

## Micro-Nikkor AF 200mm f/4 D ED - Review / Test Report

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## Sample Images

Here some quick 'n dirty sample images (RAWs converted via Photoshop ACR 3.4).

Click on a thumbnail to view the original file (opens in a separate window). Please note that the originals are

**FULL SIZE** samples (=several megabytes) thus requiring a significant amount of bandwidth so please take care of the limited resources here.

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## Verdict

The Micro-Nikkor AF 200mm f/4 D ED is an excellent lens with no real weaknesses. The resolution figures are very good to excellent. You may argue that the new AF-S 105mm f/2.8G VR is somewhat sharper but the AF 200mm f/4 offers a longer working distance of 26cm vs 14cm - a good argument in favor of the old lens when it comes to nervous critters in macro photography. The vignetting at f/4 is not field relevant and both the distortion and CA characteristic are outstanding. The bokeh (out-of-focus blur) is exceptionally smooth and buttery. Typical for such oldies the build quality is superb whereas the old-style AF (driven by the camera) is very slow but then macro photographers tend to prefer to focus manually anyway. At around 1400€/US\$ the entry hurdle for this lens is a bit steep.

Optical Quality: ★★★★★  
 Mechanical Quality: ★★★★★  
 Price/Performance: ★★★★★

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