

iPhone app

**iBomber 2****Price** £1.79 from the App Store**URL** [bit.ly/a7HHgX](http://bit.ly/a7HHgX)

**Verdict** Take to the skies with this highly addictive and good-looking arcade-style game that makes full use of the iPhone's accelerometer.

**Bomber 2 is the sequel to the successful iBomber** from developer Cobra Mobile.

Again, you're in the cockpit of a bomber sent on hazardous missions in a bid to wipe out specific enemy targets. There are 12 new missions to choose from, ranging from destroying enemy bunkers to sinking a super battleship, with each having a different set of objectives.

The game is viewed through the bombsights as you fly over enemy territory, and clicking on the red button releases your load. Meanwhile, the enemy will try to shoot you down with an array of military hardware. With the bombsight in the centre of the



◀ The game's missions range from destroying the launch site for the V-2 rocket to sinking the enemy's super battleship.



screen, you control your aircraft by tilting right and left. To increase your aircraft's speed, you tilt forwards while tilting back decreases it. The controls are easy to get to grips with and you can set the sensitivity to suit your needs.

You're armed with an unlimited supply of bombs, although you can pick up a variety of specialist weaponry with the help of power-ups. New for iBomber 2 are depth charges, torpedoes, artillery support, blanket bombs and fighter support in the form of two spitfires. A nice touch here is that you can now hold off using these until just the right moment.

The graphics are highly detailed and it's easy to lose a considerable amount of time as the gameplay draws you

in. If you liked iBomber, you'll see this as a must-have app. For those who might dither over the purchase, there's a lite version, so you can at least try before you buy this highly addictive game.

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**Canon 5D Mark II: Basic Controls****Price** £14.99 from the App Store**URL** [bit.ly/c08Vqt](http://bit.ly/c08Vqt)

**Verdict** There's a lot of video here on the Eos 5D Mark II, but the cost is too high considering that there's an app for the camera's advanced controls with the same price tag.

**T**he first thing you notice about Canon 5D Mark II: Basic Controls is the price. At £14.99, it's not an inexpensive purchase. The next thing you notice is that, at 214MB, it's not a quick download, either. This is due to the amount of video, as this isn't just a digitisation of the text manual for the Canon Eos 5D Mark II like the Handi 5Dmk2, but an app version of Blue Crane Digital's training DVD.

As such, it's a straight translation of the DVD edition, complete with reference to having your remote handy so you can pause the DVD player, and there's over 90 minutes of video. On starting, you have

just two choices: Play all or Select Chapter. The chapters are fairly short and are based around topics such as Aperture Value, ISO and White Balance. The explanations are succinct, but with just the right level of information, and it's handy to see the camera's controls being manipulated so you can do the same on your own. Nevertheless, the benefit of being able to view the video in the field to remind yourself of a certain control is a real boon.

Other apps look at different camera models, with the Canon Eos 7D, Nikon D90 and the D5000 already covered, as well as apps for those manufacturers' flashguns. Annoyingly, there's another app for the Eos 5D Mark II's advanced controls, which means that if you want detailed coverage of this camera's system, including flash, you would have to spend over £50.

If you're already an Eos 5D Mark II owner, you're unlikely to benefit from watching the

entire video from the beginning, which makes this app only of real interest to absolute novices of not just the Eos 5D Mark II but also of photography.

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► Fortunately, the presenter isn't on screen for much of the video, with the real benefit being the ability to see the controls set on the camera, so you can do the same on yours.