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Four POV cameras to capture all the action



### Epic Cam EPIC HD \$260

Epic Cam has a reputation for making inexpensive yet high-quality POV cameras. The EPIC HD is no exception. It can shoot at three resolution settings, but maxes out at 1280x720 pixels and 30 frames per second—a bit less than the other HD cams shown here, but it costs at least \$40 less. It is also the only camera of the bunch with a zoom function—in this case a 4x digital-zoom option.

The EPIC HD will shoot 8-megapixel still images with a 9-frame action sequence burst mode. It runs on three AAA batteries and writes to standard SD cards. The camera comes with a 2-gigabyte card, but supports up to 16-gigabyte cards. It's a simple, easy-to-use package at a great price.

EPICSTEALTHCAM.COM

### VholdR ContourHD 1080p\* / \$330

The ContourHD offers the most glove-friendly and simple recording controls of any POV camera. It has a big sliding switch to start and stop recording and uses two lasers (yes, lasers) to ensure a good line of view and an upright image.

The camera comes with a 2-gigabyte Micro SD memory card, but can take up to a 16-gigabyte card, and uses a removable, rechargeable battery. It shoots at 30 frames per second in its Full HD mode (1920x1080 pixels) or at a slow motion-friendly 60 frames per second in Action HD mode (1280x720 pixels).

Downhillers take note: The ContourHD has a great goggle-strap mount that is easy to use, even with thick gloves.

VHOLDR.COM

### GoPro HD Hero \$300

GoPro didn't just add high-definition to its new wide-lens video camera, it completely retooled its previous offering. The GoPro HD uses a rechargeable battery and a USB port to transfer data, making it faster, more reliable and easier to use than the old Hero.

The HD Hero has five resolution and speed combinations, with a maximum resolution of 1920x1080 pixels at 30 frames per second. It can also shoot 60 frames per second at up to 1280x720 pixels. The camera doesn't come with a memory stick, but can handle up to a 32-gigabyte standard SD card. It will also double as a 5-megapixel point-and-shoot.

GoPro's Chesty mount (sold separately) offers a unique point of view and is great for solo riders.

GOPROCAMERA.COM

### V.I.O. POV 1.5 \$600

V.I.O.'s POV 1.5 is the most expensive camera of the bunch. And it doesn't have HD resolution. But it does offer fantastic image quality, many mounting options, a remote and—most importantly—an LCD preview/playback screen with built-in speaker to see (and hear) exactly what the camera recorded.

The POV 1.5 shoots up to 30 frames per second at 720x480 pixels, and can take up to an 8-gigabyte SDHC card. The unit comes ready to go with four AA batteries, a 4-gigabyte SDHC card and several helmet and bike mounts.

An O.G. of helmet cams, the V.I.O. still offers great video quality. And the company is rumored to be working on an HD version.

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\*ContourHD shown