

Nikkor AF 85mm f/1.4D - Review / Test Report

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Sample Shots

Ok, finally here're some sample shots taken with the Nikon D200 (converted RAWs via RawShooter Essentials 2006). Please note that these are test shots and not meant as a work of art. Click on a thumbnail to view the original file (opens in a separate window). Please note that the originals are **FULL SIZE** samples (=several megabytes) thus requiring a significant amount of bandwidth so please take care of the limited resources here.

<p>Make NIKON CORPORATION                      Model NIKON D200                      ISO Speed 200                      Focal Length 85.0mm                      Exposure f/1.4 @ 1/8000s                      Data:                      Size 3898x2613</p> 	<p>Make NIKON CORPORATION                      Model NIKON D200                      ISO Speed 100                      Focal Length 85.0mm                      Exposure f/1.4 @ 1/8000s                      Data:                      Size 2613x3898</p> 
<p>Make NIKON CORPORATION                      Model NIKON D200                      ISO Speed 100                      Focal Length 85.0mm                      Exposure f/8.0 @ 1/160s                      Data:                      Size 2613x3898</p> 	<p>Make NIKON CORPORATION                      Model NIKON D200                      ISO Speed 100                      Focal Length 85.0mm                      Exposure f/1.4 @ 1/8000s                      Data:                      Size 2613x3898</p> 

Verdict

Finding a verdict for the Nikkor AF 85mm f/1.4D isn't easy. From f/2.8 and up the performance of the lens is superb and neither distortions, CAs nor vignetting are something to worry about. However, at f/1.4 and, to a lesser degree, at f/2 the lens shows a couple of flaws - the border resolution is "only" good, the level of contrast is reduced and the results show a pronounced degree of purple fringing at harsh contrast transitions and longitudinal chromatic aberrations. That all said the AF 85mm f/1.4D is certainly capable to render beautiful large-aperture results with a shallow depth-of-field and an exceptionally smooth bokeh. The mechanical quality of the lens is fantastic and it is a joy to use this lens. Whether the package as a whole is worth the steep price tag is a personal thing.

Optical Quality: ★★★★★  
 Mechanical Quality: ★★★★★☆  
 Price/Performance: ★★★★★



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