# PRODUCTION STILLS

GUIDELINES

FACTUAL



## WHY ARE STILLS IMPORTANT?

Production photography generates

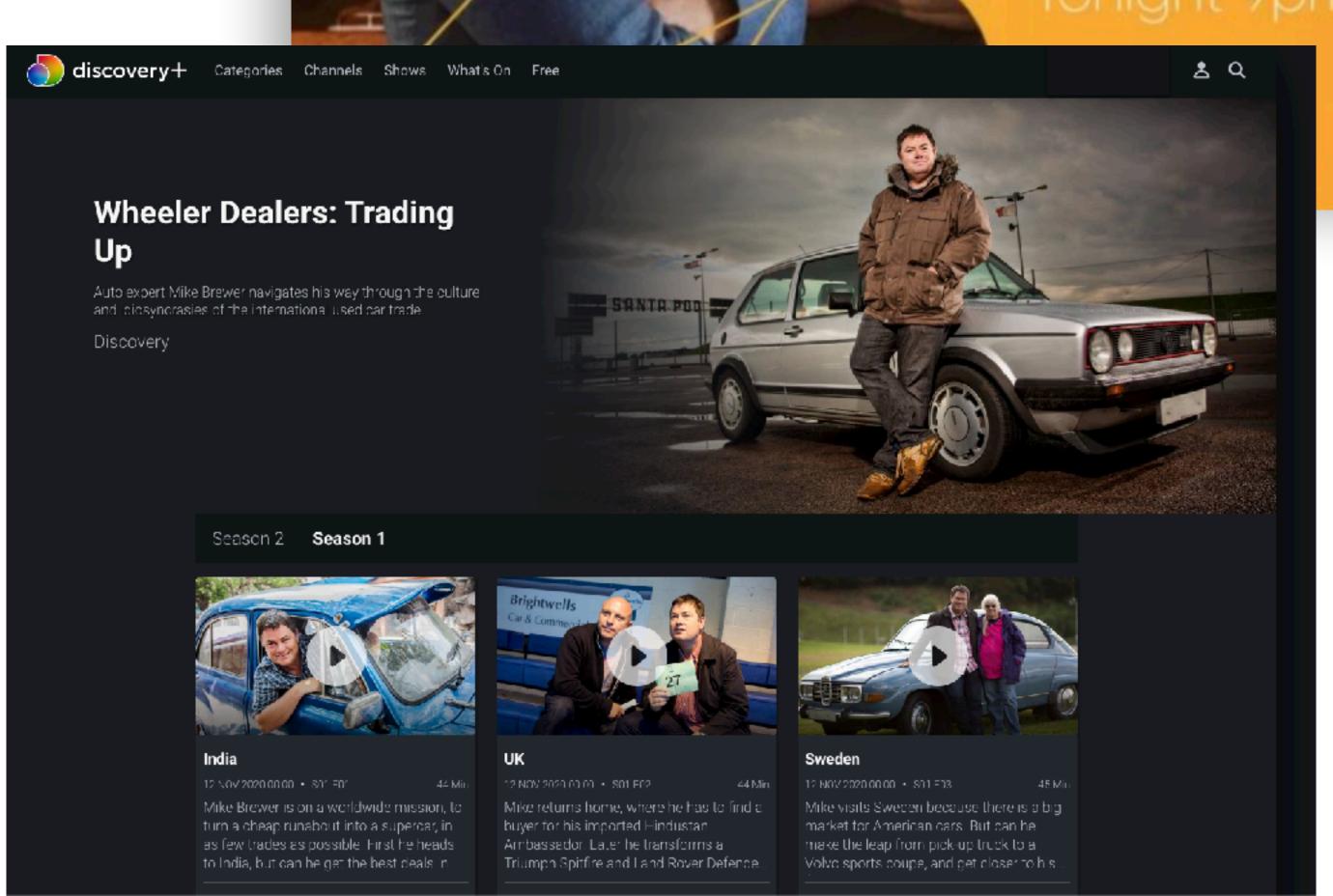
PUBLICITY FOR YOUR PROGRAMME

It's important that the production stills you produce reflect the same QUALITY and CREATIVITY you put into programme production.

Images you provide are used for marketing, press, digital PR, on-air campaigns, EPG listings and Discovery+ and other affiliate VOD platforms, rights permitting they can also be used for merchandising.

Please refer to this guide throughout production.





## **IMAGE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **CAMERA SPECIFICATIONS**

Use a **Digital SLR camera**.

Always set camera to capture **RAW/NEF** images, If camera doesn't shoot RAW – use highest quality JPGs in landscape **16x9** format, **300 dpi**.



Do not use a mobile phone or compact camera.

#### CONTENT

Supply images that include talent, contributors, objects & places that are **key to the episode story**.

Capture various angles and viewpoints.



Do not include crew or equipment in any shots unless for purposeful behind the scenes images.

#### **QUALITY**

Use a separate **light source** if shooting in low light.

Make sure to capture **sharp & stable** images.

Consider the **composition** of the image.



Do not shoot with light behind the subject or in a very low light.

#### **QUANTITY**

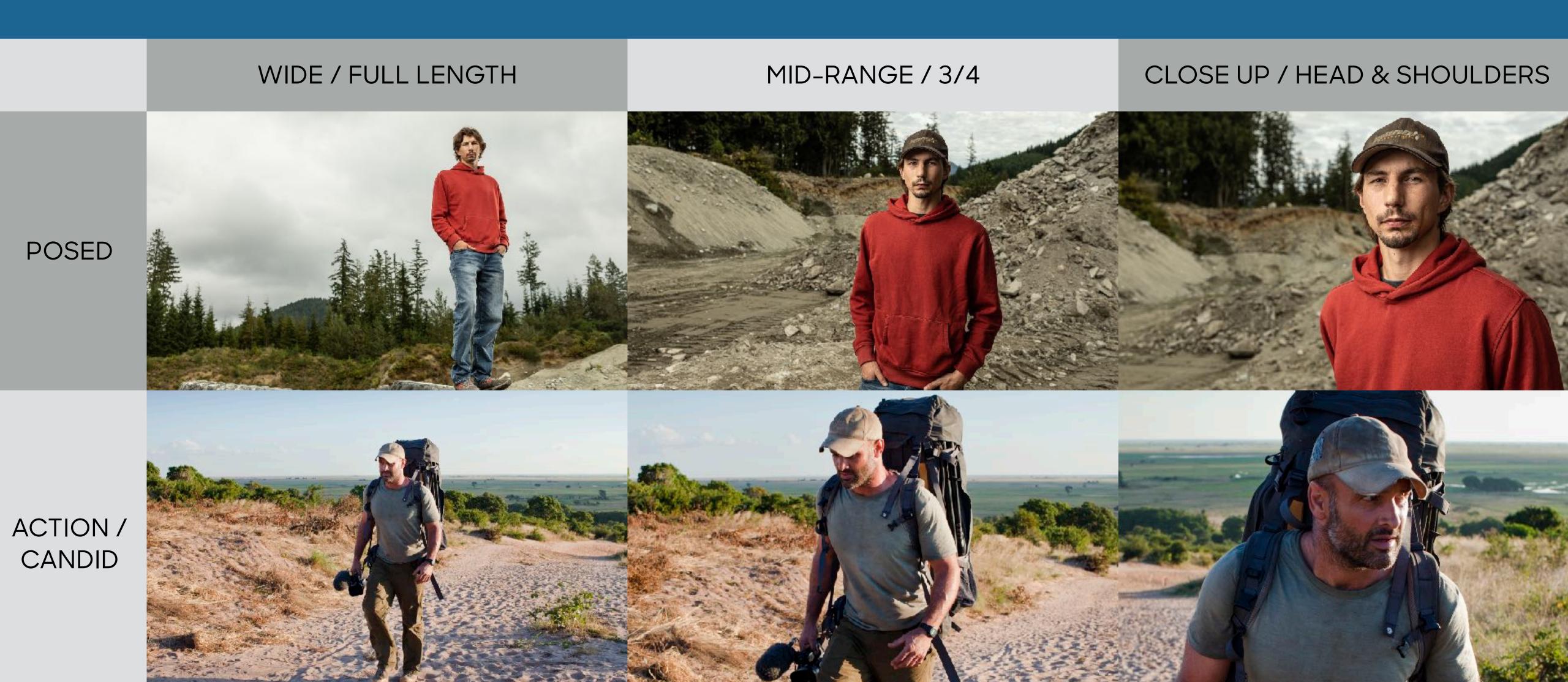
A MINIMUM of 20 high quality images per episode.

A **MINIMUM** of 10 high quality images to promote the show as a whole (see stills brief for specific requirements for these).

LESS IS MORE - focus on quality of the images.

## PROVIDE A VARIETY OF ANGLES AND VIEWPOINTS.

Shoot wide shots of a whole scene, as well as mid-range and close-up shots. Compose the images with the subject central as well as to the left and to the right of the frame to allow for text placement. Shoot both landscape and portrait shots.



## **SUBJECT MATTER**

Whether your programme is about cars, fishing, wildlife, or extreme survival, we need images of the presenters and/or contributors and the subject matter, location or event for each episode.

Supply 'action' shots of the presenters/contributors showing the subject matter of each episode.



## **TALENT**

If your programme is talent or presenter-led, supply posed pictures of the talent and presenter/s in the context or setting of each episode.

Remembering that any images taken should reflect the overall style of the programme.



# BUILDINGS, TRANSPORTATION & OBJECTS

If particular buildings or vehicles are key to the narrative of the episode, capture images showing both the inside and the outside.

Capture images of key objects on their own and in use, providing before and after images where restoration is involved.



## **RIGHTS**

- Only supply images of contributors who have signed an appearance release for the programme.
- · Any CGI, animation or archival/third party images that are used in the program should only be delivered if cleared for promotional use.
- When supplying 3rd party images, please complete a rights waiver document available from the producers portal.
- Clearance for all promotional use is required as standard for commissions and includes unpaid and paid promotion to help us promote the programme. If archive images delivered cannot be used for all promotional usages, note specific usage clearance via the rights waiver.
- · If using a photographer rather than crew, ensure the photographer is aware that the images will be used for all promotional usages and if they own the copyright note this in the stills log.
- As detailed in the body of your contract, any images taken on a DCI commissioned show shall be fully owned by Discovery or Discovery entities, who will have the full rights to exploit all images without exception for show promotion, all consumer products and the promotion of DCI in all media, worldwide and in perpetuity. Other than contracted co-producers and third parties, no further use of these images is granted without prior clearance by Photo Operations EMEA.

## **DELIVERY**

See the producers portal for instructions on what & how to deliver here:

<a href="https://pmd.discovery.com/">https://pmd.discovery.com/</a>
<a href="production-stills/">production-stills/</a>

Contact your Production Management team or assigned Photo Producer for delivery questions/support.

Organise the images into folders according to episode.

### STILLS LOG

- · Complete a photo caption log for all images delivered.
- Fill out all sections in the log, including captions and the rights waiver column. Include the correct spelling of subject matter, full names, animal type machine model editod name and number, location, are causion company name and any other relevant information.
- If talent contract requires photo approvals, please supply approved images only.
- DO NOT supply images of contributors who do not want their images to be used especially where covering sensitive subjects like medical conditions

#### TITLE LOGO

- We require the programme title treatment to be delivered along with the stills. This is the programme title graphic that you use for the opening sequence of the programme.
- Please provide in a psd format and png.
   Colour version and white version with transparent background.

#### **EXAMPLE:**





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