

## Recovering Lost Photos from a Memory Card

**FIRST: Don't take anymore photos, there's a good chance most or all photos can be recovered.**

### Background

Digital photos on a memory card are just like any other computer file stored on any memory device.

When computer files are deleted the only thing deleted is the beginning and ending address location of the file. The address data is stored in a table. The space occupied by the deleted file is now available for the next file to be written over the deleted file data. Very large files are saved in several locations with pointers to the next segment

### Options:

There are a many programs available on the Internet, many offer a free download to try out the software. A Google search will yield many options. Prices are in the \$30-40 range. Lexar

There are service companies to do the recovery

Locally, Precision Camera will attempt to recover, \$20-30 depending on the card capacity.

Strategy for doing it yourself: Down load free trial software until you find one that works.

### From member Jan Miller:

This program recovered part of my missing photos that 2 others couldn't touch. Keep for future reference.

<http://www.artplus.hr/adapps/eng/dpr.htm>

Lexar and Sandisk are major producers of memory cards and they offer the following:

Lexar Image Rescue™ 3 software is simple, intuitive image recovery software that can recover lost or deleted files from any type or brand of memory card, using any card reader-giving you peace of mind that your valuable images and files are not lost. And Lexar Image Rescue 3 software not only provides image recovery, but now restores video and audio files, as well.

Lexar Image Rescue 2.0 software is reliable image recovery software that can recover lost or deleted image files from any type or brand of memory card, using any mass storage reader, giving you peace of mind that your valuable images are not lost.

<http://www.lexar.com/software/index.html>

SanDisk Rescue Pro and Rescue Pro Deluxe 4.0

<http://www.sandisk.com/Products/ProductInfo.aspx?ID=2192>

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<http://www.sctxcompclub.org/DigitalCameraSIG/Document%20Attachments/LostyourDigPhotos.pdf>

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