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HUE HD Pro document camera

A clever and compact document viewer with a host of additional features



AT A GLANCE

- Flexible Plug & Play HD camera with USB connection
- Compatible with Windows, macOS, Chrome OS and Linux
- Combined document visualiser, scanner and video recorder
- On-screen annotation functionality
- Suitable for teaching any age group

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You know what it's like – you want to demonstrate an important learning point, model a technique in real time or simply share an interesting document with your class. You could get them to all to squeeze in close and peer over each other's shoulders – but then you hate to think what those two are doing at the back...

Yes, there are smart boards, overhead projectors (remember those?) and so on, but they can be a bit cumbersome and overly rigid – which is why I'm so taken with the HUE HD Pro document camera.

Out of the box, the camera unit feels intriguing and satisfying – solid, but not clunky, and with a certain colourful charm. The camera's flexible neck performs exactly as intended, making it easy to position the lens for optimum effect – in contrast to similar devices we've all used before that tiresomely spring back *just* a little after you've moved them, and refuse to stay put. The option to plug it into its sturdy base or directly into your computer's USB port is another nice feature.

What really struck me, however, was how easy it was to use. I'll freely confess to having some old duffer-ish tendencies, and even I found it remarkably straightforward, having got it up and running in very little time. Once you've

downloaded the accompanying software it really is a case of Plug & Play – a real boon for professionals who have better things to do with their time.

Before long, there it was – a lovely crisp image of my notepad, over which I proceeded to record narration for a short test video. The sound quality from the in-built mic was reassuringly crisp, and I liked the way I was able take snapshots and annotate images precisely and professionally, with very little fuss and palaver. I barely even needed to refer to the easy to follow user guide, thanks to how familiar and intuitive the on-screen tools were.

As is often the case, it's the little touches that make a big difference. The manual focusing ring works nicely in tandem with the flexible neck to ensure image clarity, be it of a whole page or when moving in for a detailed close-up. I especially like the way you can add more light to your work with a gentle tap at the back of the HUE HD Pro's 'head'.

What's more, the whole package – camera, base and connecting cable – is compact enough to fit into the beautifully designed hard carry case. The experience of using it has set my mind racing at the thought of what I could do with the automated image capture if I were still a

classroom practitioner, whether set to take snapshots at regular time intervals, or in response to movement.

A document camera that allowed me to happily picture myself back in the classroom? Now that is impressive...

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VERDICT

- ✓ Quick to set up and easy to use
- ✓ Impressive image and sound quality
- ✓ Includes a wide range of useful features
- ✓ Compact and conveniently portable
- ✓ Extensive educational potential across the curriculum

UPGRADE IF...

...you want to bring high quality document viewing with an impressive set of extra features to bear on a wide range of educational activities.

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