

# STEADICAM<sup>®</sup> MERLIN<sup>2</sup>

*Versatile...  
Adjustable...  
Precise...*

The Steadicam Merlin<sup>2</sup> stabilizer is your essential professional partner. Life doesn't stand still. Now keep up with the action more easily than ever with the new ultra-light, ultra-compact stabilizer system.

The Merlin<sup>2</sup> hand-held stabilizer is what you've been waiting for since the dawn of camcorders. It was designed by Garrett Brown, the Wizard himself, who revolutionized moviemaking with the original Steadicam stabilizing system. He then brought that same magic to videomaking in 1990 with the Steadicam JR hand-held stabilizer.

The Merlin<sup>2</sup> stabilizer can move as smoothly as the big \$60,000 Steadicam rigs used in Hollywood.

The Merlin<sup>2</sup> stabilizer lets you fly wherever the scene takes you—up and down steps, indoors and outside, through crowds—almost anywhere, with precise, elegant control and ease for memorable, professional “you are there” footage. And its quick-release mount lets you instantly swap camera connections between your stabilizer and any tripod.

The design of the Merlin<sup>2</sup> stabilizer significantly reduces fatigue for longer, more elegant shots. The rigidity of its construction permits longer focal lengths than you have ever imagined.

## **Specifications:**

Weight: 1.4lbs (0.64kg) (without balance weights)

Camera Weight Capacity \*: 0.5 to 5.0lb (0.23 – 2.27kg)  
7.5lbs max. (3.4kg) with  
OPTIONAL Merlin Arm & Vest  
Accessory

Maximum Height Folded: 5.3 in. (13.5cm)

Minimum Height Open: 8 in. (20.3cm)

Maximum Height Open: 15.3 in. (38.7cm)

Case Size (W x H x D): 13.4 x 9.9 x 4.9 in. (34.0 x 25.2L x 12.5cm)

\* Note that Camera Weight Capacity is dependent on camera CG position.



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The  
**MAGIC**  
Starts Here!

# The New Steadicam® Merlin<sup>2</sup>®

Developed using the same Steadicam engineering ingenuity that powers the \$60k feature-film models, the new Merlin<sup>2</sup> stabilizer system offers everyone from the video enthusiast to the professional shooter an ultra-smooth, elegant handheld camera stabilizer system with unparalleled performance and precision and a host of better than ever features.



The Merlin stabilizer's unique dual extended weight system greatly increases inertial stability. And its counterbalancing weight supports a wide range of DSLR, compact and professional camcorders, point-and-shoot cameras and other video-capture device models weighing from 0.5 to 5 lbs. (0.23 to 2.2 kg).



The Merlin<sup>2</sup> offers a more precise Folding-Caliper hinge to assure you have the only hand-held unit that folds but needs no readjustment when reopened! It is designed to be more rigid and robust through efficient tolerances and materials, allowing for easy folding for travel and storage. The intuitive spring-loaded spar lock instantly folds up and magically disappears up alongside the camera, perfect for shoulder-mounted shooting. And just as quickly, returns precisely for hand-held camera work.

- The robust stage design features a rigid camera plate, multi-angle viewable level, and larger easily adjustable knobs for secure camera mounting and ease of use
- A secure gimbal lock allows for precise tuning
- The lens platform adjusts to various heights and angles to help support longer lenses and camera bodies
- The ergonomic handle affords a comfortable grip for hours without undue fatigue for either right or left handed users
- All parts are stainless steel, aluminum or brass for corrosion resistance
- Dovetail plate and gimbal are retrofittable with original Steadicam Merlin
- Top dovetail plate has been designed to clear battery doors on most DSLR cameras
- Secure metal interconnect to Merlin arm post
- Sleek new black and stainless steel styling

Best of all, with a compact camcorder, balanced and ready to shoot, the Merlin<sup>2</sup> stabilizer weighs only about two pounds!

Whether you're an independent camera professional or running a corporate AV department; a wedding and event videographer or real estate agent; enthusiast or film student, you're serious about the quality of work you bring to your audience, and of the tools that get you there. The Steadicam Merlin<sup>2</sup> stabilizer is your new magic wand!

## Optional Accessories: Merlin Camera Controller

that fits standard Merlin and Merlin<sup>2</sup> stabilizers changes the game with regard to camera control. Built into the handle of the Merlin, it can be retrofitted easily onto earlier Merlin models. Now you can start/stop recording plus control zoom and autofocus\*\* with no tell-tale bumps. Complex sequences can be shot and edited on the fly in real time which is then ready to hand off to clients.



**Merlin DSLR Camera Bag** is lightweight, durable and compact in size but offers plenty of space to carry the Merlin<sup>2</sup> and DSLR plus accessories.

A must-have protection bag for DSLR or small camcorder users.



\*\* Controlled features dependent on camera model used.