# Samurai Blade Bare bones ~ QuickStart Guide

## **Connect & Edit**

### **Master Caddy Docking Station (optional)**

### To access and edit your recorded material:

Connect the Master Caddy Docking Station to a Mac® or Windows® editing workstation via USB 2.0 and/or USB 3.0 compatible port/s.

(!) When using USB 2.0, you may need to connect the second USB power cable on the dock to a second USB 2.0 port. This will ensure enough power for the drive when using USB 2.0.

Next, eject the Master Caddy from the Samurai Blade and insert it into the Docking Station. After a short wait your recorded video will become accessible as a standard external disk (Native ExFAT / FAT32 formatted drive/s also supported).

For more detailed instructions and important up-to-date information regarding the Samurai Blade please download the complete Samurai Blade User Manual

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## **Checklist:**

■ Samurai Blade

■ Soft carry case

■ 1 x Master Caddies

**■** 9V AC Battery **Eliminator** 

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110-240V AC for AC operation

## You will also need:

### **HD-SDI Cable/s**

The Samurai Blade has standard BNC connectors, supporting SMPTE standards 259M, 292M and 296M. Any make of HD/SD-SDI cable that supports these standards can be used.

#### HDD/SSD

2.5 inch Hard Disk Drive [HDD] or Solid State Drive [SSD]. For recommendations refer to:

→ www.atomos.com/drives



## **Getting started:**

We recommend that you use the provided power supply or charge new batteries before using them.

To begin, connect optional battery to charger and commence charging. While charging, the red light will illuminate. When the red light turns green, the battery is 100% charged.

### **Assemble Master Caddy:**

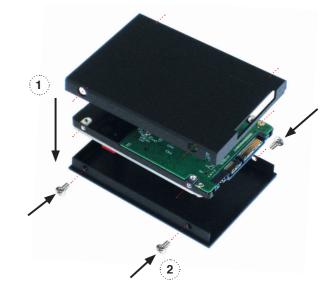
Fix the Hard Disk or Solid State Drive into the Master Caddy as shown (right). Align screw holes on all three pieces and assemble completely. Insert screws last.

### (!) Handle the HDD or SSD with care

Touch screw holes or metal shell first. Avoid contact with circuit board and connectors. Refer to manual if unfamiliar with handling ESD sensitive devices.

## Format HDD/SSD:

Once your drive is inserted into the caddy, format it in your Samurai Blade recorder by selecting the BLUE arrow next to Recording Time Remaining, Press Format HDD/SSD and follow the on-screen instructions. For more information refer to the User Manual.



(1) Important: Insert screws last and DO NOT over-tighten the screws or proper alignment of the Master Caddy can not be guaranteed.

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## **Connect & power-up**

#### Power:

Attach the optional battery to the Samurai Blade. Make sure to use the battery slot marked with the number "1" as this is the primary battery. If you purchase an additional battery, it should be connected to the other, secondary slot.

The Samurai Blade utilises only one battery at a time. This way a battery can be removed, charged and replaced during operation. Refer to the User Manual for more information.

IMPORTANT Samurai Blade can only power up / turn on from the primary battery position. [Battery Slot #1]





## Video Input

Connect camera using HD/SD-SDI cable

## Video Output

Connect external device via the HD/SD-SDI cable

#### **LANC Remote**

Optionally control the Samurai using I ANC remote control connected here (use a 2.5mm TRS/ 3-pin plug )

Share remote control with other devices (loop thru) by connecting them to the second LANC connector cable

#### **Audio**

Stereo Line In or Headphones



#### Tally Light

Flashes red when recording.

#### **Battery Latch**

#### On/Off & Screen lock

Briefly press the circular button on the side of the Samurai Blade to power-up the unit. To shut down, depress button for at least 4 seconds (until unit turns off)

When in operation, a single press of the power on/off button will lock the display and controls. A second press will enable the display and controls

CAUTION: The Samurai Blade is constructed from aluminium which acts as the unit's heat sink. In high or extreme temperatures / climates, the metal chassis may feel slightly warm / hot to touch. This is completely normal and does not in any way effect the overall functionality of the Samurai Blade.

## **Touchscreen / User Interface**

The Samurai Blade is controlled by a simple user-friendly touchscreen interface. Pictured left are the main controls seen when the Samurai Blade is first powered up and there is a video input connection.

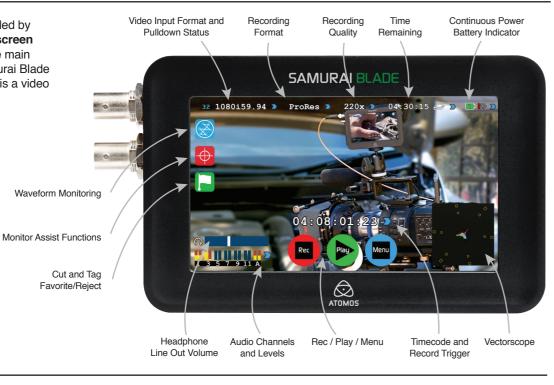
Pay special attention to any items on screen which are marked by a small blue arrow.



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Touch these items to access or cycle through the available options.

For example, touching the Video Input Format or blue arrow at right will cycle through all available input formats.

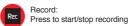


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## Record

#### Main Interface:





Play: Enter playback mode

Menu: Device settings / options

OR 04:08:01:23 >

Record Trigger: set by supported



















## **Waveform & Monitor Assist Functions**

## **Waveform Monitoring Menu:**



Touch the Waveform Monitoring

TIP: Touch the centre of the screen



Waveform Monitoring Settings: Touch to reveal Position/Dynamic Range/Opacity controls





While waveforms or vectorscopes are active, touch the bottom right hand view and full screen mode.

Return to main page

#### Monitor Assist Menu:



Touch the Monitor Assist icon

TIP: Each touch of an icon toggles

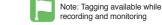


Monitor Assist Settings: Touch to reveal Focus Assist Options (Color/ Mono/Outline) and Zebra (%)











Vectorscope Zoom







# Playback & Edit: One-touch Review

## Playback Interface:



Play: Press to play clip

lump to beginning / end

Super RWD/Super FFWD

Set Loop In / Out point





Loop: Loop playback

Clear Tagging

Tag for Favourite: Touch once to set the IN point. Touch again to set OUT point.



Tag for Reject: Touch once to set the IN point. Touch again to set OUT point.

Use transport controls or touch anywhere on the timeline to scrub to a section for review. Check recorded shots diuring playback using WFM and Monitor Assist tools.

Timeline / scrub bar

Move frame by frame to select cut and tag In and Out Points, marking them as favorite or reject. Once cut and tag is complete, export an XML project for instant timeline assembly and editing.

Timeline showing tagged footage

Playback & Review on large monitor/s:

Recorded footage can also be played from the Samurai Blade's HD/SD-SDI Out. This is ideal for large screen client viewing, feedback and editing on location.

TIP: Touch the centre of the Samurai Blade screen to remove all overlays. Touch the screen again to restore previous screen/overlays and playback controls

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