

Shop till you the price drops

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I shop quite a bit at Amazon Canada. While prices are generally good, they can fluctuate wildly. If you are not in a rush, why not track the price to see if it drops? But manually tracking prices is so...pre-automation!

The Camelizer (<https://camelcamelcamel.com/>) is a free service for tracking prices at Amazon.

Last summer, I was looking for a wide-angle lens for landscape photography. After a lot of research, I settled on Nikon's 18-35mm. Nikon's SRP is \$980. Amazon had it for \$950.

I copied the URL from Amazon and plugged it into the search box at the Camelizer web site. It showed me the Amazon price history for the lens over the past five years! The current price was at its highest but there had been lower prices – as low as \$620 in December, 2014. I wasn't in a rush, so I created a price watch. A few weeks later, I received an email saying the price had dropped to \$850. I snapped it up with a \$100 savings. Not too shabby.



Amazon Price History

This is the price charged for New products when Amazon itself is the seller.

Type	Price	Date
Current	\$949.00	Nov 26, 2019
Highest *	\$949.99	Oct 25, 2019
Lowest *	\$619.95	Dec 25, 2014
Average *	\$918.02	-

* since Jul 29, 2013.
+ of the last 50 price changes

3rd Party New Price History

This is the price charged by third party merchants for items in New condition.

Type	Price	Date
Current	\$949.00	Nov 26, 2019
Highest *	\$1,099.99	Feb 27, 2016
Lowest *	\$498.99	Oct 26, 2016
Average *	\$939.46	-

* since Jul 29, 2013.
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3rd Party Used Price History

This is the price charged by third party merchants for items in Used condition.

Type	Price	Date
Current	\$788.00	May 27, 2019
Highest *	\$799.99	Feb 09, 2019
Lowest *	\$540.00	Apr 26, 2017
Average *	\$729.86	-

* since Jul 29, 2013.
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If you use Google Chrome or Firefox, install the Camelizer add-on from the *Tools* section at the Camelizer web site to make things even simpler. From any product page at Amazon, click the Camelizer icon to get the pricing history and create price watches to notify you by email if the price drops below a certain level.

In the past few years, Camelizer has saved me over \$300.

Bottom Line:

Camelizer: free price tracking for Amazon products

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