

light for close up work and can even be used as a still photography light source, especially with the Nikon D3 and D700 which can be used at 800 ISO without any discernable loss of quality. You could argue that it has a fifth use as there is an SOS setting in case you've been down so long enjoying using it that the liveboard got fed up and steamed off.

Unlike an HID light with its delicate, expensive bulbs the LED1000DX bulbs are virtually indestructible and more importantly can be turned on and off at will as well as dimmed.

The housing incorporates a YS fitting shoe and is available with a pistol handgrip or this can be removed to allow other mounting systems to be used.

I've had a couple of prototype units on loan for a couple of months now and they have become an integrated part of my equipment case both stills and video. The charging system, with its cradle design is a joy to use with green LEDs indicating battery charge state on both the charger and the light so you know exactly what you've got left to play with. If I have one criticism it is that the on/off/lock/dimmer rotating switch is a bit fiddly but that is such a minor point I regret mentioning it now.

The FIX LED1000DX costs around \$599 or £410 at current



exchange rates. Whether that is expensive or not depends on your finances but with virtually zero running costs compared to HID (\$100 for a new bulb?!) and with such excellent performance from such a small aluminium package you have a very versatile unit which will give many years of use, and, for me so far, a great deal of practical pleasure.

Welcome to the new kid on the block.

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aunoc 1CR LED light



The aunoc 1CR LED light incorporates a single high Power LED powered by a 3 volt CR123 lithium battery in an aluminium alloy 6061 HA III Mil-Spec body. Equivalent rechargeable 600 mAh li-Ion batteries are available for more environmentally friendly use.

Just 78mm / 3.07" long with a diameter of 24mm / 0.94", it is about the size of an AA battery on mild steroids. It weighs just 71 g / 2.5 oz on land, has a run Time of 4.5 hours and if you were so inclined you could use it down to 240 metres / 787 feet.

From an underwater photography point of view it is an ideal spotting/focus light whose light weight and small size wouldn't strain a housing mounting plate. The screw down on/off action is positive and sealed by a

single O ring for simple maintenance.

The output is amazingly bright and would enable autofocus systems to zip into position at instant speeds making it ideal for precise macro work. As a plain dive light it will survive happily in a small BC pocket and the body construction is incredibly robust and very reassuring.

At \$98 it is not cheap but I have flooded so many plastic bodied lights that this one would pay for itself in no time.

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