

AI Recorder Setup & Transcription Quick Guide

For the FoCase Rec CR1 — the setup habits that separate great transcripts from muffled ones.

The One Rule That Matters Most: Distance

Buyer reviews agree on one thing: this recorder rewards closeness and punishes distance. The microphones sit at the bottom of the puck. Keep it within 1–2 metres of the speakers, bottom edge facing the talkers, resting untouched on a table — recordings sound best when the unit sits still on a surface. Beyond about 3 metres, voices thin out fast. In a big room, put the puck in the middle of the table, not in front of you.

Your 1,800 Free Minutes

The CR1 includes 1,800 AI transcription minutes every month, free for the life of the device — no subscription. That is 30 hours of meetings a month. Transcribe only the recordings you actually need notes from, and keep raw audio archived on the device (64GB holds far more than the monthly AI allowance). Summaries and mind maps are generated from the transcript inside the app.

Language Reality Check

The listing advertises 100+ languages, but its own fine print admits around 20 are well supported. English and the other major languages transcribe well; smaller languages are noticeably weaker. If your meetings run in a smaller language, record a 2-minute test first and read the transcript before trusting it with an important session.

Recording Phone Calls

- Stick the puck to the back of your phone with the magnetic ring — it captures calls by vibration, no speakerphone needed.
- Android results are consistently better in buyer reports; on iPhone, remove thick cases, which damp the vibration.
- Always check your local laws: many regions require every party on a call to consent to recording.

Quick Troubleshooting

Bluetooth drops: keep the app updated and the phone within arm's reach during transfer. No pause button exists — stop and start a new file instead. There is no charge light, so charge on a routine (overnight, weekly) rather than watching for an indicator. If a unit ever arrives faulty, contact the seller immediately — buyer reports show replacements shipped within one business day.

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