

The way to deal with the dust is to get rid of it on the front of the sensor. First try to blow it off with a rubber bulb (never a can of air). If that doesn't work (and it probably won't), what I do is clean the sensor with 91% alcohol, which you can get in a pharmacy. (Do not use 70%) What you can't do is to put much pressure on the sensor. I wrap a microfiber cloth around the end of a small q-tip, dampen it with 91% ethanol (don't make it sopping wet), and then very gently drag it across the front of the sensor in one direction, making several gentle passes to clean the whole sensor. Almost no pressure at all. After it dries, I inspect the sensor with a magnifying glass and light at an angle. If it's still dusty, I repeat once. It takes some guts to do it the first time, but after you've done it you won't be afraid. I learned this at NEAF some years ago from one of the camera vendors.

