Key Features

Multimedia Storage Viewer P-2000 Key Features
- Built-in 40GB Hard Disk Drive (36.5GB for usable storage)
- CF & SD Memory card slots
- RAW image support (NIKON/CANON/EPSON)*1
- Browse JPEG image smoothly up to 8.9M Pixels
- Movie and music support (Motion JPEG, MPEG4, MP3, and AAC)
- Built-in speaker (Mono) and support Headphone output (Stereo)
- Direct Print available (USB DIRECT-PRINT compatible printers)

*L1 JPEG data stored in the header of RAW files are displayed.

L-500V Key Features
Fun to capture and share your precious memories via brilliant Epson Photo Fine, 2 inch LCD
- 5.0 megapixel CCD
- 3x optical zoom, 4x digital zoom
- 30frame per second VGA movie
- 3frame per second continuous shooting
- Built-in Frame (PRINT Image Frame) for fun printing
- Direct Print available (USB DIRECT-PRINT compatible printers)
- Size (WxHxD) 50x83x22mm
- Weight approx. 170g

S-TYLUS PHOTO RX700 Key Features
Premium multi photo function
- 3200x6400dpi High resolution scanner with TPU
- CD/DVD direct copying/printing
- Easy stand-alone operation with Epson Photo Fine LCD viewer
- High quality photos with fast printing
- Memory card direct printing/storage
- PictBridge and USB direct printing
- Double paper tray for plain paper
- USB host for direct printing/Back-up from the external devices, CD/DVD/MD/Zip, and USB flash memory drives.

Specifications of LCDs

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<td>Dot Format</td>
<td>840 (RGB) x480 VGA</td>
<td>640 (RGB) x480 VGA</td>
<td>1280 (RGB) x720 QXGA</td>
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Introduction

Epson’s superiority in the field of digital color reproduction is due in no small part to its Epson Photo Fine liquid crystal display (LCD) technology. Showcased on Epson digital cameras, color printers, and photo viewers, Epson Photo Fine gives the user a sharp, lifelike preview of recorded images unsurpassed by any other manufacturer.

Epson is world renowned as a major manufacturer of LCDs and is the leading supplier of displays to other manufacturers of color mobile phones, digital cameras, and LCD projectors. Born as a result of Epson’s commitment to being number one in LCD technology and production, Epson Photo Fine promises to further cement Epson’s dominant position.

Armed with the information supplied within this guide, along with real life demonstrations of selected Epson Photo Fine products, you should feel confident in convincing even the most discriminating customers of Epson’s commitment to quality.

Epson is the Dominant Player in the Worldwide LCD Market

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<th>Product Type</th>
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<td>Color Mobile Phones</td>
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<td>Projectors</td>
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CY2003 Market Based on Company Estimates
The Epson Promise of a Clearer, Brighter Future

Epson enhances its reputation for high quality digital image reproduction with its new Epson Photo Fine LCD technology. Epson Photo Fine produces a high density liquid crystal display that exhibits truly outstanding color rendition, superb resolution, and excellent brightness. Both photographs and movies display razor sharp detail and realistic color and grayscale reproduction that outclasses the competition.

You can find Epson Photo Fine LCDs in a variety of different products like Epson multimedia storage viewers, digital cameras, and color printers.

Epson Photo Fine

Epson Photo Fine... A super-high density liquid crystal display

Residing at the core of Epson Photo Fine technology is the active matrix display featuring a low temperature, poly-silicon base (LTPS) charged by a thin film transistor (TFT) array. What sets Epson Photo Fine apart from the competition is the super-high density pixel arrangement which provides more than twice the number of pixels than that of our closest competitor’s models. The results for you are clearer, sharper images that can be easily demonstrated in side-by-side comparisons with similar products.

Epson Photo Fine Products

- Multimedia Storage Viewer: P-2000
- L500V
- EPSON STYLUS PHOTO RX700

Brilliant, lifelike picture quality

Epson Photo Fine LCDs produce truly breathtaking images. Subtle colors and tones are reproduced evenly with no noticeable shifts, and highlights and shadows display the smallest details. Furthermore, the superior picture quality is clearly evident in both still images and movies.

Clear, razor sharp display

Thanks to the super-high density pixel arrangement, Epson Photo Fine products reveal subtleties in your images that cannot be seen on ordinary LCDs. This makes Epson Photo Fine ideal for previewing digital images before printing or transferring to a PC.

Outstanding image brightness

The bright, vivid displays found in Epson Photo Fine products make them suitable for use under most lighting conditions. Whether you are indoors or outdoors, you’ll be able to enjoy all the beauty of your still images and movies.
What are LCDs?

LCD stands for liquid crystal display, the type of display used in most mobile phones, digital cameras, laptop computers, and PDAs. The two basic types of LCDs are “passive matrix” and “active matrix”. Passive matrix LCDs are simple and relatively inexpensive but are inferior to active matrix LCDs. In terms of image quality (e.g. resolution, color reproduction, and brightness) and movie quality.

Epson Photo Fine technology is based on active matrix LCDs. By further refining the basic active matrix design, Epson has been able to produce an advanced type of LCD which is marketed as Epson Photo Fine. These refinements in the active matrix design are explained on the following page.

What is LTPS?

LTPS stands for low temperature poly-silicon and describes the base material used in Epson Photo Fine LCDs. Displays using LTPS are found in mobile phones, PDAs, and digital still and digital video cameras.

Displays in products of this sort sometimes use a different base called “a-Si” (amorphous-silicon). This base, however, is inferior to LTPS due to its slower speed and higher energy requirements. The electron mobility in LTPS displays can be up to 100 times faster than in a-Si displays due to silicon crystallization. This allows LTPS displays to have a higher pixel density and be more compact.

The LTPS advantage -- Higher pixel density for a better image

Displays using LTPS allow for a higher pixel density than a-Si displays, because LTPS technology can minimize the size of the TFT element. The end result is a clearer, sharper image free of noticeable pixelation which manifests itself as jagged edges in contrasting areas of an image.

The LTPS advantage – Compact and reliable

Another advantage of LTPS is that it is possible to integrate the electrical circuit with the glass base, eliminating the need for an external circuit board. This greatly increases reliability as there are fewer failure points within the display. It also makes for a more compact design, since the integrated circuit is actually in the glass base and not a separate component of the display.

### Table: Comparison of LCDs

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<td>High-resolution</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
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<td>Excellent</td>
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<td>Surface Brightness</td>
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<td>Compact</td>
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<td>Low-power consumption</td>
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<td>Mid Range Mobile Phone Digital still camera Low End Mobile Phone Calculator Home Appliance</td>
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Epson Photo Fine for Unsurpassed LCD Performance

Epson Photo Fine takes display performance to new heights by refining basic LTPS and TFT technology. What's more, Epson is the leader in research and development in this area with the promise of even greater improvements in the upcoming years.

**LCD image quality similar to high resolution printers**

Epson products utilizing Epson Photo Fine technology are capable of displaying up to 250 pixels per inch (ppi). This produces images equivalent in quality to prints from a 2000 dpi color printer. Each pixel is capable of reproducing an RGB image with a grayscale of 64. Similar quality in a color printer requires 64 dots (8 dots x 8 dots). This super-high density pixel arrangement is more than twice that of other products on the market and can be easily seen in side-by-side comparisons with similar products from our competitors.

**Screen resolution designed for the naked eye**

Epson engineers have designed Epson Photo Fine displays to overcome the distracting effects of pixelation caused when the human eye is able to distinguish individual pixels. The super-high density of Epson Photo Fine technology allows for up to 256 pixels per inch (ppi), making individual pixels virtually indistinguishable from one another when viewing the display at a distance of 35 cm and for a person with normal eyesight.

**High precision manufacturing techniques for a brighter image**

Thanks to Epson's original High Precision Processing Technology, Epson Photo Fine displays are wonderfully bright, greatly aiding the composing, focusing, and viewing of images. The key to our bright screens is our increased aperture size in the base of the LCD. By reducing the size of the integrated circuit and wiring width embedded in the display, Epson has been able to increase brightness by up to 20% in Epson Photo Fine LCDs.

**Epson Photo Fine technology minimizes pixel size**

Epson Photo Fine displays are based on LTPS TFT display technology, yielding high density screen resolutions of 212 ppi and more. The vastly improved screen resolution allows for smoother, more realistic images than even our high and competitors can lay claim to. The illustration on the right shows the difference between Epson displays and similar products from our competition.

**Epson Photo Fine LCDs mark a new standard of excellence**

With the advent of Epson Photo Fine technology, Epson has once again raised the standard of digital imaging technology. The 212 ppi screen resolution of the Multimedia Storage Viewer P-2000 and 256 ppi resolution of the L-500V provide for superior image reproduction and the finest detail even when viewed close up. The photographs below show how Epson Photo Fine technology produces superbly detailed images even when magnified.
See the Epson Photo Fine Difference for Yourself

Epson Photo Fine displays are in a class by themselves. Featuring superb brightness and the highest pixel density among competing products, you can see for yourself why Epson Photo Fine displays are the clear choice for both amateurs and professionals alike.

Epson Photo Fine LCDs lead the way

Compared to other displays found in similar products, Epson Photo Fine displays lead the competition, both in terms of pixel density and image size. This graph on the right shows the clear advantage enjoyed by Epson Photo Fine displays. The new L-500V digital camera with its 2.5” 256 ppi QXGA display and the Multimedia Storage Viewer P-2000 with a 3.8” 212 ppi VGA are excellent examples of Epson’s leading technology.

Digital camera LCD comparison

LCDs found on most digital cameras are hard to view and can be almost useless in low light situations. Not so with Epson Photo Fine LCDs. Boasting a larger, brighter, and crisper image than other displays, Epson Photo Fine makes composing, focusing, and viewing your images easier than ever before. The crisp, razor-like reproduction also makes it easy to read on-screen help and settings menus. Furthermore, because Epson Photo Fine screens are larger and cleaner than our competitors’, they can display up to 12 thumbnail photos per screen.

Photo viewer LCD comparison

What’s the point in having a photo viewer if it can’t display crisp clean images free of distracting pixelation? Epson photo viewers with Epson Photo Fine displays show a marked improvement in color reproduction and sharpness when compared with our nearest competitors. This makes them great for previewing and editing your shots, as well as sharing photos with friends and viewing smooth, clear movies.

Color printer LCD comparison

In our continuing efforts to improve our products, Epson is now providing Epson Photo Fine displays on selected color printers containing LCDs, starting with the EPSON STYLUS PHOTO RX700. This makes it easier than ever to preview and select your color images before printing, which in turn helps save on ink and paper costs. Epson Photo Fine technology also vastly improves readability of small on-screen type in help and settings menus.

Operation Menu

In this Operation Menu, you can view your images on the LCD during printing of JPEGs. This makes it easier to preview and select your images before printing.
The Many Benefits of Epson Photo Fine Technology
Help your customers get the most out of Epson Photo Fine products by pointing out the benefits of improved LCD brightness and quality. Shown below are a few of the many benefits of this remarkable technology.

Easily share your pictures with others
The superb resolution and crisp sharpness of Epson Photo Fine products make it easy to share your photos with others. No more waiting for color prints in order to give others a chance to view your creations. With a resolution equal to that of a 2000 dpi color printer, you can share the full beauty of your images immediately. Additionally, both amateur and professional photographers will appreciate the ability to display images in high quality slide shows.

Accurate preview of images before you print
Epson color printers equipped with Epson Photo Fine displays are ideal for selecting and previewing images before you print. The 256 ppi display reveals all nuances in color and sharpness that allow you to weed out undesirable images before you print, thus saving on ink and paper costs.

Improve your digital camera shooting technique
On digital cameras equipped with Epson Photo Fine displays, composing and focusing have never been easier. The outstanding brightness and high resolution of Epson Photo Fine displays are a great plus for critical photographic applications and when shooting under adverse lighting conditions. Discover for yourself why discriminating professionals and serious amateur photographers rate Epson Photo Fine displays as the best on the market.

A more efficient way to view thumbnails
Epson Photo Fine products are the best and most efficient way to display your images as thumbnails. The large, high resolution displays show beautifully detailed thumbnails. This makes it easier to preview and select images than with other viewers, digital cameras, and color printers.

Easy to read menus and settings screens
The high resolution of Epson Photo Fine displays make it easier to read the small print in menus and settings screens found on digital cameras, portable viewers, and color printers. What’s more, Epson Photo Fine displays can contain more information due to their larger size.

Watch your favorite home movies
The advanced LTPS technology inherent in Epson Photo Fine displays make them ideal for viewing home movies. Epson photo viewers and digital still cameras use Epson Photo Fine technology to reproduce smooth, lifelike movements in movies.
A Glossary of Epson Photo Fine Technical Terms

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<td>Pixel</td>
<td>The smallest unit of a bitmap image. “Pixel” stands for Picture Element. This is used to determine color and position, and is not related to physical size.</td>
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<td>Screen display resolution</td>
<td>Standards concerning the definition of display.</td>
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<td>Video Graphics Array 640 X RGB X 480 dot</td>
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<td>SXGAP</td>
<td>Super Extended Graphics Array Plus 1,400 X RGB X 1,050 dot</td>
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<td>UXGA</td>
<td>Ultra Extended Graphics Array 1,600 X RGB X 1,200 dot</td>
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<td>Aperture Ratio</td>
<td>The ratio of the effective display area to a single pixel area on LCD.</td>
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<td>Driver (LCD driver)</td>
<td>IC or LSI to drive liquid crystal display. Gate/source driver for TFT and segment/common driver for STN. By the input signal type, the drivers can also be classified into digital and analog.</td>
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<td>Epson Photo Fine</td>
<td>Epson’s trademark for its Low Temperature Poly Silicon LCD that realizes a true photo quality.</td>
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<td>Low Temperature Poly Silicon (LTPS) TFT</td>
<td>A kind of formula for making Thin Film Transistor that is an electrode for TFT liquid crystal display. This TFT is made of poly silicon while conventional TFT’s used to be made of amorphous (noncrystal) silicon. High temperature (1,000°C or higher) is needed to form crystal silicon. However, since the glass used for liquid crystal panel melts at this temperature, silicon for formation at comparatively low temperatures was developed.</td>
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<td>Passive Matrix</td>
<td>A kind of Liquid Crystal Display, consisting of X and Y electrodes arranged in a lattice form that are turned on and off at appropriate timings to drive liquid crystals at intersections. A representative liquid crystal display using passive matrix technology is Super Twisted Nematic (STN).</td>
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What Professionals Say about Epson Photo Fine Technology

“An invaluable tool when on assignment that is both accurate and easy to use”

“When on assignment, I need a quick, accurate way to preview my digital images. For this, I find the Epson Multimedia Storage Viewer P-2000 ideal. It’s light weight makes it easy to carry in my photo bag and the image clarity is fantastic. I’m able to easily check my latest series of shots and decide whether not I’ve really captured the image. A great product that no pro should be without.

“‘The moment is everything to me when I shoot. That’s why I need a digital camera that gives me a good preview of my composition when I shoot.’

“The most important things for a graphic designer are inspiration and passion. That’s why I always carry my digital camera in order to capture a moment that strikes me as something I can use later in my design work. Until recently, the LCDs of most digital cameras left much to be desired in terms of actual color and ease of focus and composition. With the Epson L-505V equipped with an Epson Photo Fine LCD, I can see pretty much what I will see when I open the image on my computer, and the clear bright image makes it easier to compose and focus. This makes it easier to concentrate on capturing the actual moment. Not only that, but the 5M pixel resolution is more than adequate for my purposes.”

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“Flowers are my passion and Epson printers allow me to easily express the beauty of what I see.”

“I’m serious about my hobby, which is photographing rare and beautiful flowers. When I see a specimen that I find particularly striking, I’ll shoot maybe 10 or 15 shots of one flower. Naturally, I want to see my results immediately, but since I’m not a computer wizard, I use Epson’s ‘all-in-one’ STYLUS PHOTO RX/700 to print directly from my digital camera. The large, built-in monitor of the printer makes it easy to view thumbnails and select which shots to print from the many photos I’ve taken. I’ve used other Epson printers for this task but the RX/700 is a great improvement in terms of viewing thumbnails and final print quality. I also love the easy-to-read menus and settings display.”

Charlie Parisek
Charlie Parisek is a free lance photographer in Japan. He specializes in studio photography and location work for corporations.

Tetsuya Irisawa
Tetsuya Irisawa is a graphic designer living and working in Tokyo, Japan. He specializes in advertising, editorial, and web design.

S.T.
Interview with an Epson user living in Tokyo, Japan.