

THE DAN GIBSON SOUND PARABOLA

INCREASES SOUND VOLUME UP TO 12X

- ... has been extensively tested, and found to work extremely well with every type of portable tape recorder, amateur or professional.
- ... is made of SEE-THROUGH PLASTIC, enabling you to follow and pinpoint sounds with remarkable accuracy.
- ... easy to operate. A ten year old can learn to make quality sound recordings.

USES: THE DAN GIBSON SOUND PARABOLA

- ... Gives sharp clear presence to voice on Video Tape Recording equipment (see Education and Microphones)
- ... Where the camera points - so does the Sound Parabola (see Education and Camera Bracket)
- ... Indoor classroom - Outdoor classroom (see Education)
- ... Adds professional quality to Super 8 Sync Sound Movies
- ... Brings wildlife in close for photography or observation (see Recording Birds)
- ... See territorial behavior first hand by playing back the bird's call (see Recording Birds)
- ... Record distant sound effects not normally obtainable with conventional microphones
- ... Start your own nature and sound effects library
- ... Adds a new dimension to sound movies or tape production by the introduction of nature sounds
- ... Cost is kept at a minimum - tape is inexpensive and can be reused
- ... Gives hours of listening pleasure

SECURITY

The enormous sensitivity of the Dan Gibson Sound Parabola detects sounds that are inaudible to the human ear. The uses of the Sound Parabola in investigative work is unlimited.

NEWSREELS AND MOTION PICTURES

Excellent for interviews or narratives at difficult locations where the audio is a major problem because of extraneous noise, or crowded conditions, or where the wind is strong — the Sound Parabola can be used as a wind-break.

Prices and Specifications

PROFESSIONAL MODEL \$87.50

- ... Light in weight - 3 pounds, 4 ozs.
- ... Only 18-1/2" in diameter.
- ... Shield of highly durable, clear plastic, for easy aiming.
- ... Anodized aluminum microphone mount expands to accommodate all mike sizes.
- ... Grommet in shield provides a more efficient operation.
- ... Tri-pod mount in base of handle is standard feature.
- ... Use with Video Tape Recorders results in remarkable clarity and fidelity of sound in the classroom, auditorium, conference room and studio.
- ... Because of the directional quality, it reduces other extraneous noises . . . can be so placed that it eliminates camera noise.

STANDARD MODEL \$49.50

- Only 18-1/2" in diameter.
- Shield of highly durable clear plastic.
- Light weight, easy to use . . . particularly in the out-of-doors.
- Recommended for amateurs.
- Hand held use.
- Excellent sound quality.
- Accommodates most microphones

PRO MODEL CAMERA BRACKET \$49.75

- (For Pro Model Sound Parabola)
- Made of sturdy anodized aluminum
- Fits all Video and Motion Picture Cameras
- Equipped for both American and European Threads

ALL ITEMS IN THIS BROCHURE AVAILABLE FROM:



Improve
your sound with

The Dan Gibson
**SOUND
PARABOLA**

Please ADD State or Provincial Sales Tax, if applicable. NO C.O.D. %

10 DAY MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE

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Toronto 5, Ontario, Canada.

HOW TO USE THE DAN GIBSON SOUND PARABOLA FOR RECORDING BIRDS

This 5-3/4" white-throated sparrow was caught this same propylene net by Dan Gibson using the Sound Parabola.



Birds are by far the most responsive to the playback of their own songs, their reaction varying from one species to another, and often changing from day to day.

TIME OF YEAR

Bird time of year is in the spring, just prior to and during the nesting season. Fledglings are less wary, and the birds are in breeding plumage and are actively vocalizing.

CONDITIONS FOR RECORDING

Early morning is the best time of day, for birds vocalize more extensively, and there is normally less wind. No wind is ideal, but look for valleys and out of the way places in the woods for shelter if there is wind. There should be no extraneous noises such as boats, planes, cars, etc., even a nearby river can be distracting if too noisy.

NOTE: If recording on a windy day, a tightly-woven thin cloth draped over the entire front of the Parabola will help to exclude direct blasts of wind.

PLAY BACK AND RECORDING TECHNIQUE

Find an area where a bird is calling extensively. Make a few recordings at a distance, approximately 100' so you will not frighten him off. Now PLAY BACK the bird's call to him. He will consider this an invasion of his territory and, will fly closer to investigate the intruder, calling even more extensively to warn him off. This is your opportunity to record, photograph or observe the species in close.

To record, aim the Sound Parabola directly at the bird, set level of proper recording position, and let run for a number of calls.

MAMMALS do not generally respond to playback, but the WOLF is one of the exceptions, being very responsive to playback of a wolf call or a human imitation of a wolf. The animal will vocalize, but will not generally move closer.

FROGS are very easy to record and are extremely susceptible to playback. Record them with the Sound Parabola at a safe distance. As you move closer they will normally stop calling, but a playback from your recorder will stimulate them to continue calling.

LARGE BIRDS such as LOONS have been successfully recorded with the Sound Parabola at more than half a mile away across a lake.

INSECTS are extremely easy to record and often emphasis can be put on certain species out of a mass of sound because of the directional quality of the Sound Parabola. REPTILES, such as the buzz of a RATTLESNAKE, can safely be recorded from a distance with the Sound Parabola.



Illustrating The Correct Method For Hand Held Recording

WATCH OUT FOR:

DISTORTION

Some birds with high frequency calls (SONG SPARROW, BOBOLINK, many WARBLERS) tend to distort at a high recording level, even though the level may be within the accepted range on your recorder. RECORD THESE SPECIES AT A SLIGHTLY LOWER LEVEL.

BELOW NORMAL RESPONSE

Sometimes a bird that is a normal singer will respond very quietly to your playback of his voice. Perhaps he is just being cautious, trying to locate and evaluate the intruder. Once he gains confidence his calls will come up to normal volume and he can be successfully recorded.

RECORDING NOISE

While recording, hold the Sound Parabola firmly and as steady as possible to avoid microphone noise. Brace your elbow against the side of your body to relieve the pressure on your arm. Do not let the microphone cable rub against the side of the Sound Parabola or your clothing.

Some species of wildlife are often heard but seldom seen; but earphones used in conjunction with the Sound Parabola locate the loudest point of sound, assuring highest fidelity of recording. Also helps locate hidden species for close observation.

MICROPHONES

The Dan Gibson Sound Parabola will increase the efficiency of all microphones, but our tests show that the Shure Commando #826 and the Sony Condenser EMC #22 perform best and are recommended.

Extensive oscilloscope tests of the Dan Gibson Sound Parabola indicate that the sound intensity is increased up to 12 times when used with the recommended microphone.

Hearing sounds recorded by Dan Gibson will convince you of the effectiveness of the Sound Parabola.

**DAN GIBSON Nature Recordings
are now available in:**

TAPE·RECORD and CASSETTE form

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THE SOUND PARABOLA FOR EDUCATIONAL USE



SUPER-8 SYNC MOVIES WITH THE SOUND PARABOLA

Movies in sync sound recorded with the Dan Gibson Sound Parabola have the bright clear sound of a perfectly-made sync film. Because of the directional quality, when used in conjunction with the Sound Parabola, silent synchronous movies are included.

INDOOR CLASSROOM

Video recording conditions in the classroom, auditorium or conference room are ideal for the Dan Gibson Sound Parabola.

Works as far away as 70 feet from the Sound Parabola. It is recorded with clear, clean, precise and accurate sound quality. See Photoopresso.

Eliminates the need for neck mics, mixed tracks and echo booms.

Records one of VTR's most

directly relevant sort of recording-classroom.

Great for art vid.

Student is more at ease, confident and less inhibited, without the obtrusive concept of close or moving equipment.

Super-Sync Sync Sound makes recording problem-free.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

The student is introduced to the outdoor environment in interesting and new ways for positive later learning and retention of ideas.

Admits the Sound Parabola camera person easy recording equipment into a truly off-the-wall environment for recording the outdoors.

Variety of situations provide a great concern to include outdoor school-of-life scenes.

Specific sounds, a scene shot and his comment can become the studio program. See Photoopresso.

Sound track of class is pleasant and more recognizable when in their own sound environment.

Great many other features the Sound Parabola makes possible.

Outdoor recording of school activities can be made from a distance of up to 70 feet, depending on the weather. The Dan Gibson Sound Parabola model is available for \$19.95 to record the sort of a Lions Club gift-a-music school idea for the sound track of an award winning film. **LAND-OD-THE-LOOKS** see Photoopresso.



ANNOUNCING:

The New Camera Bracket
for the Pro Model Sound
Parabola....where the
Camera points, so does
the Sound Parabola



New Camera Bracket Required for Camera

Illustrated drawing on the left shows the Sound Parabola's camera bracket. A camera is shown attached to the bracket. The bracket is adjustable and may be adjusted for filming. The model shown the Sound Parabola and camera kit give the ultimate in stability and flexibility with Polar Tape Mounting and Microphone Preamp system.



Dan Gibson Recording Large Class Photo

The GIBSON PARABOLA BRINGS ON MANY YEARS OF ACTION EXPERIMENTATION ON THE FIELD AT DAY SCHOOL, CAMP,

LEAD FIVE FILM STAFF AS AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PRODUCE PUBLIC WORK IN THE FILMS HE PRODUCED FOR THE "THREE HORNS MILITARY THEATRE", T-2 AIR FORCE BASE, AND DIRECT AND PRODUCE THE GIBSON PARABOLA SOUND RECORDING FOR ANY PORTABLE TAPE RECORDER. GREAT FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS OR WORKERS OUTSIDE OF HIGH SCHOOL, LISTENING TO THE GIBSON TAPE RECORDER AND CHARTFEE WILL INSPIRE YOU TO USE YOUR OWN PERSONAL MUSICAL TALENTS AS EXPRESSED FROM THE GIBSON SOUND PARABOLA.

See Photoopresso for complete information on the Sound Parabola.

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