Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM

User's Guide

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1. Introduction

HOT ALBUM is a totally new type of album that makes management of your images simple and secure, and lets you recall your images whenever you like. HOT ALBUM makes it possible to expand enjoyment of video images on your computer or on your TV.

HOT ALBUM provides you with the following three digital image management tools.

■ **Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM*1**

Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM lets you transfer images from your digital camera to your computer. It also includes viewing, printing, and automatic e-mail attachment features for quick and simple, yet powerful digital image management.

■ **HOT ALBUM Disks**

HOT ALBUM disks let you save albums of digital images, complete with text comments or other editing, and store them externally from your computer. By saving separate copies of your albums on your computer and on disk helps to ensure that images are not lost due to computer problems or because a disk is misplaced. Double-storage of all your important images is highly recommended to protect against accidental deletion or loss. HOT ALBUM disks can be played back on a DVD player*2, and you can even add music to create highly entertaining slideshows of your images.

■ **HOT ALBUM VIEWER*3**

HOT ALBUM VIEWER makes it possible to view images on a HOT ALBUM disk can be viewed even if the computer does not have Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM installed. This means you can give away disks as gift items, without worrying whether the recipient has the proper software.

This User's Guide mainly explains operations using the Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM special HOT ALBUM software.

*1: Installation is supported under Windows 2000, XP, and Vista.

*2: Playback is supported on a Video-CD player, DVD player, or DVD recorder that supports Video-DC (VCD) 2.0. Note, however, that playback may not be possible depending on the particular equipment being used. Visit our website at **http://www.ha-hotalbum.com/** for the latest information.

*3: HOT ALBUM VIEWER operation is supported under Windows 98SE, Me, 2000, XP, and Vista.

2. Using Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM

2.1. Computer System Requirements and Disk Capacity

The recommended computer system environment for Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM is shown below. As standard Windows software, Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM should operate without any problem under this environment. Note, however, that operational response, image quality, sound quality during audio playback, and other factors depend on the performance and specifications of each particular system.

Be sure to contact your system administrator before installing and using this software.

<<Recommended Operating Environment>>

PC		IBM PC/AT compatible machine
OS		Windows (2000 Pro, XP, Vista)English language version
CPU		800 MHz min. CPU (1.5 GHz recommended)
Memory		256 MB min. memory (512 MB recommended)
HDD		2GB min. free space required on system drive
Display		XGA (1024 x 768) min., 16 bit full-color min.
Required peripherals		CD R/W drive, speakers, sound card (Check our special website http://pri.hotalbum.jp/mb3_casio_e/top/ for a list of CD R/W drives tested for compatibility.)
Input data types	Image	JPEG, BMP, TIFF(uncompressed), PICT(RasterImage) (1 file 30 MB max. 1 side 5000 pixels max.)
	Video	AVI, MPEG, MOV. May not be compatible, however with edited files. (1 file 256 MB max. and under 25 minutes)
	Sound	WAV, audio CD (limited however to musical selections of length 10 minutes max.)
Other		* For internet services (acquisition of newest information, software updates), + Internet Explore 5 or later should be installed + Membership with provider for internet connection and mail transmission is required.
		* MAPI client-compatible software is required to send images via email.
		* Windows Media Player 9 or later, and DirectX9 or later must be installed.
		* QuickTime 7.1.3 or later must be installed to import and play MOV files.

1) As general Windows software, "HOT ALBUM MYBOX" has been confirmed to operate with no problems with an environment equal to or better than that described above. However, operating response, display quality and sound quality during sound playback vary with the machine specifications.
2) Installation must be performed with administration authority.

The following describes the capacity of HOT ALBUM disks.

・ Snapshot and Movie Data

Maximum Number of Images: 240 (Size of each image is 1 KB to 30 MB.)

Regardless of the number of images currently stored on the disk, the total amount of data stored cannot exceed 256 MB.

Each movie file can be no large than 256 MB and no longer than 25 minutes.

・ Storage Capacities by Image Size (in Pixels)

2 million pixels (Fine): 220 to 230

3 million pixels (Fine): 140 to 150

5 million pixels (Fine): 90 to 100

2.2. Installing the Software

2.2.1. Installing the Software from the Installation CD-ROM

Place the installation CD-ROM into your computer and the installer will start up automatically.

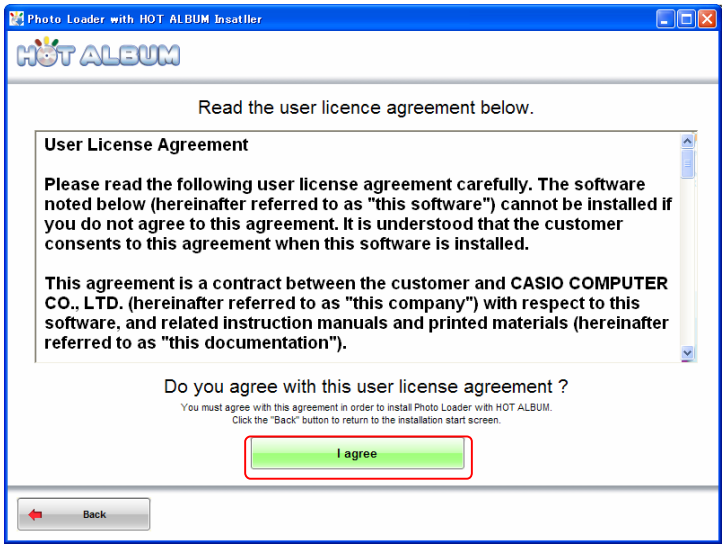
Click to view minimum computer system requirements.

Click to view an explanation about HOT ALBUM.

On the screen that appears, click the [Start] button.

Read the End User License Agreement and then click the [I Agree] button.

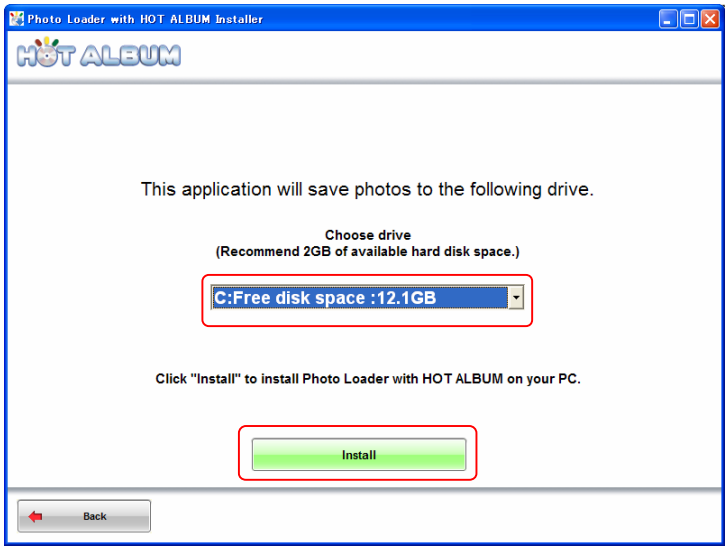
A different screen will appear if you have an older version of HOT ALBUM MY BOX installed on your computer. For more information, see "2.2.3 Upgrading from an Older Version during Installation".



You can specify the drive name of the hard disk where you want to save image data. You can specify a hard disk drive name only if your computer has multiple hard disks, if its hard disk is partitioned into multiple drives, or if it has an external hard disk connected.

The amount of free space available on the A: drive will appear on the display. Select a drive that has at least 2 GB of free space available.

Specify the B: drive and then click [Install].



Important!

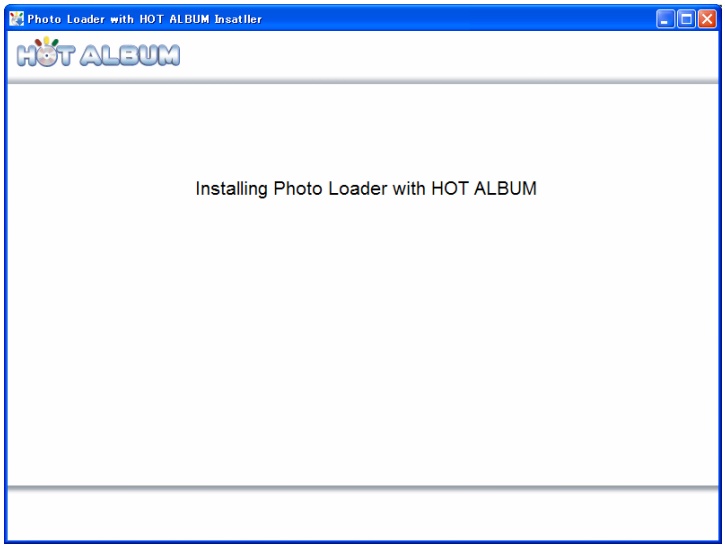
・ You will be able to change the specification of the save drive on the Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM version upgrade screen after installation is complete.

See ″2.5.4 Upgrading and Other Settings″ for more information.

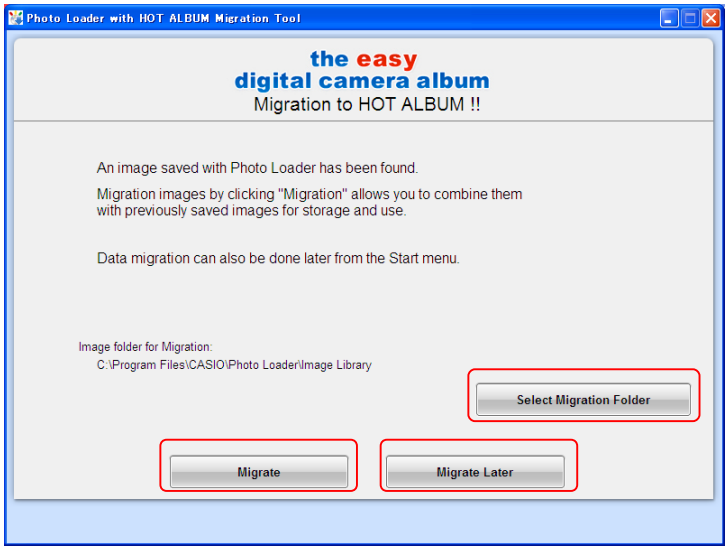
・ The software will be installed on your computer's C: drive, even if you specify another drive other than C: for storing images. The C: drive should have at least 2 GB of free space available for use as a work area.

2.2.2. Migration

The following message remains on the display as the software is being installed.



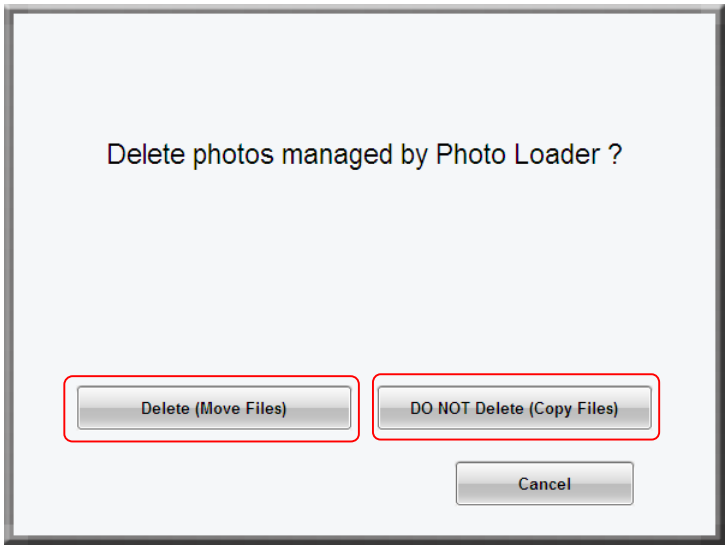
If you have Photo Loader image data stored on your computer, a Data Migration Tool will start up here to migrate the image data to Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM.



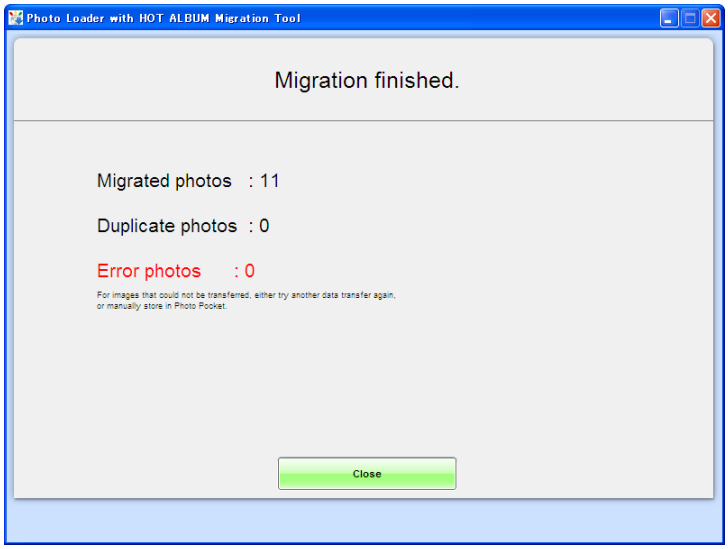
If you want to use your previously stored Photo Loader image data with Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM, click [Migrate].
If you want to migrate images later or if you choose not to migrate your existing images, click

[Migrate Later].
When you want to migrate images at any time after installing the software, perform the following operation on the Windows [Start] menu to start up Data Migration Tool: [All Programs] -> [Casio] -> [Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM] -> [Data Migration Tool].

Clicking [Migrate] will start data migration and display the screen shown below.

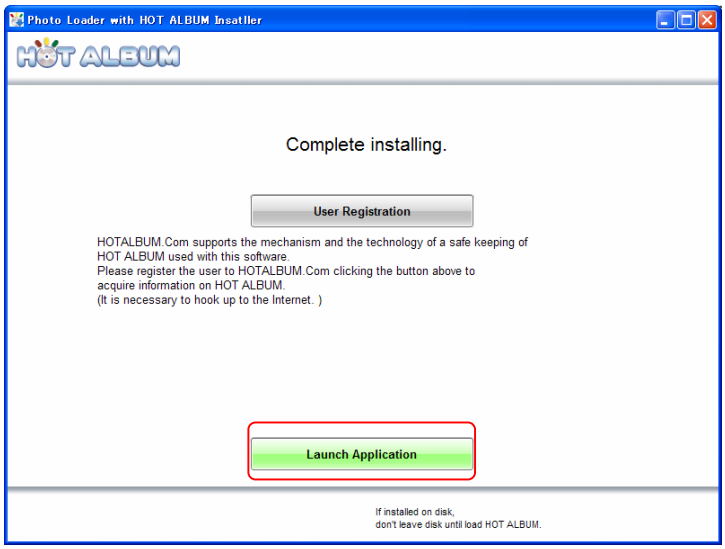


At this time you should click a button to specify whether you want to delete the original Photo Loader image data or retain it.



On the screen that appears after data migration is finished, click [Close].

The message shown below appears after installation is completed successfully.



2.2.3. Installing from a HOT ALBUM Disk that Contains Images

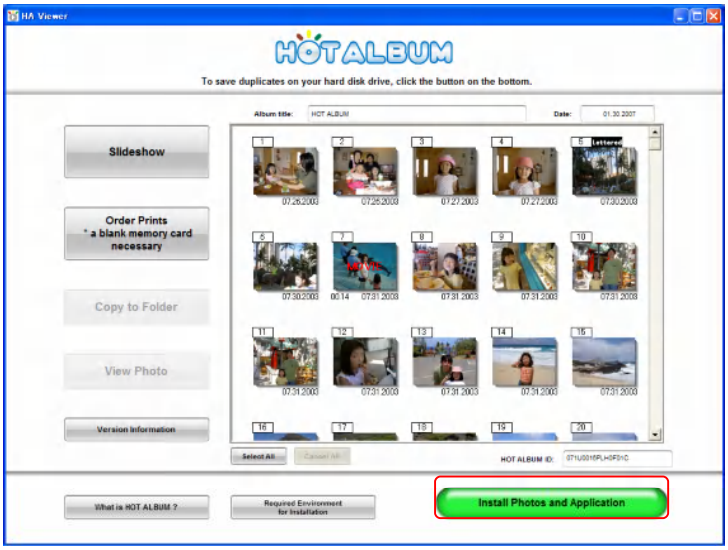
The special software also can be installed on your computer from a HOT ALBUM disk to which images and other data has been written by another computer running Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM. Installing the software will copy the images from the HOT ALBUM disk to your computer at the same time.

Placing a HOT ALBUM disk that contains image data into the CD-ROM drive of your computer will launch HOT ALBUM VIEWER automatically. If it does not start automatically, use "My Computer" to navigate to the CD-ROM drive and double click "StartViewer.exe".

On the "HOT ALBUM VIEWER" screen, click [Install Photos and Application].

If your computer already has Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM installed, the button will change to [Save Photos] instead of [Install Photos and Application]. Proceed with the installation and you will be given a change to upgrade to a newer version if required.

See "3. Using HOT ALBUM VIEWER" for more information.



Important!

- The green button in the lower right corner will not appear if your computer is running Windows 98SE or Windows Me. Installation and image registration are not supported on computers running these operating systems.
- The software that is installed from a HOT ALBUM disk that contains images is different (no Data Migration Tool, etc) from that installed from the CD-ROM.

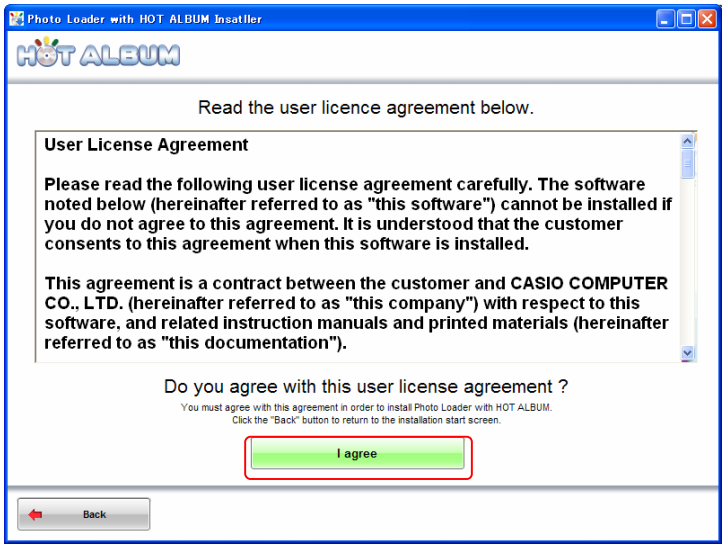
Click to view minimum computer system requirements.

Click to view an explanation about HOT ALBUM.

On the screen that appears, click the [Start] button.

Read the End User License Agreement and then click the [I Agree] button.

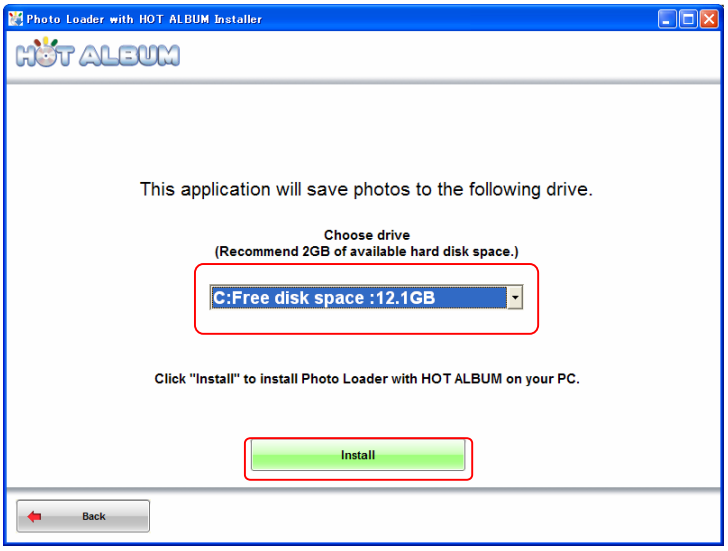
A different screen will appear if you have an older version of HA MY BOX installed on your computer. For more information, see "2.2.3 Upgrading from an Older Version during Installation".



You can specify the drive name of the hard disk where you want to save image data. You can specify a hard disk drive name only if your computer has multiple hard disks, if its hard disk is partitioned into multiple drives, or if it has an external hard disk connected.

The amount of free space available on the A: drive will appear on the display. Select a drive that has at least 2 GB of free space available.

Specify the B: drive and then click [Install].



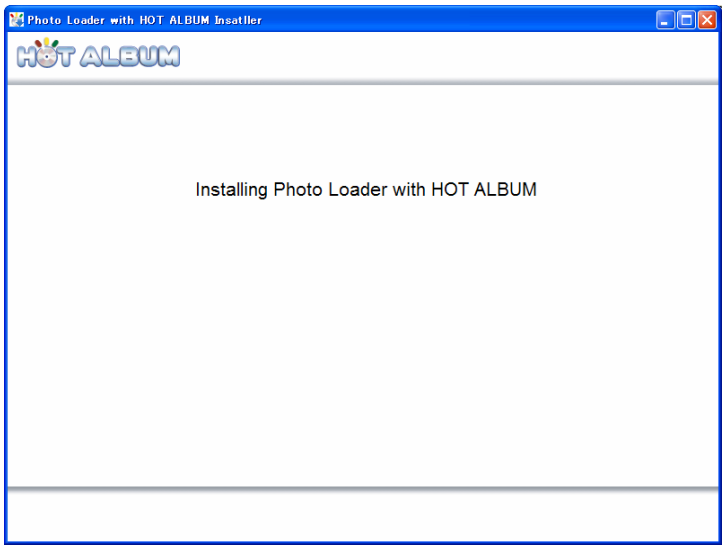
Important!

・ You will be able to change the specification of the save drive on the Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM version upgrade screen after installation is complete.

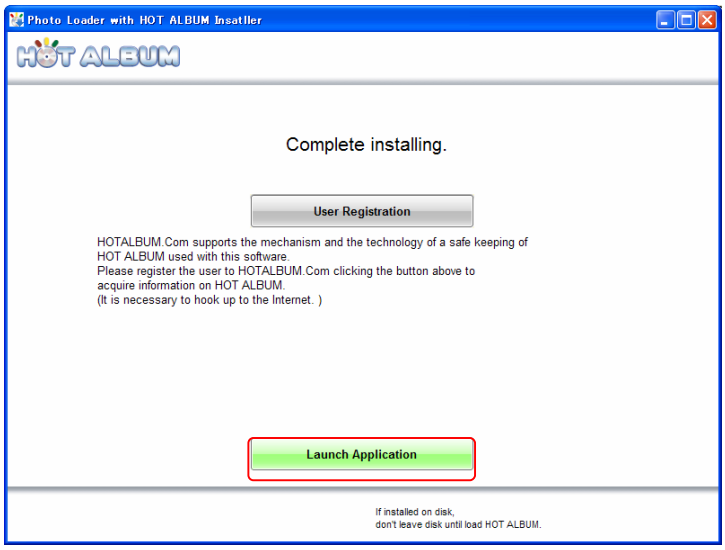
See ″2.5.4 Upgrading and Other Settings″ for more information.

・ The software will be installed on your computer's C: drive, even if you specify another drive other than C: for storing images. The C: drive should have at least 2 GB of free space available for use as a work area.

The following message remains on the display as the software is being installed.

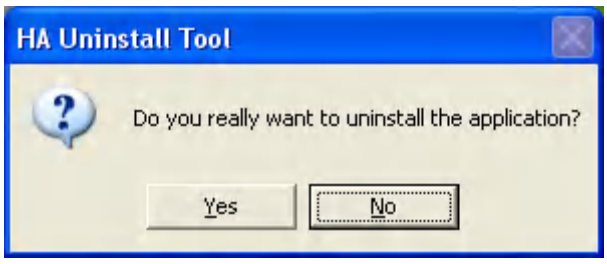


The message shown below appears after installation is completed successfully.



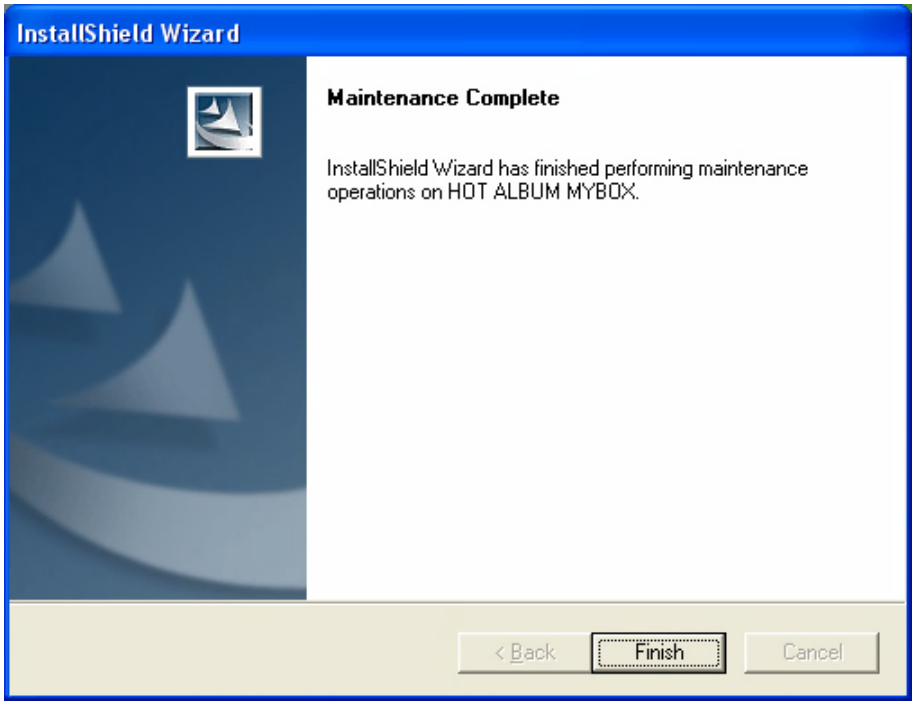
2.2.4. Uninstalling Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM

Perform the following operation on the Windows [Start] menu to start up HA Uninstall Tool: [All Programs] -> [Casio] -> [Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM] -> [Uninstall].



In response to the confirmation message that appears, click [Yes] to uninstall.

Specify whether or not you want also to delete the image data associated with Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM.
Clicking [No] will retain the image data, which will be re-associated with the software the next time you install it.



On the "Maintenance Complete" screen that appears after the uninstall operation is completed normally, click [Finish].

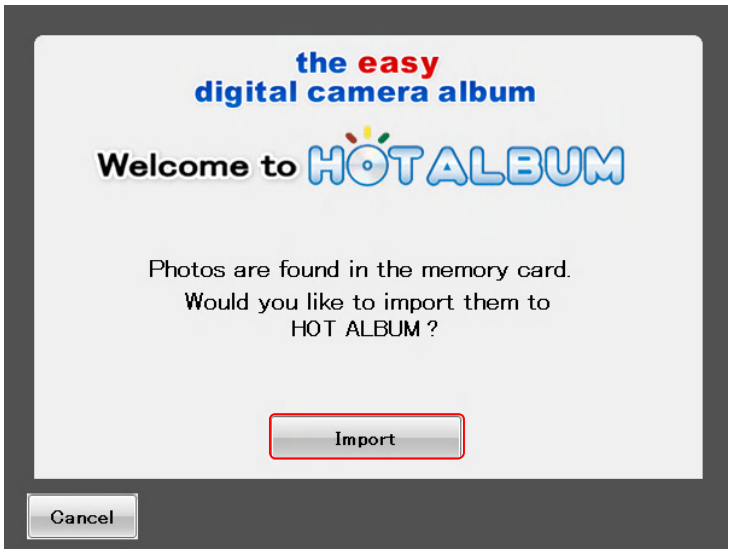
2.3. Using the Software for the First Time

The first thing you need to do after installing Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM is import some images from your digital camera.
There are two different methods you can use to import images into HOT ALBUM the first time: importing directly from a memory card and importing from a specified source.

2.3.1. Importing Images Directly from a Memory Card

When Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM is not running, insert the memory card that contains the images into your computer's memory card slot. This will start up Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM and display the screen shown below.

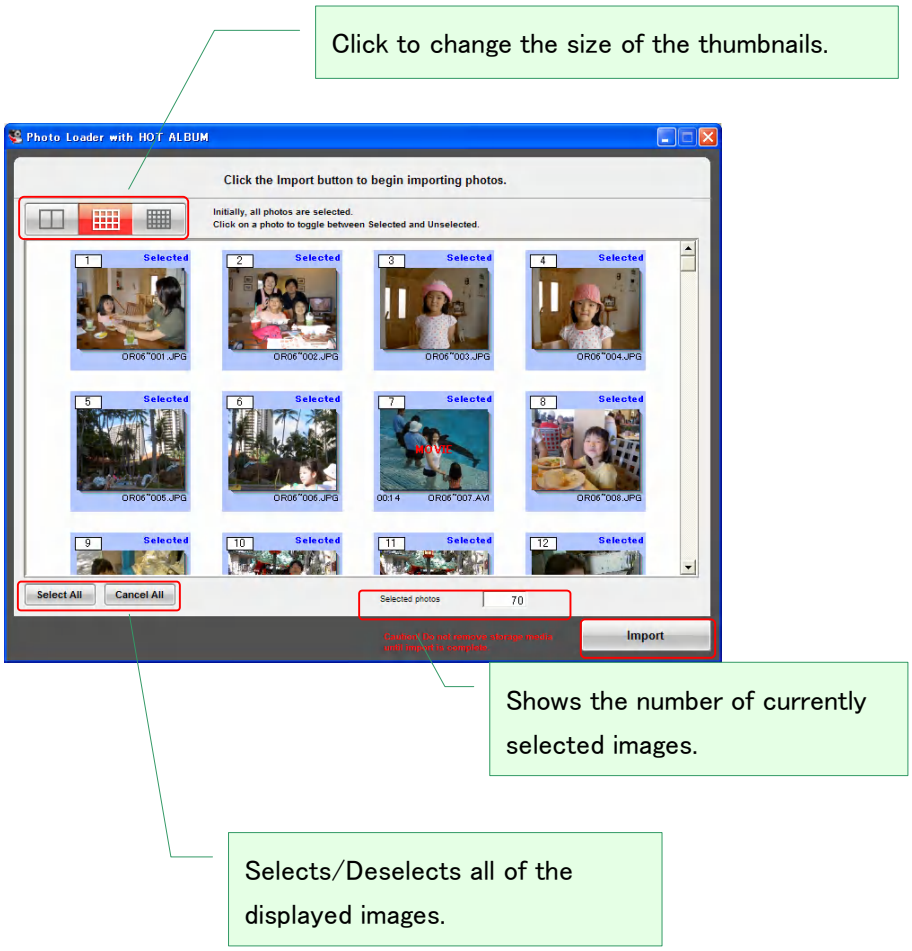
Click the [Import] button to start the import operation.



Important!
・If your computer does not have a memory card slot, use a card reader, card adapter, or some other commercially available device.
If the automatic media monitoring feature is turned off, click "Settings and Software Update" on the Home Screen and then select [Monitor] for automatic media monitoring.
・ If the above screen does not appear automatically, perform the procedure under "2.3.2 Importing Images from Other Media".

See "2.5.4 Upgrading and Other Settings" for more information.

Thumbnails of all the images on the detected memory card will appear on the screen.
Select the images you want to import. Initially all of the images are selected for import.
Click an image to toggle it between selected and unselected. You also can select or deselect multiple images by dragging the mouse pointer across the screen.



Important!

・If the detected digital camera, memory card, or folder includes an image type that is not supported by HOT ALBUM, the number of selected images value may be different from the number of images that actually are selected. Unsupported Image Types

Unsupported movie files

Compressed TIFF format file

Snapshot file with a short side resolution of 1 pixels or less

Snapshot file with a long side resolution of 5001 pixels or greater

Importable but corrupted file

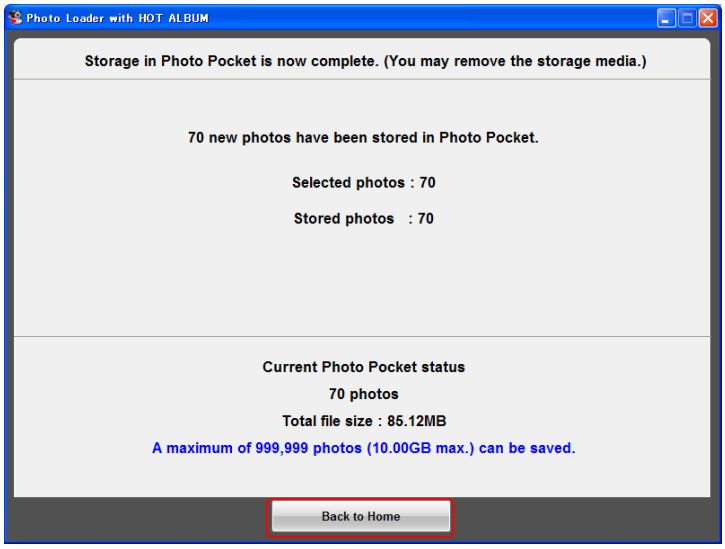
See "2.1 Computer System Requirements and Disk Capacity".

After selecting the images you want to import, click the [Import] button. This will start import of the images.

A screen appears to let you know when image import is complete.

The imported images are stored in a storage area called "Photo Pocket."
For more information, see "2.5.2 Importing Images with Photo Pocket".

The screen shows details about the image import operation. Click the [Next] button.



Important!

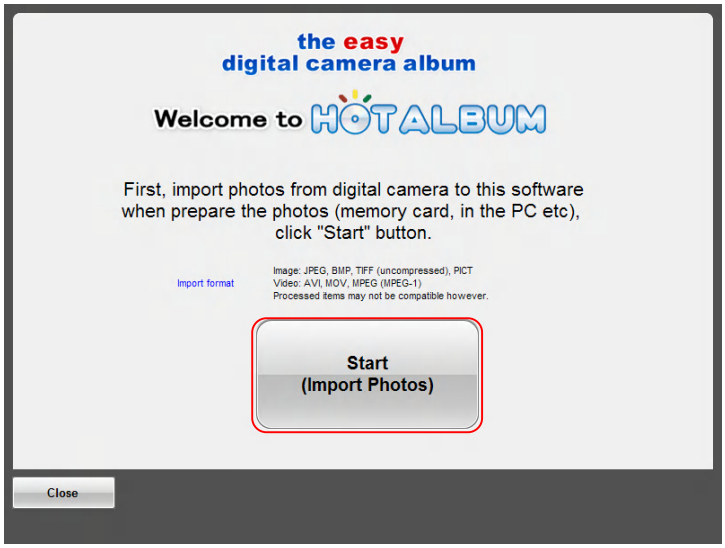
・During the import operation, the software checks to make sure that no two images have the same filename, file size, and shooting date.

・The number of images actually input may be lower than the number of images you selected for import because some images are skipped because they are damaged, because they already exist in memory, etc.

2.3.2. Importing Images from Other Media

Under initial default settings, Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM starts up whenever you double-click the HOT ALBUM icon on your Windows desktop.

The screen shown below will appear if there are no images currently stored in Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM.
Click [Start (Import Photos)].



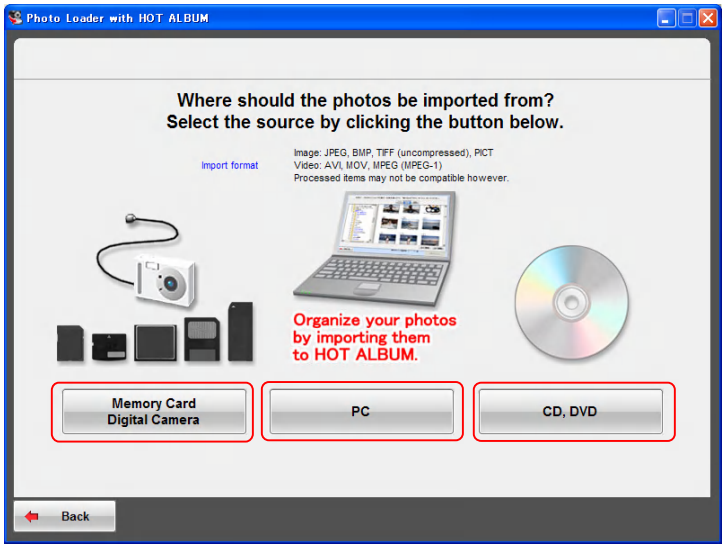
Select where the images you want to import are located.

[Digital Camera, Memory Card]

[Computer]

[CD, DVD]

Click the button that corresponds to the location from which you want to import images.



Importing Images from a Digital Camera or Memory Card

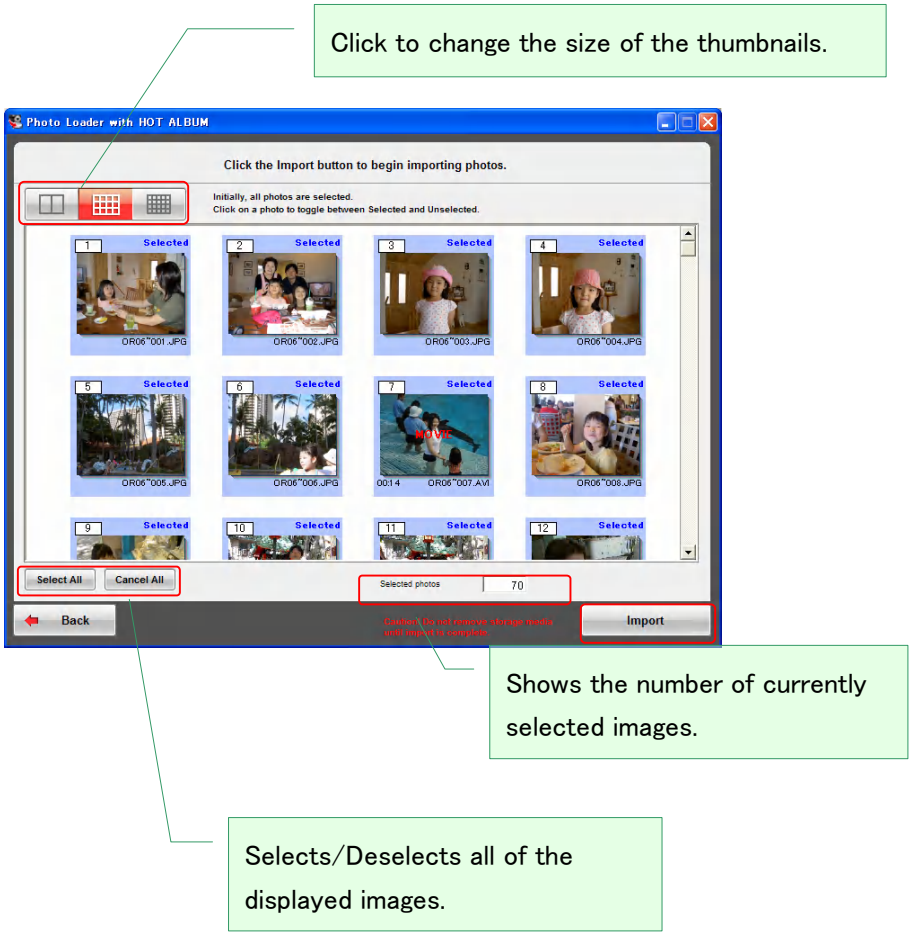
Establish a connection between the memory card or digital camera where the images you want to import are located.

The media is detected automatically and the software prepares to display the images.

Thumbnails of all the images on the detected digital camera or memory card will appear on the screen.

Select the images you want to import. Initially all of the images are selected for import.

Click an image to toggle it between selected and unselected. You also can select or deselect multiple images by dragging the mouse pointer across the screen.



Important!

・If the detected digital camera, memory card, or folder includes an image type that is not supported by HOT ALBUM, the number of selected images value may be different from the number of images that actually are selected.

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Compressed TIFF format file

Snapshot file with a short side resolution of 1 pixels or less

Snapshot file with a long side resolution of 5001 pixels or greater

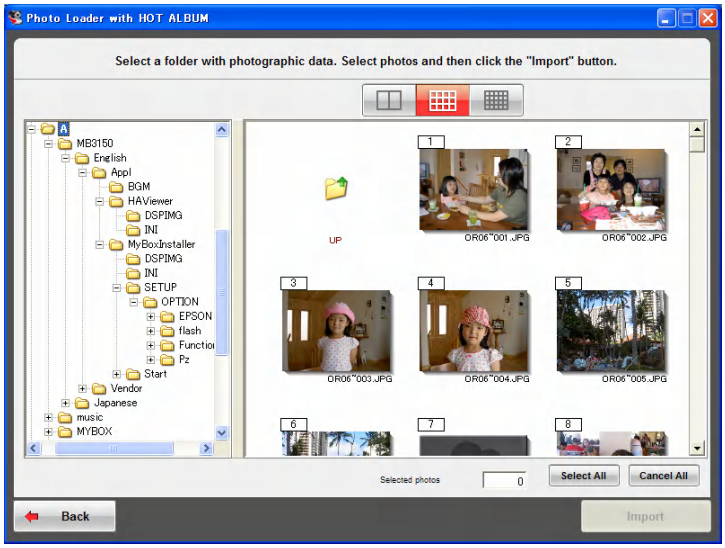
Importable but corrupted file

See "2.1 Computer System Requirements and Disk Capacity".

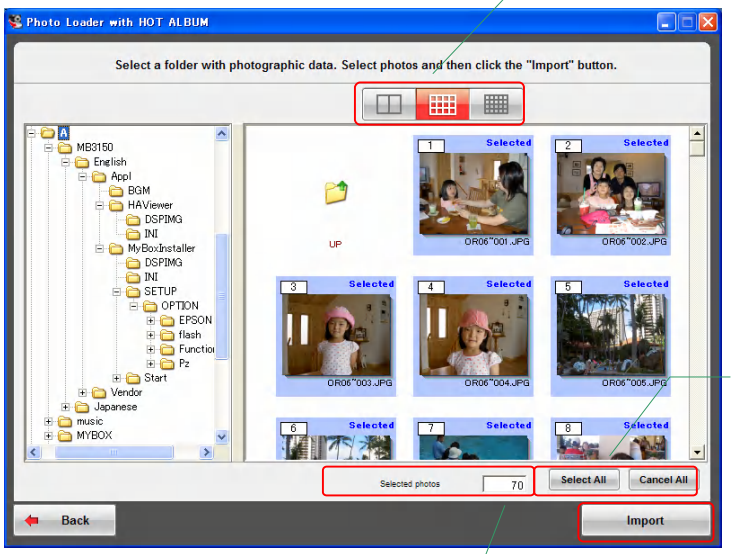
After selecting the images you want to import, click the [Import] button. This will start import of the images.

Importing Images from a Computer Folder

The folders on your computer's hard disk appear in a tree structure.
Select the folder that contains the images you want to import, and thumbnails of the images will appear on the screen.



Select the images you want to import. Initially, none of the images are selected.
Click an image to toggle it between selected and unselected. You also can select or deselect multiple images by dragging the mouse pointer across the screen.



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Compressed TIFF format file

Snapshot file with a short side resolution of 1 pixels or less

Snapshot file with a long side resolution of 5001 pixels or greater

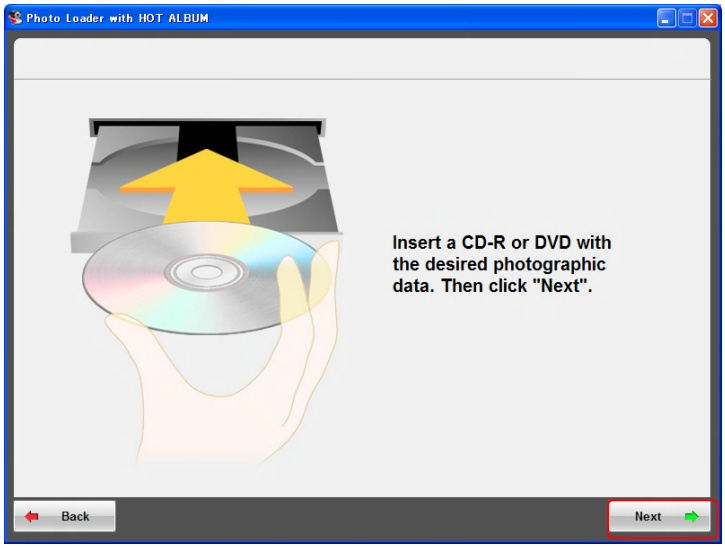
Importable but corrupted file

See "2.1 Computer System Requirements and Disk Capacity".

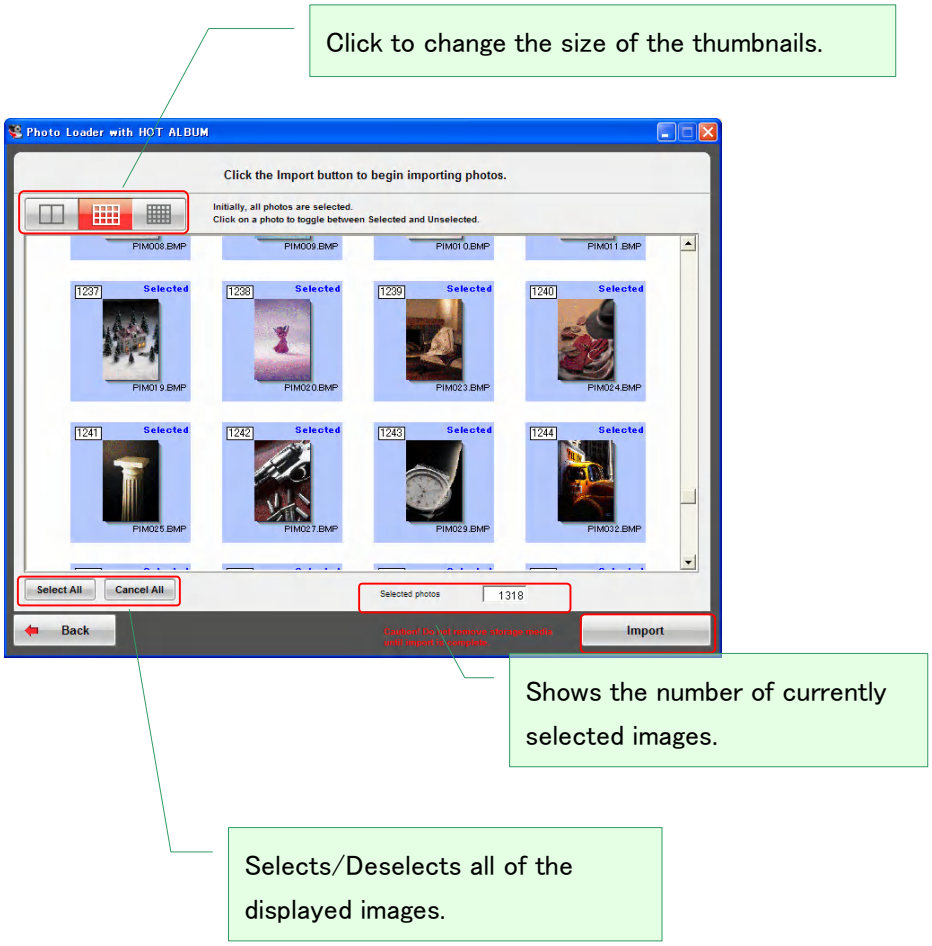
After selecting the images you want to import, click the [Import] button. This will start import of the images.

Importing Images from a CD or DVD

Set the CD or DVD disk that contains the images you want to import into your computer's disk drive. On the screen that appears, click the [Next] button.



This will display thumbnails of all of the images on the disk.
Select the images you want to import. Initially all of the images are selected for import.
Click an image to toggle it between selected and unselected. You also can select or deselect multiple images by dragging the mouse pointer across the screen.



Important!

・If the detected digital camera, memory card, or folder includes an image type that is not supported by HOT ALBUM, the number of selected images value may be different from the number of images that actually are selected.

Unsupported Image Types

Unsupported movie file

Compressed TIFF format file

Snapshot file with a short side resolution of 1 pixels or less

Snapshot file with a long side resolution of 5001 pixels or greater

Importable but corrupted file

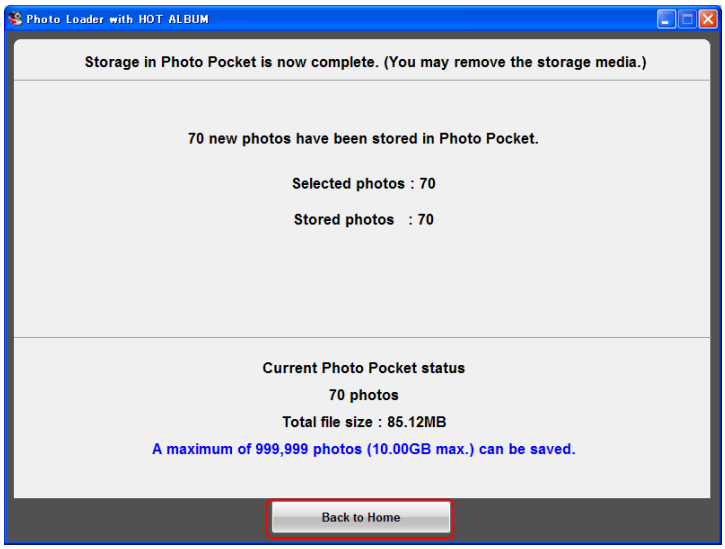
See "2.1 Computer System Requirements and Disk Capacity".

After selecting the images you want to import, click the [Import] button. This will start import of the images.

A screen appears to let you know when image import is complete.

The imported images are stored in a storage area called "Photo Pocket."
For more information, see "2.5.2 Importing Photos into Photo Pocket".

The screen shows details about the image import operation. Click the [Next] button.

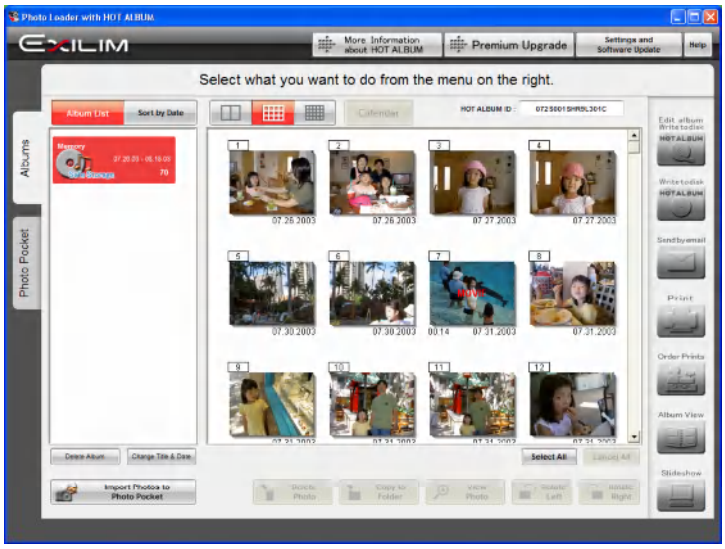


Important!

・During the import operation, the software checks to make sure that no two images have the same filename, file size, and shooting date.

・The number of images you selected for import and the number of images stored may be different.

Home Screen



This is the Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM Home Screen.

You can use it to create a HOT ALBUM, to print, and to perform a variety of other operations.

2.4. Main Home Screen Functions

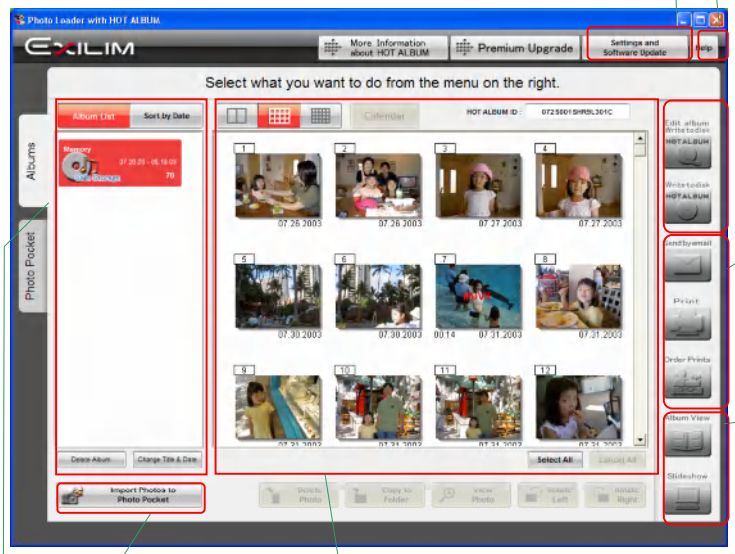
You can access Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM functions by clicking the buttons on the Home screen.

Click to view Home Screen help.

Click to view Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM version information and to configure various settings.

See "2.5.4 Upgrading and Other Settings" for more information.

Click to display HOT ALBUM creating menus.
See 2.6 Creating a HOT ALBUM".



Click to display menus for printing album images, attaching images to mail, etc.

See "Using Images".

Use these buttons to access tools to create slideshow viewing and image viewing more enjoyable.

See "2.8 Viewing Images".

Viewing and Editing Images

You view images using a list view or an enlarged view. You also can rotate and edit image as required. See "2.5.1 Viewing and Editing Images"

Importing Photos into Photo Pocket

Images must be imported into Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM. Imported, unedited images are stored in a storage area called "Photo Pocket."

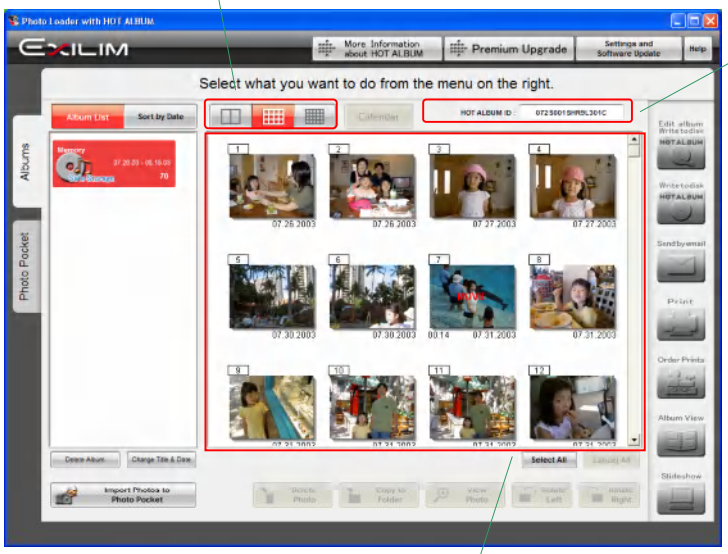
Use these buttons to select the album type, and to view or delete albums. to view or Selecting the Album Type, Deleting an Album, and Viewing Album Contents

Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM select you select from among four different album types, depending upon how much you need to use the images in an album.

You can use the Home Screen to view and edit the images in an album.

Displays the album ID< which is a number that associates the album written to a HOT ALBUM disk with the same album on your computer. It also protects photo data from being deleted accidentally. An album ID is not displayed for Photo Pocket.

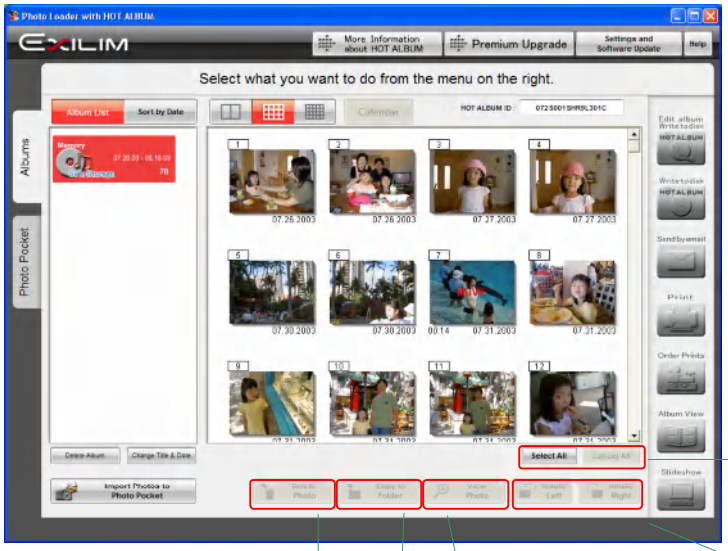
Click to select large, medium, or small for the thumbnail size.



Shows a list of album photos. Use the scroll bar to scroll up and down.

Select an image by clicking it or a range of images by dragging the mouse pointer, and then click one of the buttons below the image screen to perform an operation.

Use these buttons to select or deselect all of the images.



Click to delete the selected image. Go to "Calendar Screen".

Click to copy the selected image data to the selected location. Go to "Deleting an Image".

Click to rotate a portrait orientation image. Go to "Zooming an Image".

Click to zoom the selected image.　An image can be used as wallpaper, and comment text can be inserted into an image. Copying Images to Another Location.

Calendar Screen

The calendar screen shows images in date order, which simplifies searching for an image recorded on a particular date.

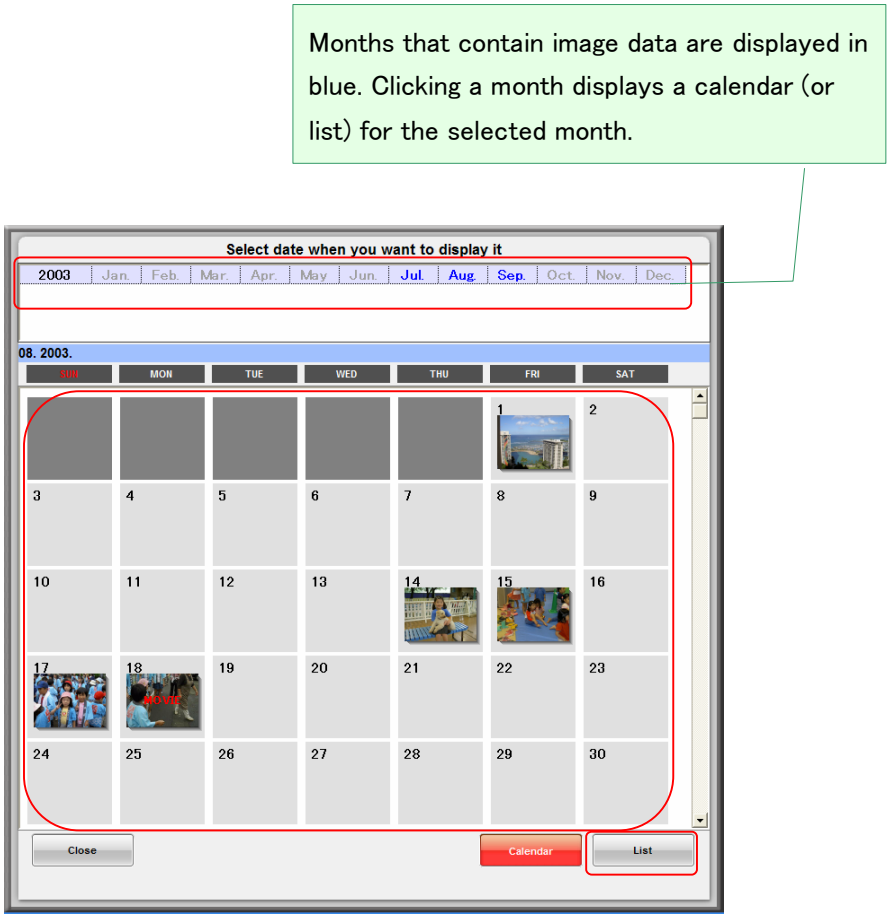
Click the [Calendar] button on the Home Screen to display images according to the date they were shot.

This button is disabled if the images are note in date order.

A full month calendar will appear.

Select the month you want to view at the top of the screen, and the applicable full-month calendar will appear in the center.

Click the day whose images you want to view. This will return to the Home Screen, which now will show the images for the day you selected on the calendar.



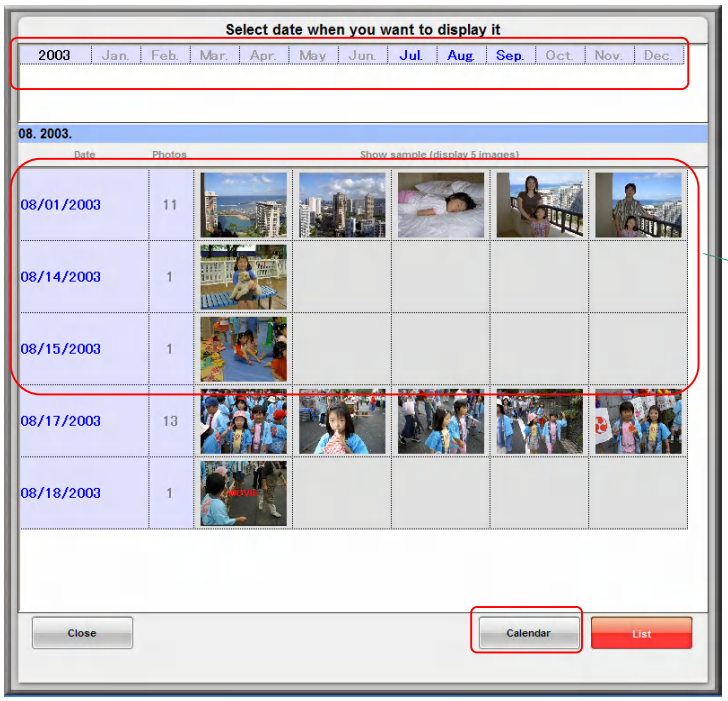
Clicking the [List] button in the lower right corner will switch from the Calendar Screen to a List Screen.

Displays the full-month calendar for the selected month. The image shown for a day for which photo data is available is the first photo that was recorded on that particular day.

Clicking the [List] button in lower right corner of the full-month calendar screen will change to a list type calendar screen.

Select the month you want to view at the top of the screen and the image data for the selected month will appear in a list arranged by date.

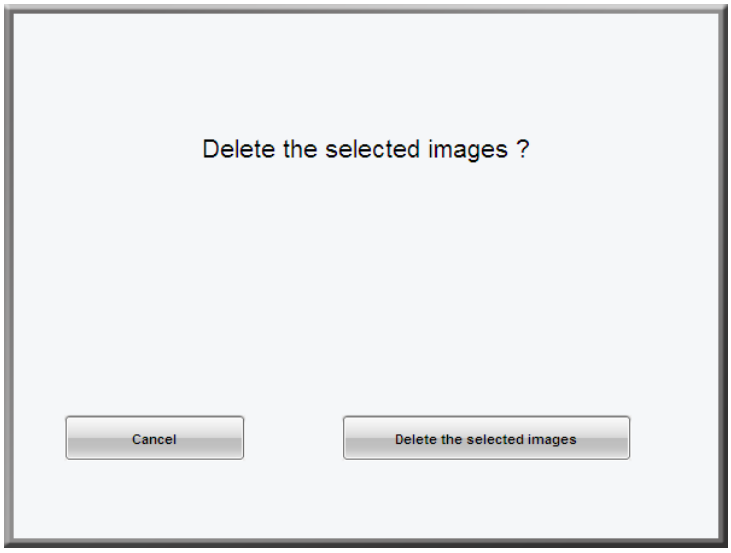
Click the day whose images you want to view. This will return to the Home Screen, which now will show the images for the day you selected on the calendar.



Displays up to the first five photos for the dates in the selected month that contain photo data.

■ Deleting an Image

You can delete images from the Photo Pocket and an album you are editing as required. In response to the confirmation message that appears, click [Delete Photo] to delete the image.

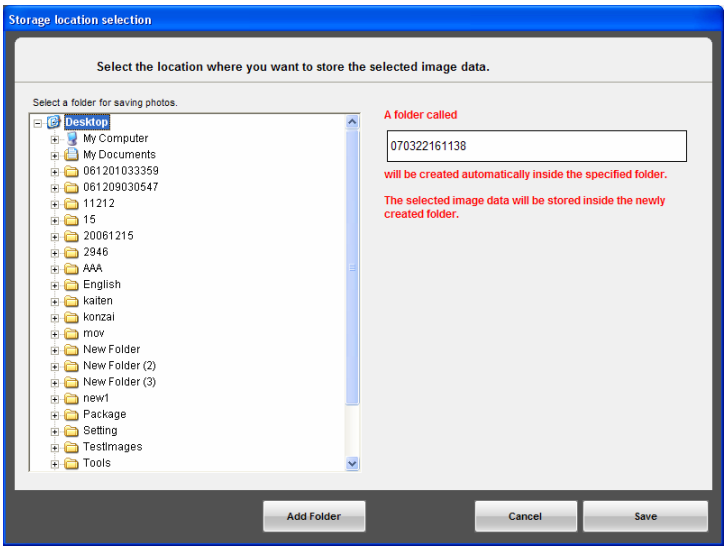


Important!

- An image delete operation cannot be undone.
- Images in a HOT ALBUM that has been written to a HOT ALBUM disk cannot be deleted. This protects HOT ALBUM contents against accidental deletion.

- **Copying Images to Another Location**

Images can be selected and saved in another location.
A folder tree that shows the contents of your computers hard disk appear on the display, so you can select the location you want.
The image data is stored in a folder that is created automatically at the location you select. The newly created folder will have the name shown on the screen.
After all the settings are the way you want, click [Save].



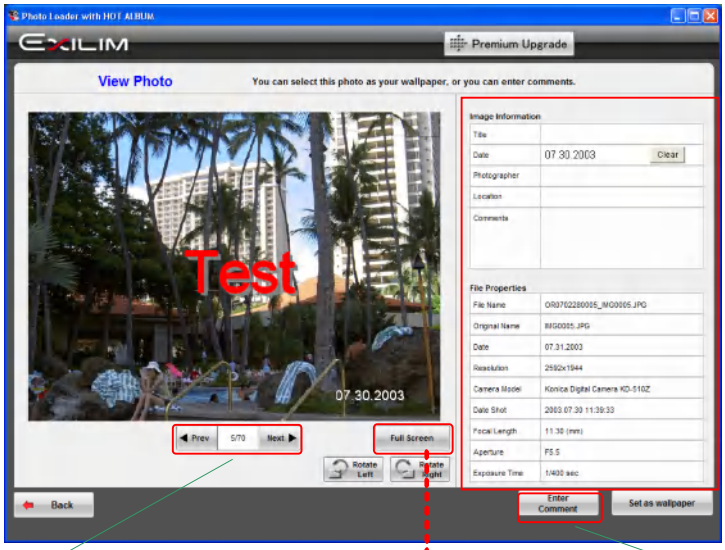
■ Zooming an Image

You can zoom an image to make it larger.

Image Information

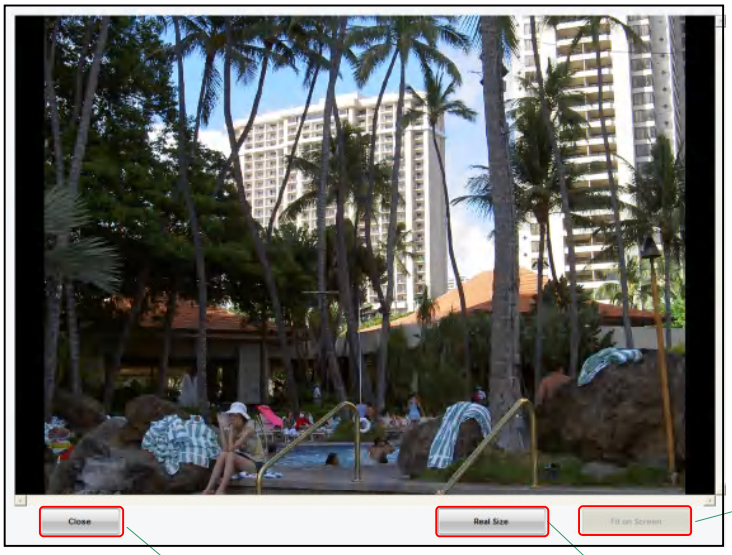
"Image Information" shows image information that was input using the album view. This information can be edited here.

"File Properties" shows image information from the digital camera. This information may be lost (not displayed) if the image is edited.



Use the [Prev] and [Next] buttons to scrolls through the images in the album. Use these buttons to scroll through images when multiple

Click to toggle between [Image Information] and [Enter Comment].



Click to zoom to maximum size for the current window.

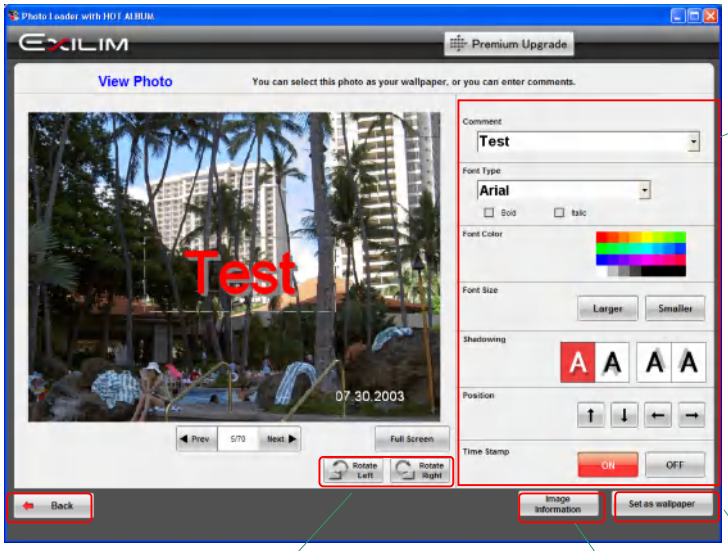
Click to close this screen and return to the screen under "Zooming an Image".

Click to display the image at actual size (actual pixels). If the entire image does not fit within the window, use the scrolls bars that appear to scroll it.

Comment Text

Use this input palette to insert comment text into an image.

You cannot insert comment text into a Photo Pocket image.



Click to return to the Home Screen.

Click to rotate a portrait orientation image.

[Image Information]/[Enter Comment]

Click to toggle between the two screens.

Wallpaper Settings

Click to make the currently display image your computer monitor's wallpaper image. Comment text cannot be inserted into a wallpaper image.

■ Rotating an Image

Images that were recorded in portrait orientation can be rotated so they are displayed using the correct orientation.

▼ Before Rotation

Select the images to be rotated.

Click [Rotate Left] or [Rotate Right].

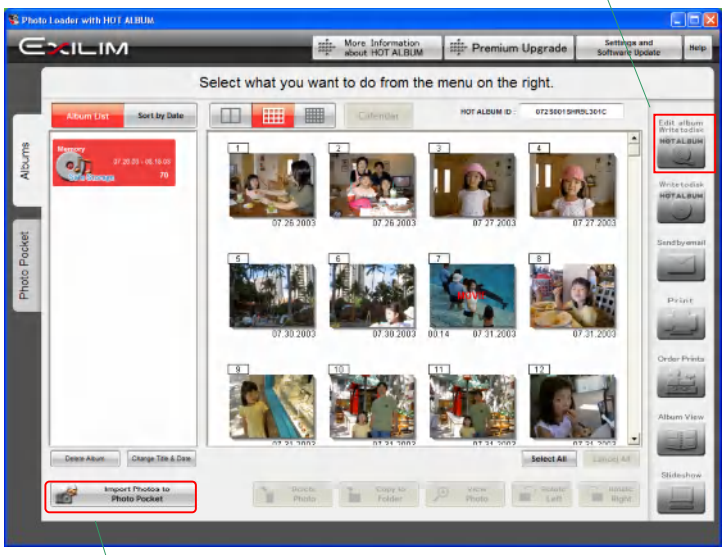
▼ After Rotation

2.4.1. Importing Images into Photo Pocket

Photo Pocket is an area for temporary storage of images that are imported into Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM.

Though there is really no limit on Photo Pocket capacity, it is a good idea to protect important images by putting them into a HOT ALBUM.

Click to select images from Photo Pocket, an album, or your computer, and to edit and album.



Click to import images into Photo Pocket.

Click [Import Photos to Photo Pocket] to start import of images to Photo Pocket. See "2.3.2 Importing Image from other Media" for more information.

Selecting the Album Type, Deleting an Album, and Viewing Album Contents

Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM provides you with three types of albums.

■ Editing Album

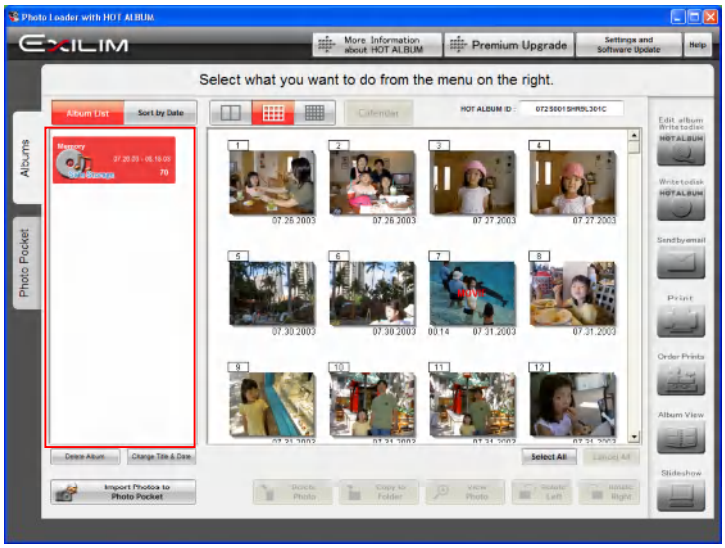
This is an album created of Pocket Album images or images selected from a folder or some other source, which are being edited by inserting comment text, etc.

■ HOT ALBUM

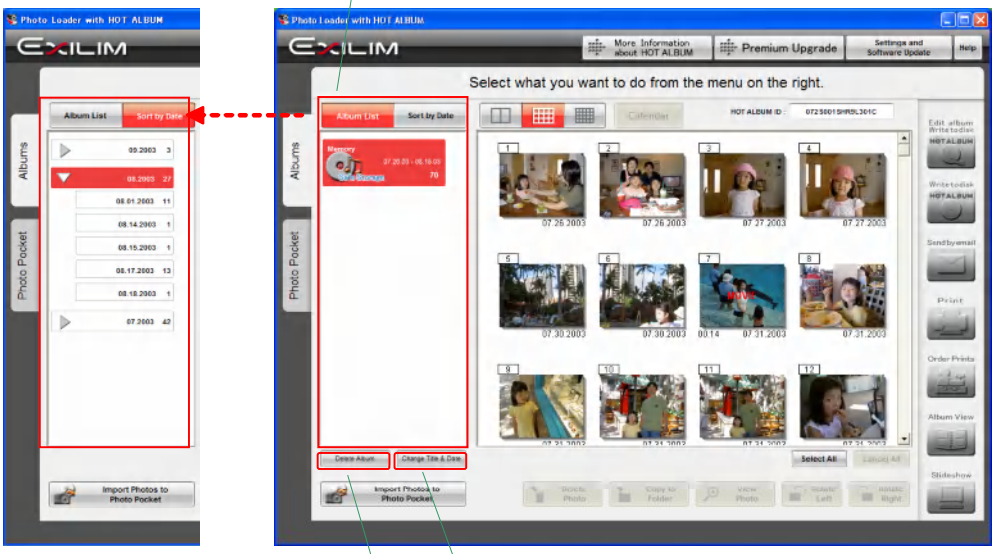
This is a secure album that is stored both on a HOT ALBUM disk and on your computer.

■ Thumbnail Album

This is an album that contains thumbnails only. This type of album makes it possible to store large volumes of images without using up too much disk space. Use this type of album to store thumbnails of images you don't need to view often. Thumbnails can be viewed on a list. Originals are stored on a HOT ALBUM disk.



Click the [Sort by Date] button to display photos by date, regardless of their albums.



Click to modify the album title or date. Go to "Modifying the Title or Date".

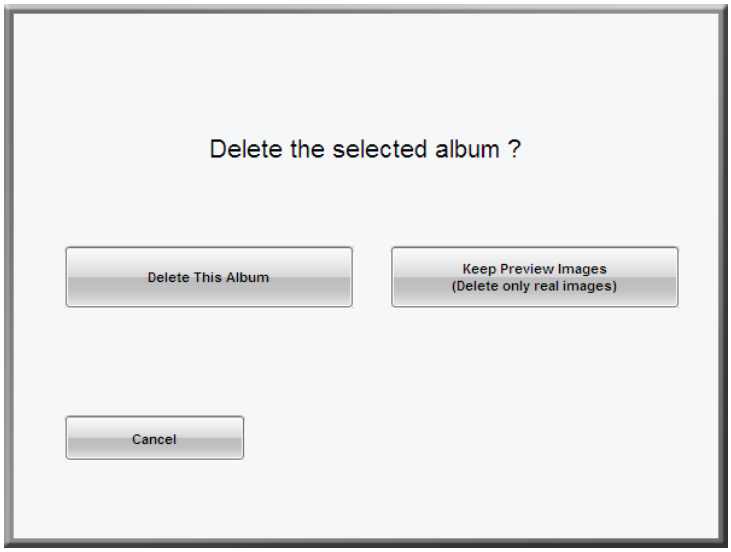
Click to delete an album that is no longer needed. Go to "Deleting an Album".

Home Screen Operation Album Type an Supported Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM Function			Album Type			
			Photo Pocket	Editing Album	HOT ALBUM	Thumbnail Album
Main Menu	Edit and Create		○	○	○	
	Write to Disk				○	
	Send Mail		○	○	○	○
	Print	Digital Camera Print	○	○	○	
		Layout Print	○	○	○	
		Jacket Print		○	○	○
	Order Print		○	○	○	
	Album View			○	○	○
	Slideshow		○ (No Music)	○ (No Music)	○	○
display/Manage Images	Display Size		○	○	○	○
	Delete Image		○	○		
	Copy to Folder		○	○	○	
	Zoom		○	○	○	○
	Rotate		○	○	○	○
	Sort by Date		○	○	○	○
Mange Albums	Delete Album	Delete All	○	○	○	○
		Delete Main Image Only			○	
	Re-register Album					○
	Modify Title or Date			○	○	
Other	Import Images to Photo Pocket		○	○	○	○
	Settings and Software Update		○	○	○	○

■ Deleting an Album

Albums can be deleted when you no longer need them.

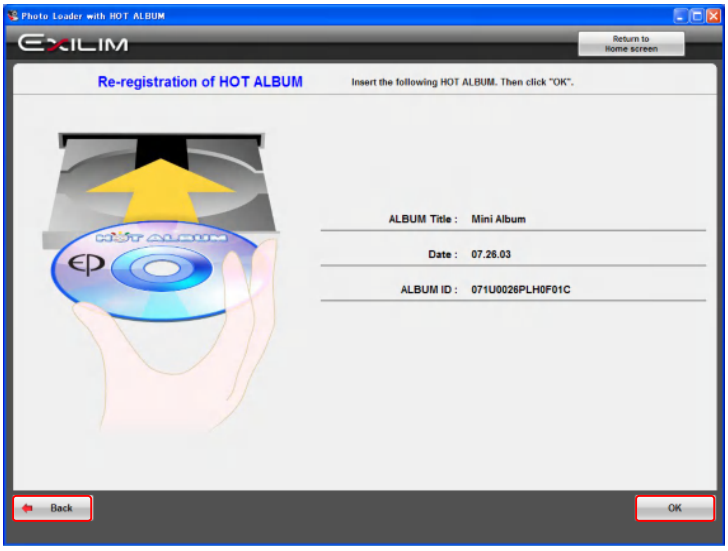
There are two methods you can use to delete an album from a HOT ALBUM: Delete the entire album (which will make it impossible to display the album on your computer), or delete the main image (which maintains the thumbnail).



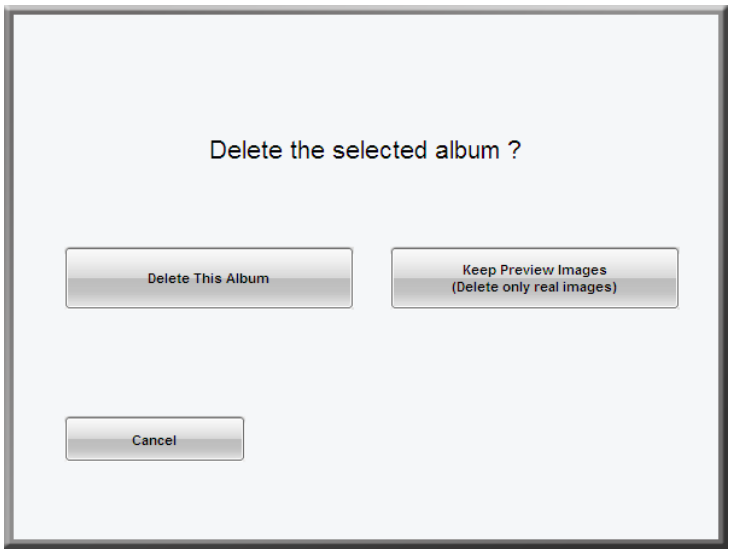
To replace the main images back into a Thumbnail Album, select the applicable mini album and then click [Restoring images].

Place the HOT ALBUM disk that has the same album ID as the one that appears on the display into the computer's CD-ROM drive.
Click [OK] to replace the main images. This will cause the **Thumbnail Album** symbol to change to a HOT ALBUM symbol.

Click [Back] to return to the Home Screen.



Deleting an **Editing Album** or a **Thumbnail Album** completely deletes the album.

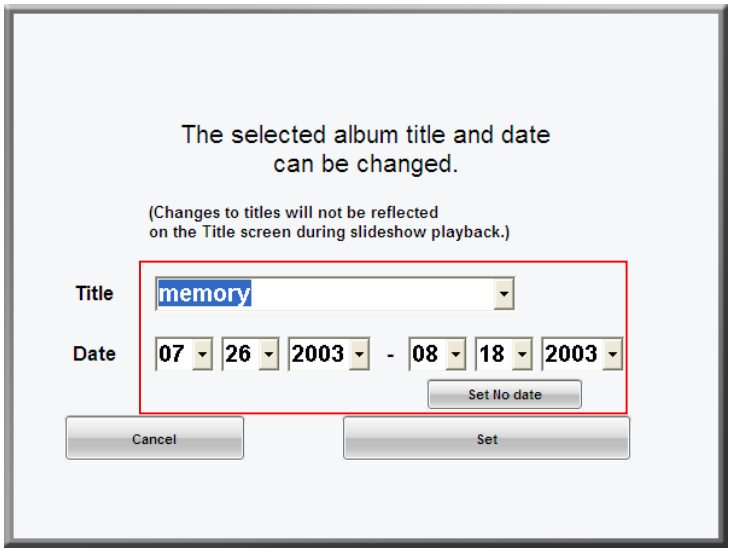


Important!
An album delete operation cannot be undone.

■ Modifying the Title or Date

You can modify the title or date information of a saved album. Such information cannot be changed for a Thumbnail Album

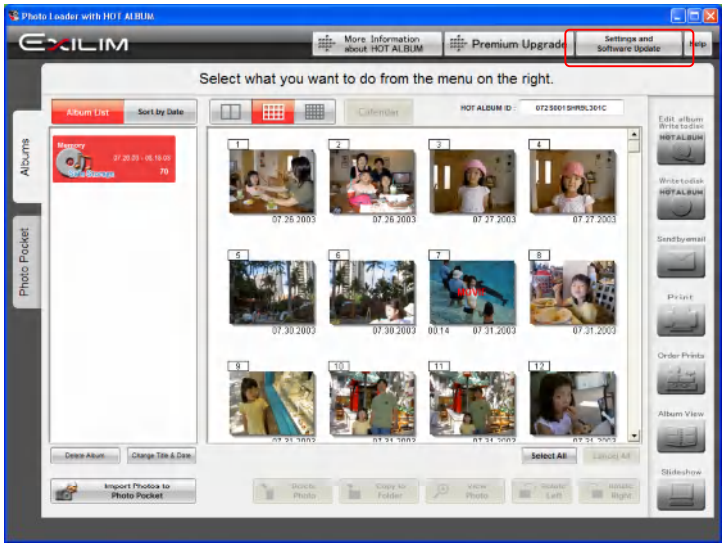
Input the new information and then click [Set].



Important!
Though you can modify the title or date information for a HOT ALBUM, you cannot modify the title or date, or the slideshow title that appears when the slideshow is viewed on a computer.

2.4.2. Upgrading and Other Settings

Click [Settings and Software Update] when you want to check the current version of Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM or configure its settings.



Album Save Drive

Change the album save drive setting here. This setting can be change when your computer's hard disk is partitioned into multiple drives, or if it has an external hard disk connected. Clicking this button displays the selectable

▼ Settings and Software Update Screen

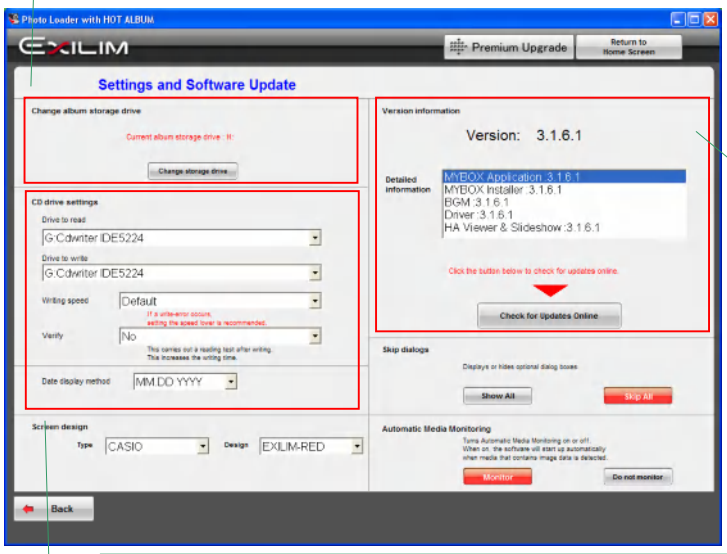


Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM Version Information

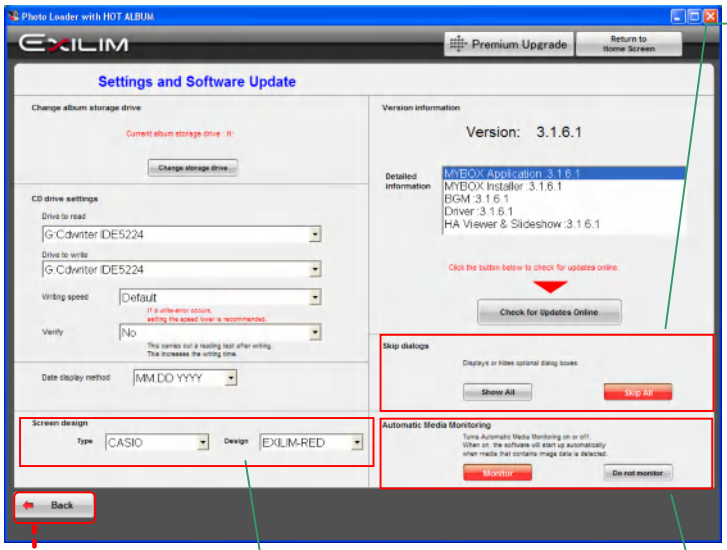
We are constantly upgrading Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM in order to improve its functions, to make digital imaging more enjoyable, and to make it operation easier and more enjoyable. Each time you start up Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM your Internet connection is used to see if there is a newer version available. You will be notified whenever there is. You also can check manually by clicking [Check for Updates Online].

CD Drive Settings

These settings specify the CD drive conditions used when creating a HOT ALBUM.

If your computer has multiple CD drives, you can distinguish between a read drive (for reading image data and music data from a CD) and a write drive.

Normally you should leave the writing speed setting at "Default". In very rare cases, incompatibility between the HOT ALBUM disk and CD drive can result in writing problems. If this happens, try using a slower writing speed.



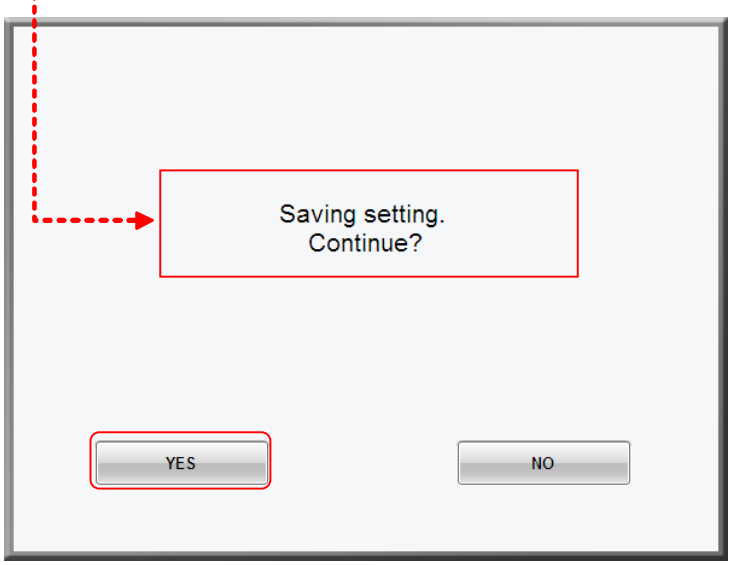
Skip Screen Display

Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM has a number of guidance screens designed to assist you when you are performing operations.

After you become accustomed to the operations, you can disable these guidance screens by selecting the "Skip All" check box. To re-enable display of the guidance screens, click the [Show All] button here.

Screen Skin

Use this setting to change the look of the operation screens.



Automatic Media Monitoring

Automatic media monitoring automatically detects when there is a memory card (media) that contains digital camera images whenever Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM is started up, and imports the images. You can select either [Monitor] or [Do not monitor] for this function.

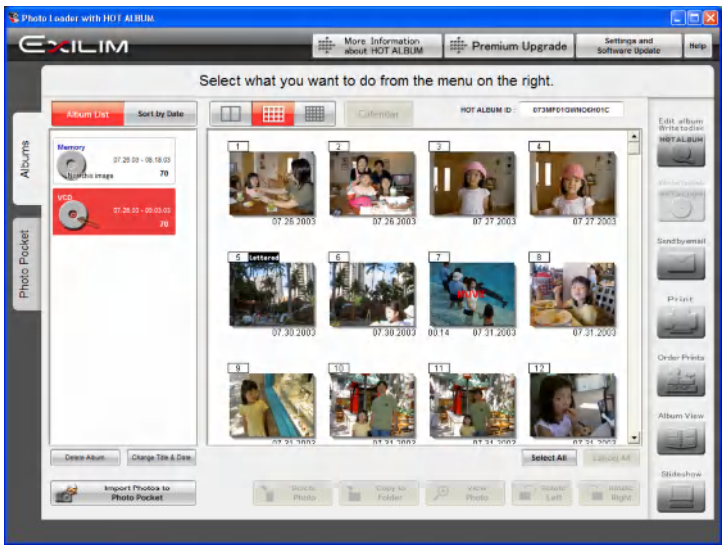
After configuring settings, click the [Back]. A confirmation dialog box will appear asking if you want to save them.

Click [Yes] to save the settings.

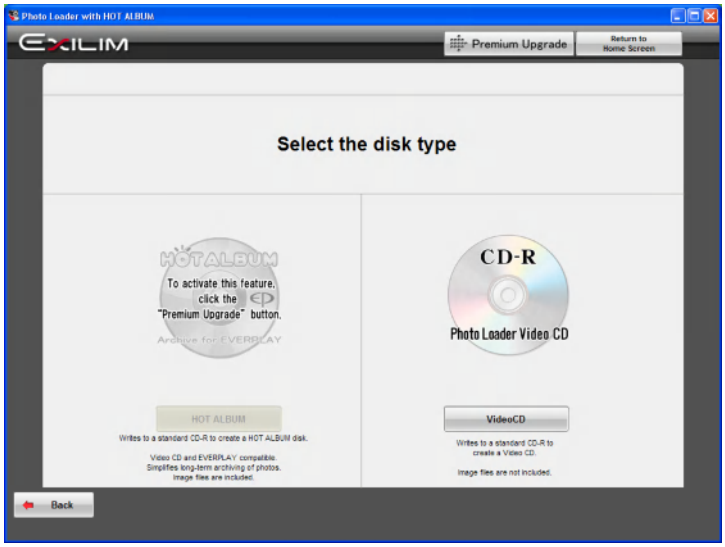
2.5. Creating a Video CD

To create a video CD, simply select the images you want to copy to the CD in Photo Pocket or computer folder, edit them as required, and then save them to the disk.
While editing an album, you can temporarily save what you have done up to a certain point and resume work later, if you want.

Click [Edit album/Write to disk].



2.5.1. Selecting a HOT ALBUM Disk or Video CD Disk



You can use the above screen to specify whether you want to create a HOT ALBUM disk or a Video CD. Under the initial configuration of the software, you can create Video CDs only. In order to be able to create a HOT ALBUM disk, you will need to purchase the HOT ALBUM write function separately. The following are the features of each type of disk.

・ HOT ALBUM Disk

Your images and thumbnail images are stored based on the EVERYPLAY standard.
You also can add comment text to album images.
You can add built-in background music to a slideshow, or even import WAV files from music CDs or your computer disk.
HOT ALBUM disk image viewer software (HA Viewer) or Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM also is included with images stored on a HOT ALBUM disk.
Video CD data is also included, which means you can playback from the disk on a DVD player, etc.

・ Video CD Disk

This feature lets you write data to a general CD-R disk.
To create a Video CD, simply select the images you want in the Photo Pocket or from a folder on your computer.
You can add built-in background music to a slideshow.

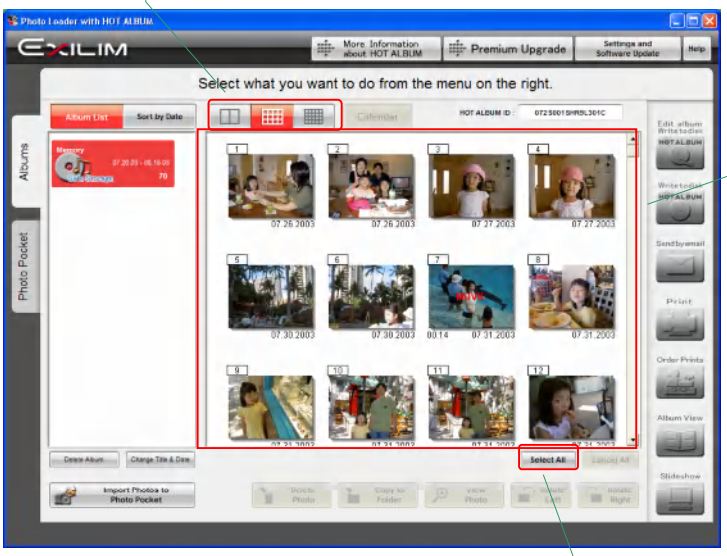
2.5.2. Selecting Images

Select the images in Photo Pocket that you want to include in the album.
You can select a single image by clicking it, or you can select a range of image by dragging the mouse pointer across a range of images.
Clicking a selected image deselects it.
Double-clicking an image will enlarge it.
Selected images are the ones that have a check mark.

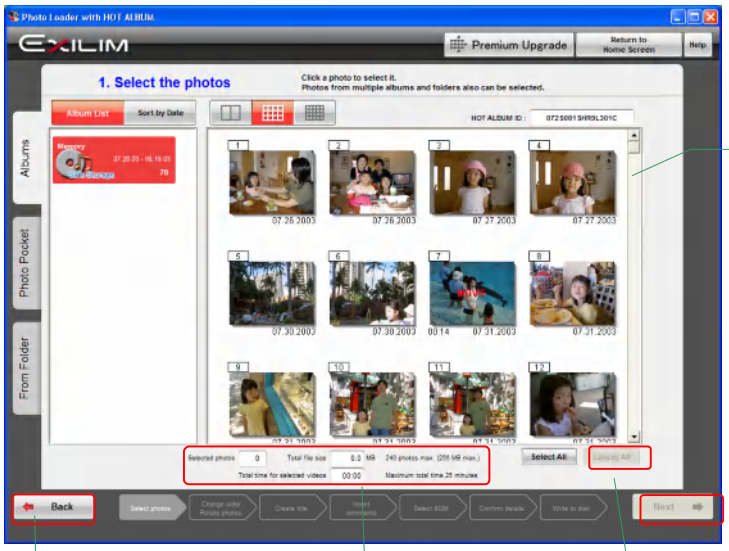
List View

Click to change the size of the thumbnails.

You can select a single image by clicking it, or you can select a range of image by dragging the mouse pointer across a range of images.



Click to select all of the images.



Double-click an image to enlarge it. Double-click a movie to play it.

Click to de-select all selected images.

Click to return to the Home Screen.

Shows the number of selected images and the data size.

Up to 240 images (or 256 MB) can be selected.

For movies, up to a total playback time of 25 minutes can be selected.

After all of the images you want are selected, click the [Next] button.

2.5.3. Checking the Order and Orientation of the Images

Check the order and orientation of the images. This is a very important step that determines how your HOT ALBUM slideshow images will appear.

Images that were recorded in portrait orientation should be rotated so the bottom of the image is at the bottom of the screen when displayed.

Images appear in the slideshow in the order they are selected. You can chance the order of the images as you like at this time. You also can rearrange the images by date order. Click an image or drag across a range of images to select them.

To rotate, click [Rotate Left] or [Rotate Right]. To change the order of an image, drag it from its current location to a different location.

You can select multiple images to rotate or move them with a single operation.

Click to sort all images by date and time.

Important!

Images are sorted by digital camera Exif information. Proper noting may not be possible if the camera's calendar was not set correctly or if information was modified.

▼ Includes Portrait Orientation Images before Rotation

Click to change the size of the thumbnails.

Click to return to the image selection screen.

Click and image or drag the mouse pointer across a range of images to select them.

Click to temporarily save the data you working on and terminate editing.

See "2.6.13 Temporarily Saving In-progress Edits" and "2.6.14 Resuming and Editing Operation".

▼ Includes Portrait Orientation Images after Rotation

Click to delete the selected image(s).

Click to rotate the selected image(s).

After the images are the order and the orientation you want, click [Next].

2.5.4. Creating a Title Screen

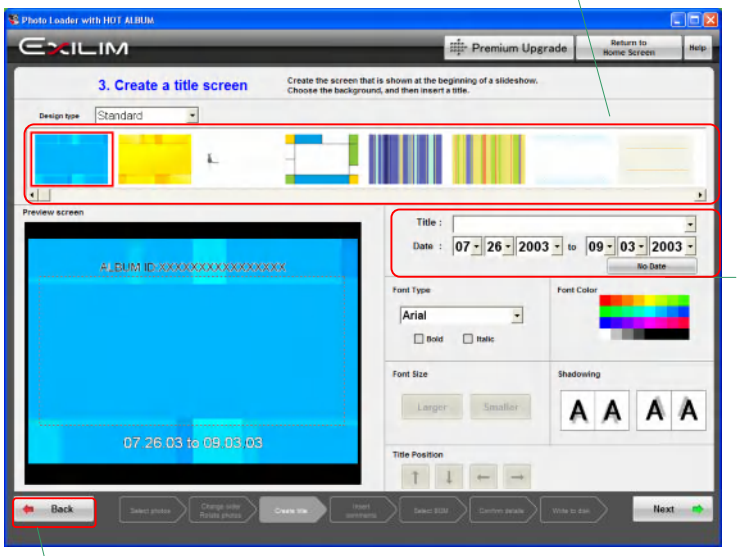
You can create a title screen that appears at the beginning of a slideshow. Select the background you want to use, and then input the album title text.
You can configure size, type, color, shadowing (on/off), and position settings for the title font.

Important!
Title text input is limited to one line of 50 byte characters.

The date the image was shot is displayed automatically using the Exif information of the image, but can be edited if you want.
You also can specify non-display for the date.

Click to select a title background.

▼ Before Title Input

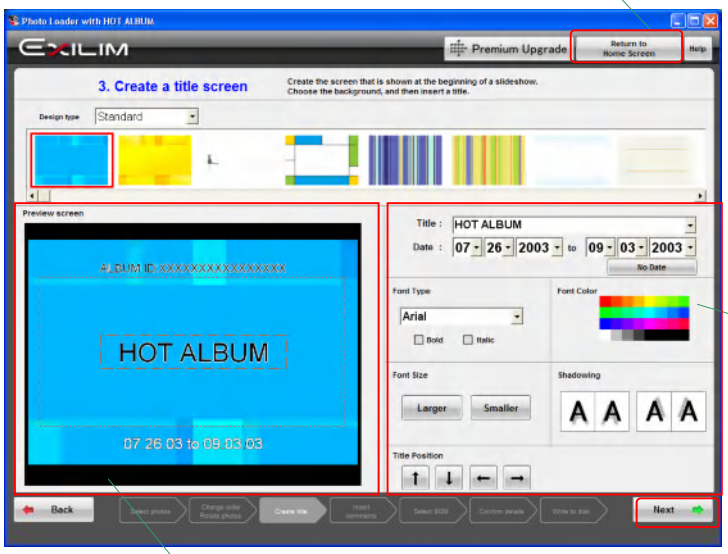


Input the title. The date is displayed automatically based on the digital camera Exif information, but you can change it if you want.
Date display can be turned off by clicking the [No Date] button.

Click to return to the screen under "Checking the Order and Orientation of the Images".

Click to temporarily save the data you working on and terminate editing. See "2.6.13 Temporarily Saving In-progress Edits" and "2.6.14 Resuming and Editing Operation".

▼ After Title Input



Use this palette to change the attributes of the title text.

This is a preview of the title screen.

The album ID is an album control number that is generated and assigned automatically when the album is created.

When the title screen is the way you want, click [Next].

2.5.5. Adding Background Music

You can add music to a slideshow so it plays back while the images are being shown.

A slideshow can be played back on a TV screen from a Video-CD using a DVD player (Video-CD ver.2 compatible).

Background Music Performance Time

When playing back on a DVD player, the slide change interval is set automatically to a time that allows optimum viewing, in the range of four to seven seconds. The approximate duration of a slideshow is calculated and displayed based on the number of selected images, and the playback time of movies if any are included in the slideshow.

Note that the displayed slideshow duration is a rough approximation only, intended to give you some idea of the length of background music required.

Important!
Background music that is longer than 10 minutes cannot be used.

There is nothing wrong with selecting background music that is shorter or longer than the displayed slideshow duration. If the music is shorter than the displayed slideshow duration, the music will keep repeating until the end of the slideshow is reached, and then fade out. If the music is longer than the displayed slideshow duration, the slideshow will repeat until the end of the music is reached.

Important!
When viewing a slideshow on a computer, you can select from among five different slide change intervals.

You can select any one of the following for background.
Music that comes with Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM
Music on a CD
WAV music file

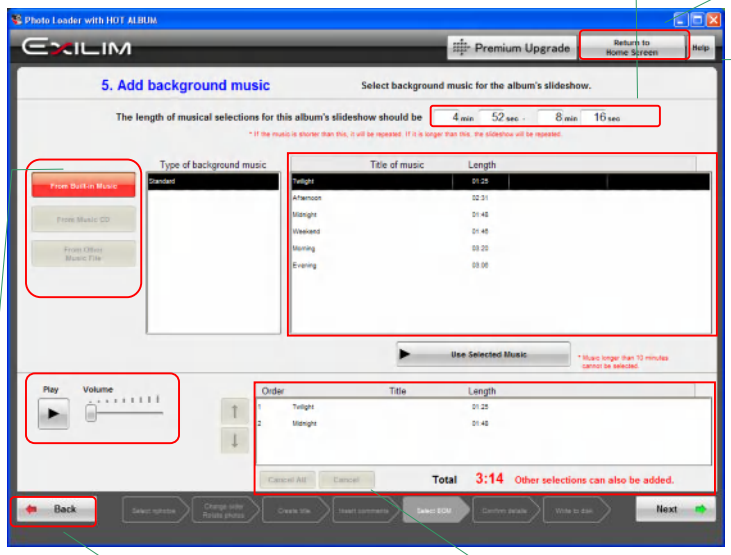
Of course, you can create a slideshow without any music, if you want.

Data can be saved temporarily and editing can be terminated, but doing so does not save background music. Music must be selected again when you resume editing.

See "2.6.13 Temporarily Saving In-progress Edits" and "2.6.14 Resuming and Editing Operation".

Indicates the approximate slideshow duration when the album is played on a DVD player.

▼ Add Background Music Screen



Click to return to the previous screen.

Shows the currently selected music.

Music plays back automatically when selected.

Use these controls to start and stop playback, and to adjust the volume level.

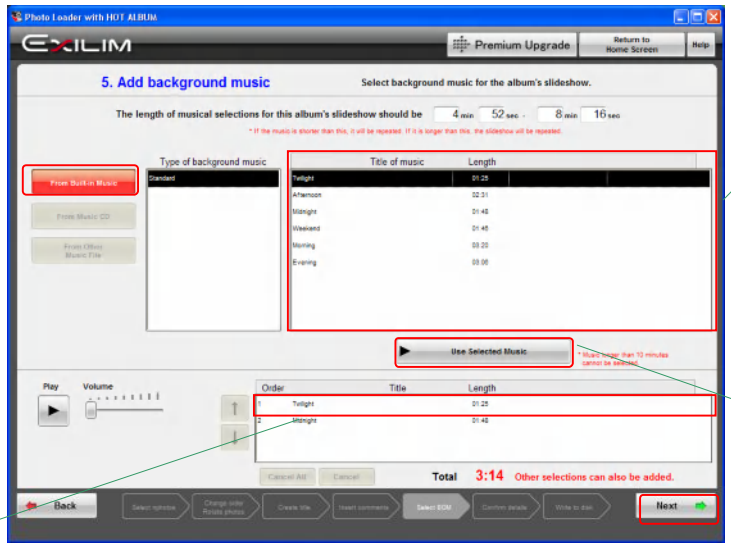
Click a button to select the background music source. You can create a slideshow without any music, if you want.

Lists the music in the currently selected source. This list shows the music that comes with the software.

Adding Music that comes with Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM

Photo Loader with HOT ALUM comes with a great selection of music that you can use for your slideshows. Simply click the music you want on the list to select it.

List of music that comes with the software.



Shows the currently selected music.

Selecting music (so it is highlighted) and clicking the [Use the selected music] button adds the selected music to the list at the bottom of the screen.

After selecting the music you want, click [Next].

2.5.6. Checking Images

Check the current contents of the Video-CD before storing image data on it.

You can use the preview screen to check the slideshow images and background music.

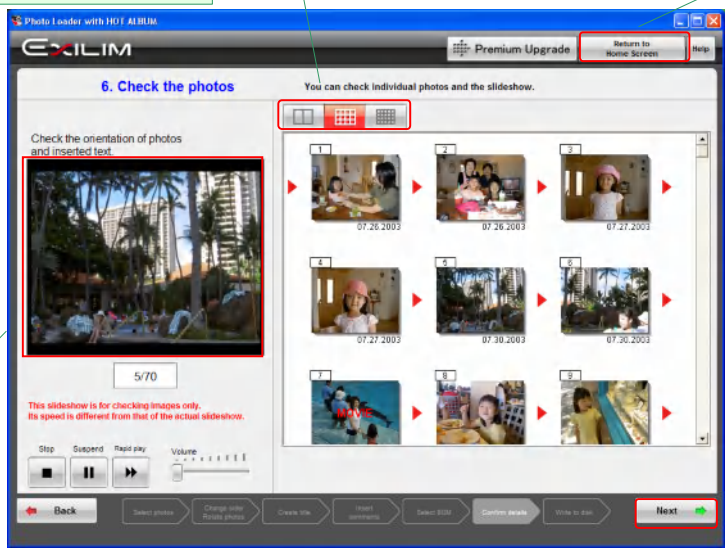
Important!

Though the timing of the slideshow shown in the preview screen is different from the timing when playing back on a DVD player, you can use it to check the images and their order.

Data can be saved temporarily and editing can be terminated, but doing so does not save background music. Music must be selected again when you resume editing.

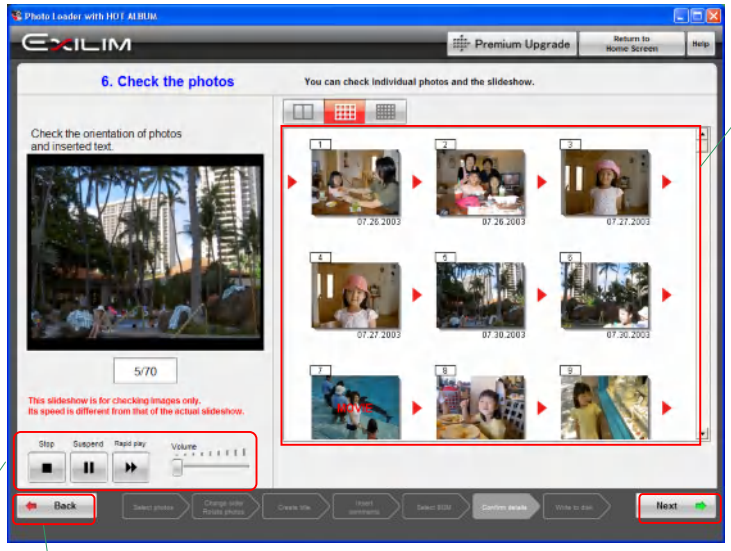
See "2.6.13 Temporarily Saving In-progress Edits" and "2.6.14 Resuming and Editing Operation".

Click to change the size of the thumbnails.



This is a preview screen for checking slideshow images. Comment text is displayed, but slide duration is different from actual playback..

You can check the album images and the order of the slideshow here.



Click to return to the Add Background Music .screen.

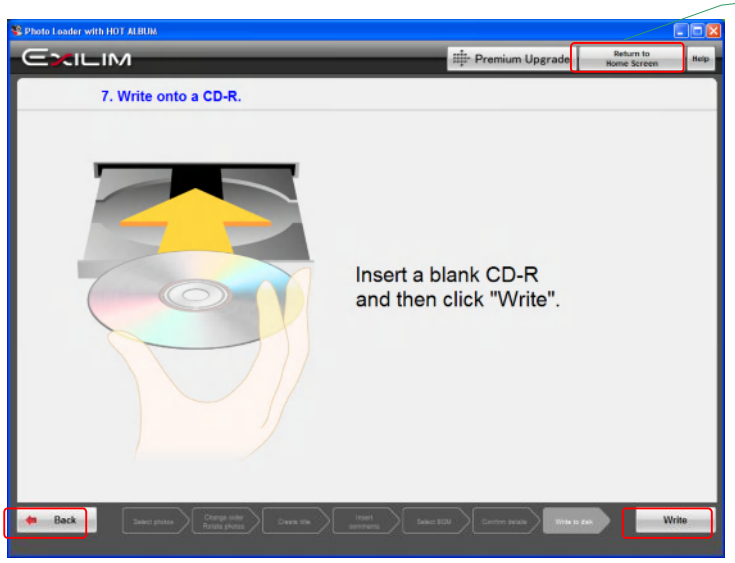
Use these controls to start, stop, and fast forward preview play, and to adjust the volume level.

When everything is the way you want, click [Next].

2.5.7. Writing an Album to a Video CD Disk

Open the computer's CD-ROM drive.

> Data can be saved temporarily and editing can be terminated, but doing so does not save background music. Music must be selected again when you resume editing.
>
> See "2.6.13 Temporarily Saving In-progress Edits" and "2.6.14 Resuming and Editing Operation".



> Click to return to the screen under "Checking Images".

Place a blank disk into the CD-ROM drive and then click [Write].

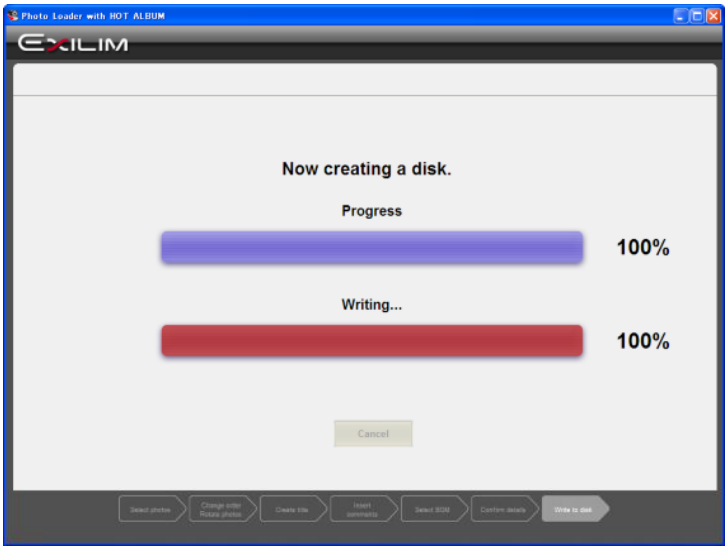
Important!

- If the selected images include a movie file, you will need to have Windows Media Player 9 or higher and DirectX 9.0 or higher installed on your computer in order to write the move file to a HOT ALBUM disc or to create a video CD.
- If the selected images include a MOV format move file, you will need to have QuickTime 7.1.3 installed on your computer in order to write the move file to a HOT ALBUM disc or to create a video CD.

Unsupported files cannot be written to a HOT ALBUM disk (Video CD). See "Supported Data Formats" in the table under "Computer System Requirements and Disk Capacity" for more information.

The program will check whether the disk you inserted is a blank disk..

Progress bars will appear on the screen to show you the progress of the data write operation. The time required to complete the data write operation depends on the number of images you selected and the size of each image.



2.5.8. Image Write Complete Screen

The disk will be ejected automatically when the write operation is complete.
To ensure proper disk management, you should write the title, date, and album ID on the disk surface.

When writing information on a disk, be sure to write only on the disk label with a soft-tip pen or similar writing instrument.

Returns to the Home Screen.

Now you can create and print an attractive jacket for your disk case.
Click [CD Jacket Printing] to begin.

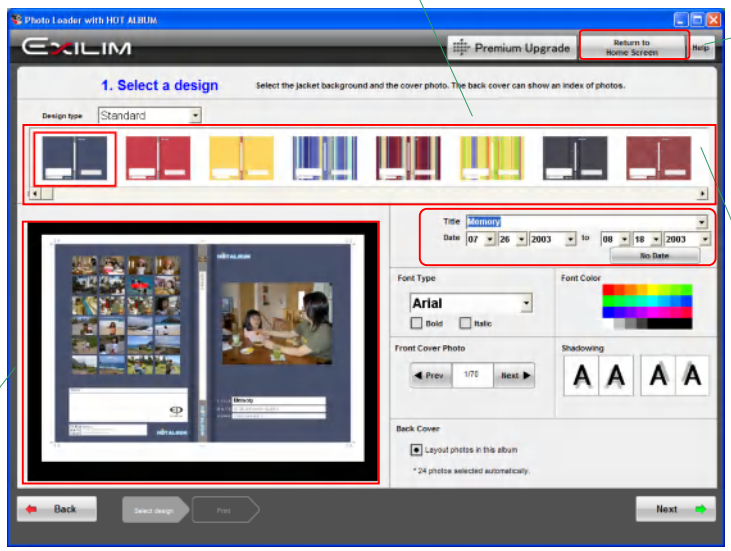
2.5.9. Creating a Disk Case Jacket

First, design the jacket.

- Select the jacket background.
- Check and edit the title and date, and change text attributes.
- Select the cover image and specify whether or not you want an image index on the back.

Click to return to the [Complete screen] screen.

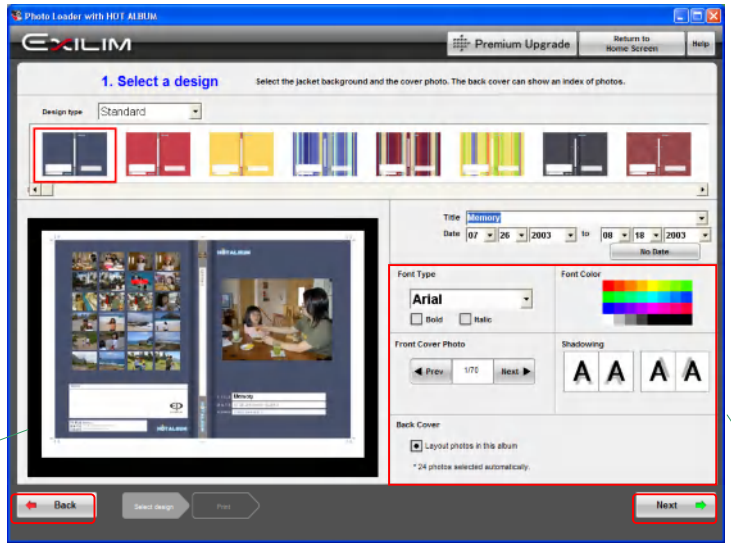
Click a jacket template (background) to select it.



This is a preview of the edits.

Shows the album title and date, which can be edited.

Disk contents cannot be modified.



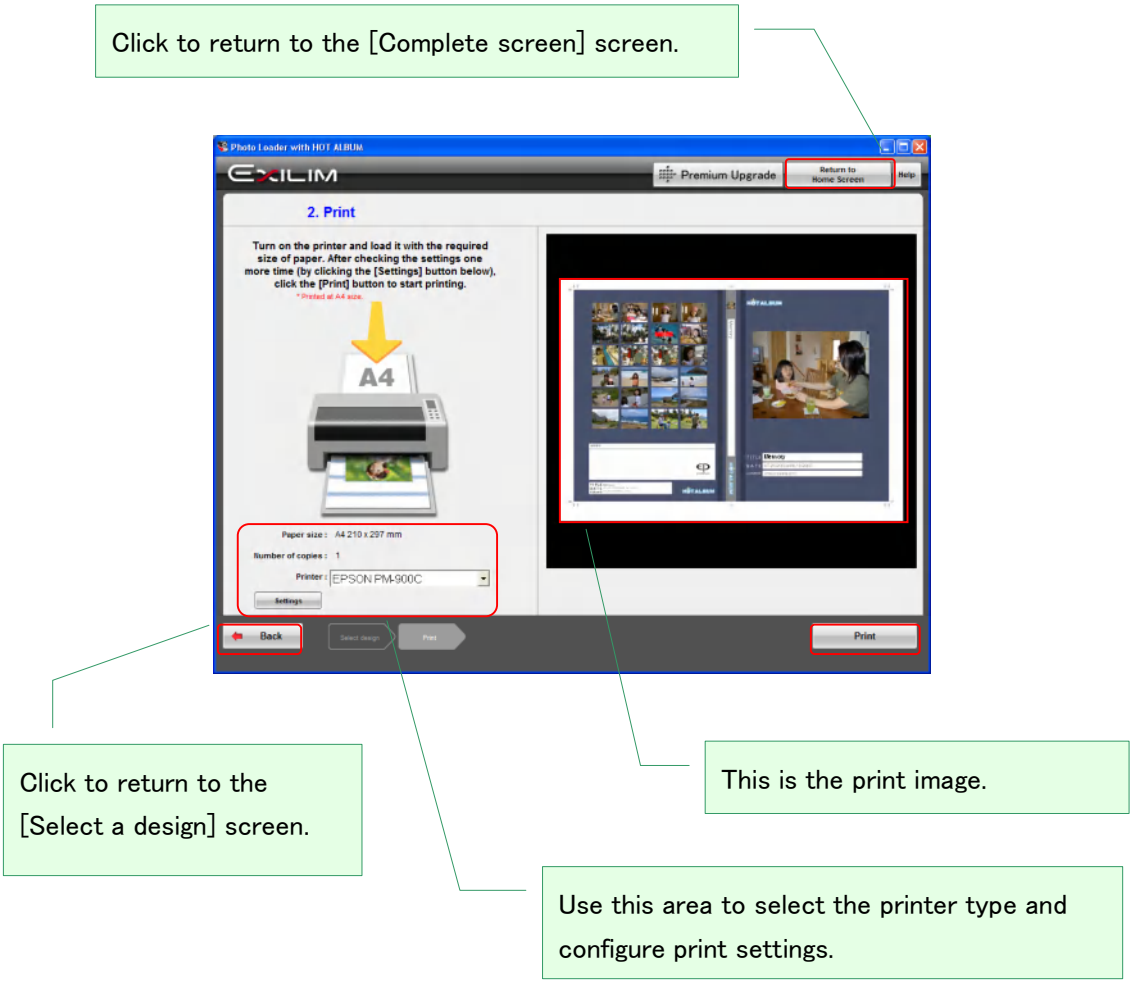
Click to return to the [Complete screen] screen.

Use this palette to change the font and color of the title and date.

Everything is the way you want, click [Next].

2.5.10. Configuring Print Settings and Printing

Specify the type of printer you have connected to your computer and configure printer settings.



After all the settings are the way you want, click [Start Printing].
After printing is complete, click [Return to complete screen].

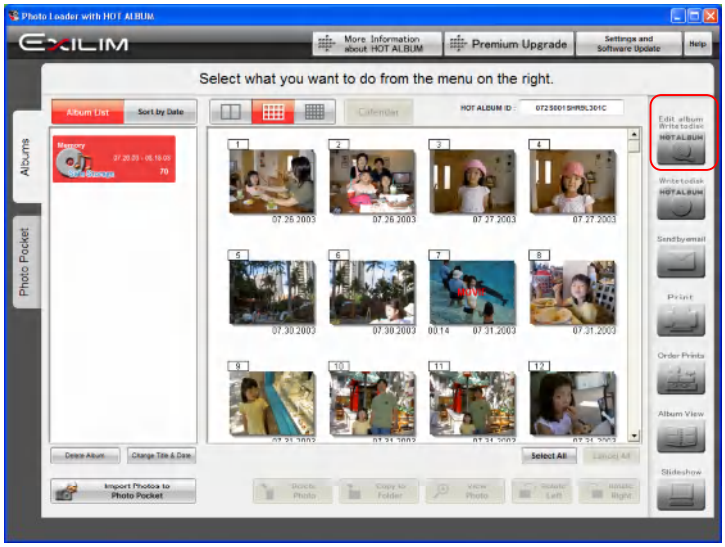
2.6. Creating a HOT ALBUM (Secure Save)

There are two methods you can use on the Home Screen to create a HOT ALBUM: Edit and Create, and HOT ALBUM Copy.

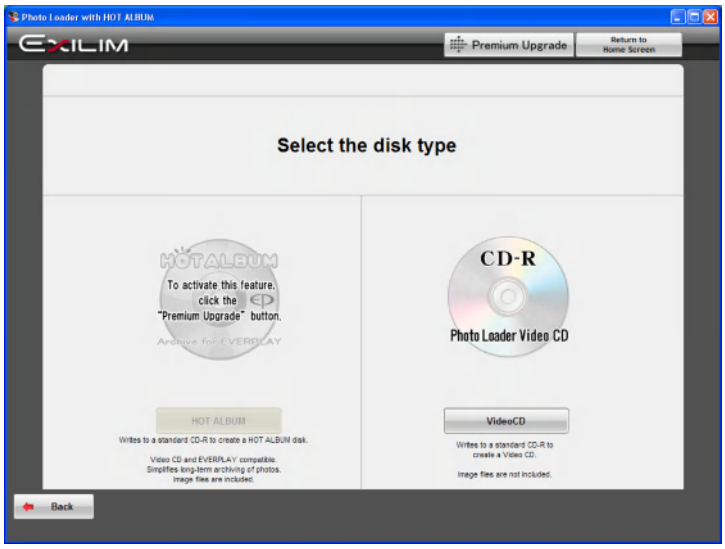
2.6.1. Edit and Create

Editing involves selecting images from Photo Pocket, a computer folder, or another source for inclusion in the album, and performing such editing functions as inserting comment text to make your slideshows more interesting and enjoyable. You also can write to a blank disk and create a HOT ALBUM.
While editing an album, you can temporarily save what you have done up to a certain point and resume work later, if you want.

To start an edit and create operation, click [Edit album Write to disk].



Selecting a HOT ALBUM Disk or Video CD Disk



You can use the above screen to specify whether you want to create a HOT ALBUM disk or a Video CD. Under the initial configuration of the software, you can create Video CDs only. In order to be able to create a HOT ALBUM disk, you will need to purchase the HOT ALBUM write function separately. The following are the features of each type of disk.

・ HOT ALBUM Disk

Your images and thumbnail images are stored based on the EVERYPLAY standard.
You also can add comment text to album images.
You can add built-in background music to a slideshow, or even import WAV files from music CDs or your computer disk.
HOT ALBUM disk image viewer software (HA Viewer) or Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM also is included with images stored on a HOT ALBUM disk.
Video CD data is also included, which means you can playback from the disk on a DVD player, etc.

・ Video CD Disk

This feature lets you write data to a general CD-R disk.
To create a Video CD, simply select the images you want in the Photo Pocket or from a folder on your computer.
You can add built-in background music to a slideshow.

2.6.2. Selecting Images

Select the images you want to include in the album. Select the images in Photo Pocket that you want to include in the album.

Click an image or drag across a range of images to select them.

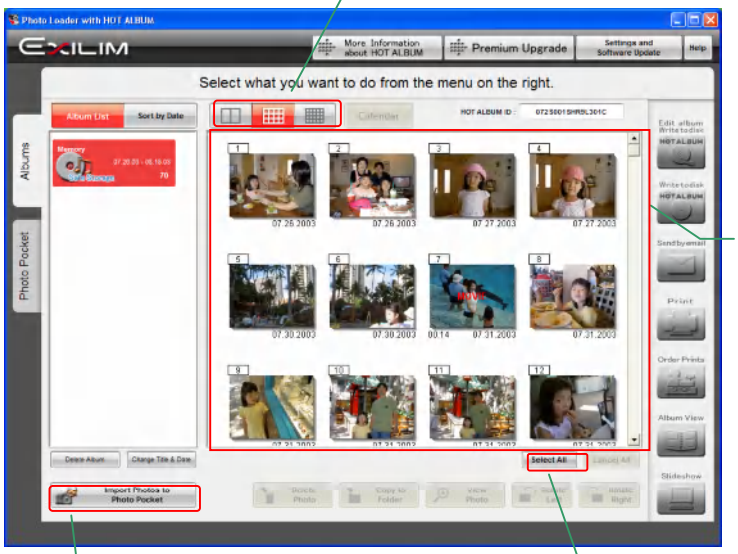
Clicking a selected image deselects it.

Double-clicking an image will enlarge it.

Selected images are the ones that have a check mark.

List View

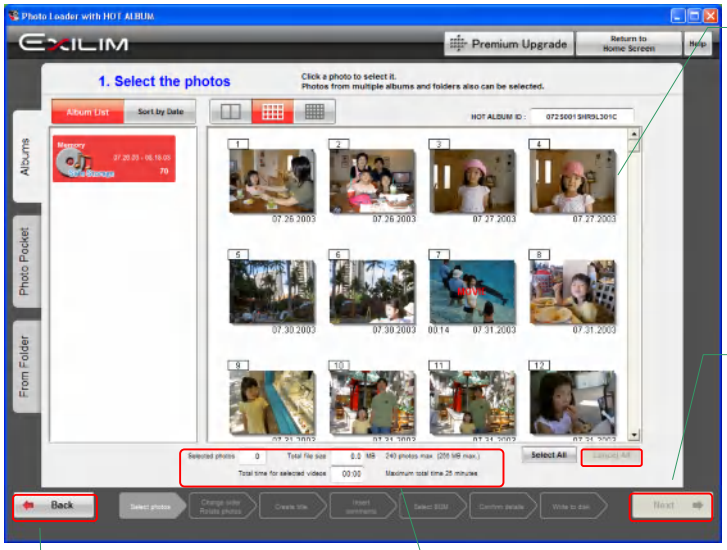
Click to change the size of the thumbnails.



You can select a single image by clicking it, or you can select a range of image by dragging the mouse pointer across a range of images.

Click to import images into Photo Pocket.

Click to select all of the images.



Double-click an image to enlarge it. Double-click a movie to play it.

Click to de-select all currently selected images.

Shows the number of selected images and the data size.

Up to 240 images (or 256 MB) can be selected.

Click to return to the Home Screen.

After all of the images you want are selected, click the [Next] button.

2.6.3. Checking the Order and Orientation of the Images

Check the order and orientation of the images. This is a very important step that determines how your HOT ALBUM slideshow images will appear.
Images that were recorded in portrait orientation should be rotated so the bottom of the image is at the bottom of the screen when displayed.
Images appear in the slideshow in the order they are selected. You can chance the order of the images as you like at this time. You also can rearrange the images by date order. Click an image or drag across a range of images to select them.
To rotate an image click [Rotate]. To reposition an image, drag it to the location you want.

Click to sort all images by date and time.

Important!

Images are sorted by digital camera Exif information. Proper noting may not be possible if the camera's calendar was not set correctly or if information was modified.

▼ Includes Portrait Orientation Images before Rotation

Click to change the size of the thumbnails.

Click to return to the image selection screen.

Click and image or drag the mouse pointer across a range of images to select them.

Click to temporarily save the data you working on and terminate editing.

See "2.6.9 Temporarily Saving In-progress Edits".

▼ Includes Portrait Orientation Images after Rotation

Click to delete the selected image(s).

Click to rotate the selected image(s).

After the images are the order and the orientation you want, click [Next].

2.6.4. Creating a Title Screen

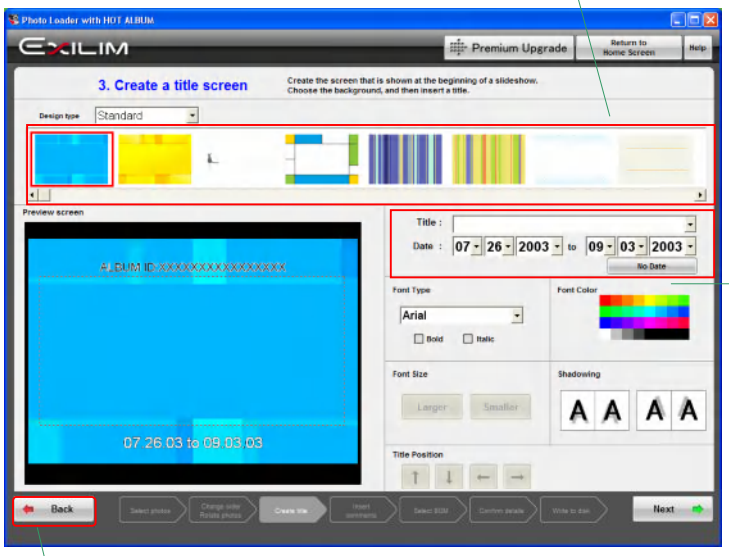
You can create a title screen that appears at the beginning of a slideshow. Select the background you want to use, and then input the album title text.
You can configure size, type, color, shadowing (on/off), and position settings for the title font.

Important!
Title text input is limited to one line of 25 double-byte characters.

The date the image was shot is displayed automatically using the Exif information of the image, but can be edited if you want.
You also can specify non-display for the date.

Click to select a title background.

▼ Before Title Input



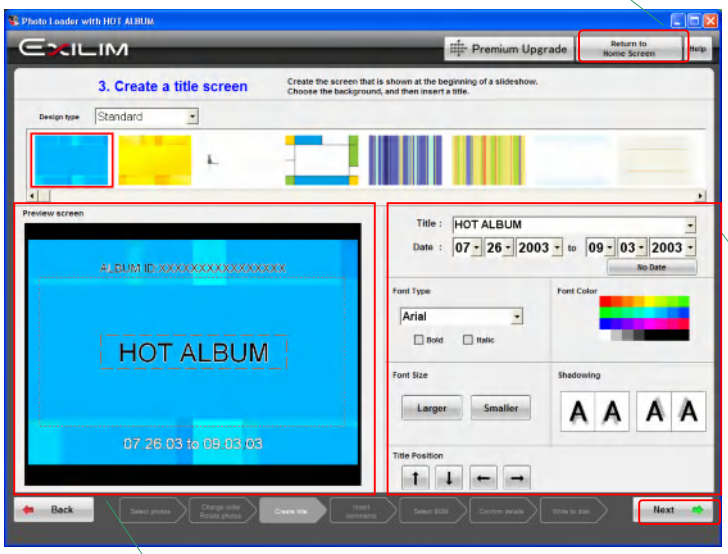
Input the title. The date is displayed automatically based on the digital camera Exif information, but you can change it if you want.
Date display can be turned off by clicking the [No Date] button.

Click to return to the screen under "Checking the Order and Orientation of the Images".

Click to temporarily save the data you working on and terminate editing.

See "2.6.9 Temporarily Saving In-progress Edits".

▼ After Title Input



Use this palette to change the attributes of the title text.

This is a preview of the title screen.

The album ID is an album control number that is generated and assigned automatically when the album is created.

When the title screen is the way you want, click [Next].

2.6.5. Inputting Comment Text into an Image

You can input comment text into each of the selected images. The text appears both in the slideshow and in prints.
You also can change the font type, size, color, and position, and turn shadowing on or off.

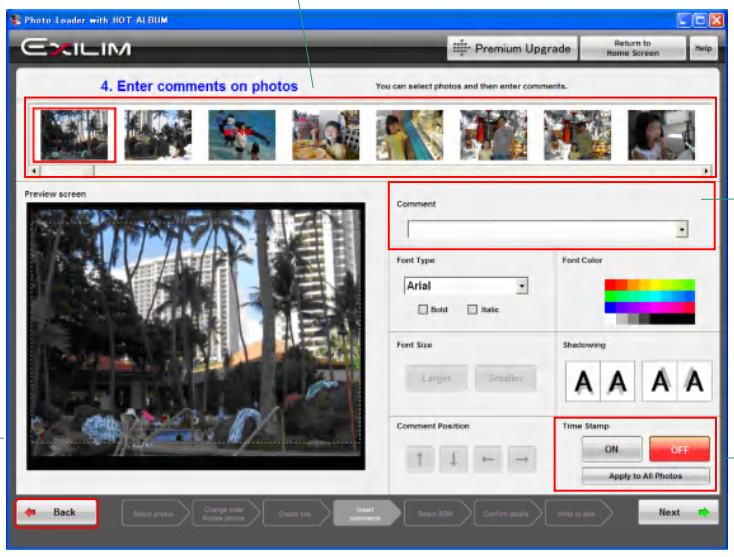
Important!
You can input up to one horizontal line of 50byte characters.

You can insert a date stamp in the lower right corner of an image. A date stamp can be inserted into a particular image or into all images.
Initially date the image was shot shows Exif information from the digital camera. It will be displayed as-is in the zoomed view and album if you do not modify it.

Click the image into which you want to insert comment text.

Input the comment text here.

▼ Before Comment Text is Inserted



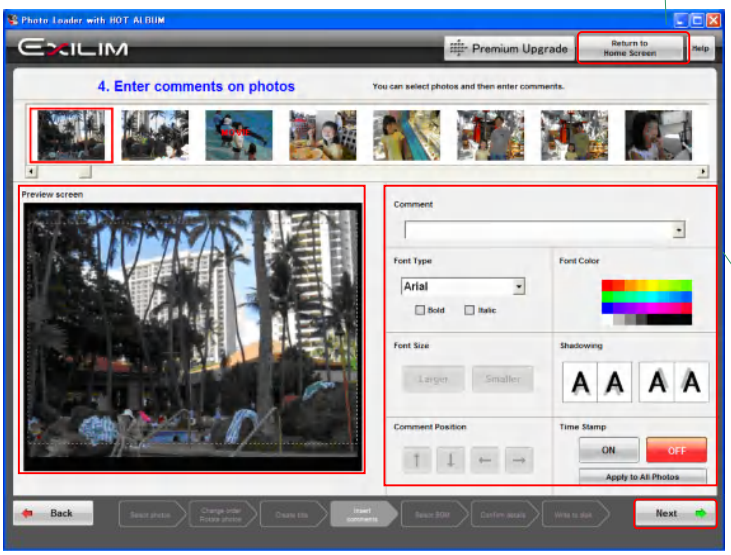
Click to return to the screen under "Creating a Title Screen".

Use these buttons to turn date stamping (lower right corner) on or off. When on, click [Apply to all photos] to date stamp all of the images.

Click to temporarily save the data you working on and terminate editing.

See "2.6.9 Temporarily Saving In-progress Edits".

▼ After Comment Text is Inserted



This is a preview of the edited image.

Use this palette to change the attributes of the comment text.

Text also can be dragged to reposition it.

After the comment text is the way you want, click [Next].

2.6.6. Adding Background Music

You can add music to a slideshow so it plays back while the images are being shown.

A DVD player (Video-CD Version 2 compatible) can be used to play back a slideshow from an album written to a HOT ALBUM disk.

Background Music Performance Time

When playing back on a DVD player, the slide change interval is set automatically to a time that allows optimum viewing, in the range of four to seven seconds. The approximate duration of a slideshow is calculated and displayed based on the number of selected images, and the playback time of movies if any are included in the slideshow.

Note that the displayed slideshow duration is a rough approximation only, intended to give you some idea of the length of background music required.

Important!
Background music that is longer than 10 minutes cannot be used.

There is nothing wrong with selecting background music that is shorter or longer than the displayed slideshow duration.
If the music is shorter than the displayed slideshow duration, the music will keep repeating until the end of the slideshow is reached, and then fade out.
If the music is longer than the displayed slideshow duration, the slideshow will repeat until the end of the music is reached.

Important!
When viewing a slideshow on a computer, you can select from among five different slide change intervals.

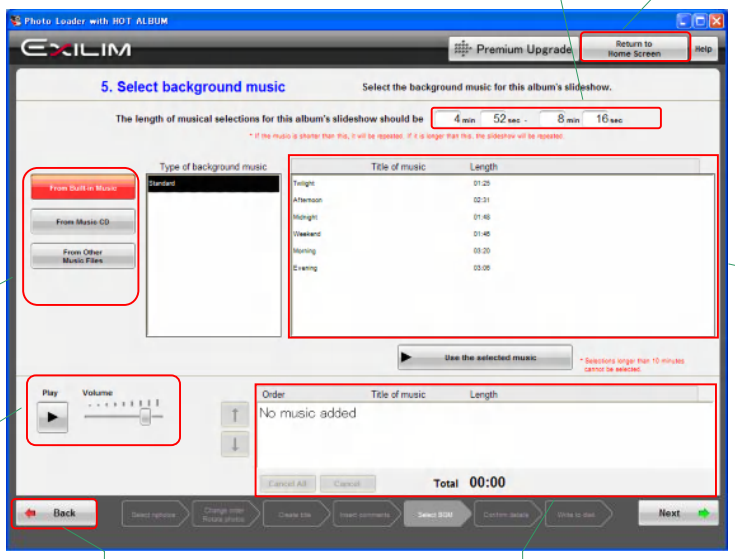
You can select any one of the following for background.
Music that comes with Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM
Music on a CD
WAV music file

Of course, you can create a slideshow without any music, if you want.

Data can be saved temporarily and editing can be terminated, but doing so does not save background music. Music must be selected again when you resume editing. See "2.6.9 Temporarily Saving In-progress Edits".

Indicates the approximate slideshow duration when the album is played on a DVD player.

▼ Add Background Music Screen



Click to return to the previous screen.

Shows the currently selected music.

Music plays back automatically when selected.

Use these controls to start and stop playback, and to adjust the volume level.

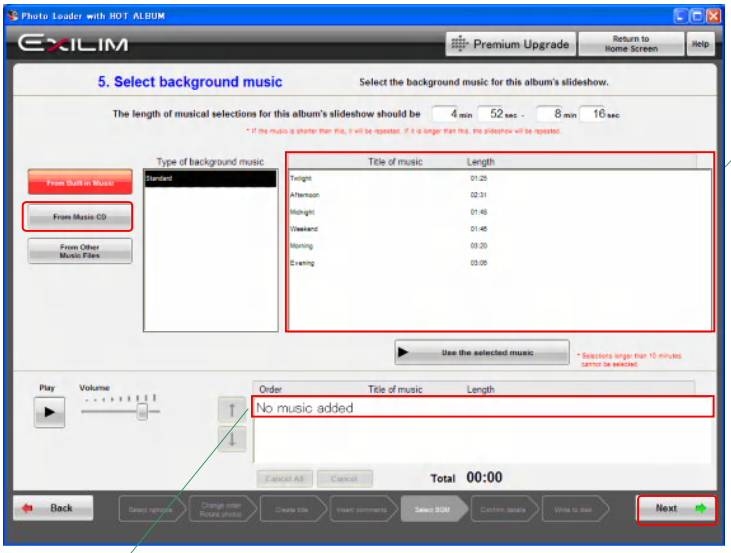
Click a button to select the background music source. You can create a slideshow without any music, if you want.

Lists the music in the currently selected source. This list shows the music that comes with the software.

Adding Music that comes with Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM

Photo Loader with HOT ALUM comes with a great selection of music that you can use for your slideshows. Simply click the music you want on the list to select it.

List of music that comes with the software.



Shows the currently selected music.

After selecting the file you want, click [Next].

Adding Music from a Music CD

Important!

- You may not be able to import music CDs with copy control and other types of CDs.
- Note that you should never import or copy any music for background music from a commercially available CD, except for personal or household use, without permission of the copyright holder.

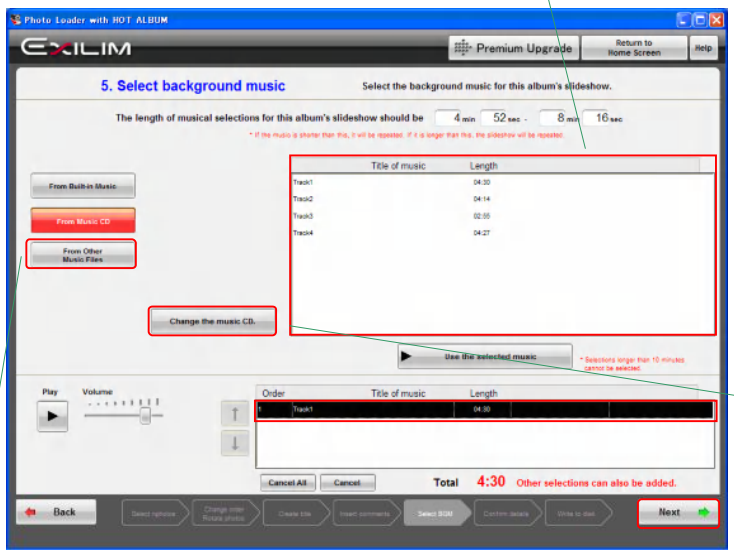
Click [From Music CD] and your computer's CD drive will be opened automatically.

Click to return to the Add Background Music screen.

Set the music CD you want to use into the drive and then click [Next].

This will display the music list of the music CD as track number. You can hear a preview of a track by clicking it on the screen.

Lists the track numbers of a music CD.

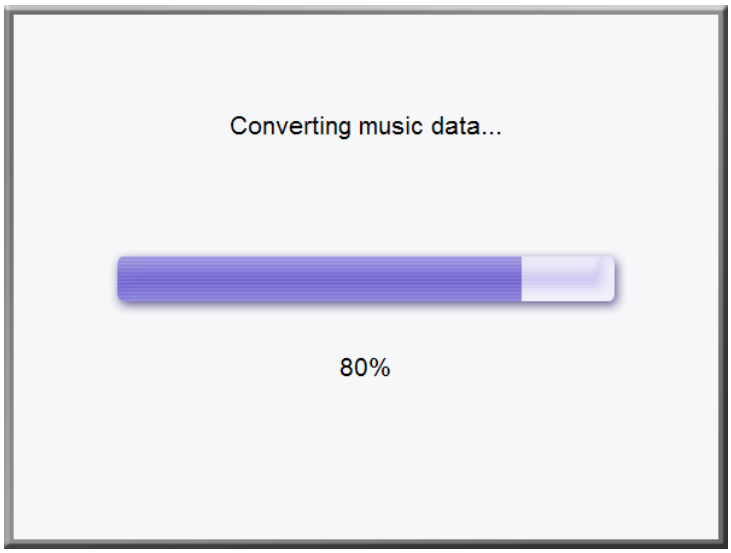


Click to select a different music CD.

Shows the number of the currently selected track..

After selecting the file you want, click [Next].

This will convert the music to HOT ALBUM music format.



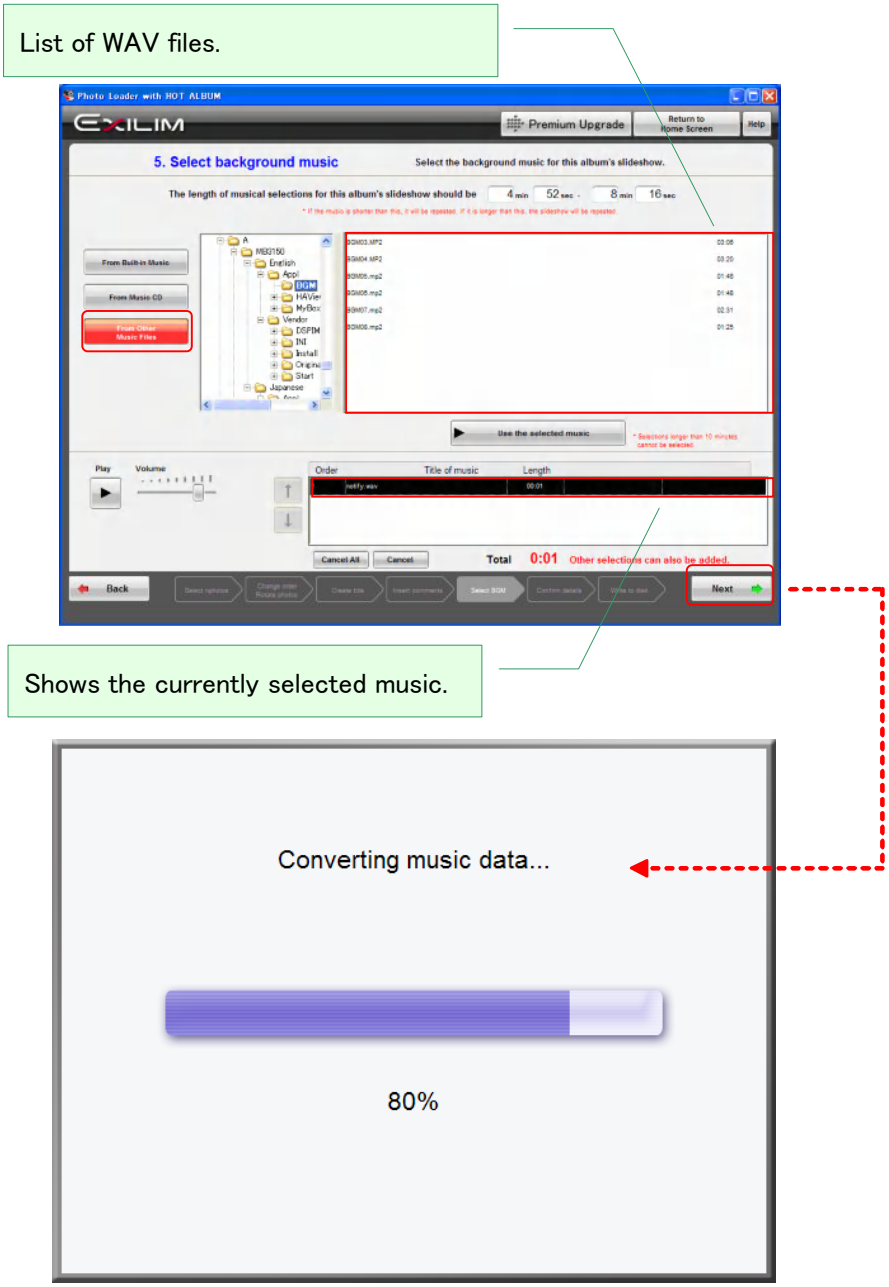
Selecting a WAV File

Important!

Only the WAV format is supported for HOT ALBUM movie files.

You can enable support for MP3 files, WMA files, and other music files by purchasing a new function. See "2.13 New Functions" for more information.

This will display a tree view of the folders on your computer. Use it to select the folder that contains the WAV file you want to use.



After selecting the file you want, click [Next].

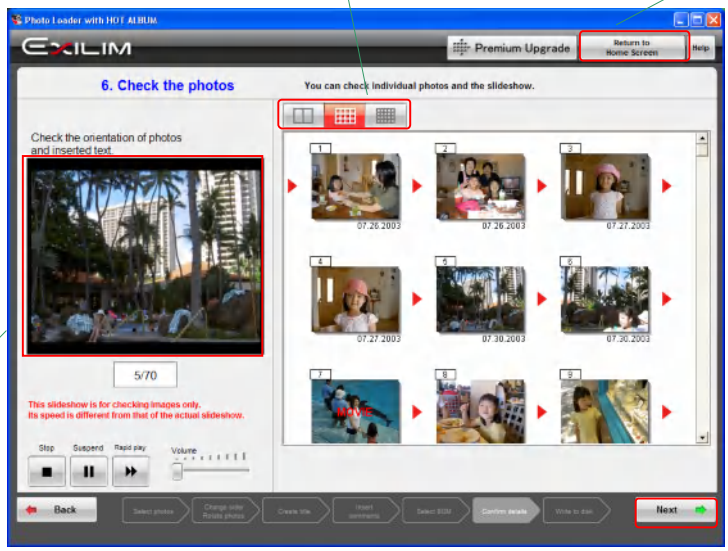
2.6.7. Checking the Images

You should carefully check the contents of your album before saving your images to a HOT ALBUM disk. You can use the preview screen to check the slideshow images and background music.

Important!
Though the timing of the slideshow shown in the preview screen is different from the timing when playing back on a DVD player, you can use it to check the images and their order.

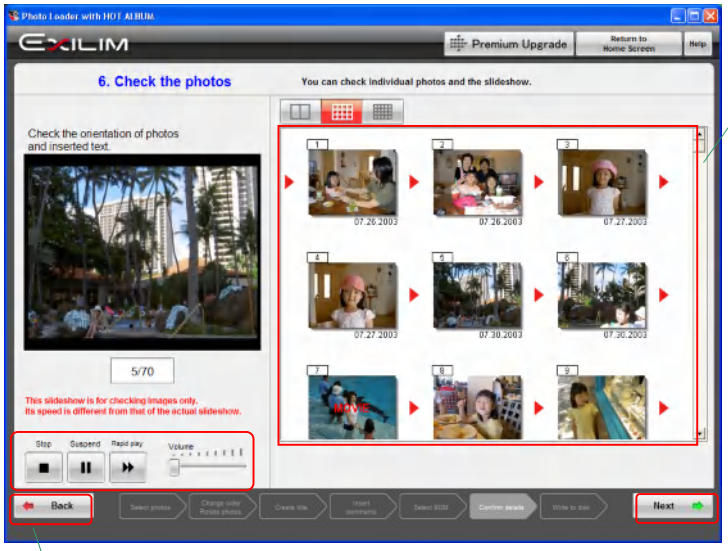
Data can be saved temporarily and editing can be terminated, but doing so does not save background music. Music must be selected again when you resume editing. See "2.6.9 Temporarily Saving In-progress Edits".

Click to change the size of the thumbnails.



This is a preview screen for checking slideshow images. Comment text is displayed, but slide duration is different from actual playback..

You can check the album images and the order of the slideshow here.



Click to return to the Add Background Music screen.

Use these controls to start, stop, and fast forward preview play, and to adjust the volume level.

When everything is the way you want, click [Next].

2.6.8. Saving and Album to a HOT ALBUM Disk

Open the computer's CD-ROM drive.

Data can be saved temporarily and editing can be terminated, but doing so does not save background music. Music must be selected again when you resume editing. See "2.6.9 Temporarily Saving In-progress Edits".

Click to return to the screen under "Checking Images".

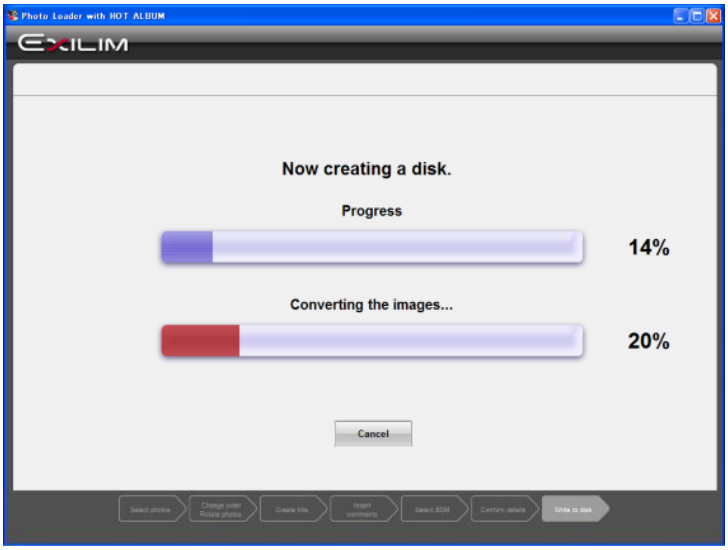
Place a blank disk into the CD-ROM drive and then click [Write].

Important!

- You can write to a HOT ALBUM disk only once. You cannot add to or modify the contents of a HOT ALBUM disk.
- Note that you cannot save a HOT ALBUM to a standard CD-R, DVD-R, or any other type of disk.
- If the selected images include a movie file, you will need to have Windows Media Player 9 or higher and DirectX 9.0 or higher installed on your computer in order to write the move file to a HOT ALBUM disc or to create a video CD.
- If the selected images include a MOV format move file, you will need to have QuickTime 7.1.3 installed on your computer in order to write the move file to a HOT ALBUM disc or to create a video CD.
- Unsupported files cannot be written to a HOT ALBUM disk. See "Supported Data Formats" in the table under "Computer System Requirements and Disk Capacity" for more information.

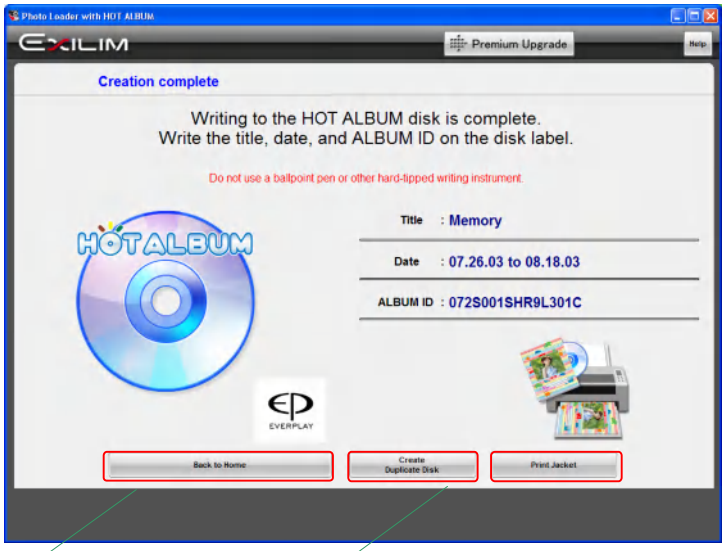
The program will check whether the disk you inserted is a blank disk.

Progress bars will appear on the screen to show you the progress of the data write operation. The time required to complete the data write operation depends on the number of images you selected and the size of each image.



2.6.9. Image Write Complete Screen

The disk will be ejected automatically when the write operation is complete.
To ensure proper disk management, you should write the title, date, and album ID on the disk surface.



Click here to back up the album on your computer.

Click here to create another HOT ALBUM disk with the same album content.

Important!
When writing information on a disk, be sure to write only on the disk label with a soft-tip pen or similar writing instrument.

Now you can create and print an attractive jacket for your disk case.
Click [Print Jacket] to begin.

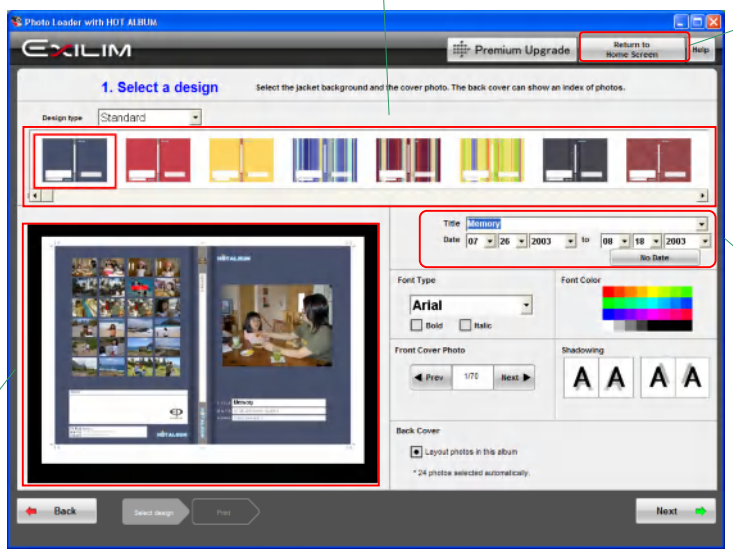
2.6.10. Creating a Disk Case Jacket

First, design the jacket.

- Select the jacket background.
- Check and edit the title and date, and change text attributes.
- Select the cover image and specify whether or not you want an image index on the back.

Click a jacket template (background) to select it.

Click to return to the [Complete screen].

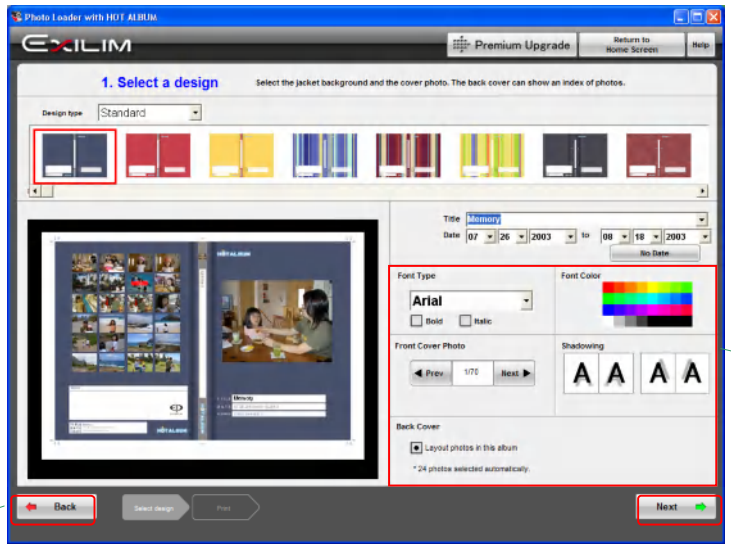


This is a preview of the edits.

Shows the album title and date, which can be edited.

Disk contents cannot be modified.

Date display can be turned off by clicking the [No Date] button.



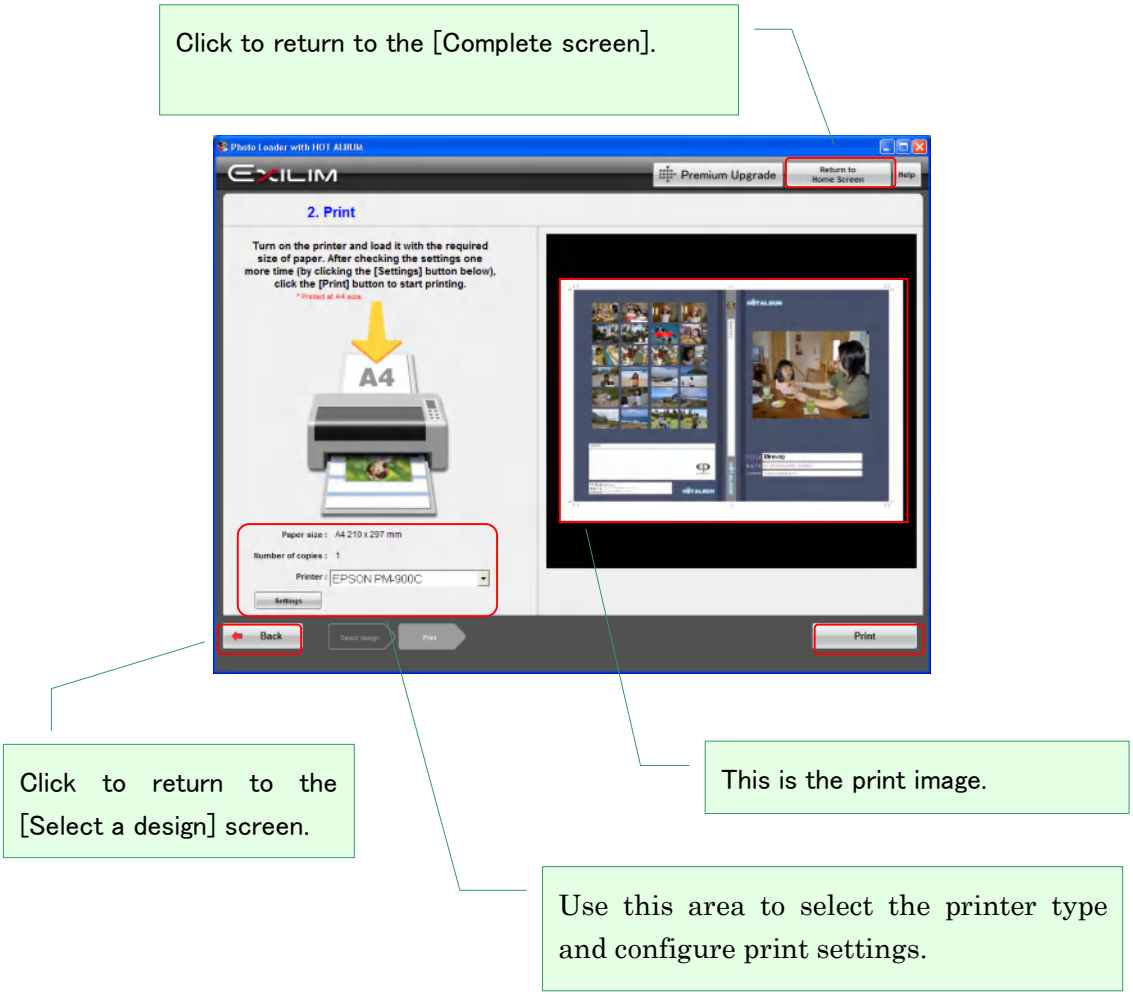
Click to return to the [Complete screen].

Use this palette to change the font and color of the title and date.

Everything is the way you want, click [Next].

2.6.11. Configuring Print Settings and Printing

Specify the type of printer you have connected to your computer and configure printer settings.



After all the settings are the way you want, click [Print].

After printing is complete, click [Return to Complete screen].

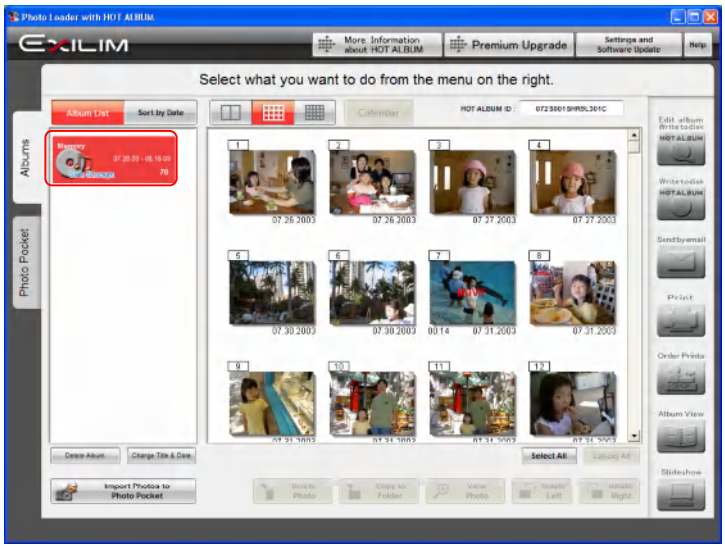
2.6.12. Backing Up Album Contents

Album contents can be written to a HOT ALBUM disk and saved on your computer to help keep its contents safe and secure.

Clicking [Back to Home] will save the album to your computer and display the Home Screen.

The Home Screen shows an icon for each of the saved albums.

▼ Home Screen

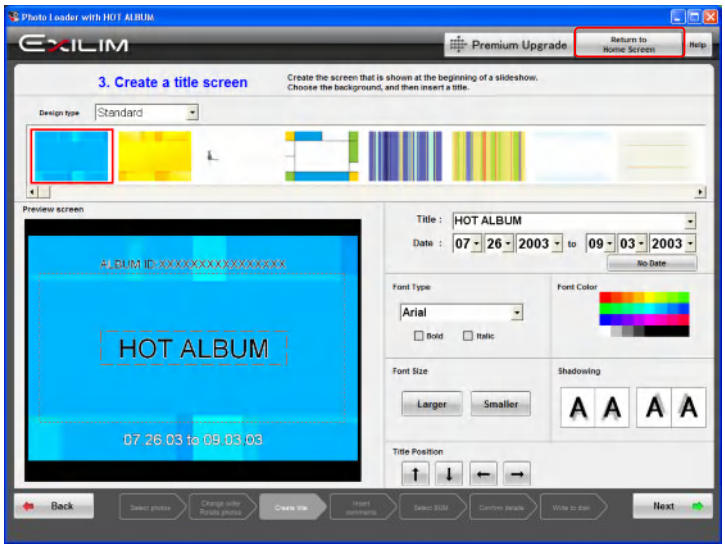


2.6.13. Temporarily Saving In-progress Edits

Data can be saved partway through an editing and creation operation for later recall when you want to work on it again.

This means you can take your time editing or you can put the data aside when you do not have a blank disk on hand to save it permanently.

To temporarily save data, first click [Return to Home screen].
The in progress data will be saved temporarily as a Editing Album

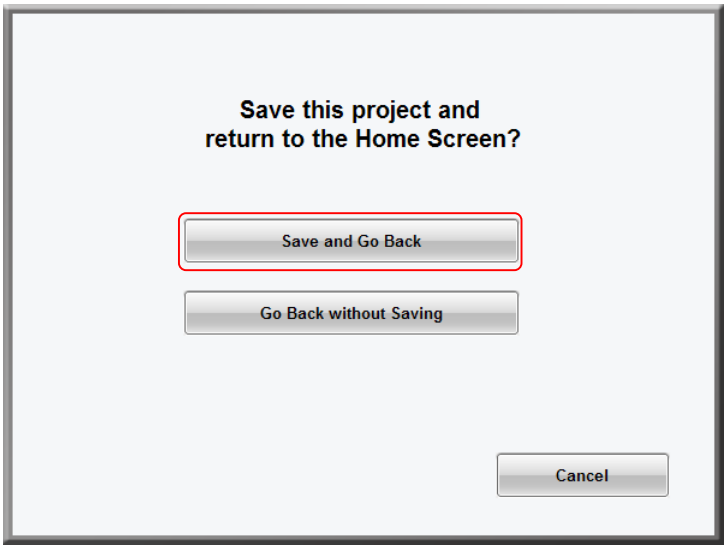


Important!

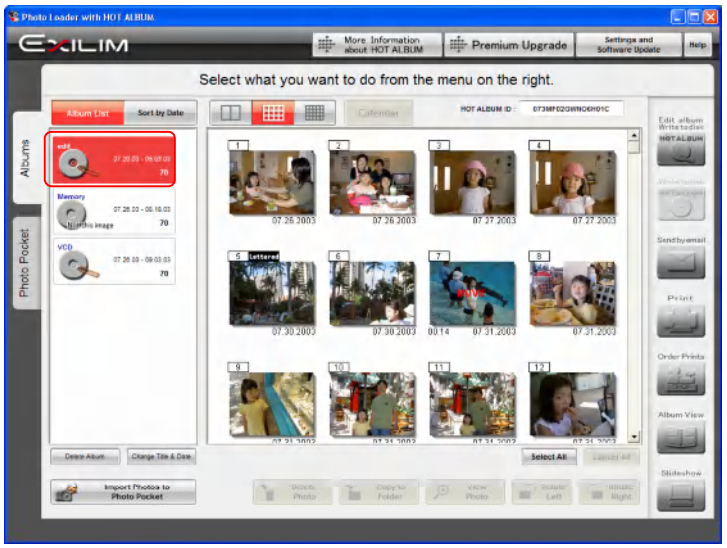
- Any music you select under "Adding Background Music" is not saved in the temporary Editing Album
- If you want to include music when you create a HOT ALBUM disk, you will need to select it again before writing the data to disk.

Click [Save the Project and Return].

The saved work data is named using the title you input under "Creating a Title Screen". If there is no title input, a title input box appears and you should input a title.



Temporarily saved album is displayed in the Home Screen album list as an Editing Album

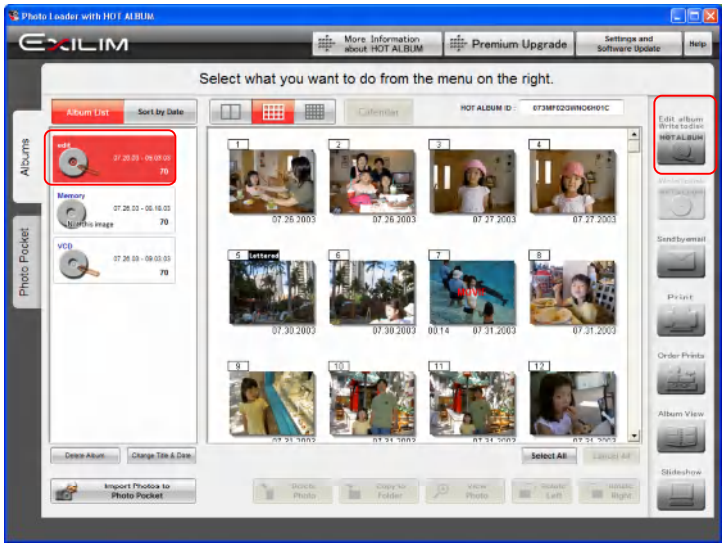


2.6.14. Resuming an Editing Operation

To resume an editing operation on an Editing Album, perform the following steps on the Work Screen.

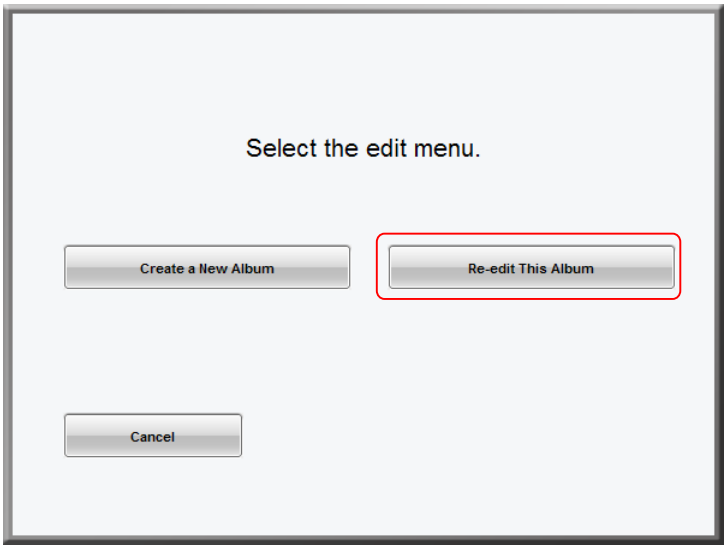
Select the Editing Album you want to edit.

Click [Edit album Write to disk].



Click [Re-edit This Album].

This will display the saved contents so you can edit them again.



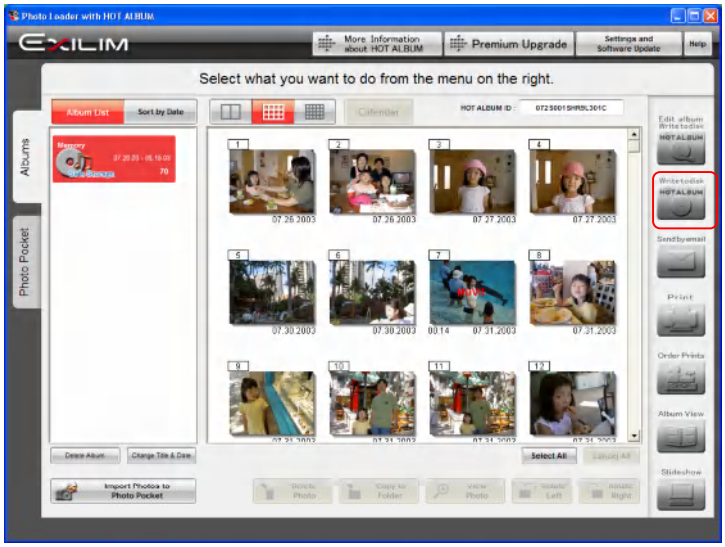
Important!

・Clicking [Create a New Album] starts editing of a new album.

2.7. Copying a HOT ALBUM

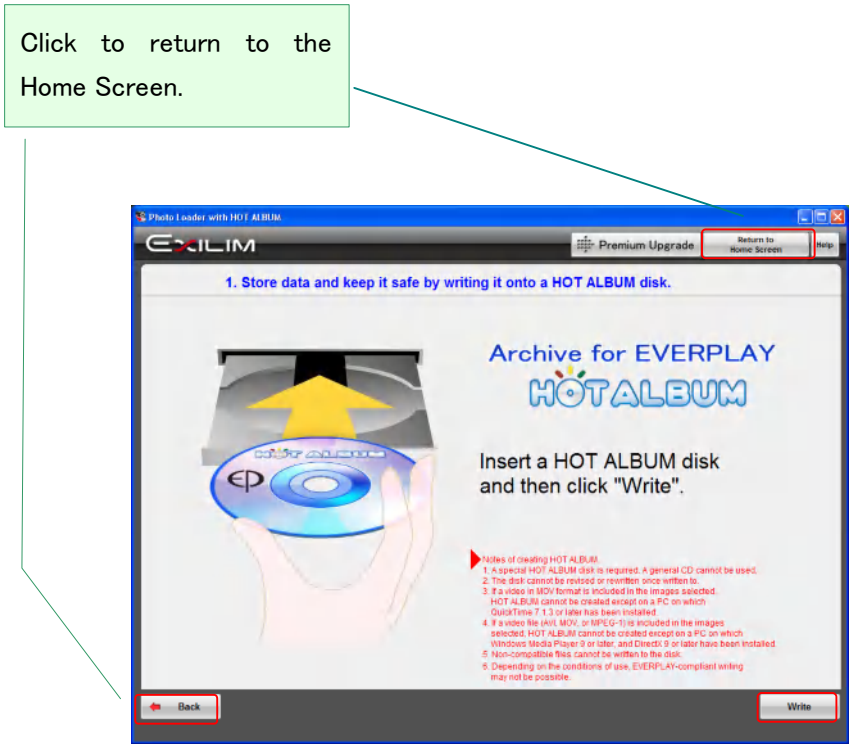
Edited data can be copied from an album to a HOT ALBUM, and written to a blank disk.

Select the album you want to copy and then click [Write to disk].



2.7.1. Writing an Album to a HOT ALBUM Disk

Open the computer's CD-ROM drive.



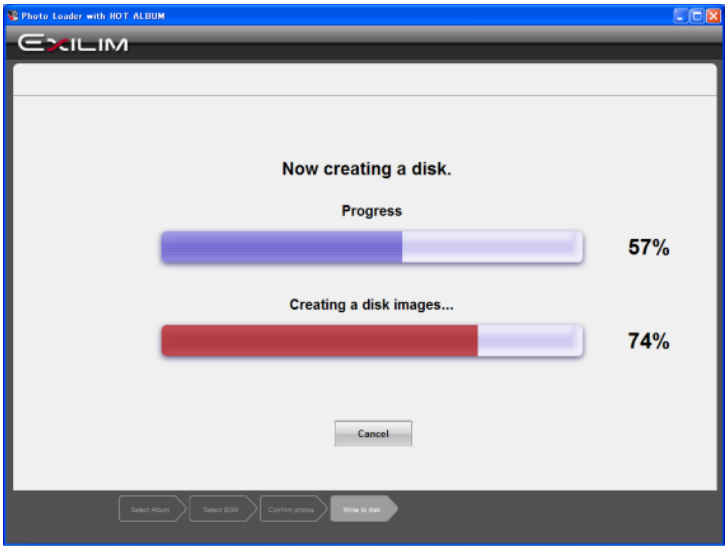
Place a blank disk into the CD-ROM drive and then click [Write].

Important!

- You can write to a HOT ALBUM disk only once. You cannot add to or modify the contents of a HOT ALBUM disk.
- Note that you cannot save a HOT ALBUM to a standard CD-R, DVD-R, or any other type of disk.
- If the selected images include a movie file, you will need to have Windows Media Player 9 or higher and DirectX 9.0 or higher installed on your computer in order to write the move file to a HOT ALBUM disc or to create a video CD.
- If the selected images include a MOV format move file, you will need to have QuickTime 7.1.3 installed on your computer in order to write the move file to a HOT ALBUM disc or to create a video CD.
- Unsupported files cannot be written to a HOT ALBUM disk. See "Supported Data Formats" in the table under "Computer System Requirements and Disk Capacity" for more information.

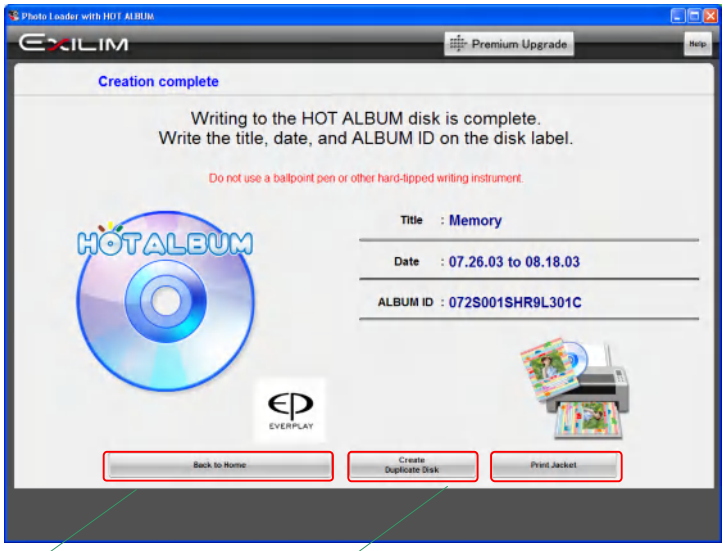
The program will check whether the disk you inserted is a blank disk.

Progress bars will appear on the screen to show you the progress of the data write operation. The time required to complete the data write operation depends on the number of images you selected and the size of each image.



2.7.2. Image Write Complete Screen

The disk will be ejected automatically when the write operation is complete.
To ensure proper disk management, you should write the title, date, and album ID on the disk surface.



Click here to back up the album on your computer.

Click here to create another HOT ALBUM disk with the same album content.

Important!

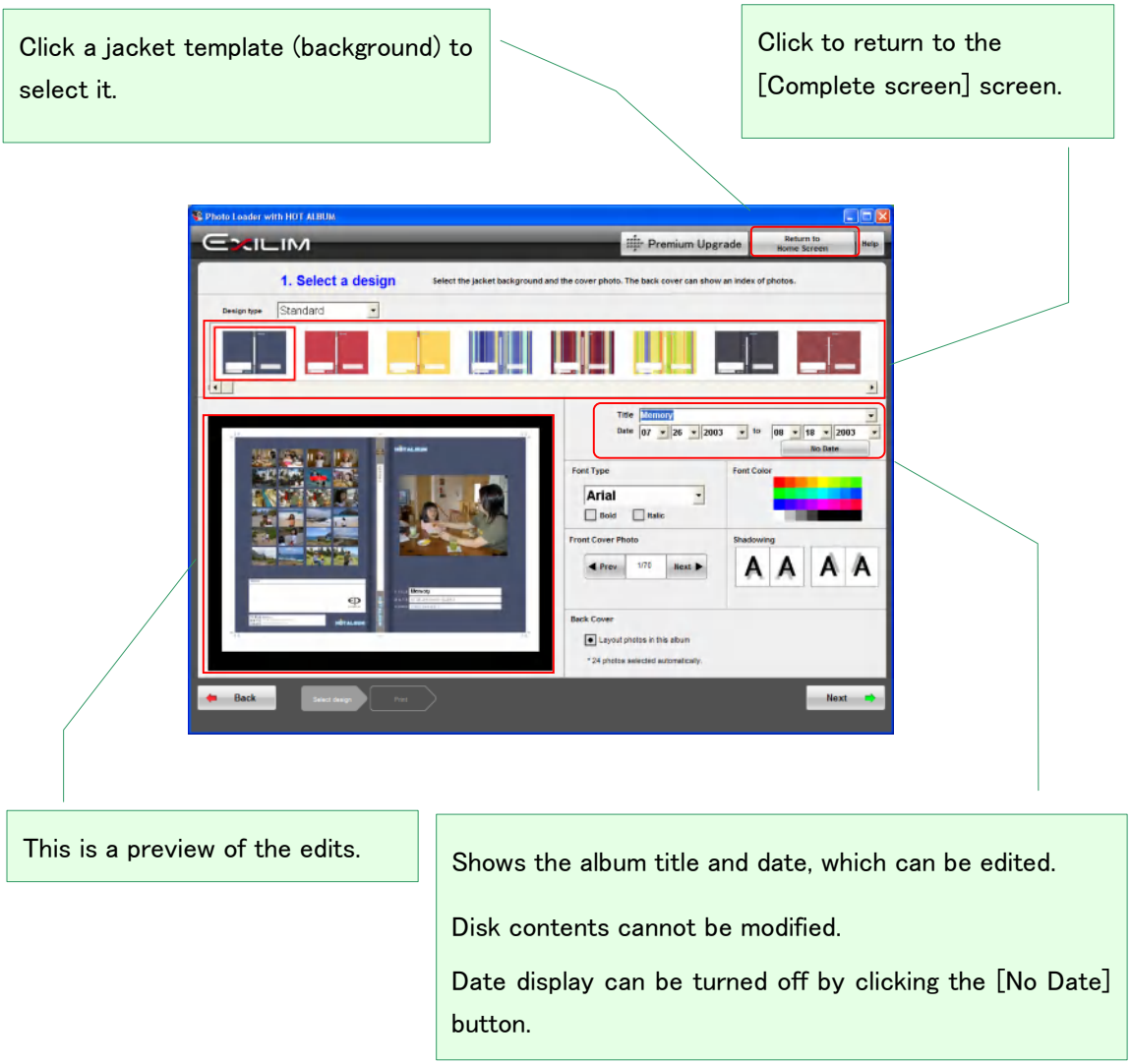
・ When writing information on a disk, be sure to write only on the disk label with a soft-tip pen or similar writing instrument.

・ Now you can create and print an attractive jacket for your disk case.
Click [Print Jacket] to begin.

2.7.3. Creating a Disk Case Jacket

First, design the jacket.

- Select the jacket background.
- Check and edit the title and date, and change text attributes.
- Select the cover image and specify whether or not you want an image index on the back.



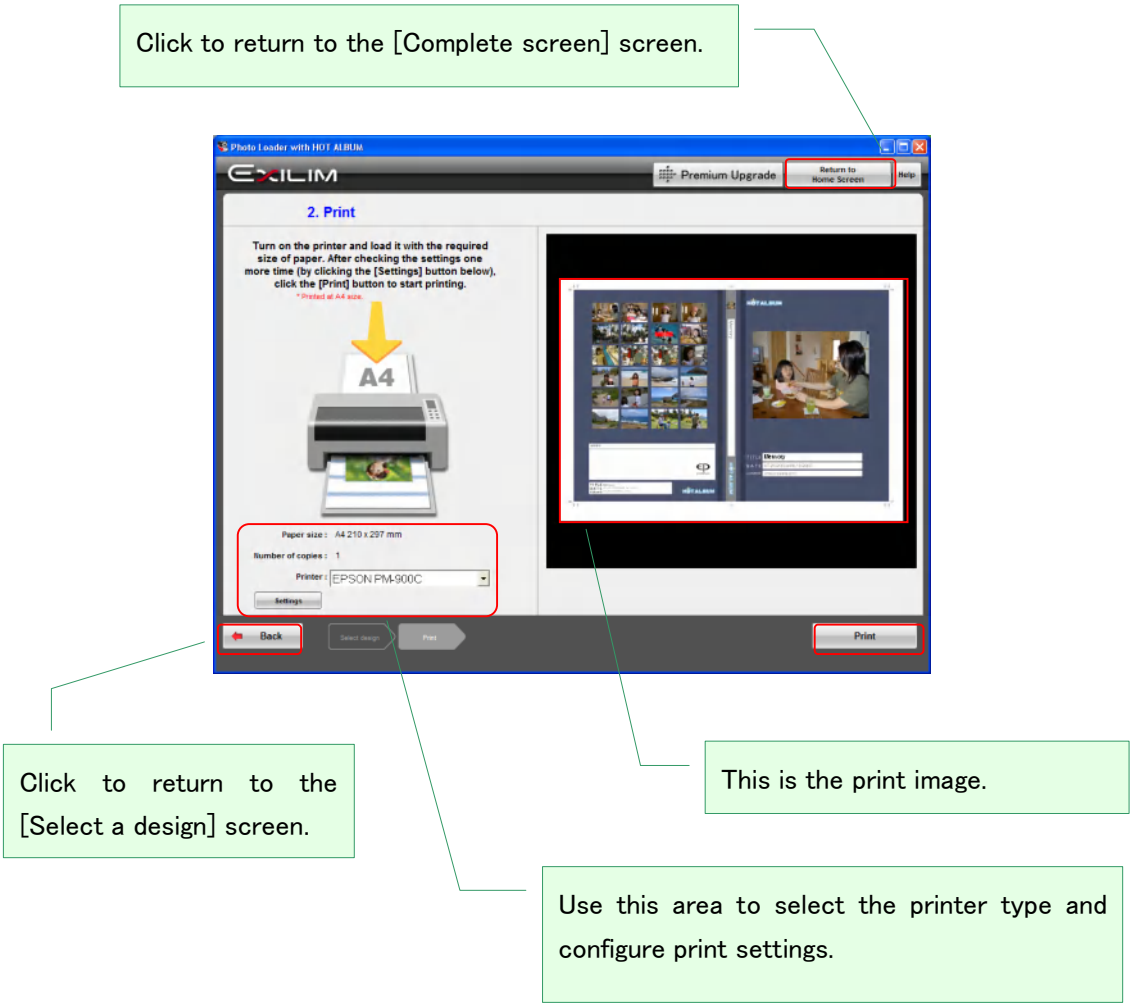
Click to return to the [Complete screen] screen.

Use this palette to change the font and color of the title and date.

Everything is the way you want, click [Next].

2.7.4. Configuring Print Settings and Printing

Specify the type of printer you have connected to your computer and configure printer settings.



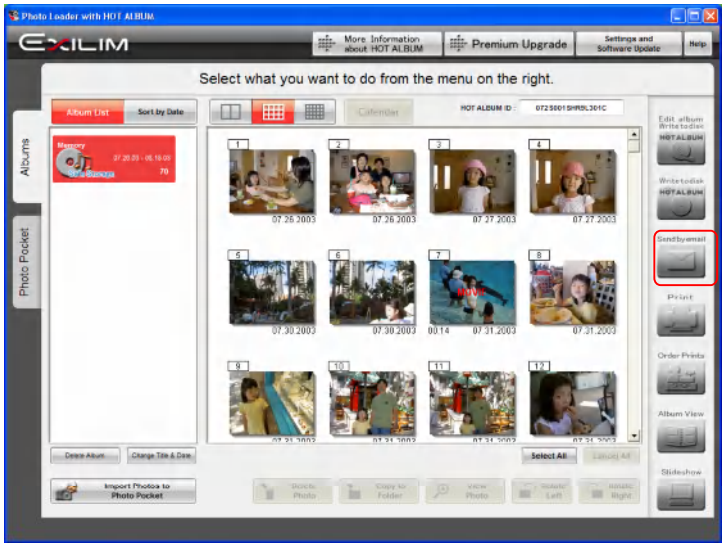
After all the settings are the way you want, click [Print].
After printing is complete, click [Return to Complete screen].

2.8. Sending an Image as an E-mail Attachment

Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM makes it easy to attach images to e-mail.

Attaching an image to an e-mail message converts the image to 600 pixels x 800 pixels (when the original image is larger. Movie images, however, are not converted.
The 600 x 800 size is used because it makes images easier to send and receive.

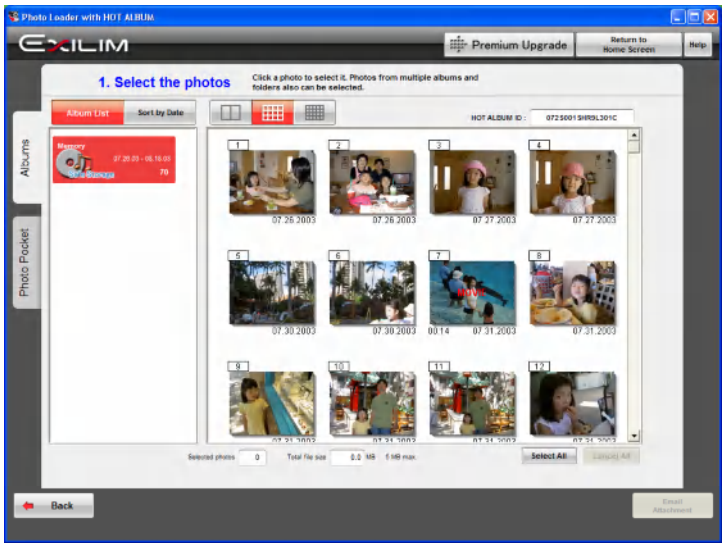
Click [Send by email].

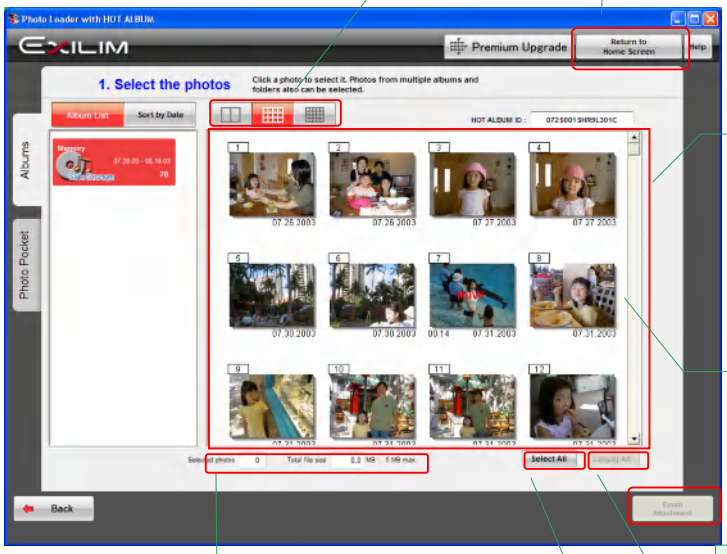


2.8.1. Selecting Images to Attach to E-mail

Click an image or drag across a range of images to select them.
You can select images from Photo Pocket or from an album.

Clicking a selected image deselects it.
Double-clicking an image will enlarge it.
Selected images are the ones that have a check mark.





Click to go to the Home Screen.

See "2.5 Using the Home Screen" for more information.

Click to change the size of the thumbnails.

Click an image or drag across a range of images to select them for attachment to an e-mail message.

Double-click a selected image to enlarge it.

Click to de-select all currently selected images.

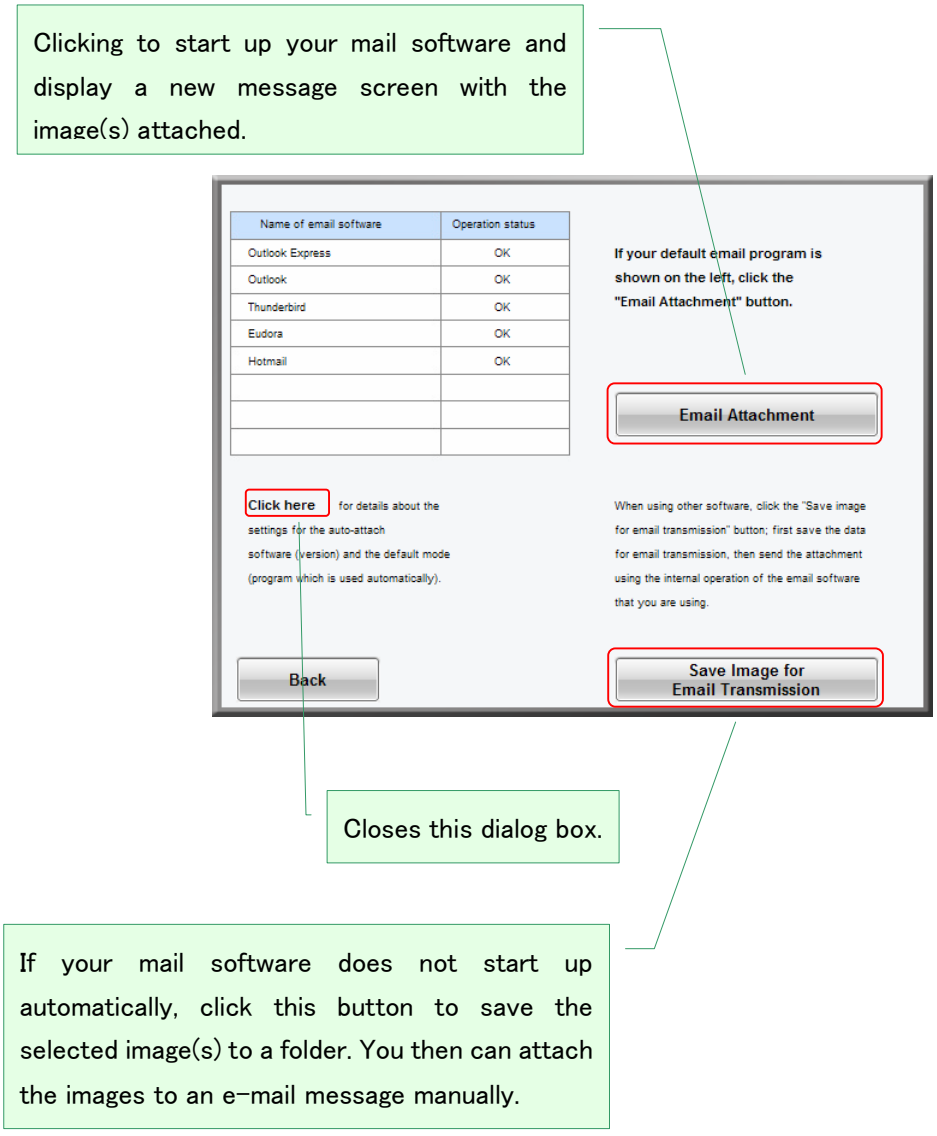
Click to select all of the images.

Shows the number of selected images and the data size.

After all of the images you want are selected, click the [Email Attachment] button.

2.8.2. Confirming Mail Software Settings

On the mail software confirmation screen that appears, check the information and then click [Email Attachment].



Important!

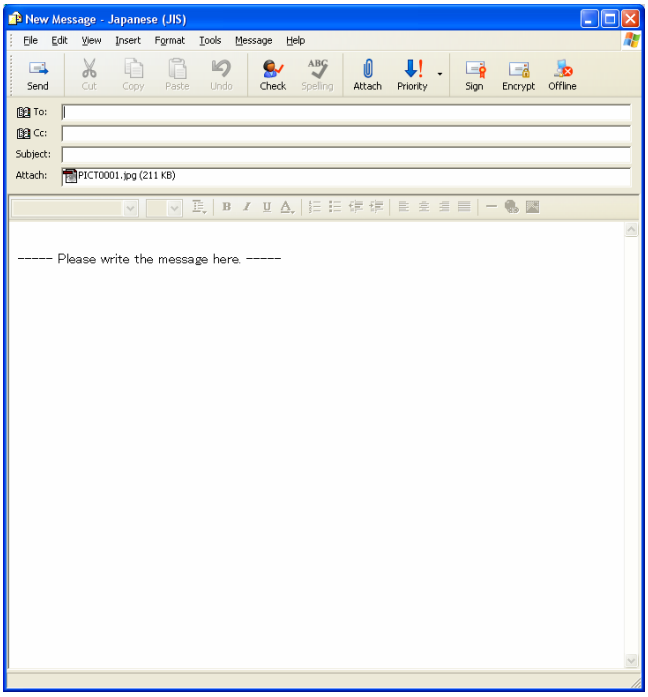
The table on the confirmation screen shows mail software whose operation has been confirmed. If you are using mail software that is not in the list, you can click [Save image for Email transmission] and save the selected images to a folder on your computer. Then you can use your mail software to attach the image to mail manually.

2.8.3. Sending Mail with Attached Images

Clicking [Email Attachment] in the previous section will start up your mail software (here we will be using Outlook Express), and display a new message screen with the image(s) attached.

Input the addressee, subject, message text, etc.

If no images are attached
To use Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM to attach images to mail automatically, your mail software must by MAPI-compliant.



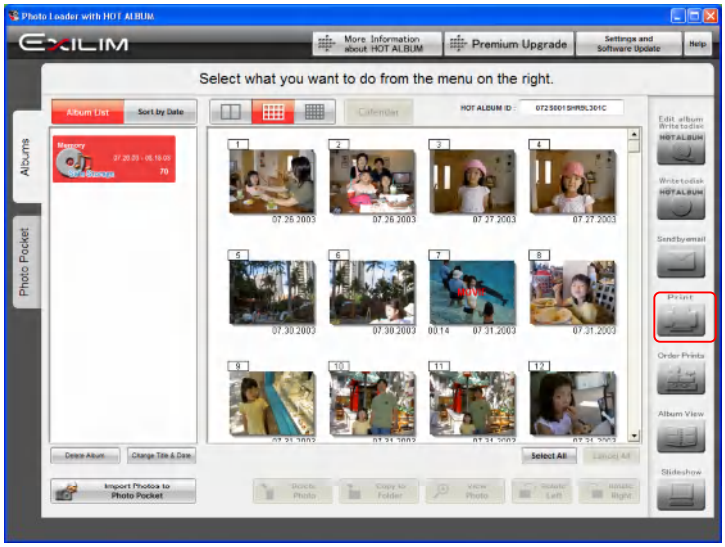
2.9. Printing

Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM provides you with the following printing functions.

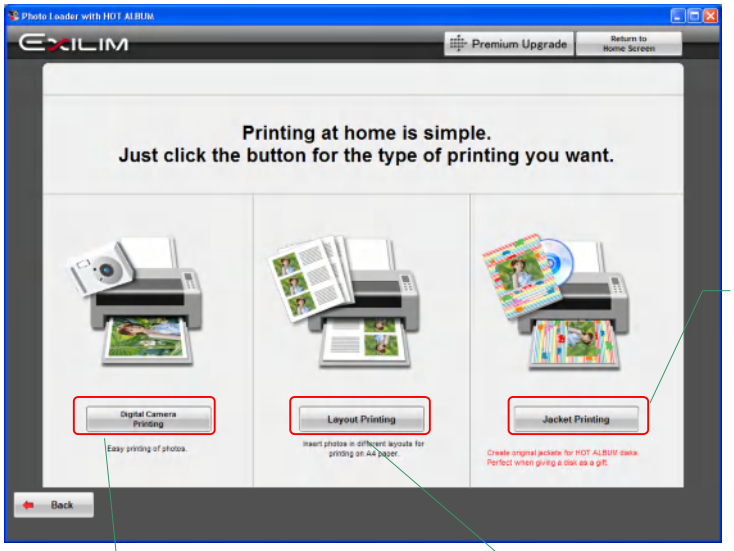
- Image Printing
- Layout Printing
- Jacket Printing

You also can print images in album form. See ″2.11Using the Album View″ for more information.

Important!
Printing is supported for snapshots only.



Click the [Print] button.



Jacket Printing

Use this function to design and print attractive jackets for the cases of your special HOT ALBUM disks.

Layout Printing

Use this function to insert images into distinctive layouts for printing..

Image Printing

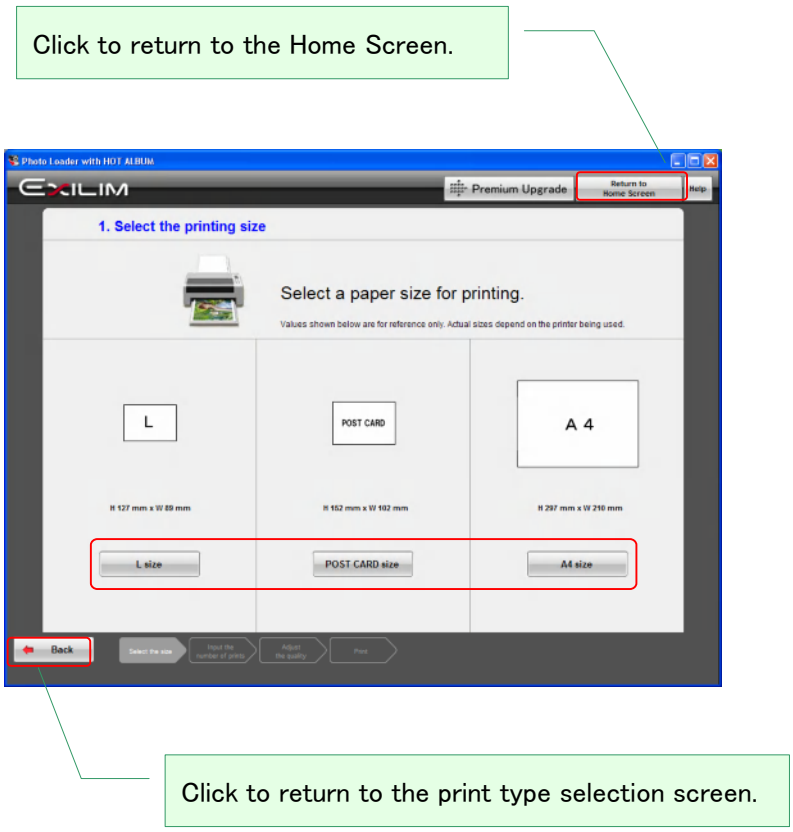
Use this function for normal printing of images. You can select from among L size, postcard size, and A4 size prints.

Click the button under the type of printing you want to perform.

2.9.1. Image Printing

2.9.1.1. Selecting the Print Size

You can select from among L size, postcard size, and A4 size.



Click the button for the size you want.

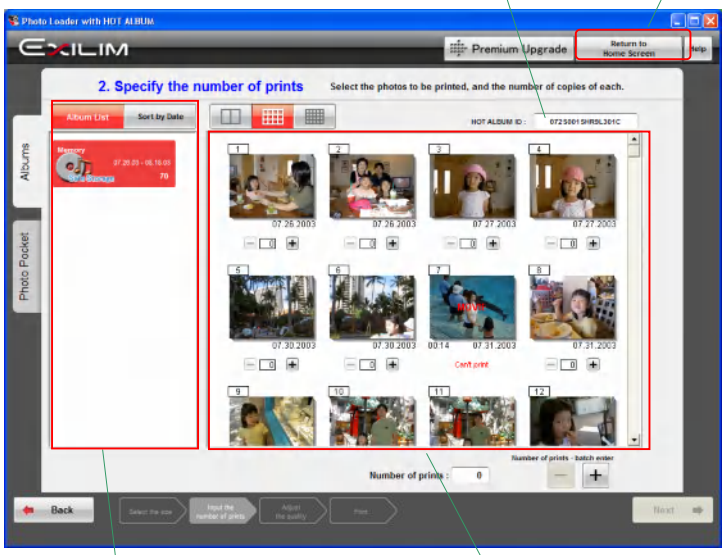
2.9.1.2. Selecting Images and Specifying the Number of Copies

Click an image to select it, or use the [+] and [−] buttons to specify the number of copies to be printed.

Important!
Printing is supported for snapshots only.

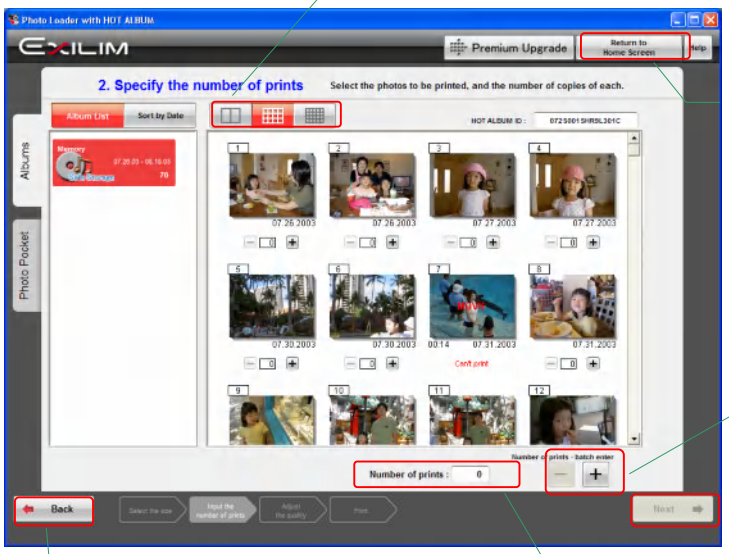
Shows an album ID for a HOT ALBUM.

Click to return to the Home Screen.



This area can be used to select images across multiple albums.

Click an image to toggle it between selected (1 image) and unselected. You can use the + and − buttons to specify the number of prints.



Click to change the size of the thumbnails.

Click to return to the Home Screen.

To print all photos, use the + and – buttons to specify the number of prints of each.

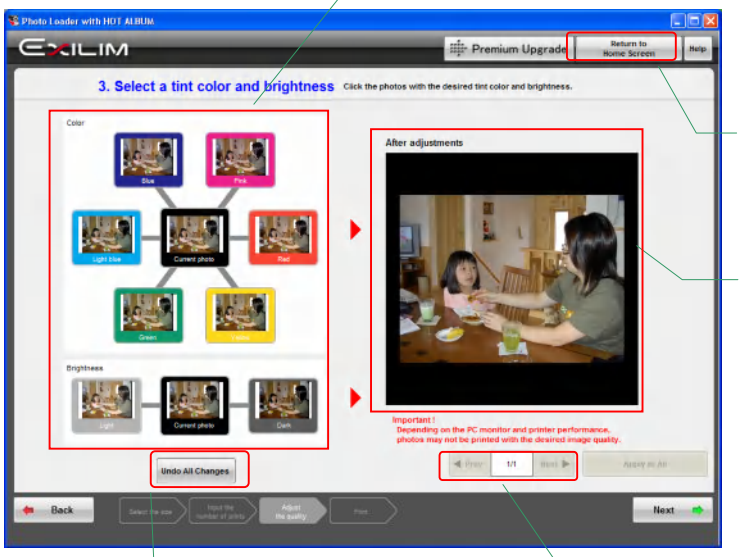
Shows the number of prints for all of the images.

Click to return to the print size selection screen.

After all the settings are the way you want, click [Next].

2.9.1.3. Adjusting Image Quality

Use the screen below to adjust the tint and the density of the image.



Use the color palette color buttons and quality buttons to make adjustments.

Click to return to the Home Screen.

Use the preview image to see the effects of your changes.

When multiple images are selected, click to scroll between them and adjust their settings.

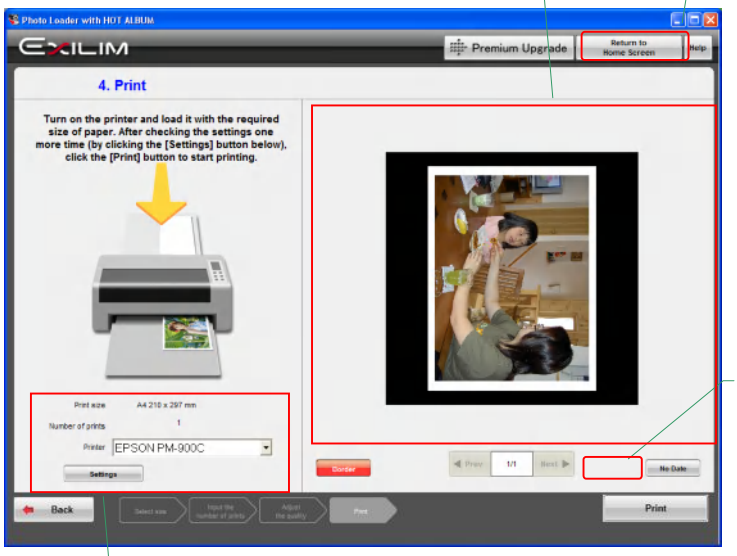
Click to restore the settings to their original configuration.

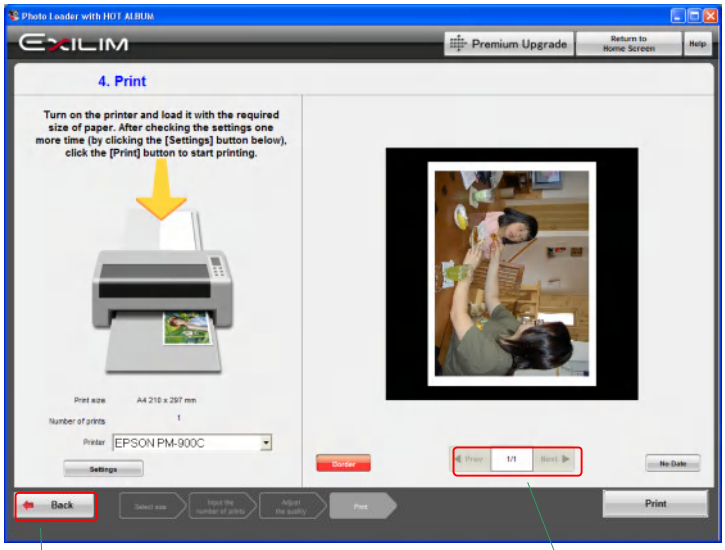
Click to return to the number of prints input screen.

Click to apply the same settings to all of the selected images.

After all the settings are the way you want, click [Next].

2.9.1.4. Configuring Print Settings and Printing





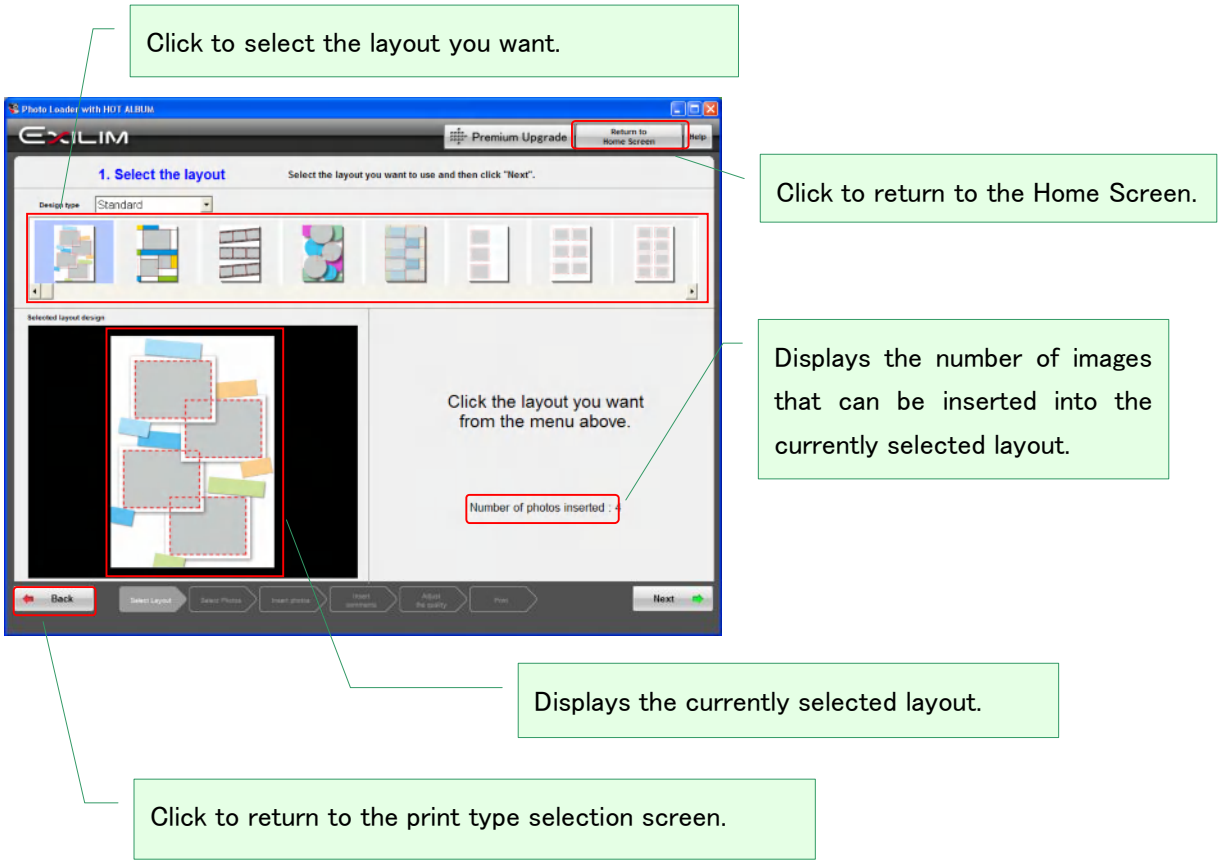
Returns to the screen under "Adjusting Image Quality".

When multiple images are selected, click to scroll between them.

After all the settings are the way you want, click [Print].

2.9.2. Layout Printing

2.9.2.1. Selecting the Layout

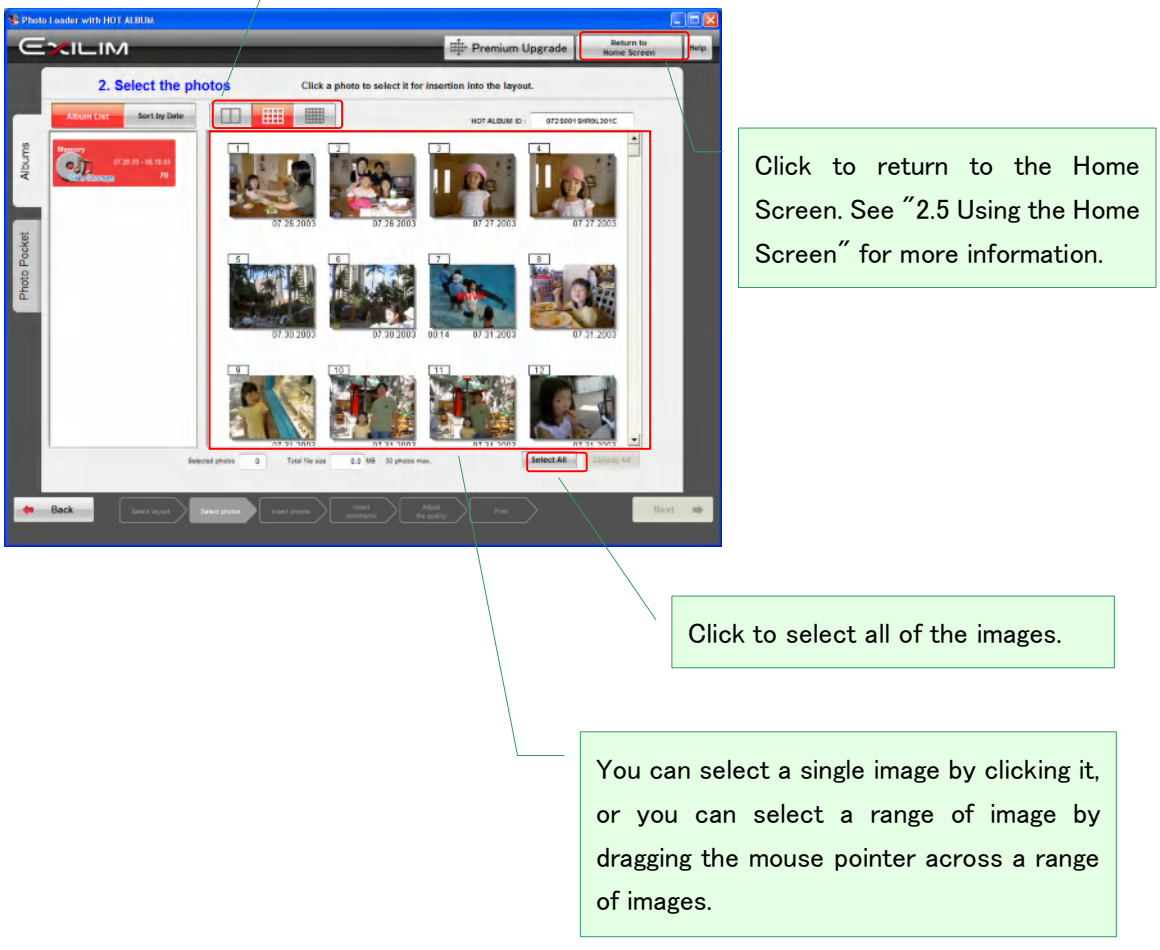


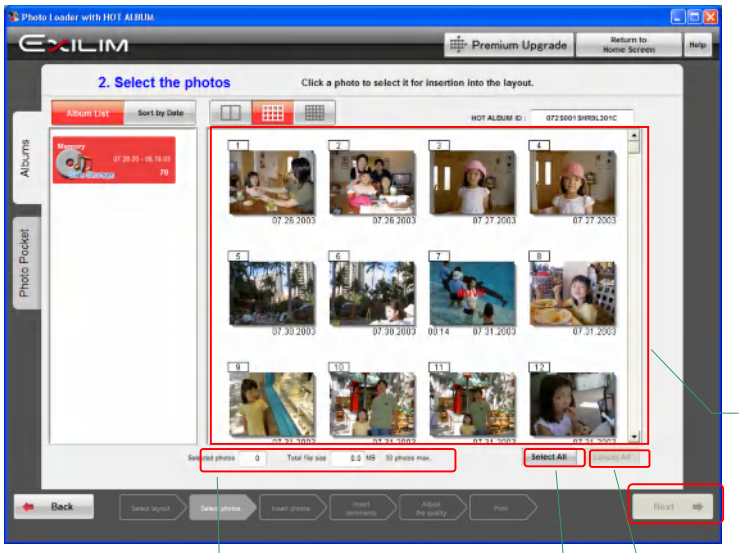
After all selecting the layout, click the [Next] button.

2.9.2.2. Selecting Images for the Layout

Click an image or drag across a range of images to select them.
Clicking a selected image deselects it.
Double-clicking an image will enlarge it.
Selected images are the ones that have a check mark.

Important!
Printing is supported for snapshots only.





Double-click a selected image to enlarge it.

Click to de-select all currently selected images.

Selects all of the images.

Shows the number of selected images and the data size.

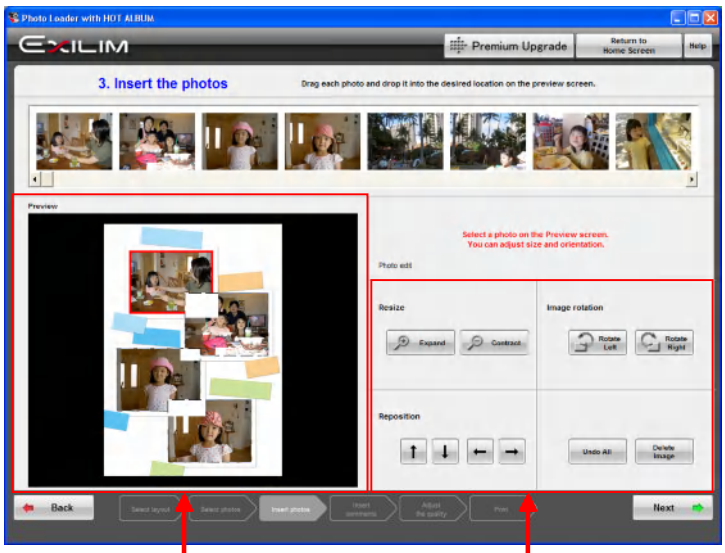
Up to 30 images can be selected.

After all selecting the images you want, click the [Next] button.

2.9.2.3. Inserting Images into Layout Frames

After selecting a layout, you can insert images into the layout frames. Drag an image from the list along the top of the display and drop it into a layout frame to replace the image that is currently in the layout frame.

You can use the function palette on the right side of the screen to change the size, orientation, and position of images in the frames. Click an in the preview image on the left and then use the function palette to modify it.



The following shows the preview after changing the position and size of an image.

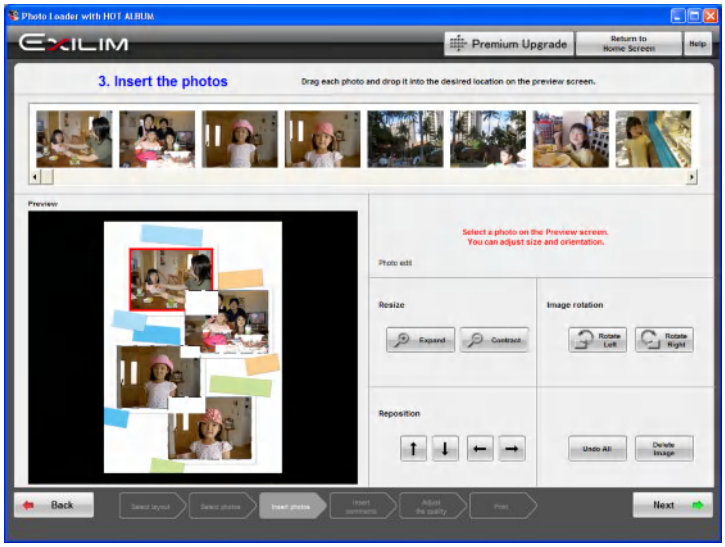


Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM
EXILIM
Premium Upgrade
Return to Home Screen
Help
3. Insert the photos
Drag each photo and drop it into the desired location on the preview screen.
Preview
Select a photo on the Preview screen.
You can adjust size and orientation.
Photo edit
Resize
Expand
Contract
Image rotation
Rotate Left
Rotate Right
Reposition
Undo All
Delete Image
Back
Next

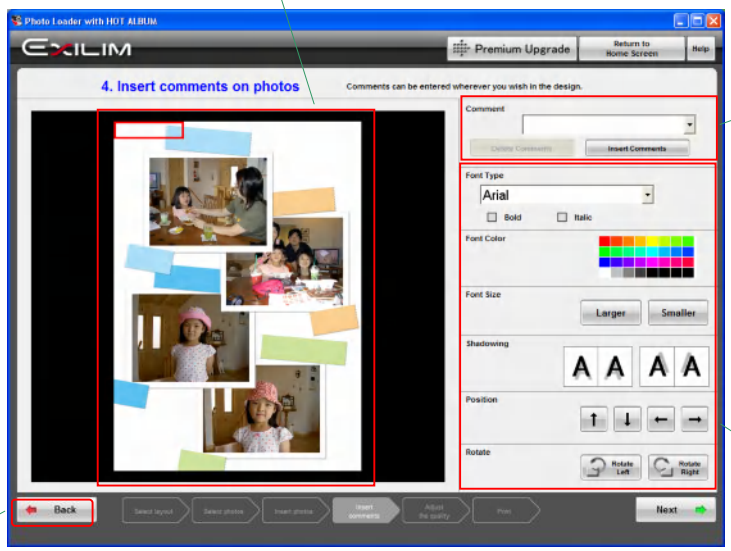
Click [Next].

2.9.2.4. Inserting Comment Text into a Layout

You can use the screen below to inert comment text into a layout.

Comments are displayed in the preview.

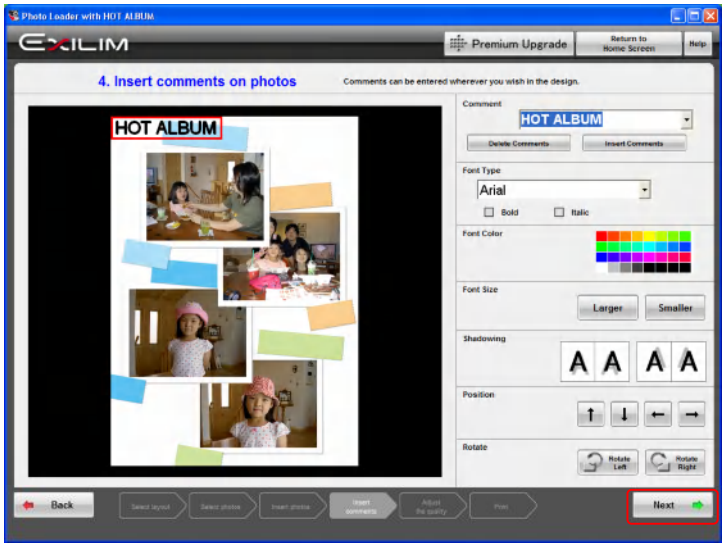
Input the comment text here. To input multiple comments, click [Insert Comment] after inputting a comment and input another one.



Click to return to the image insert screen.

Use this text attribute palette to specify the font, size, position, and other text attributes.

The following shows an example image with comment text inserted.



After everything is the way you want, click [Next].

2.9.2.5. Adjusting Image Quality

Use the screen below to adjust the tint and the density of the image.

Use the color palette color buttons and quality buttons to make adjustments.

Click to return to the Home Screen.

Use the preview image to see the effects of your changes.

When multiple images are selected, click to scroll between them and adjust their settings.

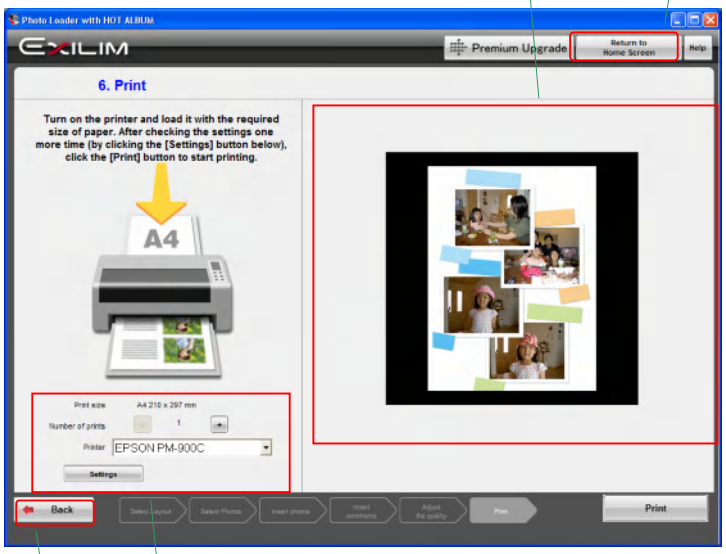
Click to restore the settings to their original configuration.

Click to return to the image insert screen.

Click to apply the same settings to all of the selected images.

After everything is the way you want, click [Next].

2.9.2.6. Configuring Print Settings and Printing



This is the print image.

Click to return to the Home Screen.

Use these settings to specify the printer type, print quality, etc.

Returns to the screen under "Adjusting Image Quality".

After everything is the way you want, click [Print].

2.9.3. Jacket Printing

You can create and print original jackets for your HOT ALBUM disk cases.

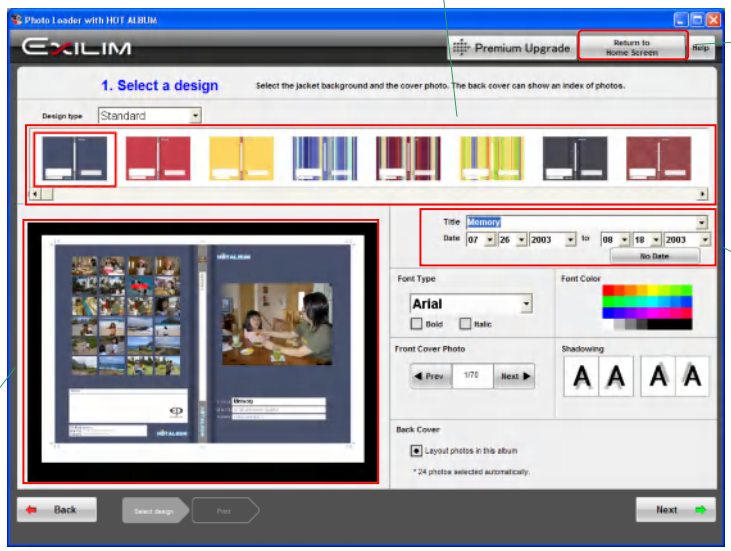
2.9.3.1. Creating and Printing a Disk Case Jacket

First, design the jacket.

- Select the jacket background.
- Check and edit the title and date, and change text attributes.
- Select the cover image and specify whether or not you want an image index on the back.

Click a jacket template (background) to select it.

Click to return to the design selection screen.

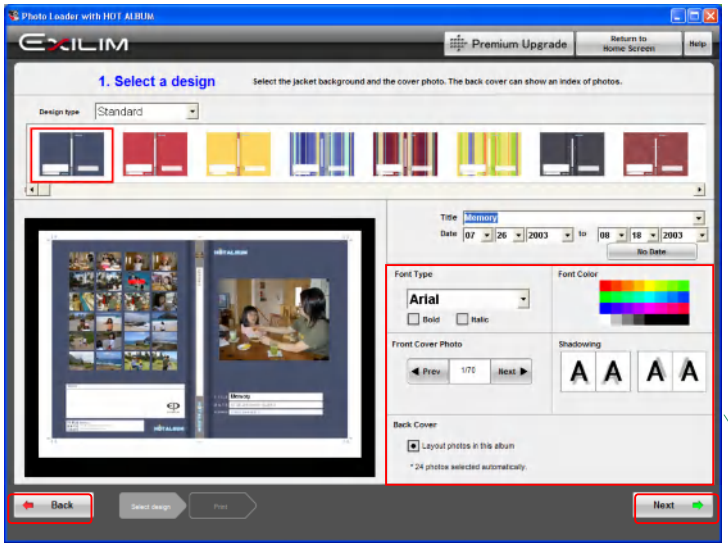


This is a preview of the edits.

Shows the album title and date, which can be edited.

Disk contents cannot be modified.

Date display can be turned off by clicking the [No Date] button.

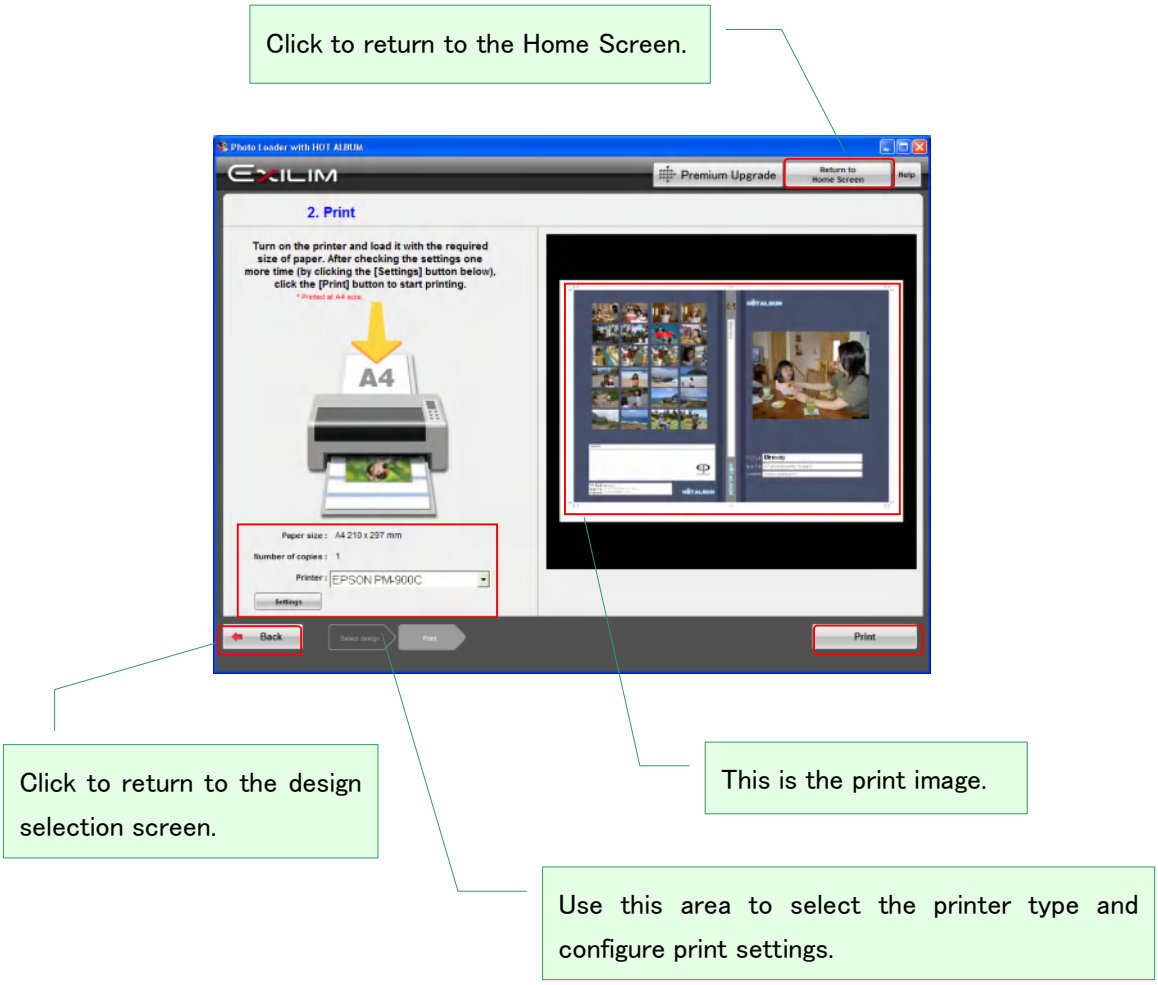


Click to return to the [select the type of printing] screen.

Use this palette to change the font and color of the title and date.

When everything is the way you want, [Next].

2.9.3.2. Configuring Print Settings and Printing



After all the settings are the way you want, click [Print].

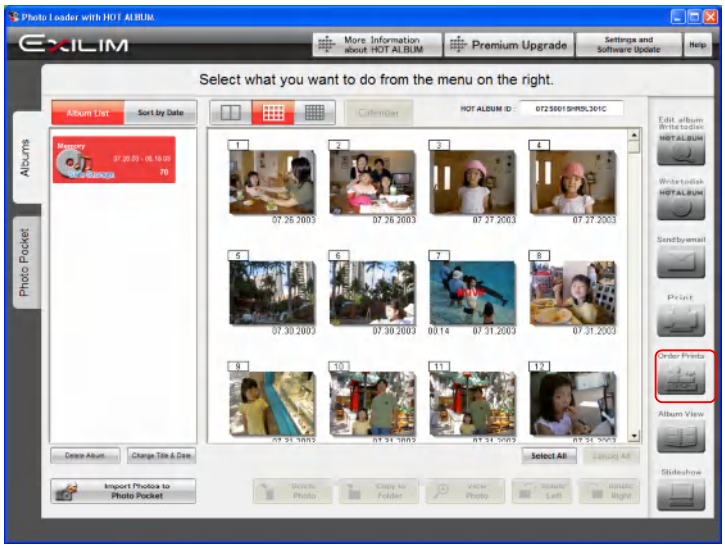
After printing is complete, click [Return to Home screen].

2.10. Ordering Prints

You can select images from an album saved with Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM and created data you can use when ordering prints.

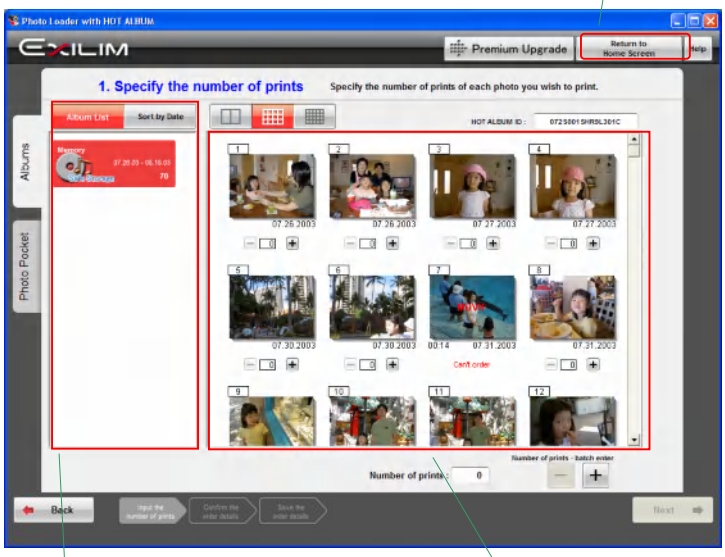
Save the order data to a memory card or CDD-R, and then take the media to a print service to order the prints.
Be sure to use a blank memory card (one that does not have any other data on it) or a new CD-R.

Click [Order Prints].



2.10.1. Selecting Images and Specifying the Number of Copies

Click an image to select it, or use the [+] and [−] buttons to specify the number of copies to be printed.

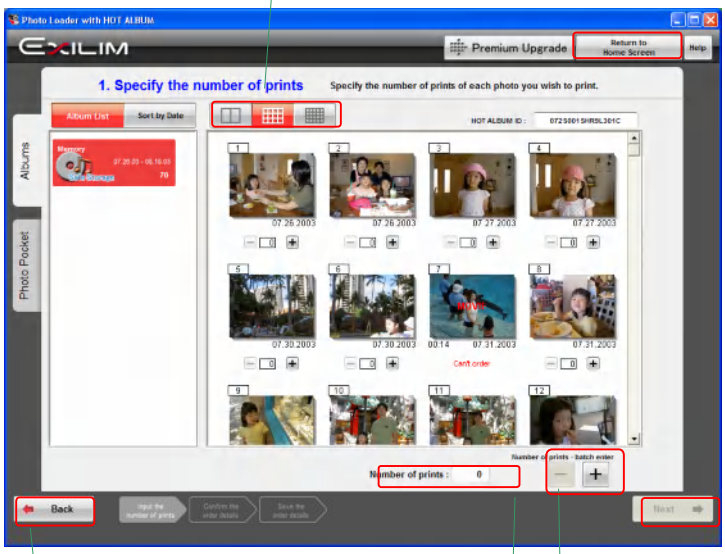


Click to return to the Home Screen.

This area can be used to select images across multiple albums.

Click an image to toggle it between selected (1 image) and unselected. You can use the + and − buttons to specify the number of prints.

Click to change the size of the thumbnails.



Shows the total number of prints.

To print all photos, use the + and – buttons to specify the number of prints of each.

Click to return to the previous screen.

After all the settings are the way you want, click [Next].

2.10.2. Checking the Print Data

You can check the selected images and the number of copies to be printed of each on the display.

If everything is the way you want, click [Next].

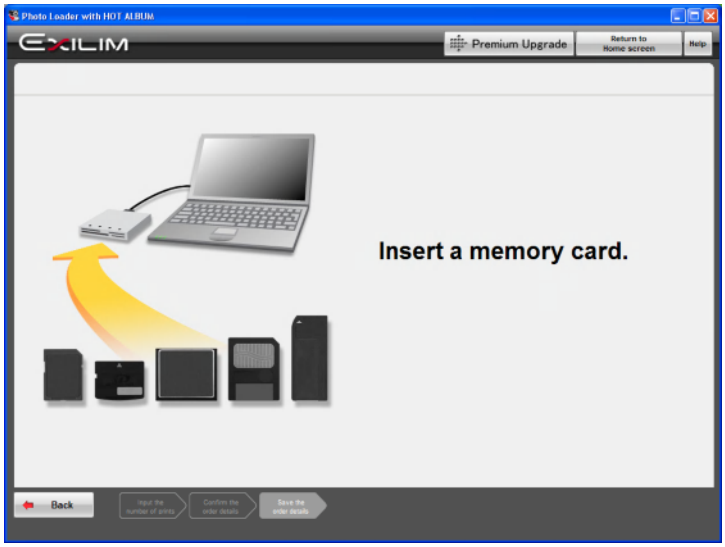
2.10.3. Saving the Order Data

Click a button to select either memory card or CD-R storage.

Important!

- Be sure to use a blank memory card (one that does not have any other data on it).
- In the case of a CD-R, use a new disk (one that does not have any other data on it).

The following is the screen that appears when you select memory card storage.



The following is the screen that appears when you select CD-R storage.
Your computer's CD drive also will open automatically at this time, so load a CD-R and then click [Next].

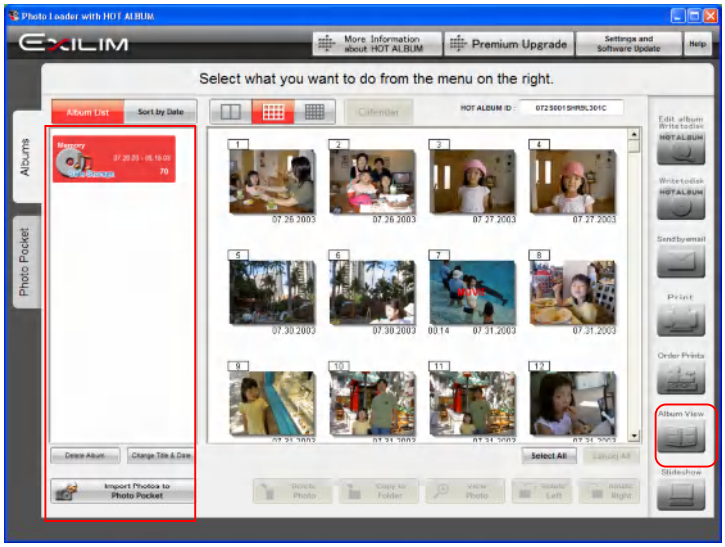
When everything is ready, click [Home Screen].

2.11. Using the Album View

Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM lets you display images an in album view that looks like a virtual photo album or in a slideshow, in addition to the basic image list.

You can use the album view to browse through your images on a screen that resembles a paper album. The memo areas can be use to input information about each image, and album view pages can be printed. Photo Pocket images cannot be included in the album view.

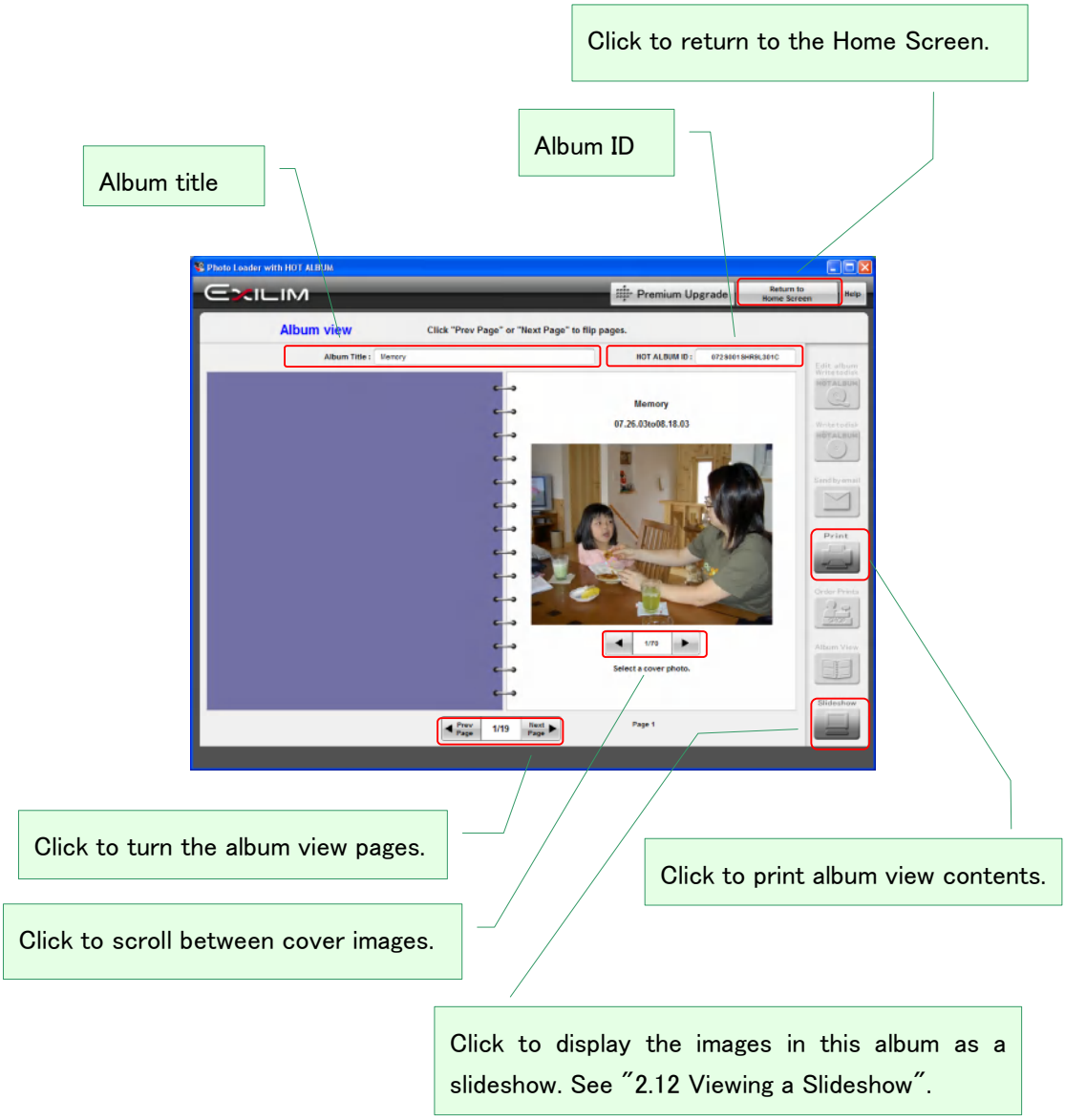
Select an album.
On the screen that appears, click the [Album View] button.



This displays the album view cover page.

The first image in the album is the one that appears on the album view cover.

You can change the album view cover page image, if you want.



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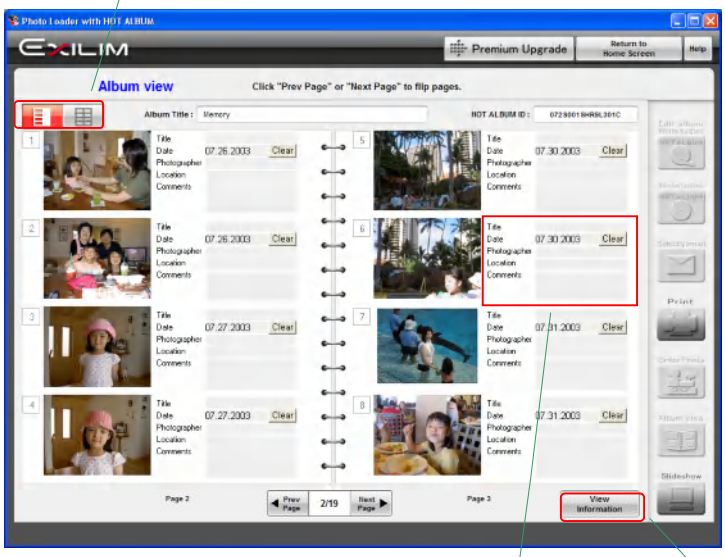
Turning the page from the album view cover displays two facing pages, with four images per page.

Click to switch to eight images per page.

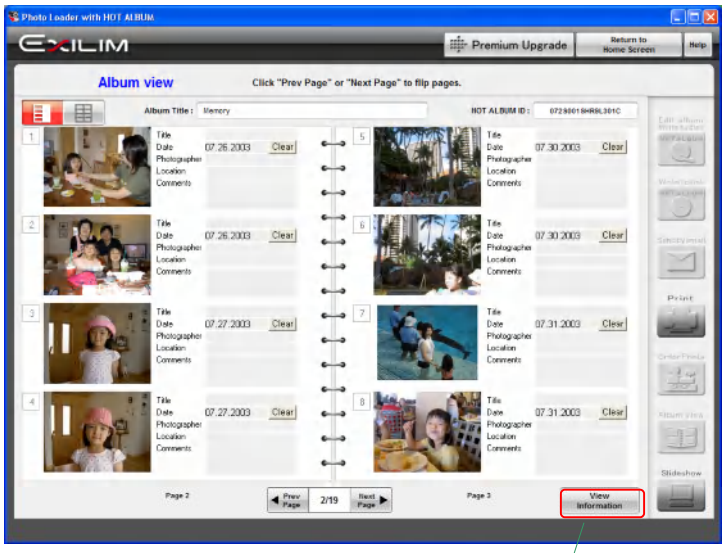


Click a blank field to input a title, photographer name, location, or comments.

Clicking the [Clear] button clears the input date and returns to the initial default.

Click to switch between display of comments and shooting information.

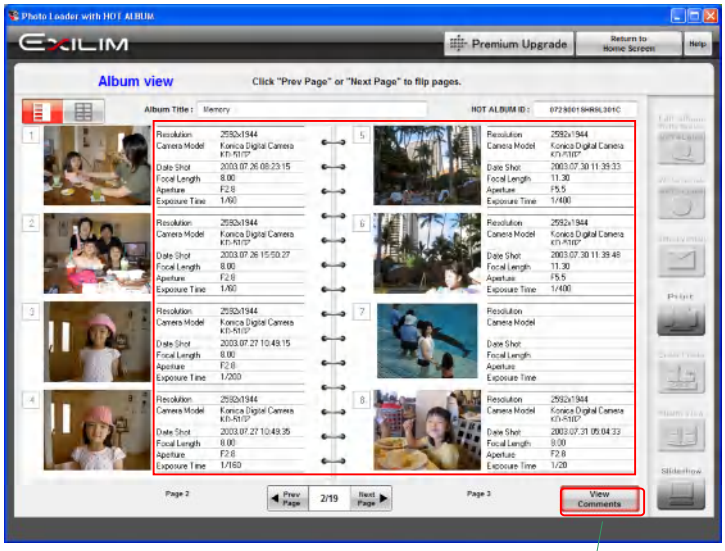
The following shows pages with comment text.



Click to switch between display of comments and shooting information.

The following shows pages with image information.

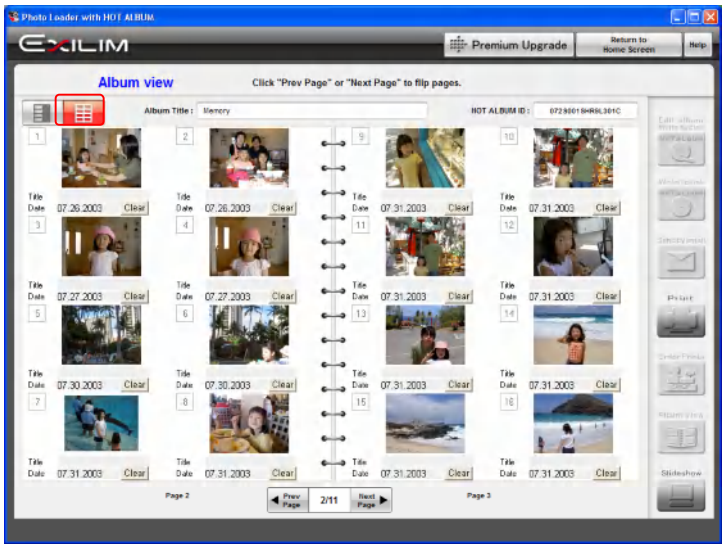
You can use the image information to display the image size, recording date and time, camera type, etc.



Click to switch between display of comments and shooting information.

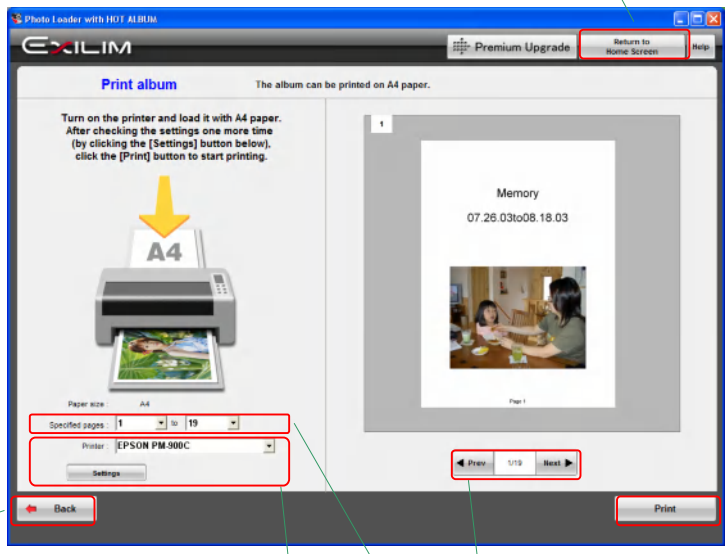
You also can change the page style to eight images per page.

In this case, only image titles and recording dates are included.



2.11.2. Printing the Album View

You can print the album view and bind the printed pages together into a paper album.



Click to return to the Home Screen.

Click to return to the album view screen.

Click to scroll between album pages.

Specify the pages to be printed.

Use this area to select the printer type and configure print settings.

After everything is the way you want, click [Print].

2.12. Slideshow

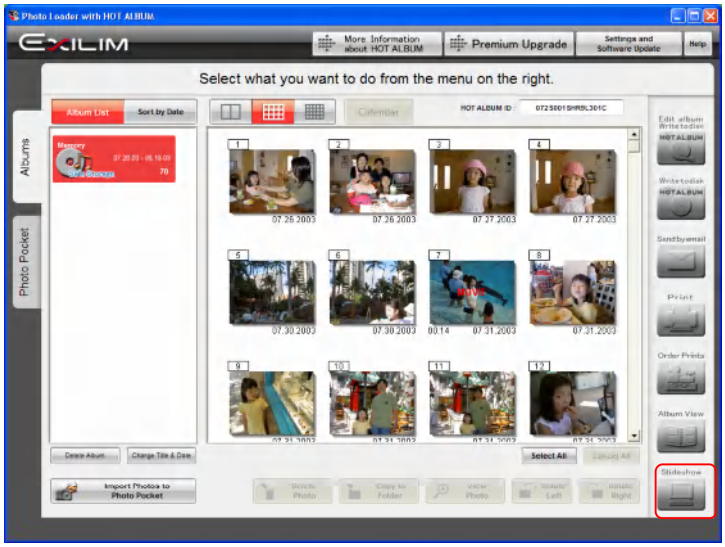
You can view images in a slideshow that scrolls automatically through the images in an album.

When writing data to a HOT ALBUM disk, you also can include background music that plays during the slideshow.

You also can use a variety of different slide change effects when viewing a slideshow on a computer.

A slideshow that is still in the Photo Pocket and still being edited can be previewed without music only. Also, the slide change effects cannot be modified for a slideshow that is in the Photo Pocket.

Select an album and then click [Slideshow].



This will start the slideshow automatically. Any comment text you inserted while editing the album will also appear.

Click to return to the Home Screen.

When playing a slideshow of a HOT ALBUM, click to configure slideshow settings.

Use these controls to stop and restart slideshow playback, and to scroll between images. When playing a slideshow of a HOT ALBUM that includes background music, you also can adjust the volume level.

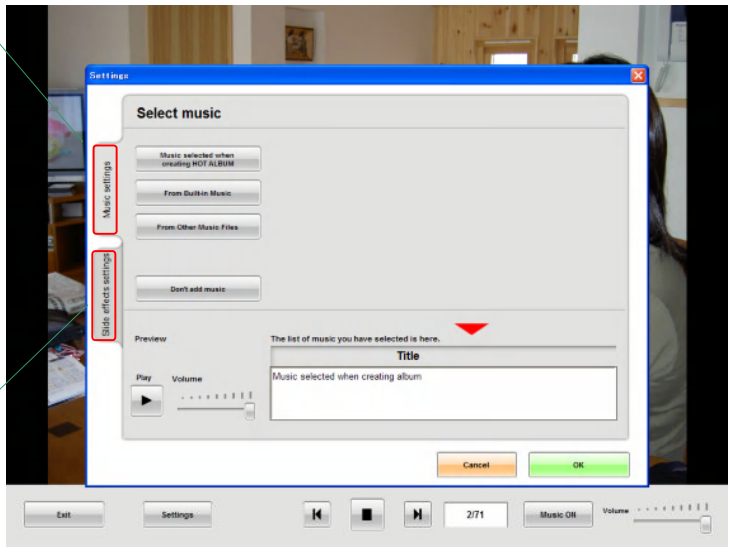
2.12.1. Modifying Slideshow Settings

You can use slideshow settings to modify the background music and slideshow effect settings.

Musing Settings Tab

Use this tab to select the background music, etc.

Go to "Music Settings".



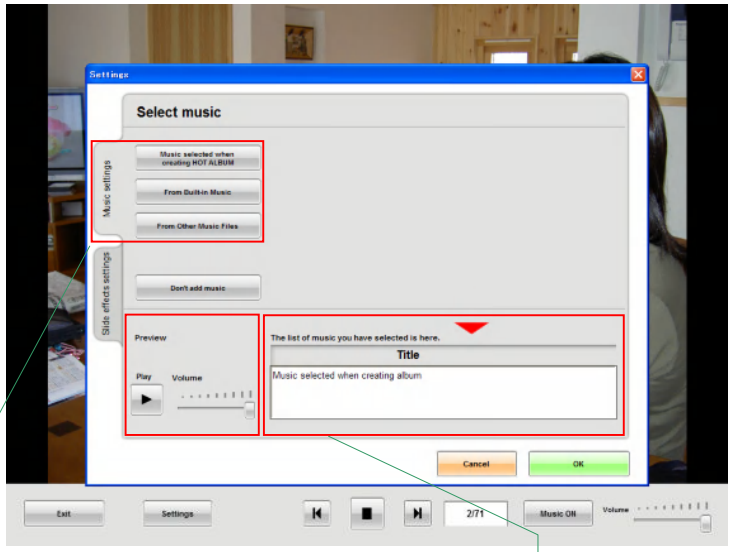
Slide Effect Settings Tab

Use this tab to configure slide change effect settings.

Go to "Configuring the Slide Effect".

■ Music Settings

The initial default selection for background music is music that is written on the HOT ALBUM disk.
You can change to different background music, if you want.
You can use other music that comes with Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM, or you can use a WAV format music file.
Of course, you can create a slideshow without any music, if you want.

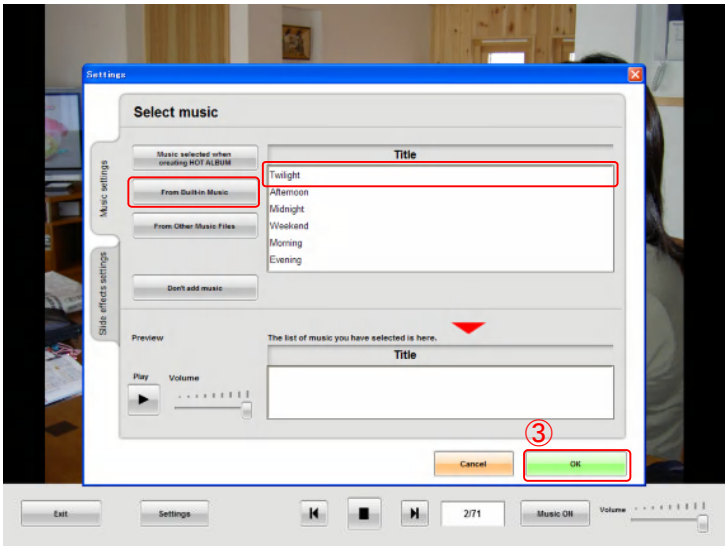


Use these controls to turn music playback on or off, and to adjust the volume level.

Shows the currently selected music.

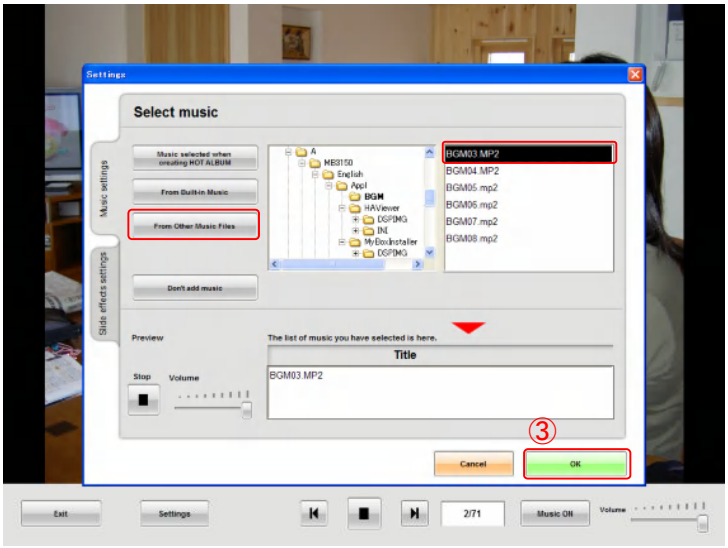
To add music that comes with Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM

Click the name of the music you want to select.
Click [OK].



To add music from a music file

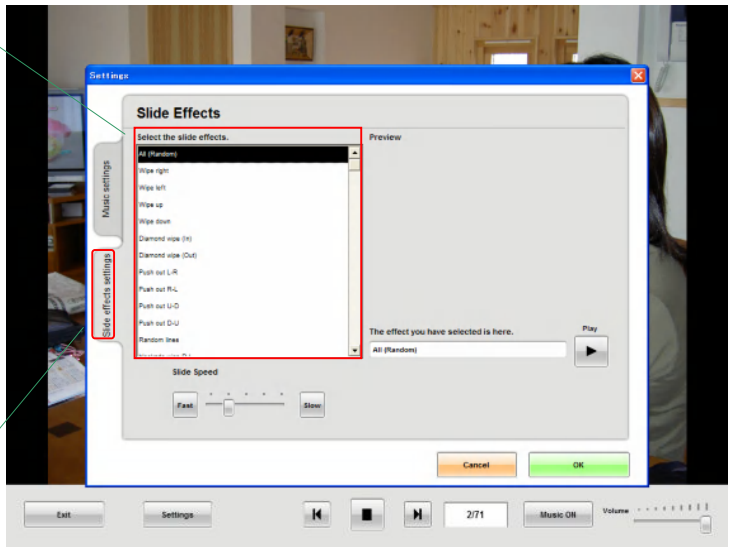
On your computer, select the WAV file you want to add.
Click [OK].



■ Configuring the Slide Effect

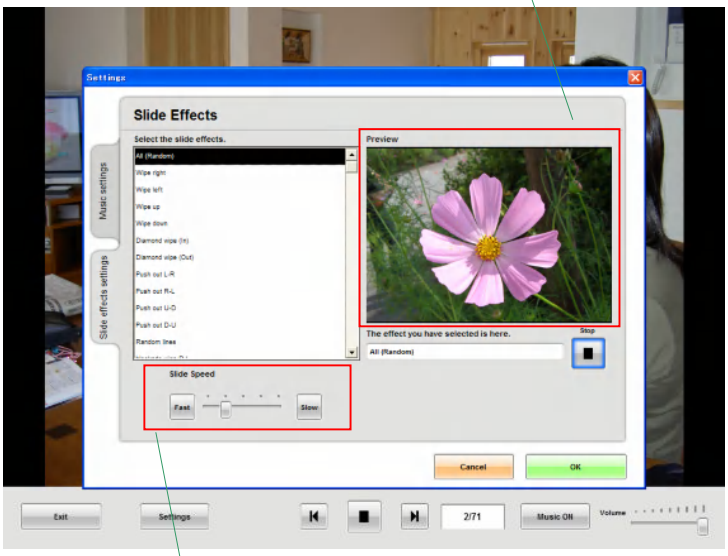
The slide effect is the effect applied when one slide changes to the next.
The initial default setting is "Random."

Click the Slide Effects Settings tab to display its settings.



Select the slide effect you want to use from this list.

Check the slide effect on the preview image.



Use this setting to adjust the speed of the slide effect.

When the setting is the way you want, click [OK].

3. Using HOT ALBUM VIEWER

3.1. Using HOT ALBUM VIEWER

When you write an album of photos to a HOT ALBUM disk, HOT ALBUM Viewer software is also written to the disk for viewing..

This means that albums on a HOT ALBUM disk can be viewed even on a computer that does not have Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM installed.

HOT ALBUM Viewer runs on any Windows operating system starting from Windows 98SE.

The following is the recommended computer system for HOT ALBUM Viewer.

Computer	IBM PC/AT or compatible
Operating System	Windows 98SE, ME 2000, XP, or Vista
CPU	500 MHz or higher
Memory	At least 64 MB (At least 128 MB recommended)
Display	At least XGA (1024 x 768), 16-bit Full Color or higher
Peripheral	CD read drive, speakers, sound card
Other	◆ Playback of a movie file (AVI, MPEG-1, MOV) requires Windows Media Player 9 or higher, and DirectX9.0 or higher. ◆ Playback of a MOV file requires QuickTime 7.1.3.

Placing a HOT ALBUM disk that contains album data into a computer's optical disk drive will cause HOT ALBUM Viewer to start up automatically.

The screen will differ slightly depending upon whether the computer has Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM installed.
See "3.7 Saving Photos on a Computer" for more information.

Important!
If the computer is running Windows 98SE or Windows Me, the [Save Photos] button will not be displayed. Installation is not possible under these operating systems.

3.2. Zooming Photos

Clicking a photo or dragging across a range of photos to select them will cause the [View Photo] button to become active.

This will enlarge a single photo.
Double-clicking a photo also will enlarge it.

Image shooting information.

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Click to return to the image list.

Click to use the displayed image as your computer's wallpaper image.

Click the [Prev] and [Next] buttons to scroll between images. When there is only one image selected, these buttons scroll through all of the images on the disk. If multiple images are selected, these buttons scroll between the currently selected images only.

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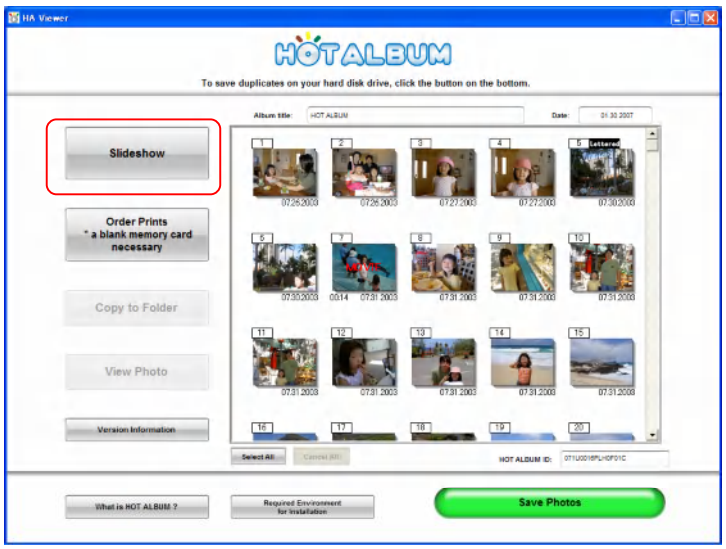
You also can use a variety of different slide change effects when viewing a slideshow on a computer.



Click the [Slide show] button to start the slideshow. Any comment text you inserted while editing the album will also appear.

Click to return to the image list.

Click to configure slideshow settings.

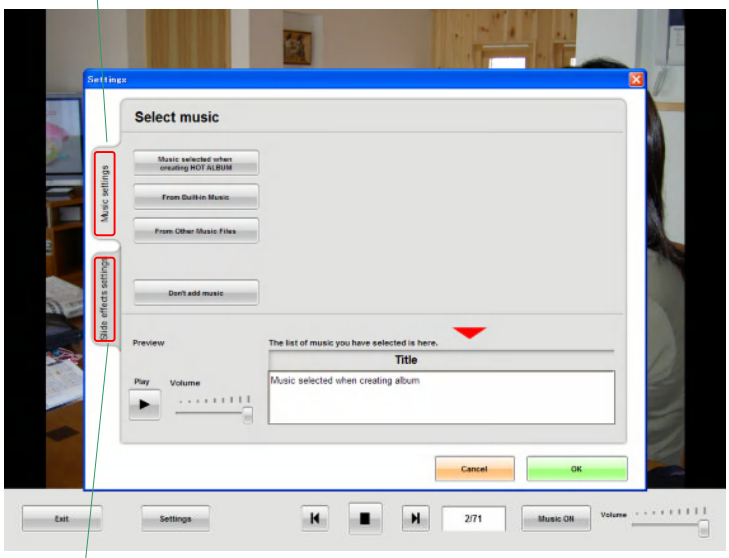
Use these controls to stop and restart slideshow playback, and to scroll between images. You also can adjust the music volume level.

Modifying Slideshow Settings

You can use slideshow settings to modify the background music and slideshow effect settings.

Music Settings Tab

Use this tab to configure background music settings.

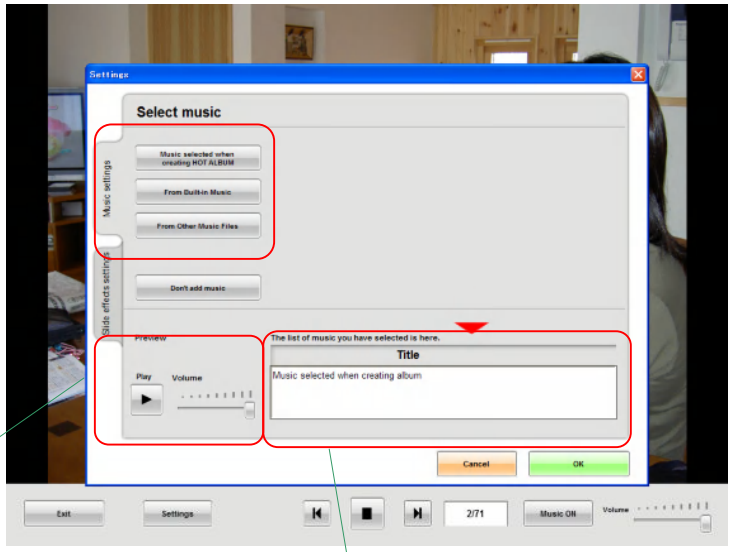


Slide Effect Settings Tab

Use this tab to configure slide change effect settings.

Music Settings

The initial default selection for background music is music that is written on the HOT ALBUM disk.
You can change to different background music, if you want.
You can use other music that comes with Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM, or you can use a WAV format music file.
Of course, you can create a slideshow without any music, if you want.



Use these controls to turn music playback on or off, and to adjust the volume level.

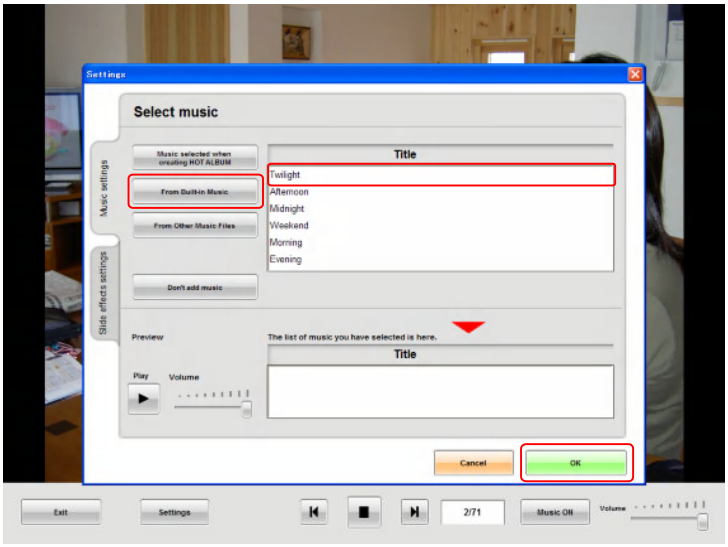
Shows the currently selected music.

To add music that comes with Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM

On the Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM music selection screen, click the [From Built-in Music] button.

Click the name of the music you want.

Click the [OK] button.

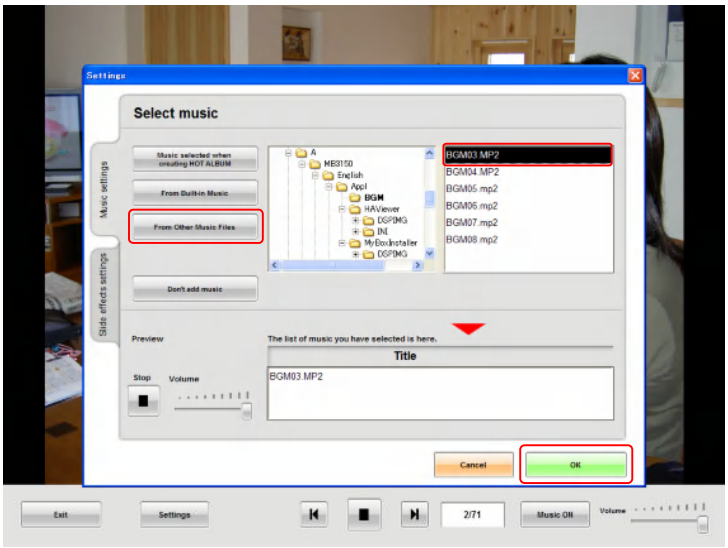


To add music from a music file

On the Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM music selection screen, click the [From Other Music Files] button.

Navigate to the folder on you computer that contains the WAV file you want to use, and click the file to select it.

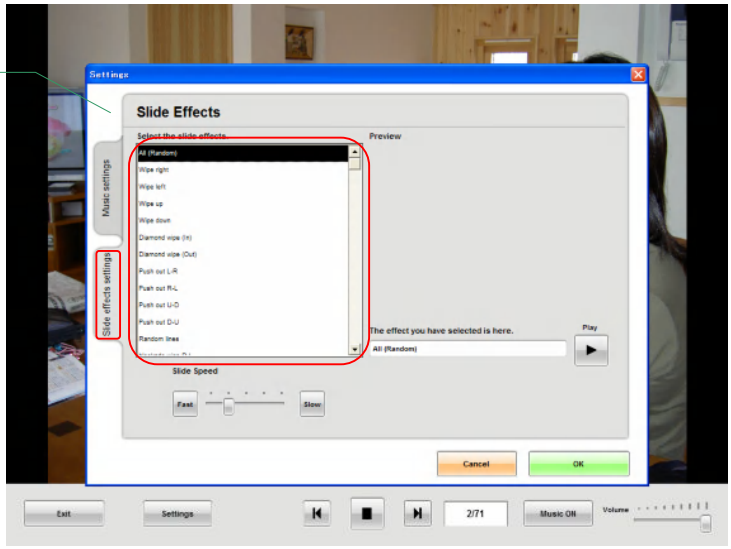
Click the [OK] button.



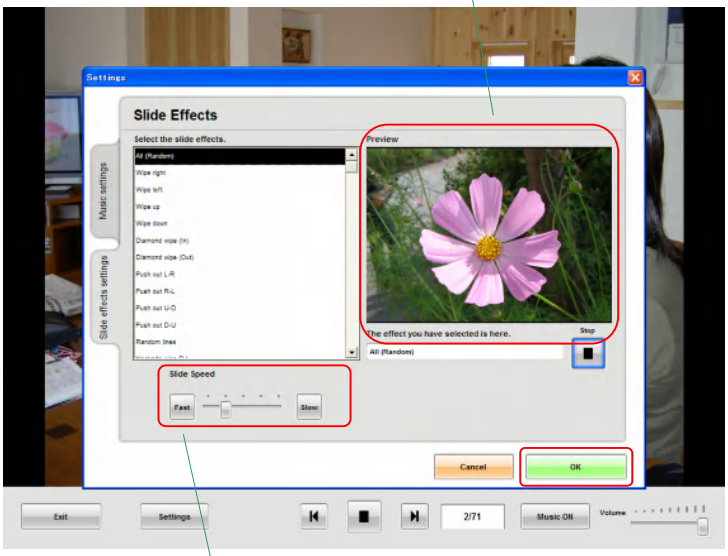
■ Configuring the Slide Effect

The slide effect is the effect applied when one slide changes to the next.
The initial default setting is "All (Random)."

Click a slide effect in this list to select it.



Check the slide effect on the preview image.



Use this setting to adjust the speed of the slide effect.

When the setting is the way you want, click [OK].

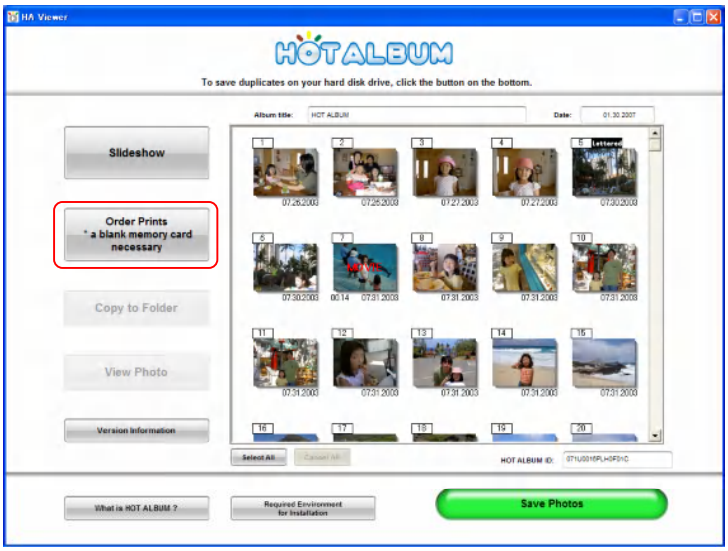
3.4. Ordering Prints from a Print Service

You can create data for ordering prints from a print service using photos on a HOT ALBUM disk.

Important!
Printing is supported for snapshots only.

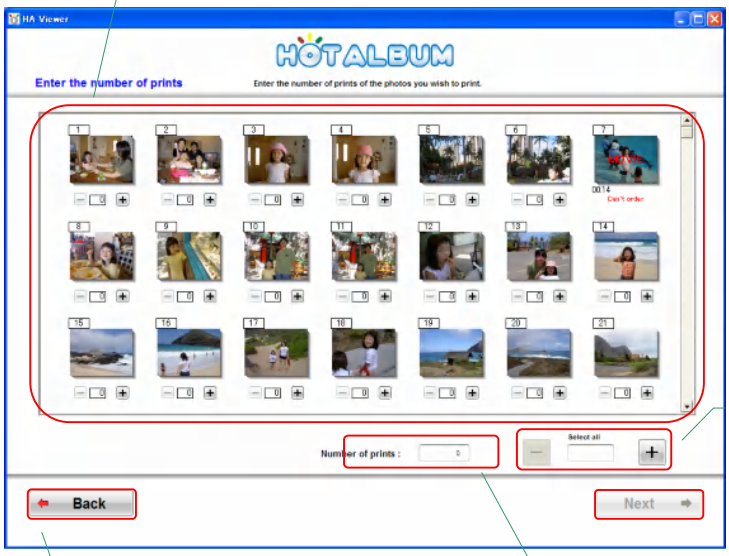
Be sure to use a blank memory card that does not contain any other data.

Click the [Order Prints] button.



Selecting Photos and Specifying the Number of Copies

Click a photo to select it, or use the [+] and [−] buttons to specify the number of copies to be printed.



Click an image to toggle it between selected (1 image) and unselected. You can use the + and − buttons to specify the number of prints.

To print all photos, use the + and − buttons to specify the number of prints of each.

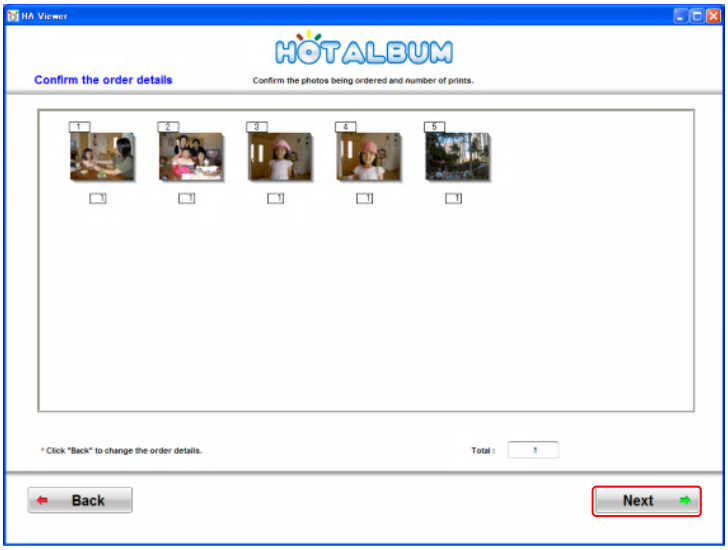
Shows the total number of prints.

Click to return to the image list.

After all the settings are the way you want, click [Next].

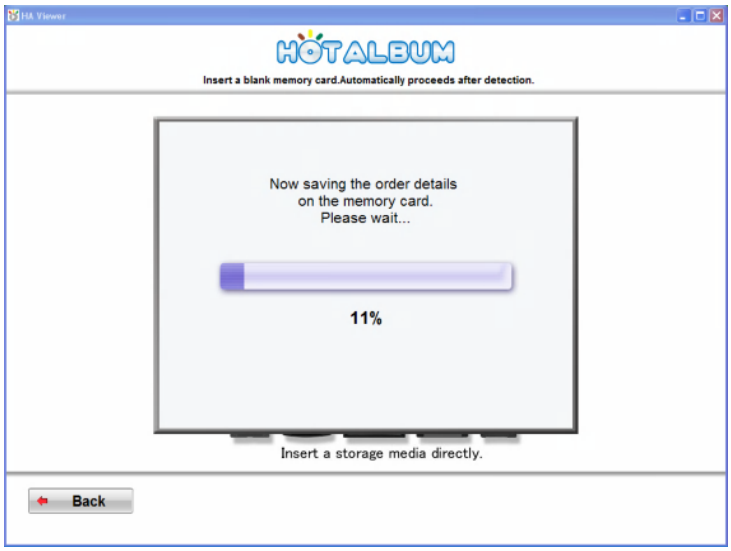
Checking the Print Data

You can check the selected photos and the number of copies to be printed of each on the display. After all the settings are the way you want, click [Next].



Once the program determines that the memory card is blank, it will save the specified data to the card.

This screen indicates that the save operation is in progress.

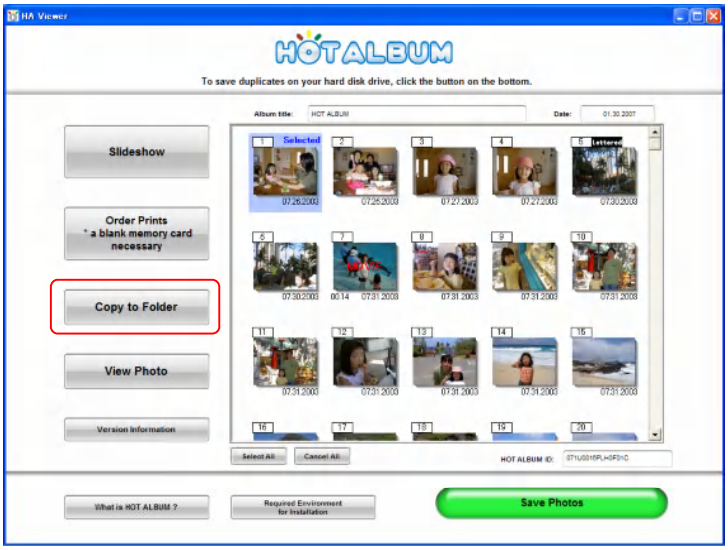


Click the [OK] button to return to the [？] screen.

3.5. Copying Photos to a Folder

The photos on a HOT ALBUM disk can be copied to a specific folder on a computer.

Select the photos you want to copy and then click [Copy to Folder].



A folder tree that shows the contents of your computers hard disk appear on the display, so you can select the folder you want.

The photo data is stored in a folder that is created automatically inside the folder you select. The newly created folder will have the name shown on the screen.

After all the settings are the way you want, click [Save].

3.6. Saving Photos to a Computer

Photos on a HOT ALBUM disk can be saved to a computer to provide an extra level of security. Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM is required on the computer in order to do this.
A simple operation lets you install Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM from the HOT ALBUM disk.

The text that appears within the green button on the photo list screen depends on the configuration of the computer system.

■ [Install Photos and Application]

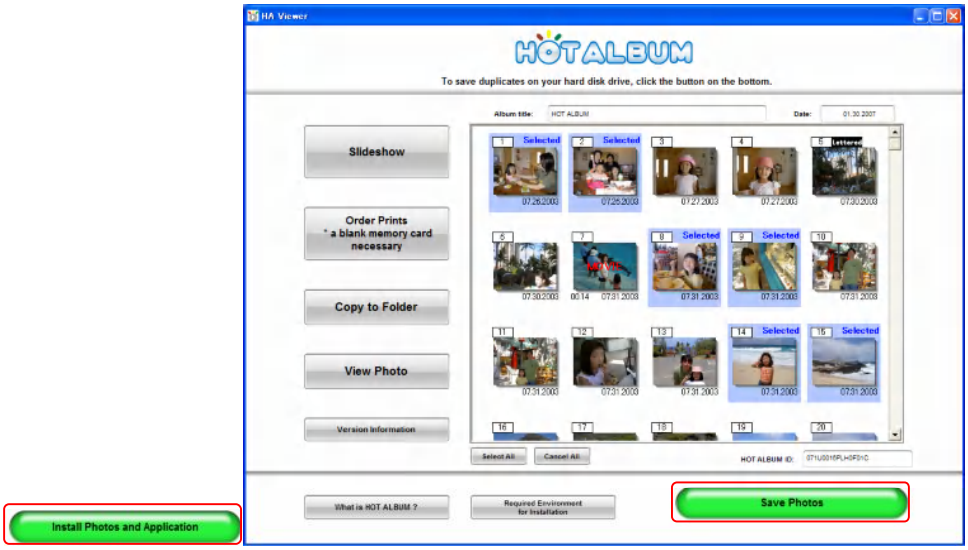
If this button appears, it means that the computer does not have Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM installed.
Clicking [Install Photos and Application] will install Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM and save the photo album to the computer.
For more information, see "2.2.2 Installing from a HOT ALBUM Disk that Contains Images".

■ [Save Photos]

This button indicates that Photo Loader with HOT ALBUM is already installed on the computer, so all you need to do is save the photo album.
If the computer has an older version of HOT ALBUM My Box installed, a prompt will appear asking if you want to upgrade to the latest version. Though operation of the new version is slightly different from that of the old version, you should upgrade if prompted to. The photos will be saved to the computer after upgrading is complete.

■ No Green Button

No green button will appear if the computer is running Windows 98SE or Windows Me.
Installation and image registration are not supported on computers running these operating systems.


HA Viewer
HOT ALBUM
To save duplicates on your hard disk drive, click the button on the bottom.
Slideshow
Order Prints
* a blank memory card necessary
Copy to Folder
View Photo
Version Information
Select All
Cancel All
What is HOT ALBUM ?
Required Environment for Installation
Install Photos and Application
Save Photos

4. Viewing HOT ALBUM Disks on a TV Screen

The HOT ALBUM disk is a hybrid that can be played back on a DVD player/recording to view a slideshow of its photos.

The slideshow can be viewed on a DVD player that supports Video-CD (VCD) 2.0 playback.
Note, however, that playback is limited to the NTSC video signal equipment used in Japan and the United States.

You can find a list of the main DVD equipment that can be used on the HOT ALBUM website at http://www.ha-hotalbum.com/

With a DVD player, normal play and stop only is supported. Fast forward, rewind, slide effect changes and other functions are note supported.