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### **Abstract:**

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www.photographics.com: Got some old cameras and lenses you'd like to sell, but haven't a clue what they're worth? Or, perhaps you're wondering what to bid for a 30-year-old Nikon SLR on eBay? Photographics.com is a free service offering descriptions, images and market values for more than 4,000 camera parts. Individual items can easily be found in the site's database by type, make and model. Each item is priced on a scale of conditions, ranging from "new" to "ugly." The site also includes numerous reviews of the new digital cameras, including prices.

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