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For Sony RX-100



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Recording Menu 2



Item	Value	Comments
Drive Mode	Single Shooting.	I use Continuous for sports & grandchildren
Flash Mode	Flash Off/Fill-Flash.	I alternate between them
Focus Mode	DMF.	With Peaking Color enabled. But for sport or children, I switch to AF-C
Autofocus Area	Center.	Works well with face detection
Soft Skin Effect	Off.	For smoothing blemished faces
Smile/Face Detect.	Face Detect. On.	Smile Shutter Off.
Auto Port. Framing	Off.	I don't want the camera choosing my framing.

Tip:

When shooting movies I'll reassign the control ring to Exposure Compensation or zoom mode for smooth changes during video (Menu -> 2 -> Control Ring -> Exposure Comp.).

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Custom Menu 1



Item	Value	Comments
Red eye reduction	OFF.	Slows down picture taking. I correct on PC
Grid Line	Rule of 3 rd s.	Compositional gridlines.
Auto Review	Off.	For faster shooting
DISP Button (Monitor)	Select LCD display screens to cycle through with DISP button	
Peaking Level	Mid.	A great manual focusing aid
Peaking Color	Yellow.	Unless the object IS yellow.



Custom Menu 2

Item	Value	Comments
Control Ring	Standard.	
Control Ring Disp	On.	To show graphical ring animation
Function Button	Choose 7 functions for the Fn button	
Func. Of Center Button	Standard.	
Func. Of Left Button	AEL Toggle.	To lock exposure.
Func. Of Right Button	Flash Mode.	

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Recording Menu 4



Item	Value	Comments
Clear Image Zoom	Off (for purists).	This throws away pixels. On (maybe) for tourists ☺
Digital Zoom	Off.	I prefer to crop all my images on my computer
Long Exp. NR	On.	Reduces noise for long exposures
High ISO NR	Low.	Reduces high ISO noise for jpg.
AF Illuminator	Auto.	Helps focus in the dark
SteadyShot	On.	Unless I'm using a tripod. (This only applies to stills)
Color Space	sRGB.	This is a common standard



Recording Menu 5

Item	Comments
Shooting Tip List	Brings up help guide
Write Date	Off. Etch the date onto the image
Scene Selection	Change Scene Selection in SCN mode
Memory Recall	Select Memory Recall location to use.
Memory	Stores current Camera configuration

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Recording Menu 3



Item	Value	Comments
ISO	Auto.	Or I set ISO as low as possible.
Metering Mode	Multi.	Multi-Segment Metering usually gives accurate exposures
Flash Compensation	+0.0	(Ideally). However I usually use -0.7 to avoid flash overexposure
White Balance	AWB.	Under tricky light change to custom or a camera pre-set
DRO/Auto HDR	DRO Auto.	DRO works well
Creative Style	Standard.	I do my tweaking on PC
Picture Effect	Off.	I do my image tweaking on PC

HDR TIP:

When shooting HDR images, it's best to first lock exposure on the brightest part of your image using AEL Toggle.

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Movie Menu 1



Item	Value	Comments
File Format	.mp4	A widely-recognized standard and easiest to work with
Record Setting	1440 x 1080 12M	This choice depends on the Movie File Format selected
Image Size (dual Record)	S: 4.2M	Size of still images shot during movie capture
SteadyShot	On	For movies only
Audio Rec.	On	I like audio with my video
Wind Noise Reduct.	Off	Use sparingly. It eliminates low frequency sounds
Movie	Choose between PASM modes for shooting video. (Exposure dial must be set to Movie)	

TIP:

Pressing the shutter release button while taking a movie will capture a separate, medium-resolution still image.

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Recording Menu 1



Item	Value	Comments
Image Size	L: 20M.	Shoot images as large as possible
Aspect Ratio	3:2.	This the sensor size
Quality	RAW & JPG.	For snapshots I use FINE
Panorama: Size	Wide.	You can always crop later
Panorama: Direction	Right or Down.	Chosen to suit my desired aspect ratio

TIP:

The camera will choose a shutter speed of 1/30th of a second when shooting in Program mode in low light which is bad for people shots. If this happens to you, switch to Shutter Priority mode and set the shutter speed to 1/60th of a second.

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Custom Menu 3



Item	Value	Comments
MF Assist	On.	Magnifies viewfinder in Manual focus
Focus Magnif. Time	5 Sec.	Decide how long MF Assist stays active
Face Priority Tracking	On.	Gives priority to faces when using tracking focus. Good for shooting movies
Face Registrat.	On.	Gives AF priority to registered faces



Playback Menu 1



Item	Value	Comments
Still / Movie Select	Choose either Stills, MP4 & AVCHD videos. You can only playback one of these at a time	
Delete	Delete one or many images as required	
Slide Show	View slideshow of images	
Image Index	I prefer 4 images in playback mode	
3D Viewing	View 3D images when connected to 3D TV	
Protect	Protect images from deletion	
Specify Printing	Select images to print on compatible inkjet printer	

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Setup Menu 2



Item	Value	Comments
USB Connect.	Mass Storage.	
USB LUN Sett.	Multi.	To work with PlayMemories Home. Mac users set to Single
USB Power Sup.	On.	To charge battery via USB cable
Audio Signals	Off.	I prefer silent operation
Upload Settings	On.	Only applies to Eye-Fi cards. Off if you're on an airplane



Setup Menu 3



Item	Value	Comments
Version		Reports camera firmware version
Language		You choose!
Drop Sensor	Off.	On retracts the lens if camera senses it is falling.
Demo Mode		For retailers. Always greyed out.
Initialize		Reset camera settings to Default

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Playback Menu 2



Item	Value	Comments
Picture Effect		Apply a picture effect to an image already taken
Volume Settings	2.	Playback volume for movies
Playback Disp.	Manual Rotate.	Allows me to view images as largely as possible



Memory Card Tool Menu



Item	Value	Comments
Format		Quickly erase all images & videos on card
File Number	Series.	Sequential image numbering
Select REC Folder		Choose recording folder when there is more than one on the card
New Folder		Create a new stills folder on the card
Recover Image DB		Attempt recovery of corrupted AVCHD database on the memory card
Display Card Space		Shows approximate number of stills or minutes of video you can fit on the card.

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Date / Time Setup Menu



Item	Comments
Date/Time Setup	Set your camera's clock and calendar
Area Setting	Set the time zone you're in



Setup Menu 1



Item	Value	Comments
Menu Start	Previous	Displays the last used MENU
Mode Dial Guide	Off	I don't need the help guide.
LCD Brightness	Manual +1	I use 'Sunny Weather' on very bright days
Power Saving Start Time	1 Minute	The time till the camera shuts itself off
HDMI Resolution	Auto	Usually the TV will sort this out
CTRL for HDMI	On	Allows your HDTV remote to control your camera via HDMI cable

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