

Hitachi Denshi America's tapeless Z-DR1 recorder docks to the company's Z-series professional camera models, enabling the cameras to be used handheld and in the field. The Z-DR1 records to removable MediaPac hard disk drive media, available in capacities from 20GB to 120GB. The digital recording compression is 25Mb/s; file

formats are AVI and MOV. (The 120GB ver-

sion provides as much as six hours of

recording capacity at 25Mb/s.)

MediaPac Hard Disk Media

An optional MediaPac bay will be offered with the recorder that allows installation into a PC- or Mac-based NLE. The HDD goes from the camera to the NLE, making the video ingest process seamless. The NLE accesses and records to the MediaPac like any hard drive. For NLE users desiring other I/O interfaces, Hitachi will offer standalone MediaPac playback accessories and USB, FireWire and SCSI computer interface adapters.

The Z-DR1 is the result of a collaboration among Hitachi, nNovia, Audavi Corp. and Blueline Technologies.

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