

PRODUCTION ON A BUDGET

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Guild of TV Cameramen

- Help and support to broadcast cameramen
- Magazine (2) and newsletter (4)
- Free workshops for members
- Cameraman's forum where you can get help and advice
- www.gtc.org.uk
- Talk to us on our stand

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All of this presentation is on my website

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Budget

- Assuming you've got a £10,000 total budget - if starting from scratch.
- You want to invest in some kit and need help to spend your money wisely.

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Retailer Recommendations

- They sell for a good price
- Not necessarily the cheapest
- Good after sales service
- Most can do repairs and routine maintenance on-site
- I've bought from them or a trusted friend has recommended them

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Who do you recommend?

- Send me your recommendations
- Tell me why they are good
- Website address
- Send to seminar@urbanfox.com
- I'll add them to my web page

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Which Camera?

- 16:9
- DV (on this budget)
- Future proofed
- Lightweight
- Good quality pictures

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Sony HVR-Z1 (HDR-FX1)



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Where to buy a camera...

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|-----------------|--|
| ■ Prokit | www.prokit.co.uk |
| ■ PEC | www.pec.co.uk |
| | |
| ■ OpTex | www.optextint.com |
| ■ Visual Impact | www.visuals.co.uk |
| ■ Top Tekes | www.top-teks.co.uk |

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You'll need some tapes

- www.carousel.uk.com
- www.first4media.com
- www.protape.co.uk
- www.feltech.co.uk

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How reliable is your tape?

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Evaluated Tape

- I know....
- How many defects there are
- Where they are

RTI TapeChek 5100
EVALUATION REPORT

Tape 00000000
Date 00/00/00
Oper. 0001

DEFECT LOCATIONS	
MINUTE	DEFECT
00:00	*
00:02	*
00:04	*
00:05	*
00:09	*
00:10	*

MINUTES 62:44 DEFECTS 86
DV FORMAT

EVALUATED & RECYCLED

- www.cva.co.uk Creative Video Associates
 - Bulk erase
 - Remove old labels (and add new ones)
 - Remove loose iron oxide
 - Evaluate for defects
 - Include defect readout

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Recycled miniDV costs...

- 60 minute tape...
- 50p - cleaned and erased
- £1.47 - cleaned, erased and evaluated

Ex VAT

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Be wary of...

- Buying tape in the high street - way too expensive
- Chipped tapes
- DV v DVCAM v HDV

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Tripod

"Reputations are *earned* by being able to hand hold a camera well - reputations are *kept* by putting it back on the tripod."

David Drinkwater
Senior cameraman TV2 NZ

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Choosing a Tripod

- Spend as much as possible (£250 - £1,000)
- Weight (carbon fibre is expensive)
- Robust - outlive the camera
- Min and Max height
- Two sections or three section?
- Easy to use leg adjustments

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Tripod

- Mid level or ground level spreader
- Spiked feet
- Spirit level
- Quick release hot shoe
- Separate pan and tilt head frictions

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Alternative Support

- Bean bags...
- The Pod - www.7dayshop.com
- www.wildlifewatchingsupplies.co.uk

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Alternative Support

- Monopod (Manfrotto 682)
- Magic arm with Superclamp



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Sound Equipment

- www.canford.co.uk
- www.studiospares.com
- www.ltf-uk.com
- www.connectronics.co.uk
- www.bhphotovideo.com (New York)
- www.proaudiokit.co.uk ???

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Basic Sound Kit

- Gun mic (hypercardioid)
great for noisy places
- Sennheiser 416
 - www.mcdauctions.co.uk
- Sennheiser ME66 (K6)



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Basic Sound Kit

- Personal mic
(Tie, clip, lavalier)
 - (omni directional)
- Sony ECM77
or ECM88



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Basic Sound Kit

- Radio mic
- Sennheiser
Evolution
(EW112-p G2)



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Basic Sound Kit

- Sony UWP-C1 series
- Diversity System



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Basic Kit

- xlr-xlr cables
30cm, 1m, 2m, 3m
quad flex
- Closed Headphones
 - Sennheiser HD25



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Lighting kit

- Lights are tools. You need the correct light to do a specific job well.

SO...

- Please don't buy three identical lamps

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Interview kit

- Hard light
 - Dedo aspheric2
(150W)
- Soft Light
 - Lowell Rifa 44
(300W)



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Interview Kit

- £870+VAT Prokit



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On Camera Light

- LED light
 - Cool light
 - 0 -100% dimmable - no colour temp change
 - Lamp life 10,000 hours
 - Very low battery consumption

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IDX X3-Lite

LED
11W 700-900mA

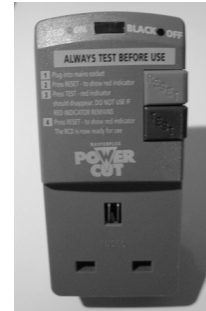
Tungsten
35W 6A



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Lighting Kit Extras

- RCD
- Circuit tester



Lighting Kit Extras

- Extension leads
- Daylight colour-correction gel
- Magic arm www.studiolighting.co.uk
- Feeling extravagant?
...Warm cards www.prokit.co.uk

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Trolley

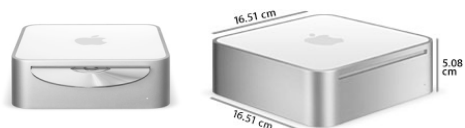
- Sack truck
- Carries up to 90Kg Load
- Lakeland Plastics
- www.lakelandlimited.co.uk
- Item ref no 6168



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Editing

Buy a Mac



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Insurance

- Alan, Chapman and James
■ www.acjltd.co.uk
- Culpeck Insurance
■ www.culpeck.co.uk
- BECTU for public liability insurance
■ www.bectu.org.uk
- Aon Ltd - 0845 6010380

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