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#### Canon's New Tilt-Shift Lenses

# Expanding the Range of Choices for Commercial Photography with Exceptional Image Quality, Macro Functionality and Improved Operability







TS-E 50mm f/2.8L Macro

TS-E 90mm f/2.8L Macro

TS-E 135mm f/4L Macro

Canon today announces three additions to its lauded Tilt-Shift lens range – the long-awaited TS-E 50mm f/2.8L Macro and TS-E 90mm f/2.8L Macro replacing the existing 45mm and 90mm models and the new TS-E 135mm f/4L Macro to enrich the lineup with its telephoto focal length. Together with the TS-E 17mm f/4L and TS-E 24mm f/3.5L II lenses, the reinforced and expanded TS-E lens lineup provides professional photographers and advanced amateurs with a wider choice in focal range for diverse applications spanning from architecture, commercial product, food to fashion photography. In particular, the newly added 135mm telephoto focal length is ideal for studio product and portrait shooting where a longer working distance is required for a variety of lighting equipment to be set up between the subject and the camera.

These new lenses offer perspective control features to support creative photography such as tilting, shifting, TS rotation and rotation with a maximum magnification of 0.5x well suited for impressive macro photography. Together with a large image circle of 67.2mm in diameter, they provide a wider range of tilting and shifting compared to predecessor models. Exceptional image quality befitting an L-series lens is also brought by infusing Canon's superior optical technologies such as adoption of UD lenses and incorporation of Canon SWC (Sub-Wavelength Structure Coating) and/or ASC (Air Sphere Coating), making these lenses work perfectly with the ultra-high-resolution EOS DSLR cameras. Coupled with Rotation, TS Rotation, an extra large Tilt knob and the use of aluminium alloys or zinc alloys in all mechanism, these lenses offer high levels of quality, operability and durability to help photographers experiment more photographic possibilities in perspective and scale.



## **Excellent Optical Performance for the Ultra-High-Resolution Digital Age**

By featuring Canon's renowned optical technology, the new TS-E lenses offer excellent optical performance to meet the demands of ultra-high-resolution imaging provided by the new generation EOS DSLR cameras. Newly developed optical designs are adopted to suppress distortion to a minimum with consideration of commercial photography. They also feature UD lens elements<sup>1</sup> to minimize chromatic aberration and achieve excellent resolution and contrast for the entire image area. Canon's high-performance anti-reflection coatings namely SWC (Sub-Wavelength Structure Coating) and/or ASC (Air Sphere Coating) are also applied to optimal lens surfaces in these lenses<sup>2</sup> to suppress ghosting and flare caused by strong light entering at large angle of incidence and at angles close to vertical. In addition, these lenses feature a 9-blade circular aperture to produce exquisite out-of-focus image, and a floating focus system to further ensure high image quality over the entire range of focusing distance.

## 0.5x Maximum Magnification for Impressive Macro Photography

The TS-E 50mm f/2.8L Macro, TS-E 90mm f/2.8L Macro and TS-E 135mm f/4L Macro can all achieve a maximum magnification of 0.5x at an optimized minimum focusing distance of 0.273m, 0.390m and 0.486m respectively to expand the usage to macro photography. This macro functionality is particularly useful when dealing with small subjects in product photography, and the long working distance brought by the new TS-E 135mm f/4L Macro is ideal for complicated studio setup as it makes the positioning of lighting easier for the optimal effect. Another beauty of using tilt-shift lenses in macro photography is that they can focus on an inclined plane using the tilt function, making macro shooting with larger apertures possible while appropriate depth of field is achieved.

## Wider Tilt and Shift Range for Class-Leading Perspective Control Photography

The three new TS-E lenses feature a large image circle of 67.2mm and provide wider range of tilting and shifting compared to predecessor models while minimizing vignetting. An astonishing tilt capability of +/- 8.5° (TS-E 50mm f/2.8L Macro) and +/- 10° (TS-E 90mm f/2.8L Macro and TS-E 135mm f/4L Macro) provides enhanced creative control over the depth of field for unique composition and effect, such as to focus on all dishes on the table or merely the eyes of a portrait subject. Interesting miniature effect can also be created with the tilt function to portray life-size scenery as if

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2 UD lens elements are used on the TS-E 50mm f/2.8L Macro and TS-E 135mm f/4L Macro while 1 UD lens element is used on the TS-E 90mm f/2.8L Macro

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Application of SWC on the first lens element and ASC on the second lens element for the TS-E 50mm f/2.8L Macro; application of ASC on the second and third lens elements for the TS-E 90mm f/2.8L Macro and application of SWC on the fourth lens element for the TS-E 135mm f/4L Macro



they were miniature models. All lenses also achieve a shift range of up to +/- 12mm for greater perspective control which is useful especially in product and architectural photography as it can correct image perspective optically. The shift function also allows re-composition of the photos without moving the camera and capture of images for photo stitching that gives a wider angle of view.

Putting even greater possibilities in the hands of professional photographers, all lenses are equipped with Rotation and TS Rotation features which significantly expand the operability and capability of the lenses by allowing photographers to freely combine tilting and shifting orientation over a continuous range of 90°. This allows for more effective framing and better adaptation to various shooting conditions.



Image perspective is corrected by Shift function



Miniature model effect by Tilt function

## Improved Operability with Enlarged Controls and Locks and Durable Lens Body

The new TS-E lenses are equipped with an extra large Tilt knob, a large Shift knob and Tilt/shift lock knob to offer improved operability over previous models. The bundled Shift knob cap can also be installed to further enlarge the size of Shift knob for better shift operability. A Tilt-lock switch is also provided to lock the lens firmly in a zero-tilt position to help prevent unintended tilting for optimal quality during ordinary use. All these ensure an effective use of the lenses in diverse conditions without being unwieldy.



The new TS-E lenses are equipped with an extra large Tilt Knob



Boasting the rugged construction of Canon's renowned L lenses, these new TS-E lenses are built with aluminum alloy or zinc alloy in all mechanism for high degree of lens strength and offer durability that satisfies the demand of professional users. Fluorine coating on the foremost and rearmost lens surfaces are also available to repel dust particles and water droplets, making lens cleaning easier.

Canon's new TS-E 50mm f/2.8L Macro Standard Tilt-Shift lens and TS-E 90mm f/2.8L Macro Medium Telephoto Tilt-Shift lens come bundled with Lens Hood ES-84 and Lens Case LP1219 while the new TS-E 135mm f/4L Macro Telephoto Tilt-Shift lens comes bundled with Lens Hood ET-88 and Lens Case LP1424. The three lenses are now available in Hong Kong.

Suggested retail prices of the TS-E 50mm f/2.8L Macro, TS-E 90mm f/2.8L Macro and the related accessories are as follows:

Model	Suggested Retail Price
TS-E 50mm f/2.8L Macro	HK\$18,180
TS-E 90mm f/2.8L Macro	HK\$18,180
Lens Hood ES-84	HK\$460
Lens Cap E-77 II	HK\$70
Lens Dust Cap E	HK\$20
77mm Protect Filter	HK\$380
77mm Circular Polarizing Filter PL-C B	HK\$1,500
Extension Tube EF 12 II	HK\$590
Extension Tube EF 25 II	HK\$1,200
Lens Case LP1219	HK\$190

Suggested retail prices of the TS-E 135mm f/4L Macro and the related accessories are as follows:

Model	Suggested Retail Price
TS-E 135mm f/4L Macro	HK\$18,180
Lens Hood ET-88	HK\$460
Lens Cap E-82 II	HK\$75
Lens Dust Cap E	HK\$20
82mm Protect Filter	HK\$750
82mm Circular Polarizing Filter PL-C B	HK\$1,780
Extension Tube EF 12 II	HK\$590
Extension Tube EF 25 II	HK\$1,200
Lens Case LP1424	HK\$430



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