

AR2710 SUPPLY LIST

No text is required for this class, but you will be tested on all the material we cover until midterm. This includes the handouts and the instructional videos I have created along with the other germane videos. You will also be asked about safety and equipment concerns for your camera, and dedicated portable flash.

After midterm, you will be expected to provide your own paper which works with our printers and is 8.5x11 for assignments and may vary for your final project, but should both be the same so you can anticipate color and density problems from your work prints.

You are also required to purchase for use in class which has bounce capabilities and is dedicated to your camera. Since the most valuable name brand flashes are so expensive, I have found two tiers of pricing below the OEM offerings. While I believe that the OEM flashes are better for color, build, and features and should be considered, many of the full featured units are \$400 or more. At \$130, Calumet offers the Vivitar 383 for about \$130. Vivitar has long been a high quality supplier of flashes and in fact the original Vivitar 283 was by far the most popular flash before TTL was introduced and this is essentially the same flash with updated technology. I have also found a much less expensive flash called the Bower SFD35. The Canon model costs about \$60 while the Nikon version is about \$69. I am not familiar with this brand (but neither is my friend who has been in the retail camera business for 30 years) so I will not recommend it as anything but a much lower cost alternative. You lose many important features like the ability to use it manually (no variable power), the helpful LCD panel, a built in slave for off camera shooting, and a few other minor features. The fact that B&H carries it is a big plus and it comes with a one year warranty. Read all the varied reviews for this product on the B&H website.

VIVITAR DF-383 for Canon <http://www.calumetphoto.com/item/VR41830/specifications>

Bower SFD35 for Canon http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/515373-REG/Bower_SFD35C_SFD35C_Digital_Flash_for.html#features

VIVITAR DF-383 for Nikon <http://www.calumetphoto.com/item/VR41831/>

Bower SFD35 for Nikon http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/515375-REG/Bower_SFD35N_SFD35N_Digital_Flash_for.html#features