

Re: spots in lens

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Bucky wrote:

I discovered that I have spots in my lens on my Canon SD200, which is an ultracompact. The spots are in the exact same places (upper right) in every photo. It is very obvious when at maximum zoom, although you can see faint spots with no zoom as well. I'm pretty sure it's not on the outside of the lens because I wiped it with lens cleaner and tissue, and it made absolutely no difference.

max (3x zoom):

<http://i115.photobucket.com/albums/n284/bucky999/zoom3x.jpg>

wide (no zoom):

<http://i115.photobucket.com/albums/n284/bucky999/zoom1x.jpg>

Do you think they are water spots or dust inside the lens? Is this fixable? Can I do this myself, or have to take it to a repair shop? This really sucks because it pretty much ruins every photo, especially when I zoom in and the background is light.

If they are definite well defined spots they are NOT on the lens. Spots on the lens, especially near the middle of the lens, do not appear focused at the image plane. They create ghosts or flares. For instance, you do not ordinarily see the aperture polygon as you stop down.

More likely these are something inside the camera.

This is not to say you should not keep lenses clean, but the effects are flare, ghosts, loss of contrast, not spots in the image.

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