

Dan's shoulder-mounted 183s

The current state of a work in progress:



The windscreens are built on a foundation of dressmakers' shoulder pads. On the hanger as shown here they are tilted forward, but they actually sit right on top of my shoulder. The vest is a fisherman's vest with lots of pockets.

The shoulder pad is Velcro'd to the shoulder of the vest. Thus the whole mic and windscreen assembly can be removed from the vest. Once I gaff-taped the mics to the fender of my car when I was in a preserve where I couldn't get out of the car. Another time I taped them to the wall outside my cabin when a bear was expected. Use non-adhesive Velcro for sewing! We learned the hard way.

The 183 has adhesive velcro wrapped around it. It's stuck onto the shoulder pad with that. Fake fur is attached with spots of hot glue to a plastic canvas half-sphere (from <http://www.anniesattic.com>) with a generous overlap on all sides. Velcro sewn to the fabric mates with velcro on the shoulder pad.



Wiring is attached to the vest with safety pins, making it easy to re-rig. The MD remote and my earmould phones are all rigged on the vest.

In the left front pocket is the MD recorder. In the right pocket are the consumables, discs and spare batteries, plus the recorder's manual. In a back pocket I keep a 15' extension cable (for off-the-vest setups) and a pair of earbud phones for letting someone else listen.

I can pull it out of my pack and be recording in one minute!