

An Informational Guide to viewing your 35 mm slides

Question: Now that Kodak has stopped making slide projectors, what can I do with my 35 mm slides?

Answer: We understand that you treasure your slides. But don't despair! There are many options to help you continue to enjoy and preserve your images for a lifetime. In fact, this is an opportunity to revitalize your memorable slides by digitizing them. Here are some ways to continue to view your slides.



Purchase a slide projector

Buy new KODAK Slide Projector

When we announced that we would discontinue making slide projectors in 2004, some dealers stocked up their inventories, so you may still be able to buy one. Search the Internet for "KODAK Slide Projectors," check your local telephone directory for "Audio Visual" resellers, or visit www.kodak.com/go/projectors.

Buy a used KODAK Slide Projector

Once again, the Internet is a good source to locate used slide projectors. Search "Kodak slide projector" to find where to buy them. Although Kodak is not responsible for, and cannot guarantee, the condition or performance of used equipment, KODAK Slide Projectors have a reputation for long-life and reliability. Other manufacturers of slide projectors like ours have also stopped making them, but used ones can still be found. Look for *Elmo* or *Telex*.

Buy another type of slide projector

Some manufacturers are still making straight-tray slide projectors. The features and specifications in this category differ from the gravity-feed, round tray, high-lumen products mentioned above. Trays used on KODAK Projectors will not work on these projectors, so you will have to transfer your slides to a new tray. Search the Internet or call your local dealer for more information on *Braun*, *Kindermann*, *Leica*, *Reflecta*, *Rollei*, or *Vivitar*.

Have prints made

And don't forget, you can always get a traditional print made from your slide. Take your slides to your local photofinisher and get beautiful, high-quality photographic prints made, preserving those images for all to share for years to come. This also eliminates the risk of technologies that become obsolete.

Digitize your 35 mm slides

To digitize your slides, you need to have them scanned, and there are a couple of ways to do that.

Scan your own slides

You can scan your own slides. Scanners differ in specifications and features, with prices ranging from \$200 to \$1,500. There are scanners specifically for slides and there are slide scan adapters for flatbed scanners. *Important:* the higher the scanner resolution the better the image quality. Search the Internet for scanners made by *Canon*, *HP (Hewlett-Packard)*, *Minolta*, *Nikon*, *Olympus* and *Polaroid*.

Have a service provider scan your slides

You can have a professional service scan your slides, search the Internet for resources. Your local slide experts are likely to provide this service as well, find them in the yellow pages under "Photofinishers" or "Audio Visual." The cost to scan a slide ranges from about \$0.50 to \$3.00 each.

Digitized Slide Options

Once your images are scanned (digitized), you can:

- project them with a digital projector
- e-mail them to friends and family
- have prints made at your local photofinisher
- edit them with some software programs
- upload them to [Ofoto](#) where you can:
 - create an online album
 - order prints and posters
 - create gifts, calendars, and greeting cards

Projecting digital images

To project your digitized images, you'll need a digital projector. These products differ greatly in the type of technology used (LCD or DLP) and projection resolution (SVGA to SXGA), with prices ranging from \$1,400 to \$7,000+. Some brand names to look for are *Epson*, *NEC*, *Infocus*, *HP*, *Canon*, *Mitsubishi*, *Proxima*, *SONY*, *Toshiba*, *ViewSonic*, and *Sanyo*.

