

FILMMAKERS GEAR LIST

Essential Smartphone Accessories

You don't need a big budget to buy quality video gear. We created this list from years of experience filming with our camera phones and these are our recommendations for the basic video production equipment you should invest in to take your videography to the next level. There are linked options to buy local or to buy online.

Tripods and Stabilisers



A necessary piece of equipment to keep your footage looking steady and professional. No matter how good your camera's stabilisation is, you need a tripod.

200cm Tripod <https://amzn.to/3CDWIkT>

175cm Tripod <https://amzn.to/3fR9Sgg>

Gimbals (Stabilisers) and Gorilla Pods (a flexible tripod with legs that are designed to bend and wrap)

Reduce shaky hands and jerky movements with a gimbal and shoot creative angles with a Gorilla Pod.

Gimbal: DJI Om 2 Smartphone Stabiliser <https://amzn.to/3fL6tPY>

Joby GorillaPod <https://amzn.to/3RDTug5>

External Microphone



Your phone isn't designed to capture high-quality sound. External microphones significantly improve the quality of your audio, which is really important when you're filming online video lessons, live courses, interviews, or anything else that contains speech.

We need to hear the interview, hear the moving music, and hear the atmosphere that we are seeing. To capture better quality sound, you want to use an external microphone. Fortunately, you can get a solid external mic without breaking the bank.

Rode is an Australian company that is also the world leader in sound equipment. They also make microphones designed especially for smartphones. The Rode Smartlav+ and the Rode Wireless Go II are the most compact microphones that attach to a person.

Boya is also making waves in microphones with their crazy price and amazing recording sound. At just over \$20 you can buy a microphone that will compete against the Rode for lapel microphone best in class.

Rode Smartlav+ <https://amzn.to/3Rlv6Kq>

Extension cable for Rode: <https://amzn.to/3rDm9aQ>

Cheaper microphone (BOYA): <https://amzn.to/3EmSgmg>



Your microphone may need an adapter to plug the microphone into your phone. You can get one from most stores that sell phone accessories. When purchasing the adapter, confirm with the sales staff you are getting the right one for your phone. They are around \$15.

RØDE Wireless GO II – Compact Wireless Microphone System



Rode Wireless Go

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Rode SC15 or SC16 – purchased separately to be compatible with your smartphone

The Rode Wireless Go II is a game changer for smartphone videographers with the ease of moving around without cables tying you down. Freedom from cables however, comes with potential tech issues, so keep that in mind.

There are two models. The Rode Wireless Go II has a built-in microphone. You could also plug in your Rode Smartlav+ for enhanced sound quality and to reduce bulk.

Rode Wireless Go II (with 2 mics) <https://amzn.to/3ymaYH4>

The cable in the Wireless Go II kit is for a DSLR camera so you will need to **buy a Rode SC15 or SC16 for use with your phone**. They are adapters for your phones power plug (where you charge your phone)

USB C Androids - **Rode SC16** <https://amzn.to/3fL7sQa>

iPhone - **Rode SC15** – <https://bit.ly/3CcsfDT>

Rode Wireless Go (with 1 mic) <https://amzn.to/3rEeYPC>

The cable in the Wireless Go II kit is for a DSLR camera as well so you will need to **buy a Rode SC7 & a 3.5mm to smartphone adapter for use with your phone**.

Rode SC7: <https://amzn.to/3MeL26b>

Smartphone Mount



A mount is needed to hold your smartphone onto the tripod. Just about every tripod you buy has a ¼ inch screw on the base plate that the phone mount will attach to. If you own a selfie stick grab the mount from it and repurpose it!

Smartphone Mount <https://amzn.to/3RCWbPf>



Lighting

If you want to look your best on camera, good lighting can make a huge difference. The following options require a power source (cabled):

Tall Ring Light <https://amzn.to/3e814IK>

Small Desktop Ring Light <https://amzn.to/3V7fyCR>

Portable Battery Lights <https://amzn.to/3ea4XGP>

Smartphone Light

Bigsofti make a super strong light for your phone.

Bigsofti <https://amzn.to/3eaUsmo>



Softbox Lights

MSKIRA Studio Softbox Light Sets - <https://amzn.to/3SJLQCp> AA

Light Reflectors

A light reflector (or flecky board) is a piece of reflective material to bounce and control the direction of light. It also gives light a much softer look.

An entry-level reflector is an affordable way to start lighting your videos better. You can get a 5-in-1 reflector with translucent, white, black, gold, and silver surfaces.

Light Reflectors – 110cm 5 in 1 Collapsible Reflector <https://amzn.to/3CfN417>



OUR OTHER GEAR

Powerbanks

Anker 20000 PD USB C FAST Charger – Charge your laptop, phone and cameras

<https://amzn.to/3yp367T> AA

Sony Mirrorless Camera A7iii <https://amzn.to/3EmTi1M>

Tamron 17-28mm 2.8 Lens for Sony camera <https://amzn.to/3RliSBq> AA

ND Filter - UPTH <https://amzn.to/3ymTtqj> AA

Glide Gear Teleprompter <https://amzn.to/3VaxyvZ> AA

Dual monitor setup – pick your preferred size <https://amzn.to/3T66NHx> AA