

“PERSONAL SETTINGS”

PERSONAL CAMERA SETTINGS

For Sony α6000



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Recording Menu 1



Item	Value	Comments
Image Size	L: 24M. Shoot as large as possible	
Aspect Ratio	3:2. This is the sensor size	
Quality	RAW + JPG. For casual shots I sometimes shoot FINE	
Panorama Size	Standard. Unless I'm looking for an extremely wide view	
Panorama Direction	Right. Sometimes I use DOWN for a change of aspect ratio	
File Format	MP4. The other option is AVCHD, which you may prefer – though it's harder to deal with	

Travelling Tip: Use a Diaper bag.

Leave your expensive-looking camera bag at home and carry your gear in a diaper bag so you won't be such an obvious target for thieves.

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Recording Menu 4



Item	Value	Comments
ISO	Auto (100-1600). If I have time, I'll then change the ISO to suit the shot	
Metering Mode	Multi. Generally gives accurate exposures	
White Balance	AWB. Under tricky light change to Custom WB	
DRO/Auto HDR	DRO Auto. DRO works well	
Creative Style	Std. I do my image tweaking on PC	
Picture Effect	Off. I do my image tweaking on PC	



Recording Menu 5



Zoom	1.0. I prefer to crop images on my PC
Focus Magnif.	Magnifies the Live View for critical focus
Long Exposure NR	On. Reduces noise for exposures greater than one second
High ISO NR	Normal. Reduces noise at high ISO
Lock-on AF	Off. On for home video
Smile / Face Detection	Off. Unless I'm photographing people. Works very well for children

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Custom Menu 1



Item	Value	Comments
Zebra	Off. Shows what's blowing out	
MF Assist	On. Auto zoom Live View in MF	
Focus Magnif. Time	No Limit. How long to zoom in MF Assist?	
Grid Line	Rule of 3rds. My personal preference	
Auto Review	Off. For fastest shooting	
DISP Button	Select which display screens to see on the LCD or EVF using DISP button	



Custom Menu 2



Peaking Level	Mid. This highlights what's sharp (high contrast areas) when manually focusing
Peaking Color	Yellow. Unless the object is yellow.
Exposure Set. Guide	Off. Displays ribbon when adjusting exposure variables. Blocks histogram too
Live View Disp.	Setting Effect ON. For preview of WB & exposure. Off with studio strobes

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Recording Menu 2

Item	Value	Comments
Record Setting	60p 28M(PS) in AVCHD. 1440 x 1080 12M in MP4	
Drive Mode	Single Shooting. For static subjects. Continuous for moving subjects	
Flash Mode	Fill Flash. I switch to Wireless or other modes as needed	
Flash Comp.	-1. Shooting fill-flash outdoors, I set this as low as -2.7 to avoid 'flash' look	
Red Eye Reduction	Off. Increases shutter lag. Big flashes avoid problem anyway	
Focus Mode	AF-A or MF. I switch to AF-C for sports	



Recording Menu 3

Focus Area	Wide. I sometimes switch as needed
AF Illuminator	Off. Or Auto to focus in the dark
AF Drive Speed	Normal.
AF Track Dur.	Normal.
Exposure Compensation	0.0. Set as needed
Exposure Step	0.3EV. Suits my most common EV comp.

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Custom Menu 3

Item	Value	Comments
Pre-AF	Off. Sometimes On for action shooting.	
Zoom Setting	Optical Zoom Only	
Eye-Start AF	Off. Off extends battery. A-mount only	
Finder / Monitor	Auto. Automatically switches between viewfinder and LCD	
Release w/o Lens	Enable. I can still take a picture with exotic lenses like telescopes	
AF w/Shutter	On. Half- Pressing the shutter locks focus	



Recording Menu 6

Item	Value	Comments
Soft Skin Effect	Off. Smooths skin in some images	
Auto Obj. Fram.	Off. I don't use this feature	
Scene Selection	Change scene modes in SCN mode!	
Movie	Select PASM exposure mode for movies when exposure dial is on "Movie"	
SteadyShot	On. Unless I'm using a tripod	
Color Space	sRGB. AdobeRGB is for printed work	



Custom Menu 4

AEL w/Shutter	Auto. Half-press the shutter locks exposure
e-Front Curtain Shutter	On. Saves time when you take the picture with quieter operation
S. Auto Img. Extract	Auto. Throws away images in Superior Auto mode – which I don't use anyway
Exp.comp.set	Ambient Only. I use Flash Compensation to control the amount of flash
Bracket Order	0 → - → +. Is my preferred bracket order

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Item	Value	Comments
Auto Slow Shut.	On. Enables slow shutter in movies	
Audio Recording	On. I like audio with my video	
Wind Noise Reduct.	Off. Use sparingly. It eliminates low frequency sounds	
Memory	Stores most of the current camera config in one of three memory slots	

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 Custom Menu 5 		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Face Registrat.	Register faces which are then prioritized by Autofocus in your shots	
AF Micro Adj.	Fine tune focus corrections for certain A-Mount lenses	
Lens Comp.	Auto for all three settings. Applies corrections for known lenses	



 Custom Menu 6 		
Function Menu Set.	Customize Fn menu items	
Custom Keys Settings	Customize many camera buttons. See my selections on the last tip card	
Dial/Wheel Setup	 SS F/no	Control wheel for shutter speed. Control Dial controls f/stop
Dial/Wheel EV Comp	Off. This lets you reassign the Control or Control Dial to Exposure Compensation	
Movie Button	Movie Mode Only. Button only works when the Mode Dial is set to 'Movie'	
Dial/Wheel Lock	Unlock. You can lock various controls	



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 Setup Menu 2 		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Tile menu	Off. On to use original NEX type menus	
Mode Dial Guide	Off. Disables one-line help tips	
Delete Confirm	Delete First. Highlights 'Delete' when deleting images from card, saving a step	
Pwr Save Start Time	2 Min. Impacts on battery life	



 Setup Menu 3 		
Cleaning Mode	Shake the sensor to remove dust	
Demo Mode	For retailers. Always greyed out.	
Remote Ctrl	Off. On enables IR for remote control	
HDMI Res.	Auto. Usually the TV will sort this out	
CTRL FOR HDMI	Off. Enables TV remote control of your camera	
HDMI Info. Display	Off. Keeps an external monitor free of distractions	


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 Application Menu 1 		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Application List	Lists all the apps in the camera. Download apps at sony.net/pmca	
Introduction	First step in acquiring new camera apps	

 Playback Menu 1 		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Delete	Delete one/many images as required	
View Mode	Date View. Or choose between Stills, MP4 & AVCHD videos	
Image Index	12. Choose to see 12 or 30 thumbnails	
Display Rotation	Off. (Or Manual Rotate). Images appear as large as possible on the LCD	
Slide Show	View slideshow of images. Ideal on TV	
Rotate	Rotate an image manually. "Display Rotation" must be set to "Manual"	

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 Setup Menu 6 		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Display Media Info	Show how many more still images & minutes of video can fit on a card	
Version	Reports firmware version	
Certification Logo	Not available on US models	
Setting Reset	Reset some/all camera settings	

Custom Keys 		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Comments</i>
AEL button	AF/MR Control Hold. Gives me an autofocus button in MF mode	
C1	Focus Magnifier.	
C2 (trashcan)	Eye AF. For Eye AF, hold down the button while you press the shutter	
Center button	Standard. If Focus Area=Wide, this switches to Spot Focus and focusses too	
Left button	Drive Mode.	
Right button	AF/MF Toggle. Allows rapid switching between AF and MF.	
Down button	Focus Area or Exp Comp. Depending on which seems most important at the time	

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Playback Menu 2



Item	Value	Comments
Enlarge Image	Zoom in whilst viewing last image. I use the AEL button for speed	
4K Still Image PB	Play a 4K sized image on a 4K TV	
Protect	Protect images from deletion	
Specify Printing	Select images to print on compatible inkjet printer	



Setup Menu 1



Item	Value	Comments
Monitor Brightness	Manual +1. To manage LCD brightness	
Viewfinder Bright.	Manual +1. Otherwise the EVF looks too dark to me	
Finder Color Temp.	-2. Change EVF color to match LCD. This seems to work best for me.	
Vol. Settings	7. Movie playback volume	
Audio Signals	On. I like to hear the camera sounds	

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Wi-Fi Menu 1



Item	Value	Comments
Send to Smartphone	Send photo(s) via Wi-Fi to smartphone	
Send to Computer	Send photo(s) via local Wi-Fi router to computer	
View on TV	View photos on a Wi-Fi TV	
One-Touch (NFC)	Choose camera's internal app to use with NFC	
Airplane Mode	Off. Disables all Wi-Fi	
WPS Push	Easy pairing for Wi-Fi access points with this feature	



Wi-Fi Menu 2



Access Point Set.	Choose Wi-Fi access point manually
Edit Device Name	Change name Wi-Fi devices see
Disp MAC Addr.	See your a6000's unique MAC address
SSID/PW Reset	"Forget" a previous Wi-Fi router logon
Reset Network Set.	Reset all Wi-Fi settings to default

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Setup Menu 4



Item	Value	Comments
USB Connection	Mass Storage. So your computer will see it as a storage device	
USB LUN Setting	Multi. Needed for use with PlayMemories Home software. Use Single on MAC PC's	
Language	English.	
Date/Time Setup	Set your clock and calendar.	
Area Setting	Set the time zone you're in	



Setup Menu 5



Format	Quickly erases all content on the card
File Number	Series. Sequential image numbering
Select REC Folder	Choose when there is more than one folder on the card
New Folder	Create a new stills folder on the card
Folder Name	Standard. Form. My personal preference is to use a single folder
Recover Image DB	Attempt to recover corrupted AVCHD movie database on the card

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