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STABILIZING
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FOR TODAY'S
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VERSATILE. ADJUSTABLE. PRECISE.

The Steadicam Merlin 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 Steadicam® Merlin™.

Merlin is what you've been waiting for since the dawn of camcorders. Merlin was designed by Garrett Brown, the Wizard himself, who revolutionized moviemaking with the original Steadicam. He then brought that same magic to video-making in 1990 with the Steadicam JR™ handheld stabilizer.

Brilliantly reborn as the Steadicam Merlin, it's half the weight and four times as stable as the JR! Yet astonishingly, Merlin can move as smoothly

as the big \$60,000 Steadicams used in Hollywood.



Merlin 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 Merlin and any tripod.

Merlin's design significantly reduces fatigue for longer, more elegant shots—by itself it weighs less than a can of soda! Still, the rigidity of its construction permits longer focal lengths than you have ever imagined with a hand-held stabilizer.

Merlin's unique dual extended weight system greatly increases inertial stability. And its counterbalancing weight can be precisely adjusted to balance cameras from 0.5 to 5 lbs.

Garrett's best new trick is his patent-pending “Folding-Caliper”™ hinge. With an almost-sensuous click, the lower spar 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.

Best of all, with a compact DV, balanced and ready to shoot, Merlin weighs about two pounds! Less than the next-lightest stabilizer without camera and weights!



*The Steadicam Merlin.
The simplicity of
pure design married
to common-sense
ergonomics.*



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 is your new magic wand!



Garrett Brown invented the Steadicam JR in 1990—and therefore the entire category of hand-held stabilizers for camcorders! The historic prototype was crafted in aluminum, and aluminum is still his favorite for the lightest, stiffest, most precise stabilizer.

Now Tiffen is proud to announce the Steadicam Merlin, Garrett's personal rig—brilliantly reborn! Ultra-light, ultra-rigid aluminum construction enables stable, accurate moving shots at unprecedented focal lengths, and Garrett's magical new Folding-Caliper hinge extends and retracts to balance a wide range of cameras as light as one-half pound, yet it instantly returns to the compact folded position.



Set your camcorder free!

THE **Steadicam Merlin** CAMERA STABILIZING SYSTEM

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BRILLIANTLY CONCEIVED.
AFFORDABLE.



precision trim stage micrometer adjustments

large trim stage with level for secure camera mounting

patented 3-axis gimbal handle assembly for precise control at unprecedented focal lengths

upper spar

upper caliper locking knob

patent-pending folding caliper hinge for precise geometry whether open, closed or shoulder mounted

lower caliper locking knob

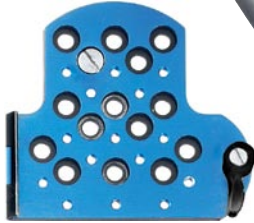
caliper adjusting knob

caliper release lever

ultra-light, ultra-rigid aluminum alloy upper and lower spars



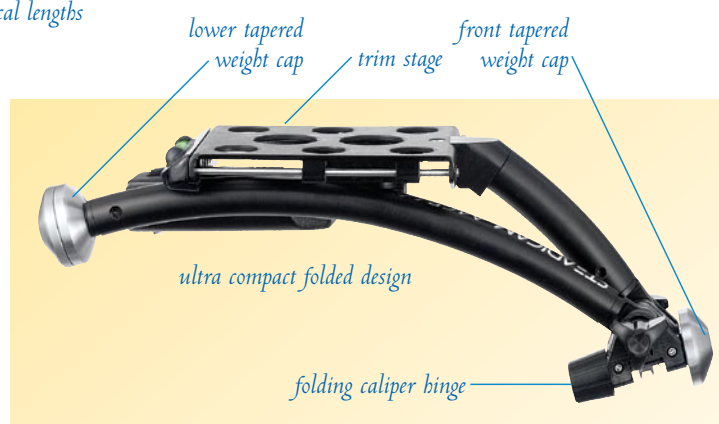
6 threaded precision stainless steel balance weights



rapid-mounting locking dovetail plate



accessory tripod mounting plate



lower tapered weight cap

trim stage

front tapered weight cap

ultra compact folded design

folding caliper hinge

lower tapered weight cap

Specifications:

Folded size: 3.5" x 2" x 11"

Open size, without weights: 3.5" x 3.5" x 7" (minimum) to 13.5" (maximum)

Weight, without weights: 12.8 oz.

Weight w/ultra compact DV: about 35 oz.

Cameras accommodated: 0.5–5.0 lb.

Specifications are subject to change.

Optional Accessories:



Travel Case



Table Top Stand



Battery Powered Obie Light



Tripod / "C" Stand Docking Bracket



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