

# Night exposure guide

Below is a chart listing popular night and low-light subjects, along with guide exposures for different ISO settings. Each low-light situation differs, so the exposures should only be used as a guide, but they will at least tell you if your metering technique is on the right lines



An exposure of 30 seconds or so will record the lights of moving traffic as colourful trails (80-200mm zoom, tripod, 30 seconds at f/16)

## Suggested exposure at f/16

ISO	100	200	400
Subject			
Cityscape just after sunset	4secs	2secs	1sec
Cityscape at night	20secs	10secs	5secs
Docks and bridges with reflections	30secs	15sec	8secs
Floodlit statues and fountains	8secs	4secs	2secs
Neon sign	2secs	1sec	1/2sec
Christmas lights outdoors	20secs	10secs	5secs
Ordinary night street scene	20secs	10secs	5secs
Floodlit exteriors	4secs	2secs	1sec
Floodlit castles and churches at dusk	15secs	8secs	4secs
Floodlit castles and churches at night	30secs	15secs	8secs
Landscapes by moonlight	30mins	15mins	8mins
Landscapes at twilight	1min	30secs	15secs
Interior lit by tungsten	12secs	6secs	3secs
Interior by candlelight	60secs	30secs	15secs
Traffic trails	30secs	Not recommended	Not recommended
Fairground rides	15secs	8secs	4secs
Bonfire flames	2secs	1sec	1/2sec
Fireworks	Bulb for 2-60secs	Bulb for 2-60secs	Bulb for 2-60secs