**Step 1:** Install one 9V battery. The Battery life of the PortaMic 5.1 & PortaMic Pro is approximately 2.5 hours.

**Step 2:** Attach PortaMic 5.1 or PortaMic Pro to recording device via “hot shoe” adapter on camera. The PortaMic 5.1 & PortaMic Pro feature a 3/8” female threading on the base of the foot. This will allow mounting to a tripod or stand with 3/8” male threading.

**Step 3A:** Connect audio cables to PortaMic 5.1 or PortaMic Pro.

**Step 3B:** Connect audio cables from PortaMic 5.1 or PortaMic Pro to recording device. Make sure to connect left channel to left channel and right channel to right channel. The PortaMic 5.1 & PortaMic Pro provide a line level unbalanced output via a 3.5mm stereo mini connector. The PortaMic Pro also provides a line level balanced output via a 6 pin mini xlr connector. Recording device should be set to line level input.

**Step 4:** Set levels on PortaMic 5.1 or PortaMic Pro according to source volume. LED’s should be blinking green. Red indicates levels are too high.
Step 5: Monitor audio levels through recording device using headphones to ensure that signal is present. Adjust levels for best on-camera sound. Signal should not clip.

Step 6: Re-check audio levels through recording device using headphones. PortaMic LED’s should be blinking green on and off. Recording device should indicate safe levels.

Step 7: Record a short test clip. Verify recorded audio levels through recording device. When safe levels are confirmed begin recording.

Step 8 (GAIN): To increase the gain of the PortaMic 5.1 or PortaMic Pro turn the gain dial clockwise. To decrease the gain turn gain dial counter clockwise.

Step 9 (PAD): To initiate the PortaMic 5.1 or PortaMic Pro’s -12dB pad, simply press and hold the button on the top right corner of the control panel, until the LED turns green. Press and hold again to turn off.

Step 10 (AUDIO ZOOM): This feature increases the forward pickup pattern and decreases the rear pickup pattern. To utilize the Audio Zoom feature (PortaMic Pro only) press and hold the button on the left side of the PortaMic Pro, until the LED at the top of your control panel turns green. Press and hold again to turn off.