

Dual-Screen Cameras Help You Put Yourself in the Picture

At last, a fresh and genuinely useful idea. **Samsung** today announced two cameras with an LCD screen on the front that helps snap-shooters put themselves in their photos.

The \$350 DualView TL225 and \$300 DualView TL220 feature a 1.5-inch LCD screen on the front (in addition to a larger LCD screen on the back) that enables photographers to better frame shots of themselves alone or in groups. Simply tap the front screen and the camera enters portrait mode, automatically snapping a photo when it detects a smiling face — no shutter button required.

When the camera is in self-timer mode, the front LCD will display a preview of the image and show a visual countdown to shutter snap. The camera can also take two consecutive shots in this mode.

The dual-LCD cameras also include a child mode that displays a cartoon animation on the front LCD screen to

grab the attention of camera-unaware babies and toddlers. The animation looked a bit small but it should work well for close shots. (No babies participated in the demo, so I don't know for sure.)

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