



Photo Storage Boxes

Can I safely store photos in a box?

Plastic photo storage boxes are an ideal choice to protect your photographs. There are a few things to keep in mind both when making your storage choices and determining where to place your precious memories.

Temperature

The chemicals that are used in photograph processing can be affected by high temperatures. For this reason, choosing a location that will remain below 23C or 75F is recommended, as it will keep the colours looking accurate and vibrant for longer. Avoid storing your photographs in attics, basements or garages where they will be subject to significant variations in temperature as the seasons change.

Ventilation

Positioning your storage solution in a well-ventilated area will prevent your photographs from being affected by an unwelcome build-up of mould. But it is important to avoid positioning your photo storage next to a cooling or heating vent.

Moisture

Choosing a water-resistant storage solution will protect your photographs from accidental spills, flooding and humidity. Therefore, plastic storage boxes are often one of the best choices. If possible, positioning your boxes somewhere above ground level will give your photographs an additional layer of protection from water damage.



Is it better to store photographs in cardboard or plastic boxes?

When determining which photograph storage boxes to protect your treasured memories, there are two main options: cardboard and plastic boxes.

Cardboard boxes are usually sturdy enough to stack on top of each other and should ideally be made from an acid-free material that won't damage your pictures.

Plastic photo storage boxes are typically much sturdier and will offer the maximum level of protection from water damage. Plastic boxes are also easy to stack on top of each other to minimise the amount of space your photographs are taking up.

One of the most important things is to ensure that you aren't forcing your photographs into a storage solution that is simply too small for your needs. The added sturdiness of plastic boxes will help to encourage your photos to stay flat, which is ultimately the best way to store them.