



U3A Photography Group

What I want for Christmas

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Is a Plustek Scanner



OpticFilm 135i



Scandig is a German company which digitises all sorts and sizes of film, transparencies and photographs. They also sell a varied range of scanners. More importantly, they have rigorously tested a large number of film scanners and published their test results at filmscanner.info

They have tested the Canon Canoscan 9000F Mk II which I have been using for most all my film scans to date.

Canon specifications state that their scanner can achieve 9600 dpi but my own tests show that scanning at more than 2400 dpi for B&W and 4800 dpi for colour gives no better results - just a bigger file size.



Scandig tests reveal that the Canon scanner actually achieves no more than 1770 dpi.

Scandig have tested a range of Plustek film scanners and generally they achieve around 3200-3600 dpi.

Since the results I am getting at 1770 dpi on the Canoscan are generally acceptable (but a little “soft”), scanning at 3200 dpi would be hugely better.

I’d like a Plustek OpticFilm 135i scanner (but it’s not available in the UK just yet and it seems to be in short supply in the USA).

