The Symbol Truth

What all those weird little icons mean

Since no good POP PHOTO reader ever ignores a camera's manual, publishing this Cheat Sheet is probably unnecessary. But if the dog ate your instruction booklet, or if it's just too darn clunky to pack in your camera bag, clip out this page and refer to it to prevent invoking your own Blue Period—by changing your

white balance to tungsten, when what you really meant to do was light up your LCD screen.

Of course, your camera's icons might be slight variations on these, but we've included the most common. We've also left out the acronyms; if the buttons have letters, we trust you to figure them out yourself.

Icon	Function	Icon	Function
	Turn on LCD, or change info on the display	E	Automatic mode for shooting at night; usu. slow-sync flash
(Change image-quality, resolution, and/or compression settings	0	Turn on the LCD backlight for the info display
Ø	Exposure compensation		White balance for fluorescent lights
	Choose metering mode	2	Either Cloudy Day mode or white balance for a cloudy day
	Continuous-shoot mode		Either Sunny Day mode or white balance for sunshine
	Automatic exposure- bracketing mode		White balance for tungsten light
£	Flash on, flash off, flash with redeye reduction, fill flash		Set or use a custom white balance
S	Self-timer	0	View recorded images
ð	Turn on ready mode for infrared remote	②	See multiple thumbnails of recorded images
	Record a sound with your image	0	Zoom in on recorded images
3	Automatic mode for shooting landscapes	0	Delete image
9	Automatic mode for shooting portraits	•	Lock your image against accidental erasure
	Automatic mode for shooting action	3	Switch to your camera's built- in game of Pac Man (or open the card hatch)
	Automatic mode for shooting macro subjects	0	Can't figure out a mystery icon? E-mail your questions to us PopEditor@hfmus.com.