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MOVIE MODEL: With high-def video coming out of your new DSLR, such as the Pentax K-7, where do you show your clips?



Which Video Site Should I Use?

I'm planning to buy a Pentax K-7, and want to shoot a lot of HD video with it. Which site is the best for uploading and sharing my videos?

a DSLR, you'll find plenty of groups to answer your questions.

Vimeo has most of the usual features that you expect with a video-sharing site, such as the ability

to embed videos in blogs, websites, and social networking sites. Plus, its learning tools and mature interaction might be enough to steer you away from the YouTube hive.

The most obvious choice is

YouTube—with millions of members, it's the largest and most widely used video-sharing site. But its popularity could also be its weakness. Anyone may post videos of anything from their cats to clips from TV shows, and the comments and ratings can quickly turn your video postings into an open forum for insults. Still, if your goal is to achieve overnight fame or get your videos viewed by the largest possible audience, YouTube is your best bet.

If, however, you are more concerned with the community, privacy, and video storage, consider Vimeo (www.vimeo.com). It limits playback to 25,000 instances, but this should be enough to share your work with a moderate-sized audience.

Vimeo's and YouTube's high-definition video posting have similar resolution and compression rates. But YouTube doesn't archive, while Vimeo offers an archiving service with its Plus account (\$60 per year). This means that you can use the site as backup storage, since your original file is still stored even after your video is compressed for streaming.

The Plus account lets you upload up to 5GB of HD or standard-definition video a week (up to 1GB per video)—the free account allows only one HD clip per week. You also have the option of password-protecting your postings and otherwise limiting who views your content.

Perhaps the most appealing aspect of Vimeo is its community of 1.5 million registered users. With the popularity-contest feeling removed, you get a network of pro filmmakers and aspiring amateurs who foster a lot of warm and fuzzy encouragement. If you're learning the ins and outs of video with