



TECHNODOLLY REPEATABLE CAMERA CRANE — CONDITIONS OF HIRE

These Conditions of Hire apply to all TechnoDolly bookings with Sandstorm Media Limited and supersede any previous agreements between the Hirer and Sandstorm. They cover TechnoDolly equipment hire, trained operator hire and any additional crew or equipment supplied by Sandstorm.

Definitions

“You/Hirer”: the person, company, or production responsible for the hire.

“We/Sandstorm/Sandstorm Media Ltd”: Sandstorm Media Limited (Company No. 05748173).

1) General Terms

1.1 Our goal is to help you deliver a smooth, productive and enjoyable shoot. Please note the TechnoDolly is rare, highly specialised and uniquely capable.

1.2 a. Working days are based on a standard continuous 10-hour day base-to-base. Where Sandstorm crew are travelling with or transporting the TechnoDolly and associated equipment, the 10-hour working day is calculated from Ealing Studios, W5 5EP. Working time includes all time required at base to prepare, check, load and unload the TechnoDolly and associated equipment, together with travel time to and from the production location. For the avoidance of doubt, all preparation, loading, travel, on-set working time, lunch and return/unloading time form part of the standard 10-hour day. Any time worked beyond the 10-hour day will be charged as overtime in accordance with our applicable overtime rates (normally 10% of the day rate per operator/technician, per hour).

1.2 b. Where the TechnoDolly remains at the production location overnight and crew travel independently, the working day will commence from the agreed production call time. On the final day, where crew are required to return the TechnoDolly to Ealing, the working day will continue until the equipment has been returned and unloaded at base.

1.3 Crew hours, including weekend and night work follow BECTU guidelines with regard to overtime ratios only.

1.4 By confirming your booking, you acknowledge that the TechnoDolly is suitable for your production’s needs.

1.5 The Hirer must provide and maintain adequate insurance for all hired equipment and activity. Proof of cover is required prior to shooting in our facilities or taking our equipment and crew on hire. The TechnoDolly has an insurance value of £400,000 for the TechnoDolly 10, £600,000 per crane for the TechnoDolly 15 variant and £1,000,000 for the TechnoDolly 25 system (plus ancillary equipment).

1.6 When equipment is left on a stage or location outside active shooting hours, the Hirer is responsible for security and insurance throughout. Sandstorm photographs the equipment at the end of each day; time - and date-stamped images are available on request.

1.7 Written confirmation (a Purchase Order and/or full advance payment, as applicable) is required to secure a booking. Verbal confirmations are not accepted.

1.8 Sandstorm holds public and employers’ liability insurance; however, for all productions outside Sandstorm’s own studio, responsibility for production activity and associated risks rests with the Hirer.

1.9 Provisional holds (“pencils”) cannot be guaranteed. If a confirmed booking comes in after a pencil, it will supersede the pencil, we will always attempt to notify you before accepting the confirmed booking.

1.10 Please inform us in advance if your shoot involves any activity that may require additional precautions, facilities, or specialist services, including (but not limited to): high sound levels/music playback, firearms/blank fire, heat/humidity, dust/debris, set builds, working at height, nudity, pyrotechnics, flammables, smoke, liquids, stunts, animals, or children.

2) Payment Terms

2.1 Any time worked beyond the 10-hour day will be charged as overtime in accordance with our applicable overtime rates which follow APA/BECTU guidelines on overtime rates

2.2 Weekend utilisation is charged at 1.5× the standard day rate; night work is charged at 2× the standard day rate.

2.3 UK VAT at 20% is chargeable to all UK productions. UK charities and international productions are not subject to VAT as standard

2.4 For clients without a clean Sandstorm trading history, full prepayment is required for any services or facilities.

2.5 On completion of the shoot, we will invoice for overtime, additional crew, extras and consumables. Payment terms will be as stated on the invoice and are typically 14 days.

3) TechnoDolly Hire Requirements & Precautions

3.1 The TechnoDolly is unique and our rigs and operators are among the very few available globally.

3.2 Except where caused by Sandstorm's negligence or wilful misconduct, Sandstorm is not liable for delays arising from the TechnoDolly becoming temporarily inoperable. We will always work promptly to remedy issues and return to a reasonable schedule. Any claims must be supported by evidence demonstrating negligence by Sandstorm's operators.

3.3 The TechnoDolly's insurance value is £400,00 (TD10), £600,000 (per TD15) and £1,000,000 (TD25) respectively. Proof of adequate cover (including transit cover) is required prior to hire.

- The TechnoDolly is transported in custom, fully road-legal 3.5T vehicles without Taco systems to provide your production with collection and delivery flexibility..

3.4 a. Power requirements: TD10: 1 x 13A / 16A feed. TD15 & TD25 clean 63A single-phase or 32A three-phase supply (split down into 4 x 16A feeds) with high-quality earthing. Power is typically drawn as 3 × 16A (≈3 kW per channel) for the crane plus 1 × 16A for the desk, all from the same clean, earthed circuit. Both desk and crane must share the same earth and circuit and should be on a circuit that is not running lighting or other equipment.

3.4 b. Production is responsible for ensuring that a suitable and adequate power supply is available for the TechnoDolly and associated equipment. Sandstorm accepts no responsibility for delays, downtime or disruption caused by inadequate, unsuitable or unavailable power. Any resulting delays, additional time or associated costs will remain entirely the Production's responsibility and will be chargeable where applicable.

3.5 If the stage or location is hot or humid, the Hirer must provide direct portable air-conditioning to keep the rig within optimal operating temperatures.

3.6 The TechnoDolly is supplied with a SuperTechno S-head and 60 ft of track (10 ft sections) as quoted. It must run on its own track - there is no curved track. Third-party heads may be physically fitted but cannot repeat TechnoDolly moves and are outside Sandstorm technicians' responsibility.

3.7 The TechnoDolly is hired with a minimum of two Sandstorm technicians, only one technician is required for the TechnoDolly10 (TD10). Typically, one is the technical operator and one is a technician. A separate "head tech + crane tech" is not required in standard operating modes.

3.8 Operation can be hybrid: your grips may operate selected functions, or Sandstorm technicians can operate the crane and head entirely — depending on shot requirements and at production's discretion.

3.9 When using third-party/freelance grips or technicians, we strongly recommend at least a test day before principal photography due to the steep learning curve. If tests are omitted, any delays caused by on-the-day training are the production's responsibility.

3.10 Sandstorm warrants that: (i) the equipment is free from defects and in good working order for its intended purpose; (ii) Sandstorm complies with all applicable laws, regulations, and manufacturers' specifications; and (iii) to Sandstorm's knowledge, the equipment is free from latent defects or unlawful conditions.

4) Insurance & Safety

4.1 While working with Sandstorm, the Hirer is responsible for insurance against theft, loss, or damage to equipment while in the Hirer's care, custody, and control (including any third parties engaged by the Hirer). Sandstorm accepts no liability unless negligence or wilful misconduct by Sandstorm's operators is proven.

4.2 The Hirer is responsible for personal injury cover for their cast and crew and for liability to third parties.

4.3 The Hirer is responsible for on-set health & safety, including maintaining safe working distances from the TechnoDolly and associated plant.

4.4 The Hirer must complete a hazard/risk assessment and provide suitable RAMS prior to the shoot. Sandstorm's standard TechnoDolly RAMS are available on request.

4.5 The studio/location must have a qualified first-aider on stage at all times.

5) Cancellations & Date Changes

5.1 Due to global demand and limited availability of TechnoDolly systems and operators, we cannot guarantee pencils. Bookings are confirmed only on receipt of written confirmation with a PO and/or required payment. We operate a strict first-come, first-served policy for confirmed bookings. Confirmed bookings will always supersede a pencil.

- We recognise this differs from common UK practice and can be challenging for productions. We will always do our best to accommodate reasonable date changes.
- Where a production date moves through no fault of the Hirer, we will endeavour to amend the booking to new dates without additional charges, subject to availability.
- We cannot guarantee availability on revised dates and any reimbursement remains at Sandstorm's sole discretion.

5.2 Once confirmed, any modification may incur cancellation fees as follows:

- Within 7 calendar days of the first booked day: 100% of all fees become payable.
- Within 30 calendar days: 100% of equipment fees (TechnoDolly and ancillary equipment) as quoted become payable.
- From the moment of booking confirmation (regardless of date): 100% of TechnoDolly hire fees become payable.

5.3 We will always seek to refund where possible if no direct costs have been incurred by Sandstorm and/or circumstances are demonstrably beyond the Hirer's control.

5.4 Any change of dates after confirmation remains subject to availability of equipment and crew and at Sandstorm's discretion.

Important: It is the Hirer's responsibility to ensure the production is adequately assessed and insured. Failure to provide sufficient insurance or RAMS may result in cancellation of the booking.

Acceptance

By signing below, the Hirer confirms acceptance of these Conditions of Hire and acknowledges responsibility for compliance therewith.

Signed (Hirer): _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Company: _____

Date: _____

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