

Nikon

DX - cropped frame

FX - a full Frame

VR - Vibration Reduction

G – Has no aperture ring

(can not be used on older equipment where aperture is not set through the body)

AFS – Silent Wave Internal Focus

ED – Extra-low Dispersion

D – Can Use 3D Matrix Metering

(Older lenses without a D will only meter in center weighted)

DX- Digital Flashes

Canon

EFS – cropped frame

Ultrasonic – faster quieter focus

IS – Image Stabilized

Red Band – “L” series lens

Gold Band – High end consumer lens

Silver – usually a kit lens

EZ- Film Flash

EX – Digital Flashes

Sigma

DC – Cropped Frame

DG – Full Frame

APO – Apo chromatic Glass

Elements

LD – Low Dispersion Glass

EX – higher end series with a ten year warranty.

HSM – Hyper Sonic Motor

Pentax

SDM – Sealed for dust and weather

DA- Cropped Frame

IF- Internal Focus

Sony

SSM – Silent wave Motor

G – Sony Pro Lens

DT- Cropped Frame

SAM – Not a Silent Motor