

A single-lens reflex camera for the amateur photographer

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Name (Model, etc.)	Canon AE-1 35 mm single lens reflex camera
Location	Ota-ku, Tokyo
	Canon Inc.
Owner (Custodian)	Canon Inc.
Manufacturer (Company)	Canon Inc.
Year Manufactured	1976
Year first appeared	1976
Reason For Selection	This 35-mm single lens reflex (SLR) camera, released in 1976, boasts advanced electronic features and specifications. Unlike conventional SLR cameras at the time, which required the exposure to be adjusted manually, the AE-1 featured a CPU that provided integrated control over automatic exposure adjustment and also enabled the elimination of around 300 parts and components. Canon invested heavily in automated production lines as a way to minimize product weight and boost performance while streamlining production costs. The AE-1 also featured an low-cost integrated dedicated winder mechanism that allowed continuous shooting at two photographs per second when the shutter button was held down. These features were so popular that the phrase “continuous shooting SLR” became a Canon byword. With its advanced electronics and automated features, the AE-1 was a groundbreaking product that made the SLR camera accessible to the everyday consumer.
Registration Standard	2-A (Played a notable role in improving people’s way of life and creating new ways of living.)

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