
KODAK Photo Book Software User's Guide





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Welcome to KODAK Photo Book Software

Using KODAK Photo Book Software provides a fun way to preserve and present your cherished photo memories. Creating your own customized photo books has never been easier!

Features

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Individual page layout■ Easy-to-use themes■ Picture borders■ Page backgrounds■ Resizable picture frames■ Easy picture distribution■ Flexible placement of pictures or snap-to-grid | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Picture cropping, resizing, and rotation■ Drag and drop placement of pictures and design elements■ Fading control of pictures and backgrounds■ Black & white and sepia filters■ Captions - anywhere! |
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Supported File Formats

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|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ JPG or JPEG■ GIF■ BMP■ TIF or TIFF | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ PNG■ PSD■ PICT or PCT |
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System Requirements

Minimum System Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 600 MHz PENTIUM II Processor or faster■ 512 MB RAM (1 GB RAM recommended)■ 100 MB hard drive space to install the application - additional space is required for storage of photo book and image files	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ CD-ROM XA, multi-session, 4X CD-ROM drive or DVD drive■ True Color (32 bit) display■ 1024 x 768 screen area minimum
Operating System Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ WINDOWS XP Service Pack 2 (SP2) or VISTA Operating System■ Internet access for uploading and purchasing finished photo books	

Product Support

For help with	Go to
KODAK Photo Book Software	http://picturecenter.kdfse.com/cs/fb/141
Printing support	Your retailer's Web site

Software Updates

You must be connected to the Internet to install updates for Photo Book Software.

Automatic updates

We are continually improving Photo Book Software, and we always want you to have the most up-to-date version.

Photo Book Software regularly checks for application and content updates, and automatically installs them when available.

Manually checking for application updates

- 1 On your computer, browse to **My Photo Books > Check for the latest version**.
- 2 If an update for the application is available, click **Yes** to install it.

Checking the version number

Choose **Help > About My Photo Books**.

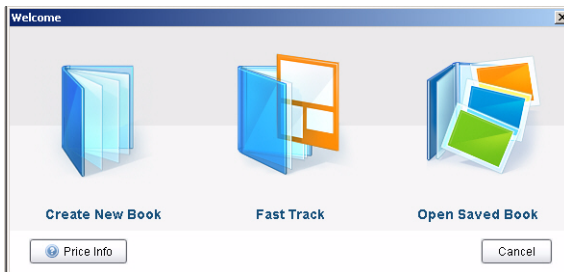
Uninstalling Photo Book software

- 1 On your computer, browse to **My Photo Books > Uninstall**.
- 2 Follow the prompts to uninstall the software.

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Creating a photo book

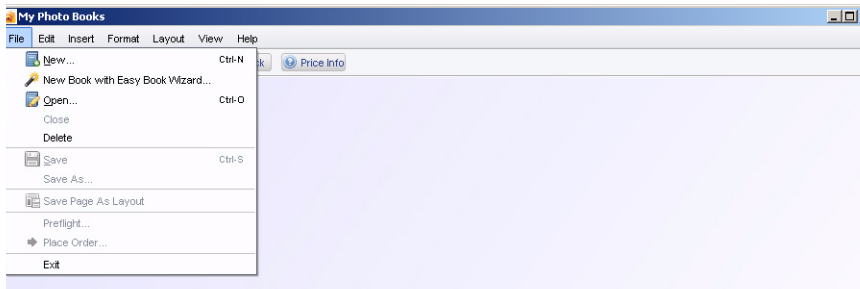
Start Photo Book Software, then select an option to create a photo book. Selecting Cancel takes you to the workspace of Photo Book Software.



Create New Book	Manually create a photo book from beginning to end.
Fast Track	Use the Easy Photo Book Wizard to guide you through the creation of a photo book, using pre-designed layouts.
Open Saved Book	Continue working on a photo book.

Creating a photo book

You can also create a new photo book from the workspace of Photo Book Software. Select **File**, then select an option.



New	Manually create a photo book from beginning to end.
New Book with Easy Book Wizard	Use the Easy Photo Book Wizard to guide you through the creation of a photo book, using pre-designed layouts.
Open	Continue working on a photo book.

Create a photo book manually

- 1 Select **File > New**.
- 2 Select a Book Type.

Photobook A4 Portrait Softcover
Photobook A4 Portrait Hardcover
Photobook Square (205 mm X 205 mm) Softcover
Photobook Square (205 mm X 205 mm) Hardcover
Photobook XL (30 cm X 30 cm) Hardcover
Photobook A4 Landscape Hardcover

- 3 Use the tools in the Photo Book Software to design your photo book. For details, [see "Customize your photo book" on page 11.](#)

Create a photo book using Fast Track

- 1 Use the Easy Photo Book Wizard to guide you through the following steps to create your photo book using pre-designed layouts.
 - Orientation - Landscape, Portrait, or Square
 - Size
 - Cover type - Hard or Soft
 - Theme
 - Select pictures - you must select at least 27 pictures
 - Preview and organize pictures
 - Add an optional caption to the front cover or first page
 - Create your photo book

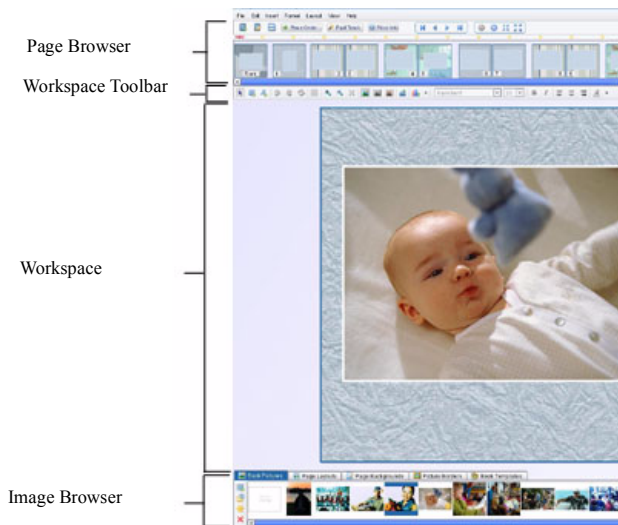
The Easy Photo Book Wizard will automatically create your photo book based on the options you selected.

- 2 Use the Page Browser to review your photo book. If you are satisfied, click Place Order to purchase. You can also use the tools in the Photo Book Software to customize your photo book; see ["Customize your photo book" on page 11](#).

Customize your photo book

Overview

Move the pointer over most buttons to get a description of the button.



Page Browser

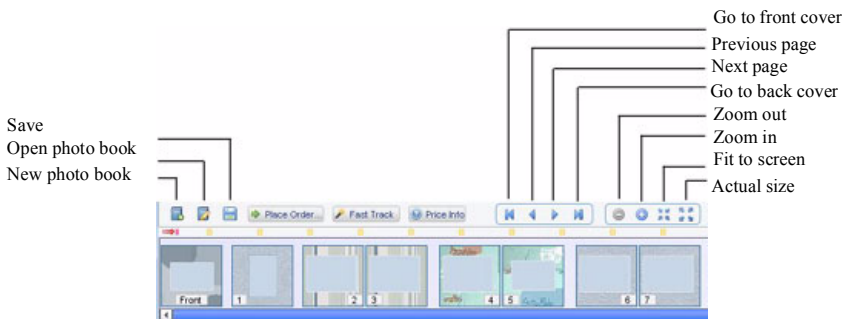
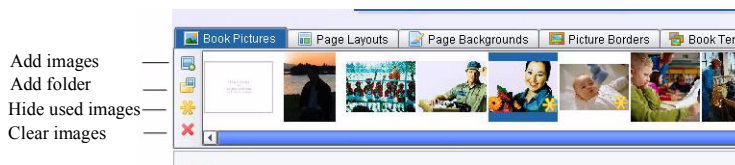
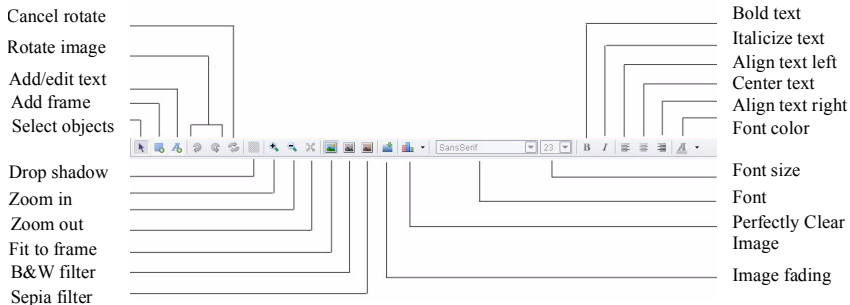


Image Browser



Workspace Toolbar



Add images to your Image Browser

Selecting individual images


- 1 In the Image Browser, click **Add images**  and navigate to the folder containing the images you want to add.



- 2 Click:

- **Select All** to select all images in the folder
 - Image select box to select individual images
 - **Deselect All** to remove the check mark from all images in the folder
- 3 Click **OK** to add the selected images to your Image Browser.

Selecting all images in a folder

- 1 In the Image Browser, click **Add folder with images**  and navigate to the folder you want to add.
- 2 Select the folder and click **Open** to add all of the images in the folder to your Image Browser.


Select a page layout

- 1 Click the **Page Layouts** tab in the Image Browser.
- 2 Select a preset page layout, and drag it onto a page in your photo book. If you change your mind, you can drag a different preset page layout onto the page.
- 3 Click and hold inside a frame to drag it to a different location on the page, or resize a frame with the adjustable borders. For other page layout options, [see “Layout editing options” on page 18](#).

Select a page background

- 1 Click the **Page Backgrounds** tab in the Image Browser.
- 2 Choose a page background, and drag it onto a page in your photo book. If you change your mind, you can drag a different page background onto the page.
 - Single Page Background - places the background on the selected page only
 - Two-page Spread Background - places the background across adjoining pages
 - Background overlay - places a semi-transparent background over the existing background for a layered effect
- 3 Click and hold the page background if you want to reposition it.

Add images to your photo book

- 1 Drag images from the Image Browser into the frames in your photo book.
- 2 Click and hold the Image Position  icon to move the image within the frame. Click and hold anywhere else within the frame to move the entire frame.

Choose a picture border

- 1 Click the **Picture Borders** tab in the Image Browser.
- 2 Select a picture border and drag it onto a frame in your photo book. If you change your mind, you can drag a different picture border onto the frame.

Image editing options

Image editing tools are available on the workspace toolbar, from the drop-down menus, or by right-clicking the image.

Option	Action
Delete	Deletes the image and frame from the page
Duplicate	Copies the image and frame onto the same page
Remove Image	Deletes the image, but leaves the frame
Remove Border	Deletes the picture border
Rotate Image	Rotates the image 90-degrees clockwise or counterclockwise
Zoom In/Out	Zoom in or out on the image
Drop Shadow	Gives the image a 3-dimensional appearance

Option	Action
Fit Frame to Image	Expands or decreases the size of the frame to fit the image. You may have to change the position of the frame within the page after using this option.
B & W Filter	Applies a black-and-white filter to the image
Sepia Filter	Applies a sepia filter to the image
Remove Filters	Removes any black-and-white or sepia filter applied to the image
Image Fading	Adjusts the amount of "fading" of the image
Perfectly Clear Image™	Automatically adjusts the image quality. <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Sharpens the image■ Adjusts skin tones■ Makes colors more vibrant

Layout editing options

Basic editing

These options are available from the Edit menu, or by right-clicking a page in the photo book.

Option	Action
Delete Page	Deletes the page (front and back) from the photo book - You will be prompted to delete more pages until a total of eight are deleted.
Clear Page	Deletes all images, frames, text, and backgrounds from the page
Remove Page Background	Deletes the page background only
Remove Background Overlay	Deletes the background overlay only
Rotate Image	Rotates the image 90-degrees clockwise or counterclockwise

Order images

These options are available from the Layout menu, or by right-clicking the image.

Option	Action
Bring to Front	Image appears in front of other images on the page
Send to Back	Image appears behind other images on the page
Bring Forward	Moves the image forward one layer when there are three or more images on the page
Send Backward	Moves the image back one layer when there are three or more images on the page

Adding pages

These options are available from the Insert menu, or by right-clicking a page in the photo book.

NOTE: Eight pages will be added to the photo book when you use either of these options.

Option	Action
Insert New Page	Adds eight blank pages immediately after the page that is displayed in the photo book workspace
Append New Page	Adds eight blank pages after the last page in the photo book

Align images

- 1 Hold down the Shift key on your keyboard and select two or more images.
- 2 Select **Layout > Alignment**, and select an option.

<input type="checkbox"/> Align Left	<input type="checkbox"/> Align Top
<input type="checkbox"/> Align Right	<input type="checkbox"/> Align Bottom
<input type="checkbox"/> Align Horizontal Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Align Vertical Center

Change Book

Lets you change the size and cover type of your photo book, but not the orientation. Select **Edit > Change Book**, and follow the prompts.

Text Options

You can add captions to your photo book pages or directly to individual images.

Add a Caption

- 1 Click the **Add/edit Caption** button.
- 2 Place the cursor where you want the caption, and click and hold to expand the caption box.
- 3 Type your text in the caption box.

Edit a Caption

- Use the text tools in the toolbar to change:
 - Font type, size, and color
 - Style of text - **Bold** or Italic text
 - Left, right, or center justification
- Use the adjustable borders to change the size of the caption box.
- Click and hold within the caption box to position it on the page.

Book status monitor

The book status monitor helps you improve the quality of your photo book by showing you pages and images that might need additional attention.

- 1 Look for pages in your Page Browser that have a red or yellow square above them.
- 2 Move the pointer over the square to get details about the page.
- 3 Click the square to go to the page and make corrections.

Upload your photo book

- 1 Click **Place Order**.
- 2 Review your photo book on the Pre-print Book Validation Report.
- 3 Click **Proceed With Printing**.
- 4 Click the **View Pages** or **View Cover** buttons on the Upload screen to view a printable proof of your photo book. You will need ADOBE ACROBAT Reader to view the proofs.
- 5 Read the waiver and check the box if you are satisfied with your photo book.
IMPORTANT: You cannot print your photo book until you check the box next to the waiver.
- 6 Click **Continue** to upload your photo book.
IMPORTANT: Do not click Continue more than once. Your photo book will take some time to upload depending on your connection speed. See "How long does it take to upload my photo book?" on page 27.
- 7 When the retailer's Web site appears, follow the prompts to complete your purchase.

Alternative Upload Method

If you receive a Communication Error when you try to upload your photo book and you have verified that your Internet connection is working correctly, use the Alternative Method to upload your photo book.

- 1** Click **Try Alternative Method**.
- 2** Click **OK**.
- 3** Type a name for your photo book file in the File Name field.
- 4** Browse to the folder where you want to save your file, and click **Save**.
- 5** Make a note of the folder where you saved the file, and click **OK**.
- 6** When the retailer's Web site appears, follow the prompts to complete your purchase.

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FAQs and Troubleshooting

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Photo Book Software

Why does the software sometimes seem to take longer to start up?

The software automatically checks for updates each time it starts up. It may take additional time to download and install updates if they are available.

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What image resolution do you recommend?

We recommend using images in pixel size 1600 x 1200 or greater for the best results, however lower resolution images can also produce good results.

Book status monitor indicates a photo has a low or very low resolution. What does this mean, and how do I correct it?

A photo with a resolution of 28.35 pixels/cm (72 pixels/in.) or less is a very low resolution image. A picture with a resolution between 28.74 pixels/cm (73 pixels/in.) to 47.24 pixels/cm (120 pixels/in.) is a low resolution image. If the book status monitor indicates a photo has a low or very low resolution, the photo will probably not be of acceptable quality when printed.

If you zoomed in on a photo, try zooming out to improve the resolution. You can replace the photo with a higher resolution image.

How do I check if an image has a low or very low resolution?

Book status monitor will indicate if a page contains a photo with a low resolution. Click on the book status monitor square to go to the page, then move the pointer over each of pictures. The image resolution will display at the bottom of the screen under the Image Browser. If a yellow or red symbol displays next to the resolution, the picture has a low or very low resolution.

What is the maximum number of photos I can have on a page?

There is no limit to the number of photos you can have on a page.

What are the minimum and maximum number of pages I can have in a photo book?

	Minimum	Maximum
Small square book	26	98
All other books	26	130

Why are eight pages added to my photo book when I select Insert new page or Append new page?

Pages must be added in groups of eight due to a requirement of the manufacturing process.

Why am I asked to delete more pages when I select Delete page?

Pages must be deleted in groups of eight due to a requirement of the manufacturing process.

Can I start a photo book and finish it at a later time?

Yes. Click **Save** or **Save As** to save your work at any time. Click **Open Saved Book**, and select your photo book file to continue working.

Can I use one of my photos as a page background?

Yes. Drag and drop the photo onto the page outside the frames.

Can I save page layouts that I create and use them in other photo books?

Yes. Click **File > Save Page As Layout**. Your layout will appear under the Page Layouts tab in the Image Browser.

Can I add text in any language?

Yes. You can use any language or font on your computer.

Uploading and purchasing a photo book

How much does a photo book cost?

Click **Price Info** in the Photo Book Software to see up-to-date prices.

Why do cut marks appear in the printable proof of my photo book?

The printable proof shows what your finished photo book will look like. If images are too close to, or outside of, the cut marks, cancel the upload process. Edit the layout of the images until they appear within the cut marks.

I cannot upload my photo book using the software. Is there an alternative method for me?

First, check that your Internet connection is functioning correctly and your firewall settings allow you to upload files to remote servers. If you are still unable to upload your photo book, see [“Alternative Upload Method” on page 23](#).

Can I bring my completed photo book file directly to the retailer for printing?

No. This option is not available at this time.

How long does it take to upload my photo book?

Upload time depends on the speed of your Internet connection, the time of day, and the size of the photo book being uploaded. The following table provides examples, based on a 50 MB photo book file. Times cannot be guaranteed.

Transmission method/speed	Estimated time [hours]:[minutes]
Dial-up modem/56 Kbps	6:13
ISDN/128 Kbps	2:04
ADSL/128 Kbps	0:58
Cable/400 Kbps	0:18

Troubleshooting

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If	Try one or more of the following
When I rotate an image, the drop shadow does not follow.	Use the rotate buttons on the workspace toolbar to rotate the image.
When I apply Perfectly Clear Image™, the transparent areas of the image become black.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="455 364 767 389">■ Turn off Perfectly Clear Image™<li data-bbox="455 397 937 451">■ Use a file format other than PNG or PSD for images with transparent layers.

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