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Your comprehensive guide to mastering the GoPro Hero 12 Black action camera.

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions and essential information for operating your GoPro Hero 12 Black camera. It covers everything from initial setup to advanced shooting techniques, ensuring you can capture stunning videos and photos in any environment. Please read this manual thoroughly to maximize your camera's performance and longevity.

1. GETTING STARTED: SETUP

1.1 Unboxing and Initial Charge

Upon unboxing your GoPro Hero 12 Black, ensure all components are present: camera, battery, USB-C cable, mounting buckle, and curved adhesive mount. Before first use, fully charge the camera's battery using the provided USB-C cable connected to a USB power adapter (not included) or a computer USB port. The front status light will indicate charging status.

1.2 Inserting the Battery and SD Card

Open the side door of the camera. Insert the battery with the contacts facing into the camera. Insert a compatible microSD card (UHS-I, Class 10 or higher, up to 1TB) into the card slot with the label facing the front of the camera. Close the side door securely to maintain waterproofing.

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**STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS TO UNLOCK
POWERFUL FEATURES, SHOOT STUNNING
VIDEOS, MAXIMIZE PERFORMANCE, AND
CREATIVE TECHNIQUES FOR ADVEN-
TURE FILMMAKERS AND CONTENT
CREATORS**

Figure 1.1: The GoPro Hero 12 Black camera. This image displays the compact design of the camera, highlighting its front display and main lens, as held by a user. It illustrates the camera's readiness for action capture.

1.3 Powering On and Basic Settings

Press the Mode button (side) to power on the camera. The rear touch screen will activate. Follow the on-screen prompts to select your language, set the date and time, and connect to the GoPro Quik app for further setup and updates.

2. OPERATING YOUR GoPro HERO 12 BLACK

2.1 Navigating the Interface

The GoPro Hero 12 Black features a responsive rear touch screen and a front display. Swipe left/right on the rear screen to switch between video, photo, and TimeWarp modes. Swipe down for settings, and swipe up for media playback. The front display shows key information like mode, battery life, and recording status.

2.2 Recording Videos and Capturing Photos

To start recording video or take a photo, press the Shutter button (top). Press it again to stop recording. You can customize resolution, frame rate, and field of view settings for each mode. For optimal video quality, consider using the new 8:7 aspect ratio for maximum vertical capture.

2.3 Advanced Shooting Modes

- **HyperSmooth 6.0:** Enhanced video stabilization for incredibly smooth footage, even in extreme conditions.
- **TimeWarp:** Create stabilized time-lapse videos while moving through a scene.
- **Night Lapse:** Capture stunning time-lapse videos in low-light environments.
- **Horizon Lock:** Keeps your footage on a stable horizon, even if the camera rotates 360 degrees.

2.4 Connecting to the GoPro Quik App

Download the GoPro Quik app on your mobile device. Enable Bluetooth and Wi-Fi on your camera and phone. Open the app and follow the prompts to pair your camera. The app allows for remote control, media transfer, quick edits, and sharing to social media platforms.

3. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

3.1 Cleaning Your Camera

After use, especially in saltwater or sandy environments, rinse your GoPro with fresh water and allow it to air dry. Use a soft, lint-free cloth to clean the lens and displays. Avoid abrasive materials or harsh chemicals.

3.2 Battery Life and Storage Optimization

To optimize battery life, reduce screen brightness, disable Wi-Fi/Bluetooth when not in use, and use lower resolutions/frame rates when high quality is not essential. For storage, regularly offload media to a computer or cloud service to free up space on your microSD card.

3.3 Firmware Updates

Periodically check for firmware updates via the GoPro Quik app or the GoPro website. Updates often include performance improvements, new features, and bug fixes. Ensure your camera is fully charged before initiating an update.

4. TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
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Camera not powering on	Dead battery, frozen software	Charge battery; remove and reinsert battery; perform a factory reset (refer to manual for steps).
Footage is shaky	HyperSmooth off, extreme vibration	Ensure HyperSmooth is enabled in settings; use appropriate mounts to minimize vibration.
SD card error	Incompatible card, corrupted card	Use a recommended microSD card; format the card in-camera; try a different card.
Overheating	Prolonged recording in high resolution, direct sunlight	Reduce resolution/frame rate; use in cooler environments; allow camera to cool down.

5. SPECIFICATIONS

- Video:** Up to 5.3K60, 4K120, 2.7K240
- Photo:** 27MP with SuperPhoto + HDR
- Video Stabilization:** HyperSmooth 6.0 with 360° Horizon Lock
- Waterproofing:** 33ft (10m) without housing
- Display:** Rear touch screen, Front display
- Processor:** GP2
- Battery:** Enduro Battery (improved cold weather performance)
- Connectivity:** Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, USB-C
- Audio:** 3-mic processing with wind noise reduction
- Memory:** microSD card (UHS-I, Class 10 or higher, up to 1TB)

6. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

GoPro products typically come with a limited manufacturer's warranty. For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the official GoPro website or the documentation included with your camera purchase. For technical support, troubleshooting assistance, or to register your product, visit the official GoPro Support page:

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Support

This manual is intended as a guide. For the most up-to-date information and additional resources, always consult the official GoPro website and support channels.

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