

SELF TEST TECH GUIDE

Here's my top tech suggestions (for every budget) to get you ready for self test auditions.

Lights, Camera, Action!

The 3 things you need to think about when shooting a self test is **lights**, **sound** and the **video**.

Video

The most important aspect of your self test will be your video as without the visual you will no self test.

\$ Budget

- A Smartphone or a tablet is the easiest way to record a self-test and can be really handy when you have to put down an audition while you're on the go. Just make sure you have a smartphone mount to keep the frame steady.

\$\$ Moderately priced

- Canon Rebel
- Canon 70D
- Sony Mirrorless a6000
- Sony camcorder
- Panasonic camcorder

\$\$\$ Professional

- Canon 5D
- Sony a6500 4K Mirrorless Digital Camera
- Sony 4K camcorder
- Panasonic 4K camcorder
- Canon HD camcorder

Tripods

- Joby GorillaPod 1K Kit (for your smartphone)
- LimoStudio Digital Photography 50" Camera Camcorder Tripod
- AmazonBasics 60-Inch Lightweight Tripod with Bag



Lighting

Natural lighting is always a great option but if you do need some lights you can get yourself some soft box lights available on any budget.

\$ Budget

- ESDDI 20"X28" Softbox Photography Lighting Kit

\$\$ Moderately priced

- Emart Photography Softbox Lighting Kit
- Spectrum by Aurora 10" LED Ring Light

\$\$\$ Professional

- Neewer 2 Packs Dimmable Bi-color 480 LED Video Light and Stand Lighting Kit

Sound

Sound quality is important but you don't always need to spend a lot of \$ to get some decent sound. If you're on a tight budget you can use the sound from your recording device.

\$ Budget

- BOYA 3.5mm Cardioid Mini Shotgun Microphone for iPhone 8 8 plus 7 6 6s IOS Smart
- Boya BY-VM01 Pro Video Broadcast Directional Condenser Mini Shotgun Microphone
- Comica CVM-VS08 Professional Cardioid Condenser Directional Mini Shotgun Microphone

\$\$ Moderately priced

- Rode VMGO Video Mic GO Lightweight On-Camera Microphone Super-Cardioid

\$\$\$ Professional

- Rode VMPR VideoMic Pro R with Rycote Lyre Shockmount

Editing

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- iMovie (Mac)

\$\$ Moderately priced - \$\$\$ Professional

- Adobe Premiere Pro
- Final Cut Pro

