

# Veho Muvi Micro DV Camcorder

SPY TECH FOR THE EVERYDAY MAN.

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## AT A GLANCE

**MEGAPIXELS**  
2MP

**RESOLUTION**  
640 x 480

**DIMENSIONS**  
55 x 28 x 20mm

**WEIGHT**  
50G

**PRICE**  
\$209

The Veho Muvi Micro DV camcorder is a diminutive camcorder – rather like the size of a large Bluetooth headset – that records 640 x 480 resolution videos at the maximum of 30 minutes per clip until your microSD card runs out of space. The very idea that something so small can record video sounds like something out of a spy movie!

The Muvi is a pretty basic device. It has no screen of any kind, and relies on an indicator light and its three colors to tell you what's going on; blue is for powered on, green is for recording and red is for low

battery. The lack of any visual indicator can be frustrating – you never know how much recording time you have left for example, so you'll just have to guess. The power switch is on the camera's right, a voice recording switch and microSD slot go on the left, and a tiny Record button sits right on top. The standard package comes with a clip-on accessory, while an optional extreme sports pack includes a headband strap, arm band strap and a universal mounting strap. If the Muvi's small size is spy-worthy, consider the video spy-cam worthy as well. The rolling shutter effect is in abundance

in its videos, but really, for a sensor this small in a body that's constantly being bounced around, it's to be expected.

If you're not familiar with it, the rolling shutter effect is when you see subjects in a video slanting or wobbling as the camera's being moved around. It happens because a CMOS sensor exposes different portions of the frame at different points in time, going from top to bottom. If the camera moves faster than the sensor can keep up then the image skews and looks wobbly. Low-light video is noisy. Sound capture is muted at best; don't expect to catch anything distinct beyond the person wearing the Muvi. To see a sample of movie quality, go here: <http://vimeo.com/8990244>.

The Muvi strikes us as a niche camcorder with limited uses that's not too pricey to play around with. It's not going to give you picture perfect quality that's good enough to show off, but that's not the point of such a tiny thing, which is being able to go places and shoot things an ordinary camcorder can't. Be sure to use its power only for good now, people.



The Muvi is only slightly larger than a Bluetooth headset.



**SPECIFICATIONS** RESOLUTION 640 x 480, 25-30fps // **SOUND** Built-in mic // **MEMORY** MicroSD card // **PORTS** Mini-USB // **VIDEO FORMAT** AVI // **MIN. ILLUMINATION** 1 lux // **BATTERY CAPACITY** 260mAh



Verdict:

7.0

PHYSIQUE: 7.0  
PERFORMANCE: 7.0  
USER-FRIENDLINESS: 8.0  
FEATURES: 7.0  
VALUE: 8.0

VERDICT SCORES ARE OUT OF 10.