



Technical announcement

Notice of upgraded firmware download for the FinePix F30 and FinePix Z3

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In order to rectify a slight operational issue that occurs in a very limited number of camera units, the following firmware upgrades have been made available online at the following locations:

1. FinePix F30 Firmware(camera control software) Ver.1.02
<http://www.fujifilm.com/products/digital/download/f30/fupd.html>
2. FinePix Z3 Firmware(camera control software) Ver.1.02
<http://www.fujifilm.com/products/digital/download/z3/fupd.html>

Improved points of this update are as follows.

1. Fixes issues that arise from camera operation in the following circumstances:
 - (a) Some recorded images cannot be viewed and a "Read Error" message is displayed on the camera's LCD monitor.
 - (b) The full frame of the camera's recorded image cannot be viewed on a computer.
2. Shortens the recognition time of PC when the camera is connected to the PC via USB interface. In the case of 1000 JPEG images stored in the camera, PC recognition time has been improved from 20 seconds to 2seconds.

In order to provide detailed understanding of the issues and implications, the following Q&A list has been prepared:

Q: What is the specific problem?

A: When the customer operates the F30 and Z3, after a certain operation (*), they see the following problems in very rare cases:

- Some recorded images cannot be viewed and "Read Error" message is displayed on the LCD monitor.

(*) The camera is switched off immediately after the previous image is deleted from the xD Picture-Card.

Q: How do I conduct this firmware upgrade?

A: By visiting the URLs referenced above, you will see detailed instructions on how to install the updates on your camera(s)

Q: Do similar problems exist with any other cameras?

A: No, only certain units of the F30 and Z3 may have this problem.

Q: How often might this problem occur?

A: It is estimated between 0.01% and 0.02% of cases, according to our evaluation.

Q: Why has the FinePix F30 and Z3 had this problem ?

A: The specific method of writing and deleting the data can cause the problem.

Q: How can I tell whether my camera is installed with the new firmware ?

A: The product with the following serial number has been already upgraded with the newer firmware.

UK stocks of F30 and Z3 - serial numbers after and including: 6CR00001-

Q: May this problem occur with the other brand xD cards ?

A: Yes

Should you have any further questions relating to this firmware upgrade, please contact the Fujifilm Camera Support Line on **0870 0841310**

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