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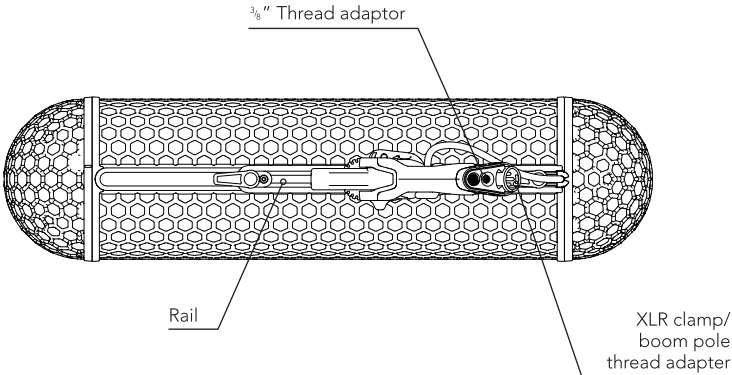
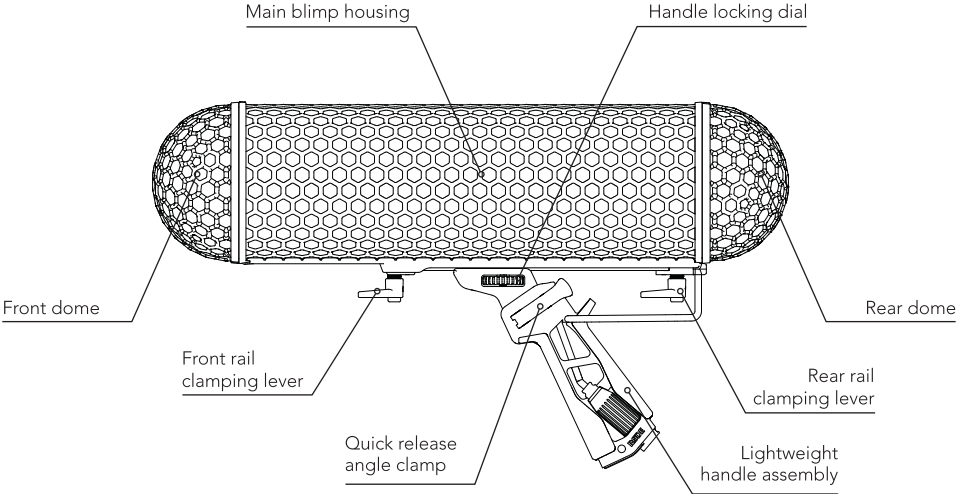
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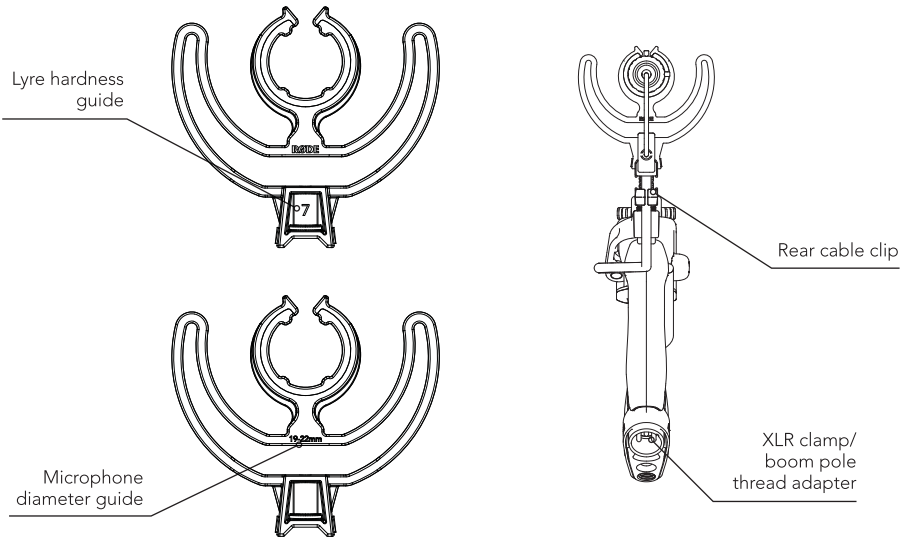
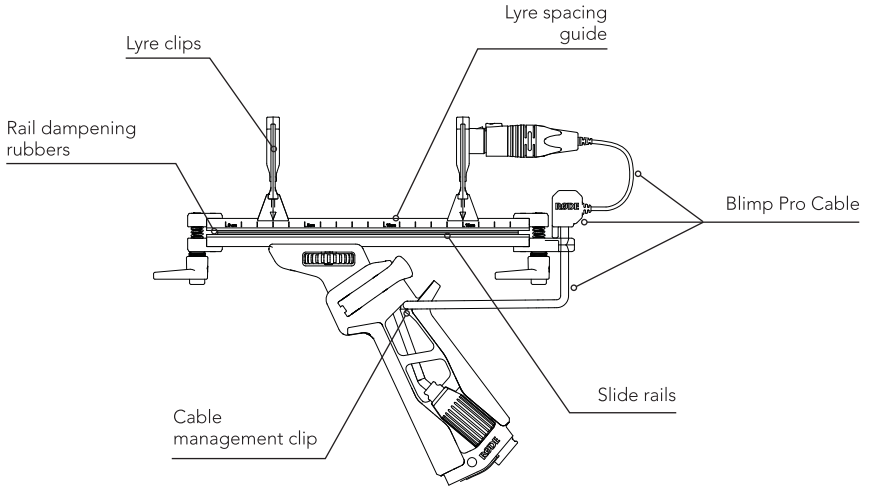
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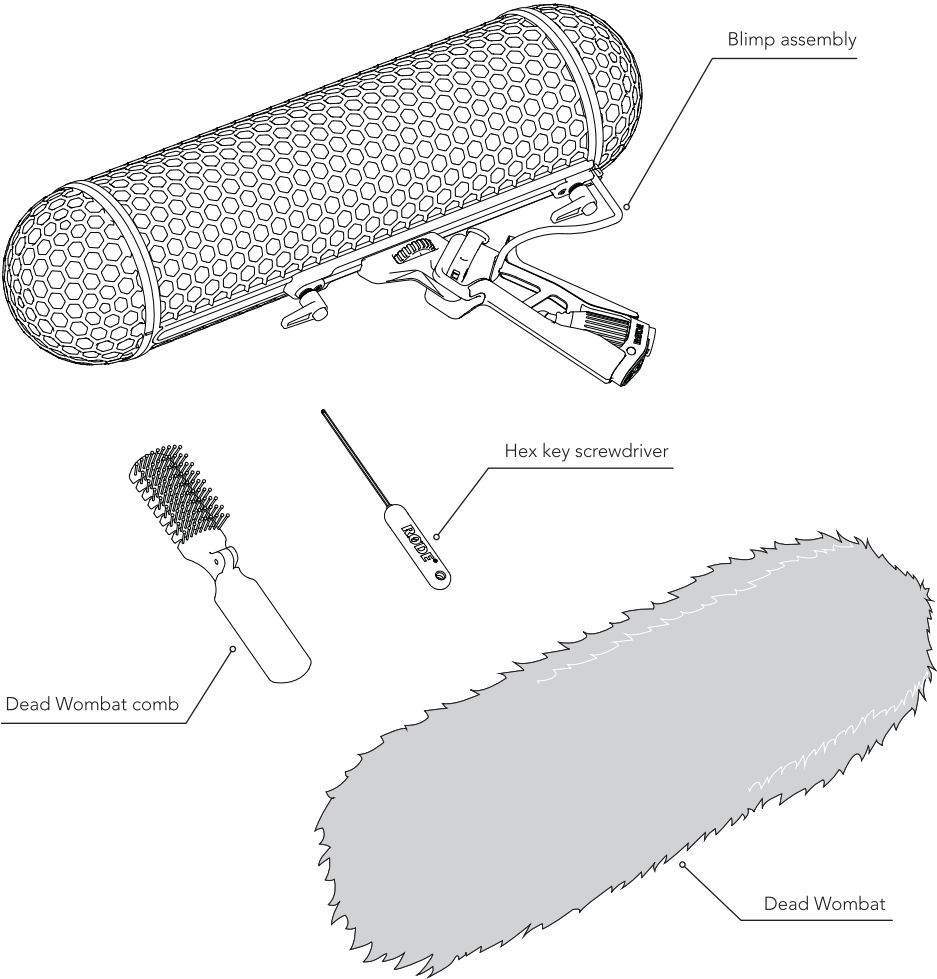
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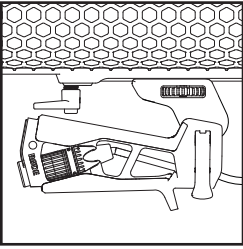
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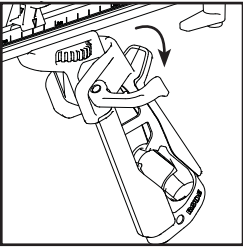


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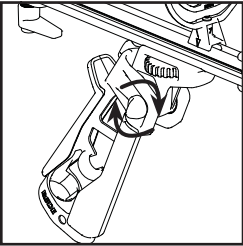


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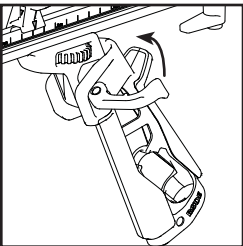
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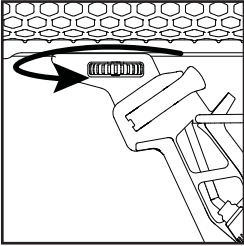
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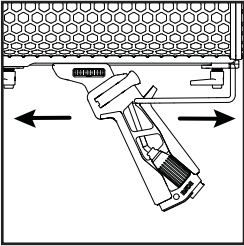
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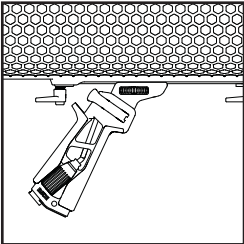


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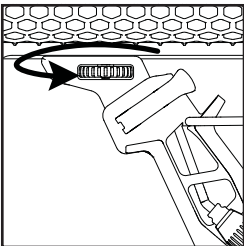


2. The handle can now be easily slid up or down the rail to achieve the desired balance.



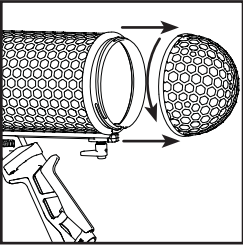
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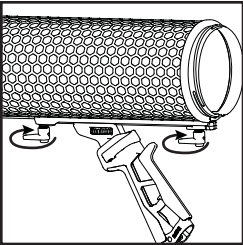


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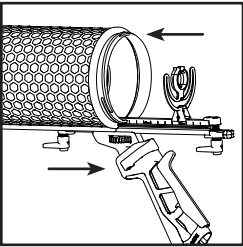
Inserting your microphone



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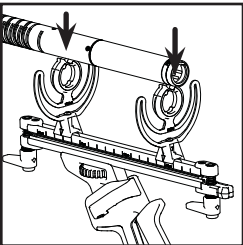


2. Loosen the front and rear rail clamping levers (approximately 1-2 turns).



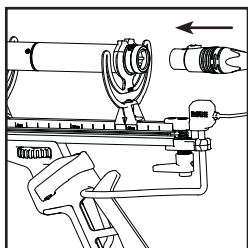
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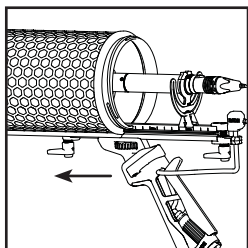


4. Place your microphone above the Lyre clips and gently push the microphone body into the Lyre clips, checking that the microphone is secure.

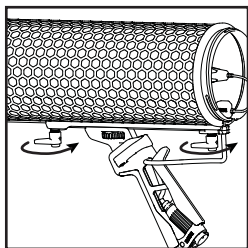
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5. Plug the Blimp Pro Cable into the XLR socket of your microphone.

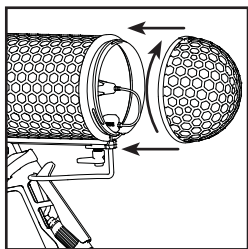
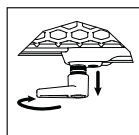


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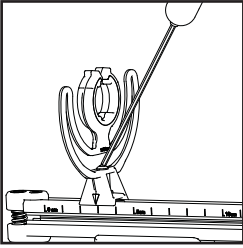
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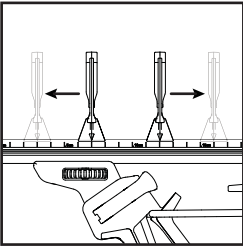
8. Screw the rear dome back in to place.

Adjusting the suspension mounts

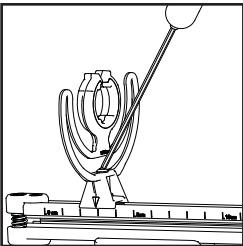


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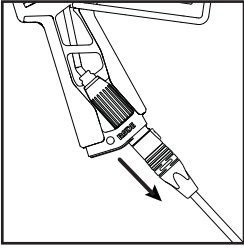


2. Holding the base of the Lyre clip and the rail, gently slide the Lyre clip to the desired location.

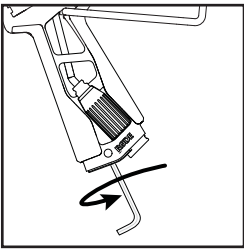


3. Ensuring that the Lyre clip is centred and sitting straight up-and-down on the rail, re-tighten the clamp screw.

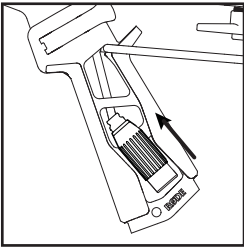
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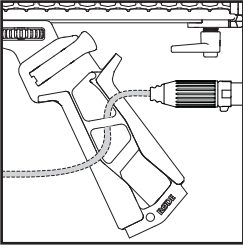


2. Using a 3mm hex key, unscrew the embedded XLR clamp/thread adapter, and remove it from the handle assembly.

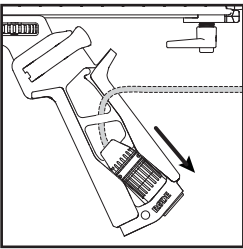


3. Remove the XLR cable from the handle by sliding upwards then through the handle as necessary to release the cable.

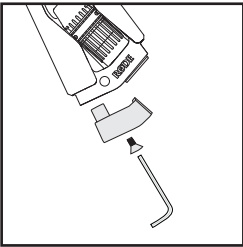
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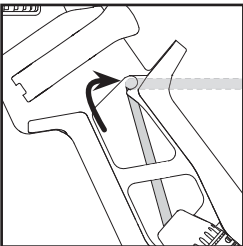
1. Insert the cable through the handle assembly so that the cable is routed as shown



2. Insert the Male XLR end into the base of the handle as shown, with the end slightly protruding

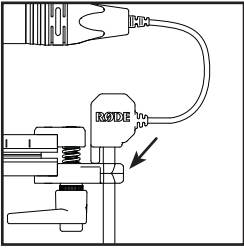


3. Secure the XLR cable in place using the XLR/Boompole Adapter, tightening the screw using a 3mm hex key.



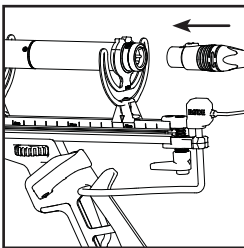
4. Secure the cable using the cable management clip at the top of the handle.

Fitting a cable



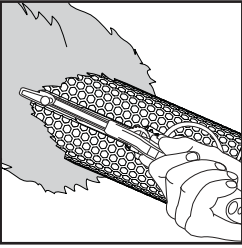
5. If using the Blimp Pro Cable, secure the cable in place using the cable grommet at the rear of the rails, ensuring that the orientation matches the image shown.

If using a cable other than the one supplied with your Blimp, simply secure it in place using the cable grommet, ensuring there is enough room for correct fitment of the rear dome.

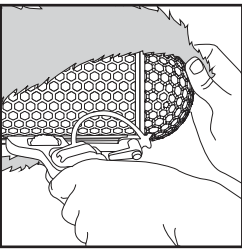


6. Connect the cable to the microphone and adjust the handle to the desired angle for use.

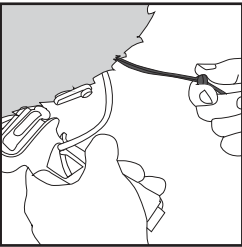
Using the 'Dead Wombat'



1. Insert the Blimp head-first, taking care to align the seam on the dead wombat with the rail on the underside of the Blimp.



2. Loosen the drawstring on the dead wombat and carefully stretch the dead wombat over the rear dome.



3. Straighten the dead wombat, then tighten and lock the drawstring.

It is recommended that you hook the drawstring over the front rail clamping lever to prevent any handling noise.



4. Brush the dead wombat from front to back to lift the hair and prevent matting.

This greatly assists in wind noise protection as well as extends the life of the dead wombat.

Laundering Instructions for Dead Wombat

We recommend that the DeadWombat be dry cleaned, however it can be hand washed in mild soapy water, rinsed well and air dried.

Once dry, thoroughly comb the synthetic fur to remove any knots and maximise product life.



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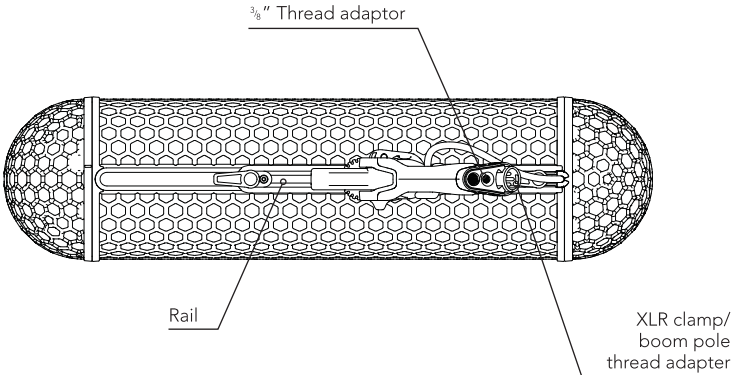
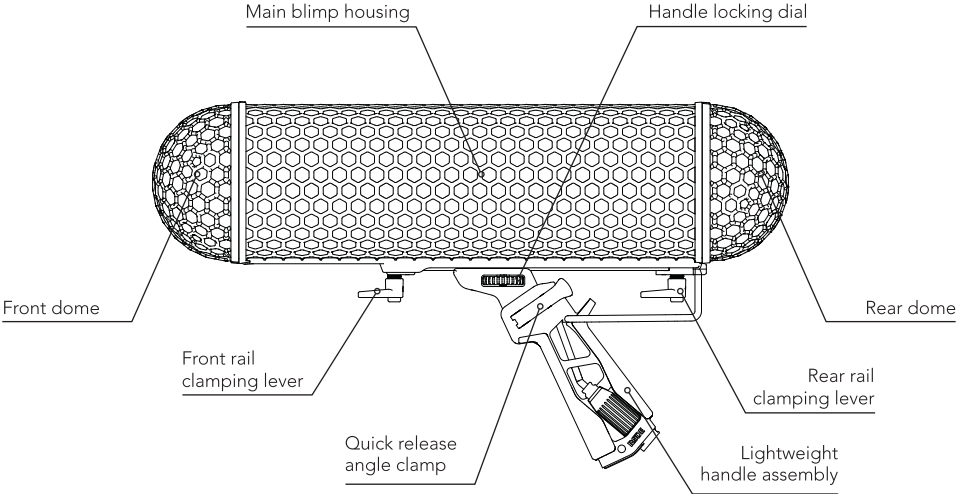
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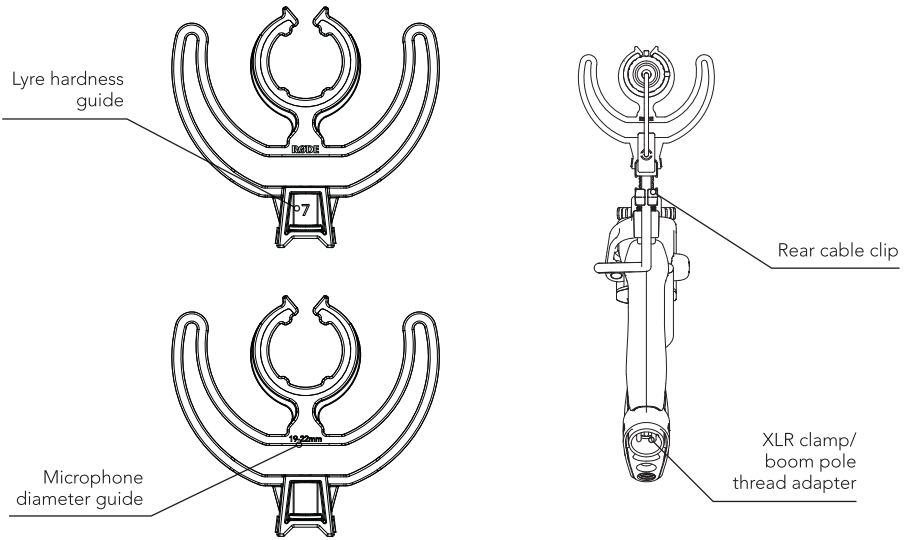
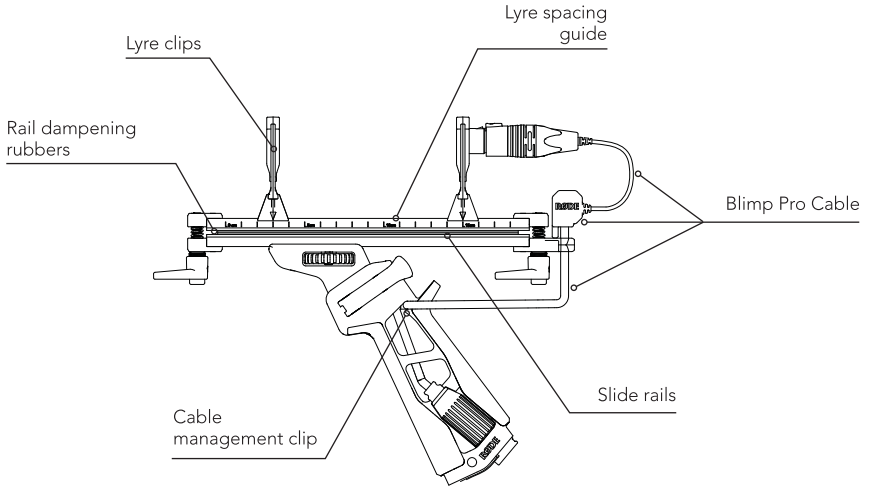
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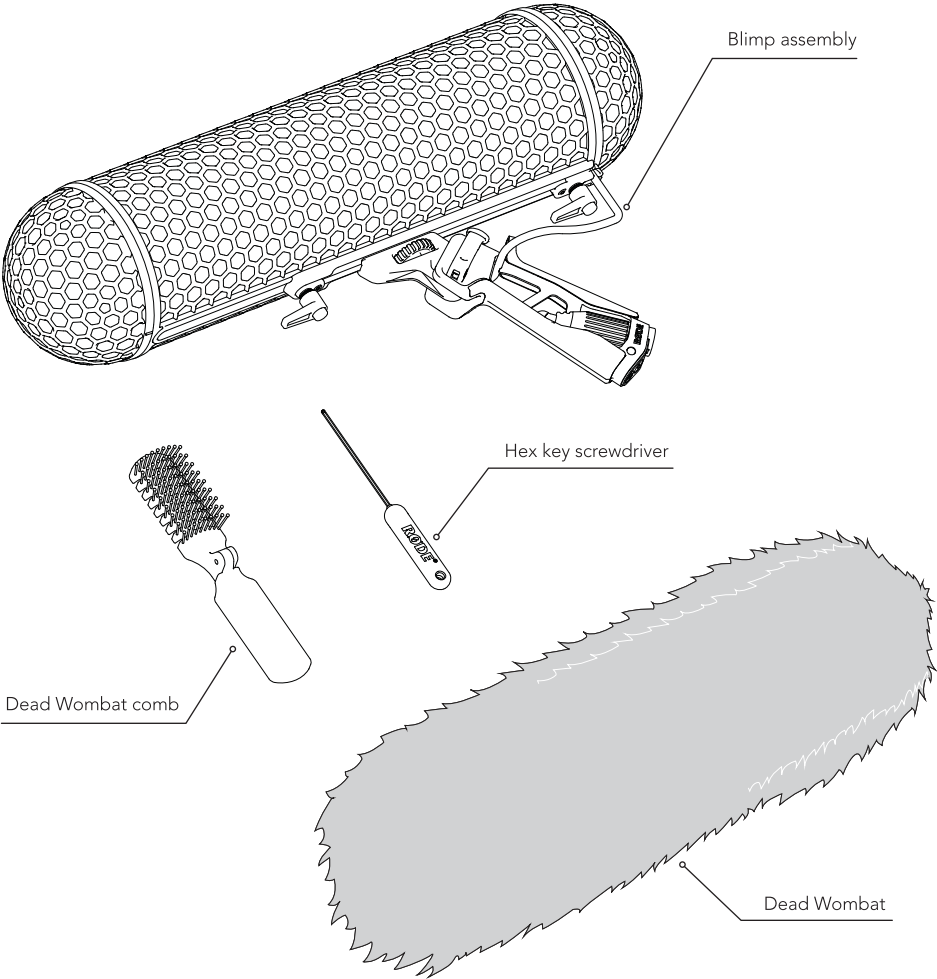
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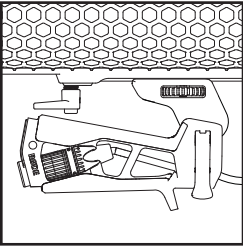
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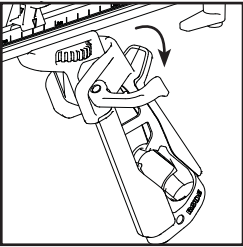


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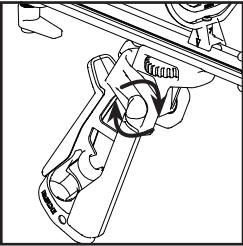


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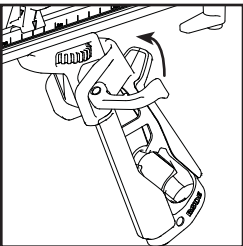
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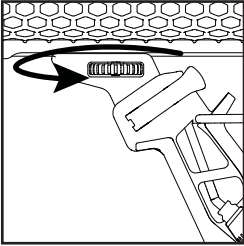
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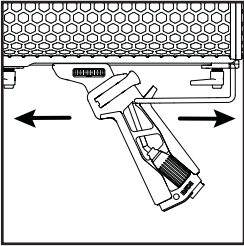
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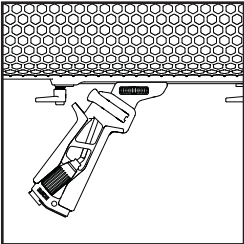


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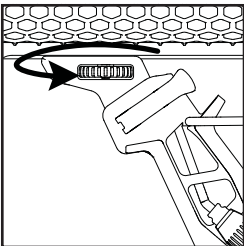


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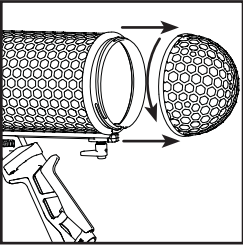
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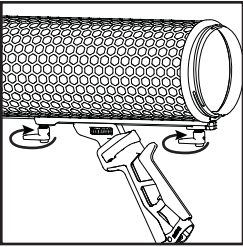


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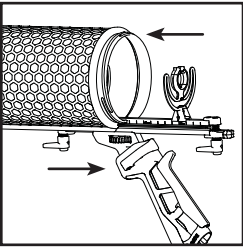
Inserting your microphone



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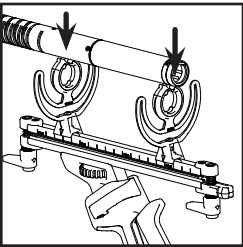


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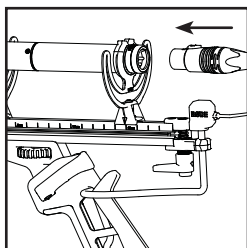
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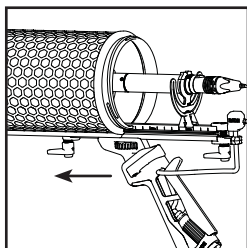


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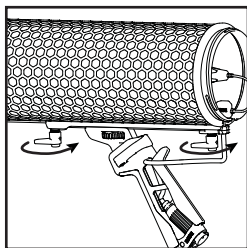
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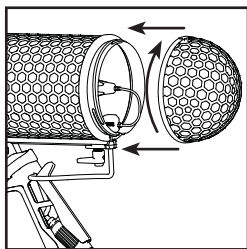
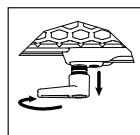


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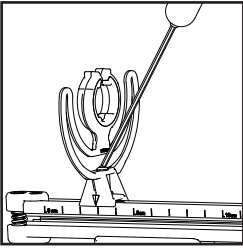
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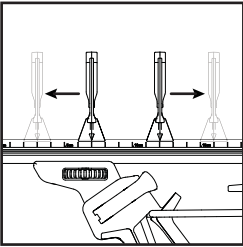
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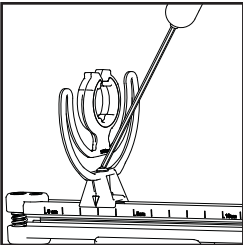


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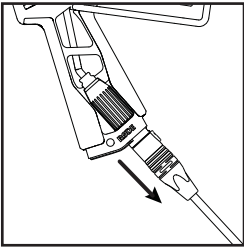


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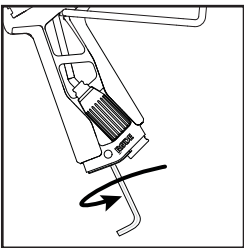


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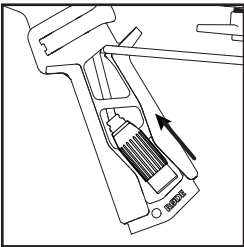
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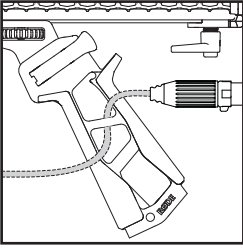


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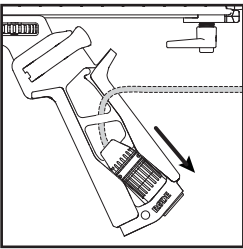


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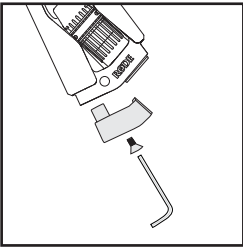
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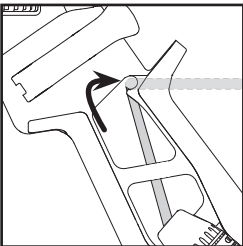
1. Insert the cable through the handle assembly so that the cable is routed as shown



2. Insert the Male XLR end into the base of the handle as shown, with the end slightly protruding

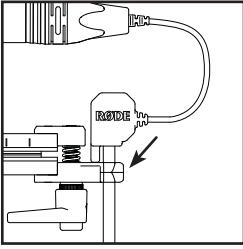


3. Secure the XLR cable in place using the XLR/Boompole Adapter, tightening the screw using a 3mm hex key.



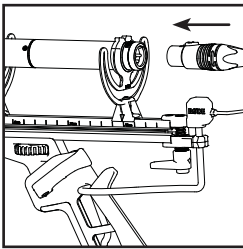
4. Secure the cable using the cable management clip at the top of the handle.

Fitting a cable



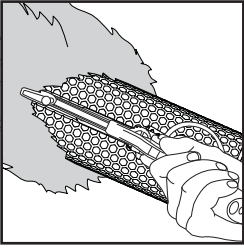
5. If using the Blimp Pro Cable, secure the cable in place using the cable grommet at the rear of the rails, ensuring that the orientation matches the image shown.

If using a cable other than the one supplied with your Blimp, simply secure it in place using the cable grommet, ensuring there is enough room for correct fitment of the rear dome.

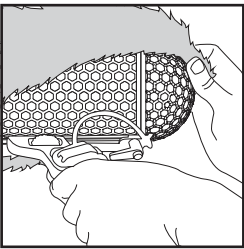


6. Connect the cable to the microphone and adjust the handle to the desired angle for use.

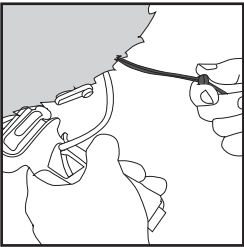
Using the 'Dead Wombat'



1. Insert the Blimp head-first, taking care to align the seam on the dead wombat with the rail on the underside of the Blimp.



2. Loosen the drawstring on the dead wombat and carefully stretch the dead wombat over the rear dome.



3. Straighten the dead wombat, then tighten and lock the drawstring.

It is recommended that you hook the drawstring over the front rail clamping lever to prevent any handling noise.



4. Brush the dead wombat from front to back to lift the hair and prevent matting.

This greatly assists in wind noise protection as well as extends the life of the dead wombat.

Laundering Instructions for Dead Wombat

We recommend that the DeadWombat be dry cleaned, however it can be hand washed in mild soapy water, rinsed well and air dried.

Once dry, thoroughly comb the synthetic fur to remove any knots and maximise product life.



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