

# The Ultimate Time-lapse Guide

A checklist to planning, costing & setting up a long-term time-lapse.



## 1. PROJECT DETAILS

*For time-lapse projects lasting several years, its important to write down the details of your project.*

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Access: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of project: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Est. End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Specifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Deliverables: \_\_\_\_\_

Titan X Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

WiFi ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Password: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Viewer ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Password: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2. PLANNING

- Permits for Site Access**  
You may require a permit to access to or perform work on the construction site.
- Camera Location**
  - A. Where is the best angle?
  - B. Will it capture the whole subject in the future when it is completed?
  - C. Which direction should you point the camera towards to avoid lens flare?
  - D. Where do I mount the camera?
  - E. Is it easily accessible for future maintenance runs?
- AC Power**  
How far is the power source? Is it stable? Is it coming from the power grid or a generator. Will someone accidentally turn it off?
- Solar Power**  
Is there sufficient sunlight at the location of the solar panel? How to secure the solar panel.
- SIM Data Plan**  
Service providers typically charge awful amounts when you exceed your data plans. Typically, a 200 GB monthly plan should be sufficient but make your own calculations and add some buffer to it.
- Installation Cost**  
Do I need special rigging tools, ladder & safety gear? Do I have the right mounting bracket?
- Location Fees**  
How accessible is the time-lapse camera location & is there any access fees?
- Site Access & Certifications**  
Some sites requires attendance in safety courses & industry certifications.
- Tbox Subscription**  
If your Tbox comes with a free 6 months subscription. Activate your [FREE](#) plan now. For more subscription plans, click [here](#)
- Photo Forwarding Setup**  
With Titan X, I can set up the original photos to be forwarded to data clouds like Google Drive, Dropbox, AWS.



# 3. COUNT THE COST

## Timelapse Equipment

Titan X cost without camera.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Camera & Lens

TIP - You dont need a top-end DSLR camera. An entry level camera will do.

Read: [The best settings for time-lapse camera](#)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Solar Panel or AC power

Where is the power point? Do I need an electrician?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Tbox Subscription:

If your tbox comes with a free 6 months subscription. Activate your [FREE](#) plan now. For more subscription plans, click [here](#)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SIM Data Plan

Make sure you get the right data plan as service providers typically charge awful amounts when you exceed your data plans. Typically, a 200 GB monthly plan should be sufficient but make your own calculations and add a 20% buffer to it.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Installation Cost

Rigging, Safety gear, mounting brackets.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Location Fees

How accessible is the time-lapse camera location & are there access fees?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Site Access & Certifications

Some sites require attendance in safety courses & industry certifications.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Insurance

Do I need additional insurance for the jobsite?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Regular Visits

Plan to visit the site around once every 3 months to check on the equipment health, weather-proofing, general cleaning, etc.


\$ \_\_\_\_\_




# 4. HOW TO CHARGE

*You can secure clients and maximize your earnings with the right pricing plan. While there is no fixed amount to charge, as every local market is different, we can provide insight into the additional services that should be considered.*

## PAYMENT TERMS

- Single Payment** - Suitable for projects > 6 months
- Monthly Payment** - Projects lasting < 6 months 

## EQUIPMENT COST

- Client Pay & Keeps the Equipment**  
Pros: You do not have to spend a dime on the equipment cost  
Cons: The client will have full ownership of the equipment at the end of the project  
The equipment cost will make your price more significant and less attractive to the client.
- Charge Monthly Rental**   
Pros: You have full ownership of the equipment, and you can continue using them for future projects. This is our preferred method.  
Cons: It will cost you a substantial initial investment

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Don't be afraid to offer extra services to your client apart from the progress photos and the final time-lapse. Here are a few ideas; you may have other options depending on your unique skills and services.

- Monthly Timelapse Rendering**
- End of Project - Final Timelapse Video**
- Progress Photography & Filming Services**
- VR Photography**
- Drone Filming**



# 5. DELIVERABLES










*You have to establish clearly what you will be delivered, how long it will take, and identify any potential risks associated with the project. Communicating clear and realistic expectations to your client ensures a positive experience. It's important to be detailed and specific in your terms of service, what will be delivered and when it is completed, as this will aid in effectively managing expectations.*

- Time-lapse Video Delivery**  
Some clients demand monthly time-lapse videos, others are simply ok with a complete video at the end of the project.
  
- Client's Access to Tbox Photo Gallery**  
Setup an account for the client to view & download low-res time-lapse photos
  
- Time-lapse Photo Delivery**  
Share the original time-lapse photos from your storage location (e.g. Google Drive, Dropbox)



# 6. Camera Settings

*This are the basic camera settings that we reccommend. For a more indepth explanation, [read this](#). Use it as a guide, not a rule.*

	<b>Timelapse Camera Cheat Sheet</b>
	<b>Manual focus, hard stop lens</b>
	<b>Auto ISO, Max ISO 400</b>
	<b>Fine JPEG</b>
	<b>Recording interval - 10 mins</b>
	<b>F5.6 - F8</b>
	<b>White balance - Daylight</b>
	<b>Live-view - Off</b>
	<b>Disable auto power off</b>

## Tbox Learning Materials:

[The Best Camera Settings for Long-term Time-lapse](#)

[The Ultimate Beginner's Guide to Long-Term Timelapse](#)

**Skyshot Pte Ltd**

[www.skyshot.sg](http://www.skyshot.sg)

[www.tbox-timelapse.com](http://www.tbox-timelapse.com)

Email: [info@tbox-timelapse.com](mailto:info@tbox-timelapse.com)

Whatsapp Tech Support: +65 8866 9817