



VIDEO TIMECODE CALCULATOR

FAST, POWERFUL, AND FULL FEATURED SMPTE TIMECODE CALCULATOR FOR WINDOWS

Some months back, David Hague showed a way to log shots and timecode using an Excel spreadsheet. Well now a powerful little commercial product has been released that is just the ticket for this task.

Logging shots and keeping track of timecode is always a serious pain - for me anyway, which is why I created Excel template featured in a past edition of VideoCamera. However I have since come across an even better solution - the Video Timecode Calculator.

This neat little application performs a number of functions including simultaneous addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of timecode in all the popular formats such as 25 fps PAL, 30fps Drop frame, 24fps film and even a user specified frame per second.

But that's not all, as they say. All calculations are kept track of in a scrollable grid and there is a inbuilt mini-calculator that will also convert frames to timecode. Calculations performed can be saved for later use or even exported for later importation into a word processor for documentation purposes.

There are many more possible permutations than these for calculations of timecode, and a heap of other functions and features as well. Those standing out to me include the ability to sort calculations based on in / out / duration, the choice to program function keys to store frequently used timecodes and a search facility.

This search ability and its other possibilities was the clincher for me. Under the View menu of the application is the choice to display a "descriptions" field. Here the names and / or details of a clip can be logged as well as its in and out points (and any other calculations you may have performed). And as we all know, the detailed toggging of a shoot and its associated clips not only makes it far easier to edit, but also in the long run probably makes us better editors as we become much more familiar with the subject matter at hand.

And if proof of the Video Timecode Calculator's popularity is in its client base, then it must be very popular indeed with the developer claiming such luminaries as the BBC, Sony, Walt Disney, Microsoft and even Tourism Tasmania as being listed on its books.

The Video Timecode Calculator is a web download only (a free trial is available) from www.GDWSOft.com. To register the product costs US\$59.95.

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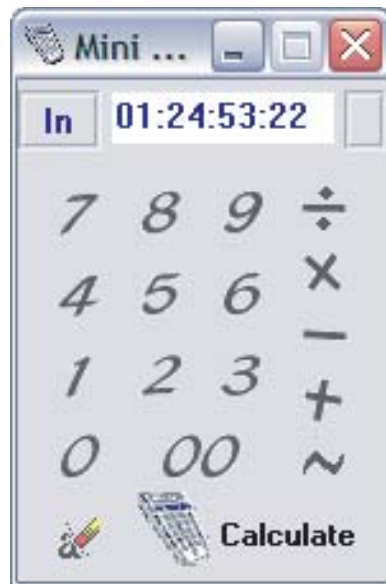
SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

- o 400 MHz processor or above
- o 2MB hard-disk space for program installation
- o 128 MB RAM
- o Microsoft Windows 98SE, 2000, or XP

VIDEOCAMERA RATINGS:

Value for Money	95%
Documentation	82%
Features	95%
Installation & Setup	92%
Built in Help	85%
Out of the Box Experience	89%

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Above: A mini calculator is included.
Bottom Left: Preferences can be set for each of the timecode formats used.
Bottom Right: Calculated data can be exported for use in other applications or for documentation purposes.

