

VIDEO CAPTURE EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Below you will find recommendations for microphones, tripods and wide angles lenses that are compatible with TORSH Talent and the TORSH Talent App. While the platform can be used without these devices, these recommendations can improve the experience.

MICROPHONES

Wired Microphones

Zoom iQ7 - \$99.99 from Amazon (iOS)

Rode VideoMic Me - \$59.00 from Amazon (Android)

Bluetooth Microphones (iOS and Android)

Hey Mic! - \$112 directly from the manufacturer/\$160 from Amazon

Ampridge MightyMic W+ - \$59.99 from Amazon

Nolan Mic2 - \$62.99 from Amazon

TRIPODS

Rienar Octopus Style Portable and Adjustable Tripod Stand Holder - \$5.48 from Amazon

AmazonBasics 60-Inch Lightweight Tripod - \$23.49 from Amazon

Accmor Universal Flexible Phone Tripod Mount Adapters - \$6.99 from Amazon

ChargerCity HD-6x Smartphone Holder - \$13.95 from Amazon

Accmor Tablet Tripod Adapter - \$8.99 from Amazon

WIDE ANGLE LENSES

Luxsure® Universal 3-in-1 Clip Cell Phone Camera Lens Kit- \$25.99 from Amazon

NEEWER® Red 3-in-1 Camera Lens Kit- \$4.55 from Amazon

VicTsing 3 in 1 Phone Camera Lens - \$12.99 from Amazon

MICROPHONES

External microphones give you the ability to capture higher quality audio on your video recordings. Mobile devices are not designed for the best possible audio recording quality. Therefore, it is best practice to use an external microphone when recording video on your smartphone or tablet.

Wired microphones will work well in normal-sized classrooms, and they should be aimed in the direction of the teacher. In the case that the teacher is very far from the microphone, or if there is a lot of noise in or directly outside of the room, a bluetooth mic or a wired lavalier mic would be more effective.

Wired Microphones*

Zoom iQ7 - \$99.99 from Amazon (iOS)

DESCRIPTION | The iQ7 mid-side stereo condenser mic is the ideal audio accessory for your iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch. Lightweight and compact, small enough to fit in your pocket, it is perfect for capturing video with great-sounding audio. The device comes with an extended Lightning connector and removable spacer that allows use with most cases. The microphone is very easy to use and does not require that you pair it with your device. Simply connect the microphone to your device, launch the TORSH Talent App, and you're good to go.

PARTS | Microphone, Extended Lightning Connector, Removable Spacer

BLUETOOTH | No

SELECTABLE STEREO WIDTH | 90°/120°/M-S

AUDIO QUALITY | In our tests, this microphone produced superior audio quality. Wired microphones produced fewer latency issues than Bluetooth microphones due to the wired microphone being directly connected to your device.

COST | Microphone - \$99.99

WHERE TO BUY | Microphone - [Amazon](#)

Rode VideoMic Me - \$57.99 from Amazon (Android)

DESCRIPTION | The VideoMic Me is a directional microphone optimized for smartphones. The VideoMic Me is designed to fit a wide range of different devices including both iOS (iPad included) and Android devices (as long as the headset input on the device is on the opposite side to the actual camera so that you do not see the microphone while filming). To use with an iPhone or iPad, you will need to purchase a lightning adapter.

PARTS | Microphone, Lightning Adapter

BLUETOOTH | No

FREQUENCY RANGE | 100Hz - 20kHz

AUDIO QUALITY | In our tests, this microphone produced superior audio quality. Wired microphones produced fewer latency issues than Bluetooth microphones due to the wired microphone being directly connected to your device.

COST | Microphone - \$57.99

WHERE TO BUY | Microphone - [Amazon](#)

***NOTE:**

Any wired microphone with a 3.5mm jack can be used with TORSH Talent. They can be connected to an iPhone or iPad using the adapters listed below:

Lightning to 3.5 mm Headphone Jack Adapter - \$9.00 from [Apple](#)

Apple - Lightning-to-3.5mm Headphone Adapter – White - \$9.99 from [Best Buy](#)

Bluetooth Microphones (iOS and Android)

Hey Mic! - \$112 directly from the manufacturer or \$112 from Amazon

DESCRIPTION | Hey Mic! is for speakers and presenters, video bloggers, trainers and teachers and anyone who makes videos and wants great audio on the go. Hey Mic! uses Bluetooth technology to connect to wirelessly to your smartphone or Bluetooth PC. Get great audio with your smartphone videos up to 65 ft away. Hey Mic! is lightweight with a built-in clip and optional magnet making it easy to wear.

PARTS | Microphone, Storage Case, Charging Cord, Lithium Metal Battery (included)

BLUETOOTH | Yes

RANGE | Up to 65ft away

AUDIO QUALITY | Bluetooth microphones are a great way to record audio that is focused on your voice, without the need for any wires. You can clip a Bluetooth lapel mic to your shirt, and it will pick up your voice as you move around the classroom. Depending on the device, your phone/tablet, and your recording environment, you may occasionally notice some latency between audio and video.

COST | Microphone - \$112.00

WHERE TO BUY | Microphone - [Amazon](#), [Hey Mic!](#)

Ampridge MightyMic W+ - \$59.99 from Amazon

DESCRIPTION | The MightyMic W+ (Multi-Function Wireless) microphone brings high quality wireless sound from a small microphone. Don't be fooled by the compact size. This is a high quality clip-on omni condenser microphone that includes a rechargeable Li-ion battery. Simply pair it to your device, then launch TORSH Talent.

PARTS | USB charging port cable, deluxe carrying pouch, foam windscreen, and the microphone.

BLUETOOTH | Yes

RANGE | Up to 60ft range

AUDIO QUALITY | Bluetooth microphones are a great way to record audio that is focused on your voice, without the need for any wires. You can clip a Bluetooth lapel mic to your shirt, and it will pick up your voice as you move around the classroom. Depending on the device, your phone/tablet, and your recording environment, you may occasionally notice some latency between audio and video.

COST | \$59.99

WHERE TO BUY | Microphone - [Amazon](#)

Nolan Mic2 - \$62.99 from Amazon

DESCRIPTION | The new generation MIC, long range, low latency, capture and stream the source of audio/voice wirelessly via headset, handfree, A2DP profiles. For distance education, webinar, conference, panel session, PA systems, speech recognition, hearing impairment, VoIP, PC audio, and voice recording.

PARTS | Bluetooth wireless microphone2, USB power cable and QSG

BLUETOOTH | Yes

RANGE | Microphone works within an approximate 66 foot range.

AUDIO QUALITY | Bluetooth microphones are a great way to record audio that is focused on your voice, without the need for any wires. You can clip a Bluetooth lapel mic to your shirt, and it will pick up your voice as you move around the classroom. Depending on the device, your phone/tablet, and your recording environment, you may occasionally notice some latency between audio and video.

COST | \$62.99

WHERE TO BUY | Microphone - [Amazon](#)

TRIPODS

Tripods allow you to mount your smartphone or tablet for a stable “hands free” experience while recording video.

Rienar Octopus Style Portable and Adjustable Tripod Stand Holder - \$5.48 from Amazon

DESCRIPTION | This tripod does not require an adapter and connects directly to your smartphone. It is lightweight, portable and durable and has adjustable legs to mount on a variety of surfaces.

COST | \$5.48

WHERE TO BUY | [Amazon](#)

AmazonBasics 60-Inch Lightweight Tripod - \$23.49 from Amazon

DESCRIPTION | This tripod requires an adapter. It is tall enough to stand alone and does not need to be mounted on an elevated surface. The tripod extends from 25” to 60.” It also has a built in level, so you can adjust the frame correctly.

COST | \$23.49

WHERE TO BUY | [Amazon](#)

Accmor Universal Flexible Phone Tripod Mount Adapters - \$6.99 from Amazon

DESCRIPTION | This adapter makes it easy to mount your smartphone or tablet on any standard tripod, such as the AmazonBasics. The adapter is lightweight and portable and can be quickly attached to your tripod.

COST | \$6.99

WHERE TO BUY | [Amazon](#)

ChargerCity HD-6x Smartphone Holder - \$13.95 from Amazon

DESCRIPTION | This is a tripod with a suction cup that can be set up on surfaces to record with your smartphone.

COST | \$13.95

WHERE TO BUY | [Amazon](#)

Accmor Tablet Tripod Adapter - \$8.99 from Amazon

DESCRIPTION | This adapter connects to a tripod to make it compatible with a variety of tablets including the Apple iPad, iPad Mini, Samsung Galaxy, Microsoft Surface and Google Nexus.

COST | \$8.99

WHERE TO BUY | [Amazon](#)

WIDE ANGLE LENSES

Wide Angle Lenses allow you to capture a larger view of a room. For whole classroom video capture, a wide angle lens can ensure that the entire room is included in the recording.

Luxsure® Universal 3-in-1 Clip Cell Phone Camera Lens Kit- \$25.99 from Amazon

DESCRIPTION | This kit comes with a fish eye, macro and wide angle lens. The wide angle lens will probably be most useful in capturing a classroom. The wide angle lens expands the viewing angle 4x. A macro lens is used for taking footage of details up close. A fish eye lens also expands the viewing angle but captures round images instead of square ones. The lenses are compatible with most mobile phones and can be detached, so you can take it off when you are not using it.

COST | \$25.99

WHERE TO BUY | [Amazon](#)

NEEWER® Red 3-in-1 Camera Lens Kit- \$4.55 from Amazon

DESCRIPTION | This low-cost kit comes with a fish eye, macro and wide angle lens. The wide angle lens will probably be most useful in capturing a classroom. The wide angle lens expands the viewing angle. A macro lens is used for taking footage of details up close. A fish eye lens also expands the viewing angle but captures round images instead of square ones. The lenses are portable and can be easily removed.

COST | \$4.55

WHERE TO BUY | [Amazon](#)

VicTsing 3 in 1 Phone Camera Lens - \$12.99 from Amazon

DESCRIPTION | This kit comes with a fish eye, macro and wide angle lens compatible with a variety of devices. The wide angle lens will probably be most useful in capturing a classroom. This wide angle lens increases the viewing angle by 49%. A macro lens is used for taking footage of details up close. A fish eye lens also expands the viewing angle but captures round images instead of square ones. The lenses are portable and can be easily removed.

COST | \$12.99

WHERE TO BUY | [Amazon](#)