

Ultralight GoPro Mount

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I abuse my equipment; ok let me explain further - I use my equipment, often for weeks on end - day in day out, usually giving it a perfunctory rinse at the end of the day, or sometimes sitting in the cooler bag damp overnight in the car. At the end, it is always soaked, rinsed, dried and loaded again. It never gets the full 'wash, dry, polish and put on the shelf for next year' treatment. I use my tools and expect them to perform.

I have no need of the latest greatest black box of tricks with an astronomical amount of megapixels enclosed within. I am extremely happy with my set up. The company I have dealt with for the past 15 years has always been there at the end of a call, delivering parts (most recently shutter spring mechanisms) as quickly as possible.

What has let me down has been those awful mounts for the most popular 'action camera'. After two weeks of abuse the screw for my action cam finally rusted and the head snapped. I am sure I'm not alone in cursing those things, but they weren't made for folks like us who take them underwater.

I was donated a red action cam mount, not from the popular Italian company, but off eBay. Currently the housing for that mount is firmly stuck to the mount. It also rusted and the screw head snapped off - brittle. Not even pliers will get it to budge.

After choosing and using several choice expletives and scratching my head I decided to chat with very likeable Ken at Ultralight. I have been using Ultralight (ULCS) since they came on the

market in the 90s apparently being run from the kitchen table at the time, and Ken had just bought the company.

He said, "I've also been thinking about this, I'll work something out". After a few chats over several months and a lockdown or two, a year went by - plague and lack of mail to our Caribbean island notwithstanding.

Finally, a package arrived and I was able to attach it to a new plastic box and affix to my housing. I use a standard action cam mount, with a (ULCS removable) threaded screw to go into the top of the camera housing. Also sent was the new AD-HS-GP adapter for those who have a hotshoe on the top of their box of choice. The adapter has been designed to prevent damage to the hotshoe by using an aluminum plate and locking nut. A lanyard was also supplied to ensure the equipment and plate are and remain secure. There is also a money back guarantee if the hotshoe mount should break.

The mount is sturdier and thus far, after almost two months of daily use, underwater or in the bag on the deck waiting to get wet has been great. I can still unscrew the box from the mount, and the mount from the camera housing. The screw has not rusted or screw head gotten brittle. I hope this condition will continue and I will get many more hours underwater with it.



For those of you looking to get something a little sturdier than the supplied action cam mounts, I suggest contacting Ken at ulcs@ulcs.com

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