AI VIDEO EDITING CHEAT SHEET

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WHAT TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOU PICK

1 What editor do you already use?
If you like your editor, start there before you buy anything.

2 Where do you record your videos?
Some tools work best on footage that's already inside them.

3 Do you already use Claude Code?
If you're asking "what's Claude Code?", start with an editor.

4 What are you already paying for?
Add up the editor, its AI credits, and your AI plan each month.

5 Will you update old videos later?
Course videos need updates. An editor keeps old projects handy.

YOUR OPTIONS RIGHT NOW

These tools change fast. Prices in USD.

Tool	Connects to AI?	What AI can do there	Best for	Watch out for
Descript	Yes, official	Anything Underlord can do: retakes, filler words, captions, Studio Sound	Talking-head videos, with a full editor to fall back on	From $16/month billed yearly. AI edits use your AI credits, and automated editing burns through them fast.
Tella	Yes, official, every plan	Cuts, zooms, layouts, overlays, Studio Sound, exports	Screen-share tutorials	From $13/month billed yearly. Tella's built-in agent runs on credits.
Riverside	Yes, official, Grow plan and up	Plain-language edits, audio cleanup, captions, clips	Interviews and podcasts	Grow is $34/month billed yearly ($39 monthly). You still fine-tune in Riverside's editor.
Premiere Pro	Partly	Adobe's Claude connector does finished-result jobs, like reframing for vertical. Not timeline edits.	People already editing in Premiere	Third-party timeline tools aren't from Adobe, run on your own computer, and take more setup.
DaVinci Resolve	Third-party only	Timeline edits, organizing media, rendering	People already in Resolve who like to tinker	Not from Blackmagic. Full control needs paid Resolve Studio. Free Resolve needs an extra workaround.
Final Cut Pro	Third-party only	Project file edits and timeline review. Some tools add live control.	People already in Final Cut who like to tinker	Not from Apple. Live control needs Final Cut open on your Mac.
CapCut	ChatGPT only (official)	Builds a draft you finish and export in CapCut	People already editing in CapCut	The official plugin runs in the ChatGPT desktop app. Claude only has third-party tools.
No editing software	Claude Code drives it	Whatever you set it up and train it to do	People who already know Claude Code	Paid Claude plan, from $20/month. You're your own archive.

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THE SAVED METHOD

The framework for getting Claude to create a professional edit

The magic is in the system you give it. Run the steps in order, so you never waste time or tokens adding sound effects to an A-roll that still has mistakes in it.

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SETUP

Claude transcribes your video, finds the silences, mistakes and retakes, and builds a cut plan.

A

A-ROLL

Claude follows the cut plan for a near-perfect rough cut. It takes training until Claude knows a mistake from a you-ism.

V

VISUALS

Claude finds the spots for b-roll, your logo and name, title and chapter screens, and on-screen text.

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ENHANCEMENTS

Claude adds captions, music, and sound effects from your own folder.

D

DELIVER

Claude renders the finished, full-resolution video.

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