



The new iPhone 5S was just announced this week. And being the iPhone is “the most popular camera in the world”, of course this new edition has an upgraded camera. It's also still a mobile phone, by-the-way.

Owning the iPhone 5, and thoroughly enjoying it, I still don't consider it much of a camera - although it is *very* convenient. For an inspired shot, I will run to the next room and grab my tiny but powerful [Canon S110](#). It is always near me, and always set to raw mode. I use the iPhone only for a “I can't loose this shot” moment, where 10 whole seconds would matter. And, for everything else, I use so-called “real” cameras and lenses.

On paper at least, the iPhone 5S camera is an improvement over the iPhone 5. The promotional video on the Apple website describing the camera is also compelling, but it is of course biased, and oh-so-rosy. Impressive, none the less.



iPhone 5S Camera Features That Matter

The iPhone 5S improves the built-in camera in ways that really matter:

- Same 8M sensor size, but physically larger with correspondingly larger pixels - for hopefully less image noise
- Redesigned 5-element lens, now wider at f/2.2
- Multi-color flash which automatically blends white and amber light at various levels

Also, there is a new multi-shot still mode, plus a new high-speed video mode.

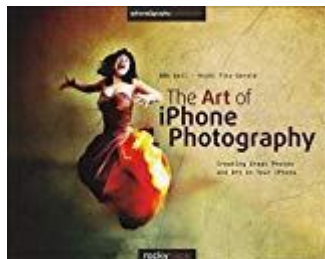
The flash feature fascinates me, as I'm sure someone, somewhere, patented it, and I wonder who owns the patent - if not Apple.

Bottom line, for me, is that ***the iPhone 5S is much closer to a good-quality, auto-mode, camera.*** Like a lot of current iPhone owners, I'll likely own this soon enough with a mobile plan upgrade.

What do YOU think? Share **your thoughts** in the comments!



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