

# ZOOM H5

## BASIC OPERATION AND SETTINGS



Watch *Basic Overview* video  
<https://youtu.be/rmjITOKvJrE>

To operate the H5, follow these basic steps:

1. If the batteries are drained, replace batteries by removing the battery cover on the back. Please do NOT throw away the rechargeable batteries seen below.



2. Turn on: Slide-and-hold the Power button on the side of the device.



3. Re-Format SD card

- Clears unneeded files (so there's no confusion/searching)
- Sets up card "file structure" to work with device
- Press MENU. Use the scroll button to scroll to SD CARD and press scroll button to select it. Scroll to FORMAT > YES.



4. Recording mode – MENU > REC MODE.

- Select Stereo File if using the built-in mic module or one external microphone (shotgun or lavalier); **creates one audio file**.
- Select Multi File if using multiple inputs, including XLR inputs for external mics in addition to onboard mic; creates multiple audio files.



5. Channel – Activate the channel that matches the mic input you wish to use.
  - Press L/R channel button if using the built-in mic module.

- Press the 1 or 2 channel button if using XLR inputs.



6. Adjust levels – Turn the corresponding levels dial to set the input levels (a.k.a. volume), from 1 to 10. Top nob is for onboard mic and the two middle knobs are for Inputs 1 and 2.
  - *Sounds should peak at about the -6dB mark and not go higher so as to not clip.*

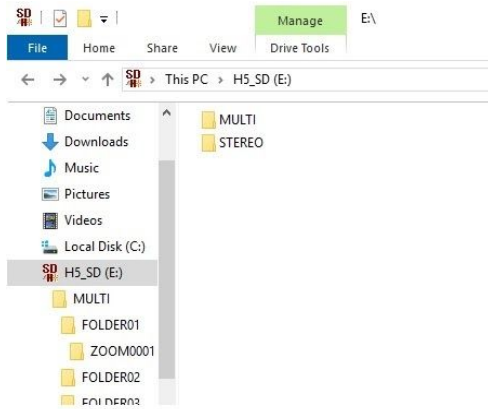


7. Record – Press the Record button to start recording, and then again to stop.
  - Pressing the play/pause button will pause or resume the recording, maintaining the same audio file.
  - Stopping and starting creates a new file.

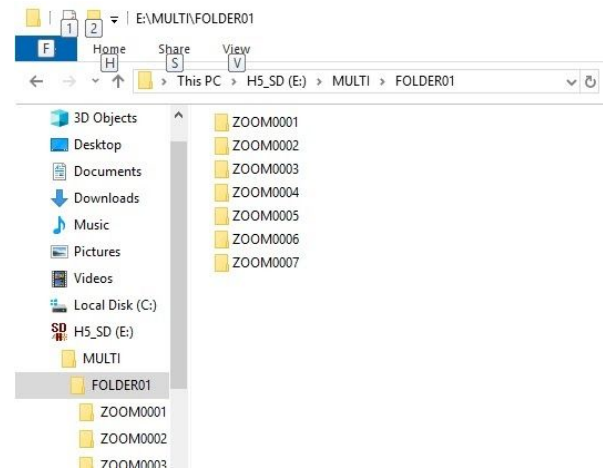


8. Transfer files – Copy the digital audio files to your computer.
  - Turn off the H5 off before ejecting the card.
  - Insert SD card into computer

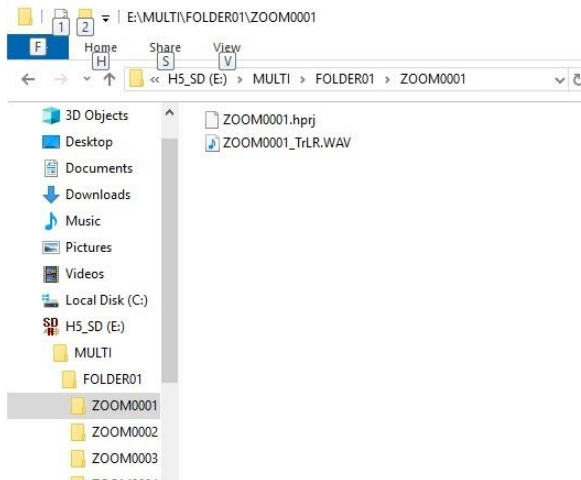
- Select “MULTI” or “STEREO” folders depending on selected rec mode.



- If you have recorded “MULTI,” FOLDER 1 will contain separate ZOOM folders.



- Each ZOOM folder would then contain audio for each take.



- If you have selected “STEREO” all Zoom files will be in Folder 1

- Drag-and-drop to copy files onto your computer's hard drive and save them.