

WHAT'S NEW AT TCtv - LIGHTING

Lighting is always a question when on a shoot. What light to use, how much to set brightness, etc. It can get us all bogged down. Help is here. New at TCtv is the IKAN LED light kit. The light kit is equipped with three LED lights and stands that are completely adjustable, and the best part is they are powered either by electricity or battery. Battery power is a big thing. Say you need to shoot a scene in the evening at a park bench, there may be some light available, but what if you need more?

With a standard light kit the need for plug in electricity would be important: no power, no light. Not anymore. Each kit is equipped with six batteries. Two batteries can be installed on each light unit. We tested the batteries ourselves for light duration, and we found with one battery fully charged you get two hours of light at full intensity. Two hours with one battery! The kit also comes with the charger in the rare case you do need more battery life.

That's not even the best part. Because the lights are LED's, there is no heat being generated by the lighting unit. How many times have we heard, "The lights are too hot, they make me sweat". There's more. The lights are completely dimmable from 0 percent to 100 percent, so you can dial in just the intensity of light you need.

We're not done! You can also vary the temperature of each light. Color temperature is a description of the warmth or coolness of a light source. The terms **warm** and **cool** are references to the low and high end of the light color spectrum. There is a lot to talk about with color temperatures, but changing the temperature can make a drastic effect on skin tones of an individual.

These lights really do a fantastic job in many situations. If you would like to learn more about the IKAN lights and color temperatures, join us for our Lighting Class on Jan. 16, at 7 p.m.

