

Phone or dedicated camera?

Check what your existing equipment can do before buying another camera.

Use spare components in a safe bench scene. Keep the subject, lighting and required outcome comparable.
Record differences in distance, settings or mounts. This is your test; no results are supplied.

Setup A - exact phone/camera, lens and accessories

Setup B - exact phone/camera, lens and accessories (leave blank if unavailable)

Date / test reference (no customer names or addresses)

Required continuous recording time / intended use

Shared scene, lighting and chosen photo/video settings

Three capture checks

In each result: Pass / Re-test / Not needed, plus the file name and any limitation.

1 Context and detail

Take a wide view, then a close-up of a model label or fitting. On the office screen, can you read the needed detail and identify where it belongs?

A result + file reference

B result + file reference

2 Hands-free framing

Record a short bench demonstration with the intended mount. Can you see both hands and the component throughout, without repositioning the work unsafely?

A result + file reference

B result + file reference

3 Usable recording

Record for your required duration. Review start, middle and end for missing frames, focus and framing. If narration matters, check intelligibility on ordinary speakers.

A result + file reference

B result + file reference

Turn the results into a decision

A sharper clip is useful only if you can retrieve it and use it in your actual work.

Print both pages and write in your results. For a digital record, use your PDF app's annotation tools. Keep completed sheets and job records private. This is a printable worksheet, without form fields.

4 Complete the file workflow

Copy originals to your normal computer/storage, reopen them, then attach a copy to a dummy job record. If you edit video, open a sample in your actual editor. Record steps, time, format or access problems.

A - transfer, reopen, attach and backup check

B - transfer, reopen, attach and backup check

5 Compare the complete setup

List required mounts, cards, batteries, charging, microphones, storage, software/subscriptions and support. Confirm exact compatibility. Include how calls, estimates and scheduling work while recording.

A - required extras and complete cost / quote date

B - required extras and complete cost / quote date

6 Choose the next step

Keep the current setup if it meets your required checks. Re-test a workflow or accessory change before replacing the camera. Consider another camera when it solves a recorded gap and passes the same checks.

Decision - keep / adjust and re-test / compare another setup; why?

Unresolved model, fit, privacy or cost questions / next test

Close-up specifications are model-specific

Apple describes macro capture on supported iPhone models. GoPro lists a manual 11-75 cm focus range for its HERO13 Black Macro Lens Mod; that accessory is not the standard camera lens. These are specification examples, not recommendations or proof that either setup passes your test.

Apple macro guide

GoPro Macro Lens Mod specifications

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