



# DIGITAL CAMCORDER

## QUICK START GUIDE

### ***Getting Started***

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#### **1. Install the software**

Insert the American Idol Digital Camcorder software CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive.

If the program doesn't automatically begin, go to the desktop and double-click **My Computer**. Double-click the CD-ROM/DVD drive that contains the American Idol Digital Camcorder software. If this doesn't start the installation program, double-click **setup.exe**.

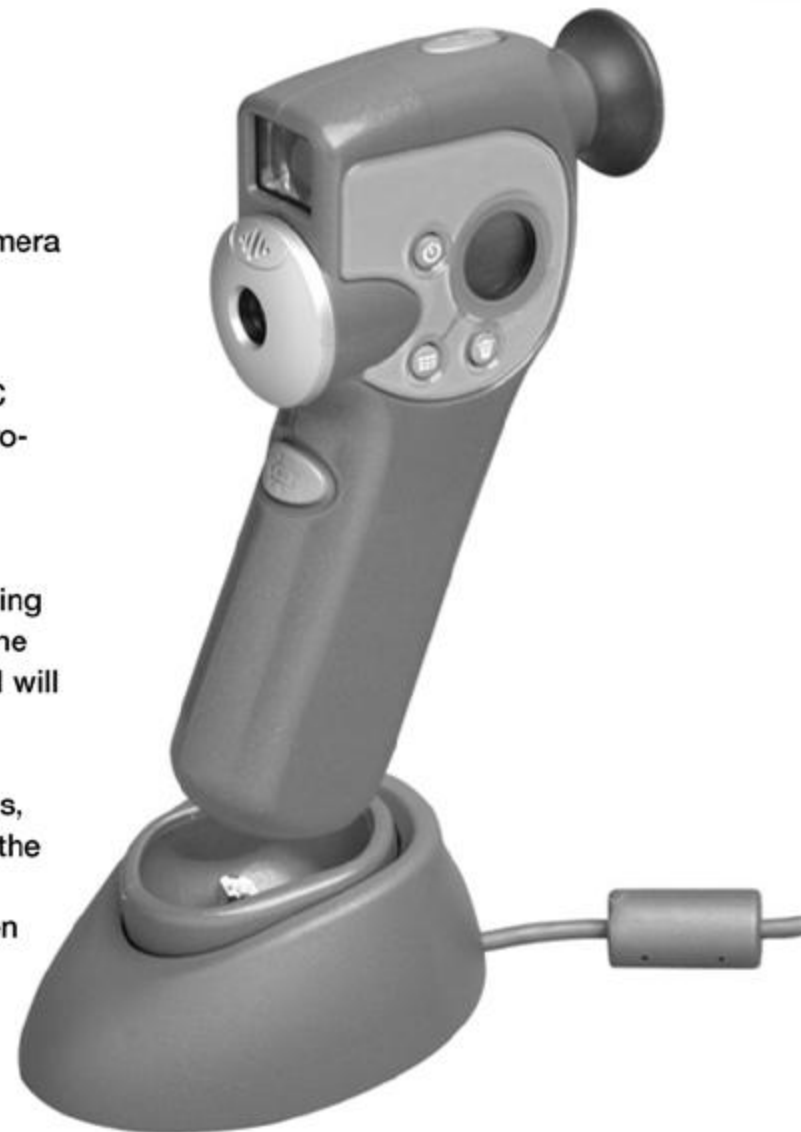
Follow the instructions on the screen.

#### **2. Connect the camera to the computer.**

1. Connect the camera base's cable into the USB port on your computer.




2. Press the camera firmly into the camera base. The camera beeps when it connects to the computer.
3. Connect the Microphone to your PC sound card using the standard microphone jack on your computer
4. Launch the American Idol Digital Camcorder software application, using the short cut on your desktop. On the first launch, the audio set-up wizard will open before the application.
5. When the audio set-up wizard opens, select your PC sound card (usually the first item in the list) as the preferred device to use your microphone when recording.



# Make Your First Music Video

## 1. Shoot a scene with the camera.

1. Make sure your camera is attached to the computer.

2. Click  to open the **Live** screen.

3. Click  to start recording.

Put on some music and sing into the microphone.

4. Click the same button


(now red ) to stop recording.

Notice the scene you just created appears in the small window on the screen.

You can also click  to preview it.

## 2. Rename the scene so you can find it easily.

The scene you just recorded is in the Temporary collection.

Open the **Collections** screen by clicking  at the top of the screen.

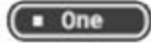
1. Click the title under the scene you just recorded and type in a new name.

2. Press the **Enter** key to finish renaming your scene.

## 3. Save your scene in the Permanent collection.

To save the scene, you have to move it to from the Temporary collection to the Permanent collection.


1. In the **Temporary** collection, click on the scene you just created.

2. Click  to move the scene from the **Temporary** collection to the **Permanent** collection.

3. Click  to close the **Collections** screen.

## 4. Organize your scenes into a music video.

In this step, you will add scenes to the Storyboard to create a movie.

1. Click  to open the **Create** screen.

When the screen first opens, it shows the **Collections** screen, and the **Storyboard**.

2. Click on the scene you created. If it doesn't appear, click the green arrows to see more scenes.

3. Double-click your scene to add it to the **Storyboard**.



Repeat this step to add other scenes and American Idol images to your video.

4. Click  to close the **Collections** screen.

## 5. Post production fun!

There are a lot of fun ways to spice up your movie.




The **Tools** menu lets you add scrolling credits, titles, paint, and special movie filters to a scene.

Add animations and special effects with the **Special Effects** menu.

Add music and sounds to your movie using the **Sound Effects** menu. You can also record your own music or singing as a background music track to play throughout the video.

Do you want to see how it looks so far?

Click  to preview the movie.