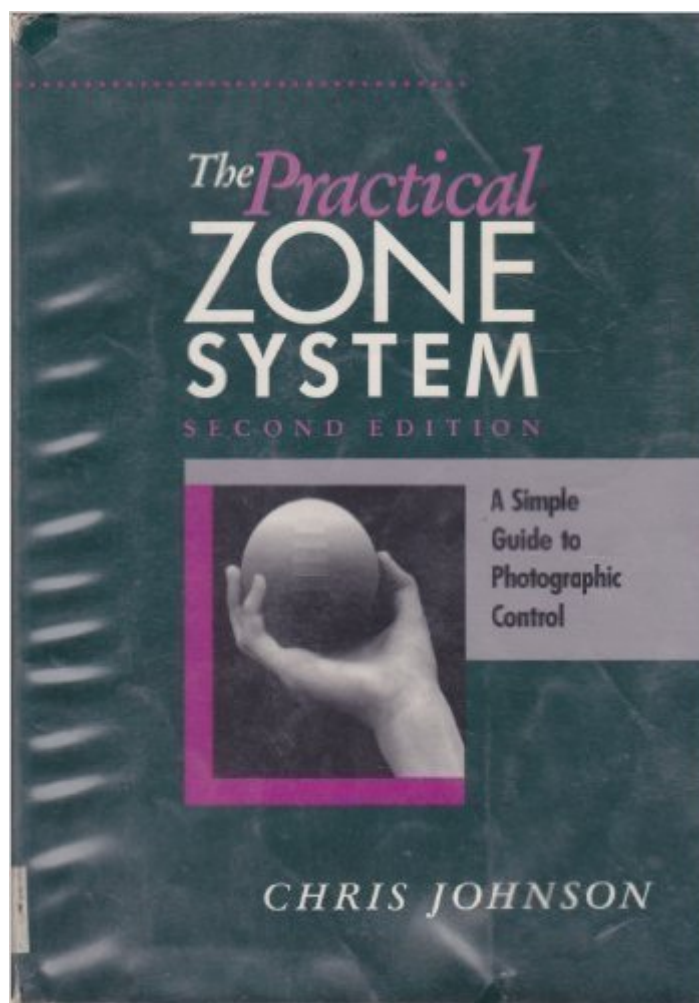


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# Practical Zone System: A Guide To Photographic Control



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\* A primer on basic photography with examples from professionals and how they achieved their results \* A unique discussion on the Zone System in color and digital photography \* Two Zone System testing methods \* Ten detailed and accurate development timecharts for the most popular films A newly revised version of a photography classic, Practical Zone System, Second Edition makes this important method available to beginning, large format, 35mm and professional photographers. In addition to demonstrating what the Zone System is and how it works, Practical Zone System, Second Edition shows how to assess prints and negatives for contrast, recognize the zones both on the print and in real life, previsualize photographs and expose accordingly, and test equipment and chemicals for reliable, consistent results. There are numerous photographs and easy-to-read diagrams, as well as a glossary of zone system terminology.

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I never developed a film in my life, but despite the fact that the original edition did not deal with digital photography and this book still talks a lot about film photography, this is one of the best most useful books on photography I've read so far. The author emphasizes important points by repeating them many times, so if you want to save some time I recommend reading this book in a different order. Start with Chapter 10, which is about Digital Photography. Most concepts are pretty intuitive and because this is the last chapter, he does not repeat them so much here. It is actually easier to

see the important ideas in this chapter because he explains the differences between film and digital photography. Then read Appendix D because that's where he explains in more detail what makes digital photography different, i.e. why you expose for highlights and process for shadows in digital, instead of exposing for shadows and processing for highlights in film. Then go read Chapters 4 and 5 where the zone system is explained, now it will take you at most a couple of hours to finish these chapters since you pretty much saw it in Chapter 10. Play around with your camera as you read, it makes a lot of sense. Skip chapters 1,2 and 3; you will get bored before you get to the main point. Appendix A on Color Management is a must read!!! I am using Gimp to process my photos and I could never understand why the colors of my photos look different in gimp, in preview, in quick look, after applying g'mic filters, after uploading on flickr. I read a good book on gimp and it just glossed over Color Management, saying most people will never need to worry about this. Wrong. Most people need to understand it right away; and I didn't even start printing yet! The same with gimp documentation, no details at all!

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