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PAG previews new Mini PAGlink system at IBC

PAG is using IBC to preview its new Mini PAGlink system of smaller and lighter linking batteries. The new range is designed to power smaller 4K+ cameras and accessories simultaneously, while maintaining compatibility with larger cameras.

Mini PAGlink has all the benefits of established PAGlink technology, combined with a reduced form factor and increased durability. It comprises powerful and versatile 50Wh intelligent linking batteries and smaller battery mounts to match. V-Mount and Gold Mount Mini PAGlink power systems will be available in 2019.

The dimensions of PAG's new batteries make them ideally suited to powering smaller 4K+ cameras, such as the Panasonic EVA1, Sony FS5 and FS7. The batteries feature built-in 12V outputs required to power the accessories used by broadcasters in combination with these cameras. Mini PAGlink provides a single power source for the camera setup, replacing the mix of incompatible batteries and chargers currently needed. PAG's new 'mini' batteries are compatible with larger V-Mount and Gold Mount plates and existing PAGlink chargers, which makes them versatile and economic to integrate. The new batteries are equally as effective for powering LED lights and director's monitors.

Unlike other 'mini' format batteries, Mini PAGlink offers intelligent linking for discharging and charging, and user-configurable outputs. The patented PAGlink digital technology allows up to eight 50Wh batteries, in any state-of-charge, to be linked. Their capacities can be accessed in combination, allowing a current draw of up to 12A. A battery can be added or hot-swapped to ensure that you capture that all-important moment. Sharing the current demand between batteries prolongs their overall life and provides a better return on investment. Each battery includes a fixed D-Tap output and a removable 2A USB that can be swapped for a Lemo, Hirose or another D-Tap.

Mini PAGlink gives you the ability to control the capacity and weight of your power source to suit the application. If you are shooting handheld, you can keep it light with just 1 or 2 batteries. If your set-up is tripod-mounted and includes multiple accessories, you can use 2 or 3 batteries to provide more current or a longer run-time.

Other unique features include a high-resolution, numeric display of run-time on-load, available capacity as a percentage and battery data such as the number of charge/discharge cycles. The batteries feature digital communication which enables them to display capacity in the camera VF/LCD.

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Mini PAGlink batteries can be charged individually or linked using existing PAGlink chargers. Up to 8 batteries, of any capacity, in any-state of charge, can be charged simultaneously on each position. PAG also offers a low-cost, ultra-compact, Micro Charger, which is the ideal travel partner. It can be powered from a variety of 5-20V DC power sources, which is ideal for location use. Mini PAGlink batteries have a flight-friendly capacity and are included in the personal device allowance for Li-Ion batteries of 20 units per person, when you fly.

The new batteries are designed to withstand the toughest working conditions. The resilient, moulded case features an ergonomic design for safer handling and a rubberised outer band for added protection. The battery also features two bush inserts (1/4") that enable the mounting of a handle or an accessory bracket to individual or linked batteries.

Mini PAGlink batteries are the first to feature PAG's new modular design concept. Each battery comprises easy to replace modules that make servicing quicker and cheaper, whilst continuing to comply with UN standards.

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