

Nikkor AF 50mm f/1.8 D - Review / Test Report

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Sample Shots

Ok, finally here're some sample shots taken with the Nikon D200 (converted RAWs via RawShooter Essentials 2006).

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Verdict

The Nikkor AF 50mm f/1.8 D is a low profile lens with less sex-appeal than the big glass but it is an interesting lens nonetheless. At wide-open aperture it is a little soft at the image borders and the contrast level is a little on the low side. However, at medium aperture settings the resolution figures are exceptionally high and surely a benchmark to beat. Distortions are negligible and vignetting is very well controlled. The build quality of the lens is very decent and the AF performance leaves nothing to be desired.

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

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