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Model: LiveTrak L-8 K2

1. INTRODUCTION

The Zoom LiveTrak L-8 is a portable 8-channel digital mixer and multitrack recorder designed for podcasting and music production. This kit includes the L-8 mixer, two Zoom ZDM-1 dynamic microphones with windscreens and tabletop stands, two Zoom headphones, and a cleaning cloth, providing a complete solution for two-person audio recording.

The L-8 offers intuitive controls, multiple independent headphone outputs, and flexible recording options, making it suitable for various audio production needs. It can function as a standalone recorder or as a 12-input/4-output audio interface for computers and iOS devices.



Image 1.1: The Zoom LiveTrak L-8 2-Person Podcasting Kit, including the mixer, microphones, and headphones.

2. WHAT'S IN THE BOX

Verify that all items listed below are present in your package:

- Zoom LiveTrak L-8 Portable 8-Channel Digital Mixer and Multitrack Recorder
- 2x Zoom ZDM-1 Dynamic Microphones
- 2x Microphone Windscreens
- 2x Zoom Headphones
- 2x Zoom Tabletop Tripod Mic Stands
- 2x XLR Cables (for microphones)
- 3.5mm TRRS Cable
- USB Cable
- Zoom AD-17 AC Adapter
- Black Cleaning Cloth

3. SETUP

3.1 Powering the LiveTrak L-8

The L-8 can be powered in two ways:

- **AC Power:** Connect the included USB cable to the L-8's USB port and the Zoom AD-17 AC adapter. Plug the adapter into a standard AC outlet.
- **Battery Power:** For portable use, insert four AA batteries (alkaline, NiMH, or lithium, sold separately) into the battery compartment on the underside of the unit.

3.2 Connecting Microphones

1. Attach each Zoom ZDM-1 microphone to a tabletop tripod mic stand.
2. Place a windscreen over each microphone.
3. Connect one end of an XLR cable to the microphone and the other end to an XLR input (channels 1-6) on the LiveTrak L-8.
4. If using condenser microphones (not included in this kit), activate **phantom power (+48V)** for the respective channel using the switch on the L-8. The ZDM-1 microphones are dynamic and do not require phantom power.



Image 3.1: A Zoom ZDM-1 dynamic microphone mounted on its tabletop stand with a windscreen.

3.3 Connecting Headphones

Connect the two Zoom headphones to any of the four 1/4" stereo headphone outputs on the LiveTrak L-8. Each output has independent level controls and mix selectors for personalized monitoring.



Image 3.2: Zoom headphones, designed for comfortable and clear audio monitoring.

3.4 Connecting Other Inputs

- **Hi-Z Inputs:** Channels 1 and 2 support 1/4" Hi-Z inputs for direct connection of instruments like guitars or basses.
- **Smartphone Connection:** Use the included 3.5mm TRRS cable to connect a smartphone to the L-8 for integrating phone calls into your podcast. The Mix-Minus function automatically prevents echo and feedback.
- **USB Audio Interface:** Connect the L-8 to a computer or iOS device via USB to use it as a 12-input/4-output audio interface.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Basic Recording

1. Insert an SD card (Class 10 or higher, up to 512 GB) into the SD card slot.
2. Power on the L-8.
3. Adjust the input gain for each connected microphone or instrument using the gain knobs. Monitor levels on

the display to avoid clipping.

4. Press the **REC** button for each track you wish to record. The button will illuminate red.
5. Press the main **REC** button (transport control) to start recording. Press it again to stop.
6. Recordings are saved to the SD card as individual tracks and a stereo mix.



SOUND PAD MAGIC

Just press a button to play intros, outros, jingles, ads and sound effects. With 6 easily-assignable Sound Pads, the right sound is at your fingertips.

FIRST-TIME CALLER, LONG-TIME LISTENER

Remote interviews are a snap with the L-8; just connect your phone via the provided TRRS cable. The Mix-Minus function automatically prevents echo and feedback to and from the caller. Or use the USB connection to route audio from Skype, Facetime, Hangouts, Slack and more.



FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Zoom's preamps are famous for a good reason: they're transparent, powerful and ultra-reliable. The L-8 features six independent Zoom preamps, built to handle anything from a whisper to a raucous debate.

A TRACK FOR EVERYONE

The pros know that when you record everyone on their own separate track it just sounds better and provides more flexibility in the edit. The L-8 records separate tracks directly to your SD card, enabling you to edit them later.



COMING THROUGH LOUD & CLEAR

The L-8 features six high performance preamps each with phantom power, a low noise floor (-121dBu EIN), and maximum input gain of +54dB.

Additionally there are two each Hi-Z, line-level and USB inputs. You can also fine-tune each channel with EQ and onboard effects.

Image 4.1: Detailed view of the Zoom LiveTrak L-8's faders, knobs, and buttons for precise control.

4.2 Monitoring and Mix-Minus

- Each headphone output has a dedicated level knob and a mix selector. Use these to create custom monitor mixes for each participant.
- When using the smartphone input, the L-8's built-in **Mix-Minus** function automatically removes the caller's own voice from their headphone feed, preventing echo and feedback.



“

I can mix and record anywhere
with the L-8.”

JOSH TURNER

THE OTHER FAVORITES, SINGER, SONGWRITER, YOUTUBER AND
CREATOR

LIVETRAK L-8 FEATURES

- 8-channel mixer (6 combo, plus 2 TS)
- 12-track simultaneous recording, 10-track playback
- Mix-Minus function preventing audio feedback from dial-in guests
- TRRS connection and included TRRS cable for phone connectivity
- 6 assignable Sound Pads, with 13 preset sounds
- 4 headphone outputs, consisting of 3 custom monitor mixes, plus one main mix
- 3-band EQ and a low-cut function
- 7 scene memories for storing mixes
- 12-in / 4-out USB audio interface
- Class-compliant mode (for iOS compatibility)
- Battery operated with four AA batteries or a USB power supply
- Record up to 24-bit/96kHz, record up to 48kHz to computer and SD card simultaneously



Hear Yourself Talk

If you can't hear yourself, how are you supposed to speak your mind? The L-8 is equipped with four headphone outputs, so that each participant can clearly hear what is going on.



On Air, On the Move

The Zoom LiveTrak L-8 can run up to 2 1/2 hours with just four AA batteries, or on a USB battery, so you can podcast from anywhere.



Record Twice, Once

Used as an audio interface, the L-8 can record full episodes directly to your computer and an SD card simultaneously. You can also live stream while recording.

L-8 is class compliant, enabling connection with iOS devices. Apple Lightning to USB Camera Adapter required.



Save Settings. Save Time.

Once you've dialed in your mix...save it! The L-8 lets you save up to 7 show "scenes" that can be saved and instantly recalled at the press of a button

Image 4.2: The Zoom LiveTrak L-8 demonstrating smartphone connectivity for call-ins.

4.3 Sound Pads

The L-8 features six assignable Sound Pads with 13 preset sounds. These can be used to trigger intros, outros, jingles, ads, or sound effects during live broadcasts or recordings.

1. Press a Sound Pad button to play the assigned sound.
2. Sounds can be customized and loaded from an SD card. Refer to the full L-8 manual for detailed instructions on customizing Sound Pads.

4.4 Using as an Audio Interface

To use the L-8 as an audio interface:

1. Connect the L-8 to your computer or iOS device via USB.
2. Set the L-8 to 'Audio Interface' mode (refer to the device's menu for this setting).
3. Your computer or iOS device should recognize the L-8 as a 12-input/4-output audio interface. Select it as your audio input/output device in your Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) or recording software.

5. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Use the provided cleaning cloth to gently wipe the surfaces of the L-8, microphones, and headphones. Avoid using liquid cleaners or abrasive materials.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the kit in a dry, dust-free environment. Disconnect all cables and remove batteries if storing for extended periods.
- **Cable Care:** Avoid sharp bends or kinks in cables. Store them neatly to prevent damage.



Image 5.1: The included black cleaning cloth for maintaining your equipment.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **No Power:** Ensure the AC adapter is securely connected and plugged into a working outlet, or that fresh batteries are correctly inserted.
- **No Sound from Microphone:** Check XLR cable connections. Verify that the input gain knob for the channel is turned up. Ensure the channel's REC/PLAY button is engaged.
- **No Headphone Audio:** Check headphone connections. Ensure the headphone output level knob is turned up. Verify the monitor mix settings for the headphone output.
- **Recording Issues:** Ensure an SD card is inserted and has sufficient free space. Check that the SD card is Class 10 or higher. Format the SD card if issues persist (this will erase all data).
- **Echo/Feedback during Phone Call:** Ensure the Mix-Minus function is active for the smartphone input.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Item Weight	12.07 pounds
Package Dimensions	17.8 x 14.17 x 10.39 inches
Item Model Number	Zoom LiveTrak L-8 K2
Hardware Interface	USB
Power Source	Corded Electric, AA Batteries
Number of Channels	8
Connectivity Technology	USB, XLR
Output Connector Type	XLR
Recording Quality	Up to 24-bit / 96 kHz (SD card)
Audio Interface Quality	Up to 24-bit / 48 kHz (USB)
Simultaneous Recording Tracks	10 discrete tracks + stereo mix
Headphone Outputs	4x 1/4" Stereo

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

8.1 Warranty Information

This product is covered by a Limited 1-Year Warranty. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For specific terms and conditions, refer to the warranty documentation included with your product or visit the official Zoom website.

8.2 Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this manual, or warranty service, please contact Zoom customer support. You can typically find contact information on the official Zoom website or in the product's packaging.

Online Resources:

- Visit the [Zoom Store on Amazon](#) for product information.
- Refer to the official Zoom website for the latest drivers, firmware updates, and comprehensive manuals.

