thanks to an IF (*internal focusing*) design the front element does not rotate so using a polarizer is no problem (even with attached hood). Like most modern Nikkors it features a *silent-wave* (ultrasonic) AF motor providing very fast and near-silent AF operations.

## Specifications

Optical construction	13 elements in 10 groups inc. 2 ED and 3 aspherical elements (two molded, one hybrid)
Number of aperture blades	9 (rounded)
min. focus distance	0.28m (max. magnification ratio 1:4.6)
Dimensions	83x106mm
Weight	745g
Filter size	77mm (non-rotating)
Hood	Nikon HB-23 (supplied), petal-shaped
Other features	Lens provides distance (D) information to the camera.

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