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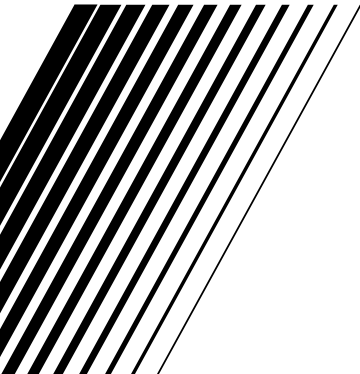
VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER

HR-J480EU HR-J280/281/289EU

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AUTO SET UP
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SQPB SHOWVIEW® **VHS**
PAL



INSTRUCTIONS

ENGLISH

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Safety Precautions

The rating plate and the safety caution are on the rear of the unit.

WARNING: DANGEROUS VOLTAGE INSIDE

WARNING: TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS UNIT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

CAUTION

- When you are not using the recorder for a long period of time, it is recommended that you disconnect the power cord from the mains outlet.
- Dangerous voltage inside. Refer internal servicing to qualified service personnel. To prevent electric shock or fire hazard, remove the power cord from the mains outlet prior to connecting or disconnecting any signal lead or aerial.

WARNING

There are two different types of SECAM colour systems: SECAM-L, used in FRANCE (also called SECAM-West), and SECAM-B, used in Eastern European countries (also called SECAM-East).

1. This recorder can also receive SECAM-B colour television signals for recording and playback.
2. Recordings made of SECAM-B television signals produce monochrome pictures if played back on a video recorder of SECAM-L standard, or do not produce normal colour pictures if played back on a PAL video recorder with SECAM-B system incorporated (even if the TV set is SECAM-compatible).
3. SECAM-L prerecorded cassettes or recordings made with a SECAM-L video recorder produce monochrome pictures when played back with this recorder.
4. This recorder cannot be used for the SECAM-L standard. Use a SECAM-L recorder to record SECAM-L signals.

IMPORTANT

- Please read the various precautions on page 2 and 3 before installing or operating the recorder.
- It should be noted that it may be unlawful to re-record pre-recorded tapes, records, or discs without the consent of the owner of copyright in the sound or video recording, broadcast or cable programme and in any literary, dramatic, musical, or artistic work embodied therein.



- Cassettes marked "VHS" (or "S-VHS") can be used with this video cassette recorder. However, S-VHS recording is not possible with this model.
- This model is equipped with SQPB (S-VHS QUASI PLAYBACK) that makes it possible to play back S-VHS recordings in the SP mode with regular VHS resolution. (HR-J480EU only)
- HQ VHS is compatible with existing VHS equipment.
- SHOWVIEW is a registered trademark of Gemstar Development Corporation. The SHOWVIEW system is manufactured under licence from Gemstar Development Corporation.

For Italy:

"It is declared that this product, brand JVC, conforms to the Ministry Decree n. 548 of 28 Aug.'95 published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic n. 301 of 28 Dec.'95"

The STANDBY/ON $\phi/1$ button does not completely shut off mains power from the unit, but switches operating current on and off. " ϕ " shows electrical power standby and "1" shows ON.

For HR-J480EU owners:

Video tapes recorded with this video recorder in the LP (Long Play) mode cannot be played back on a single-speed video recorder.

For HR-J280/281/289EU owners:

Video tapes recorded with another recorder in the LP (Long Play) mode cannot be played back on this video recorder.

When the equipment is installed in a cabinet or a shelf, make sure that it has sufficient space on all sides to allow for ventilation (10 cm or more on both sides, on top and at the rear).

When discarding batteries, environmental problems must be considered and the local rules or laws governing the disposal of these batteries must be followed strictly.

Failure to heed the following precautions may result in damage to the recorder, remote control or video cassette.

1. DO NOT place the recorder ...

- ... in an environment prone to extreme temperatures or humidity.
- ... in direct sunlight.
- ... in a dusty environment.
- ... in an environment where strong magnetic fields are generated.
- ... on a surface that is unstable or subject to vibration.

2. DO NOT block the recorder's ventilation openings or holes.

(If the ventilation openings or holes are blocked by a newspaper or cloth, etc., the heat may not be able to get out.)

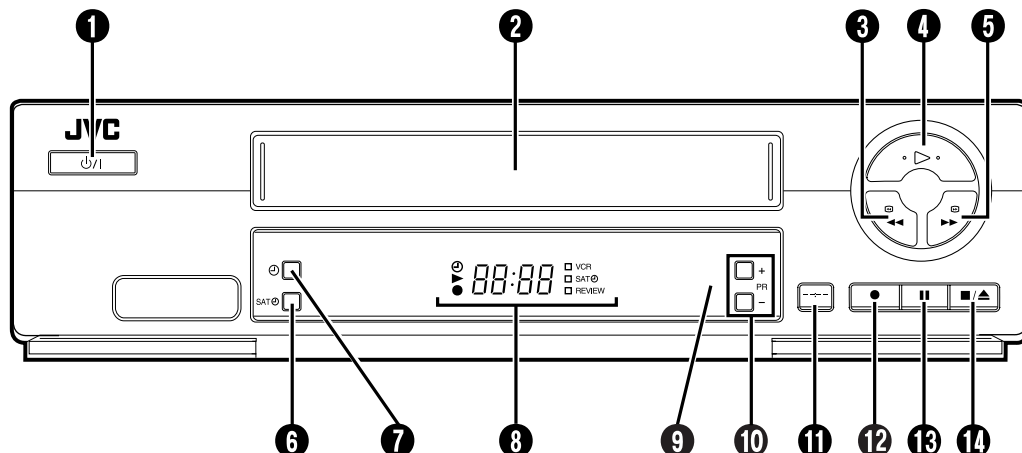
3. DO NOT place heavy objects on the recorder or remote control.**4. DO NOT place anything which might spill on top of the recorder or remote control.**

(If water or liquid is allowed to enter this equipment, fire or electric shock may be caused.)

5. DO NOT expose the apparatus to dripping or splashing.**6. DO NOT use this equipment in a bathroom or places with water. Also DO NOT place any containers filled with water or liquids (such as cosmetics or medicines, flower vases, potted plants, cups, etc.) on top of this unit.****7. DO NOT place any naked flame sources, such as lighted candles, on the apparatus.****8. AVOID violent shocks to the recorder during transport.****MOISTURE CONDENSATION**

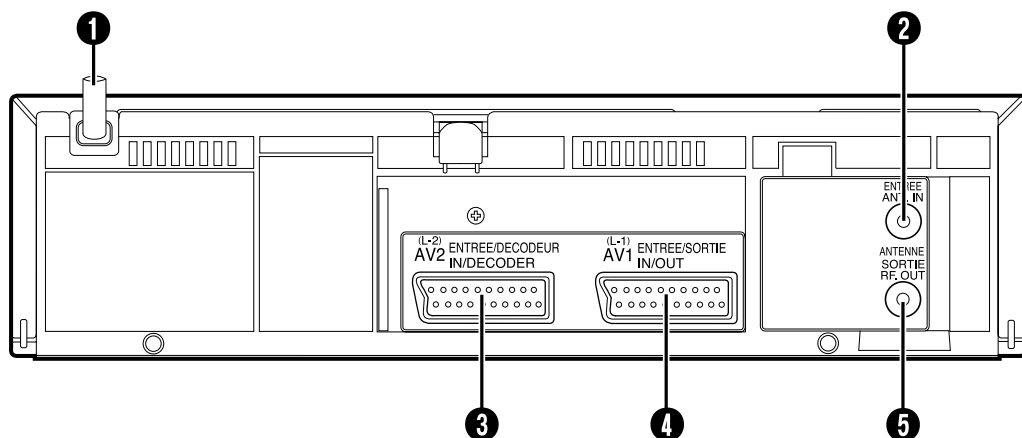
Moisture in the air will condense on the recorder when you move it from a cold place to a warm place, or under extremely humid conditions-just as water droplets form in the surface of a glass filled with cold liquid. Moisture condensation on the head drum will cause damage to the tape. In conditions where condensation may occur, keep the recorder turned on for a few hours to let the moisture dry.

FRONT VIEW



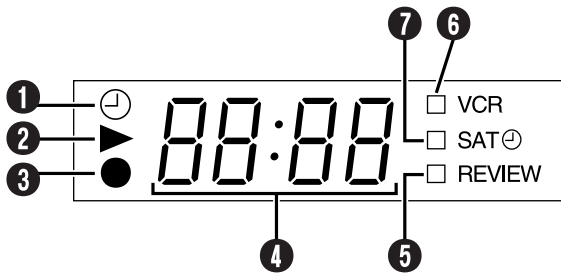
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REAR VIEW



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❶ Mains Power Cord \hookrightarrow pg. 7 ❷ ANT. IN Connector \hookrightarrow pg. 7 ❸ AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER Connector \hookrightarrow pg. 29, 30, 31, 32 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❹ AV1 (L-1) IN/OUT Connector \hookrightarrow pg. 7, 29, 30, 31, 32 ❺ RF. OUT Connector \hookrightarrow pg. 7 |
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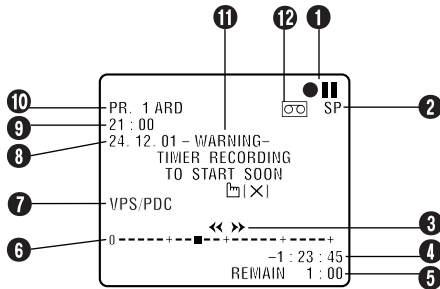
FRONT DISPLAY PANEL



- ❶ "Timer" Indicator ☞ pg. 23, 25
- ❷ Play Indicator
- ❸ Record Indicator
- ❹ Channel/Clock Display ☞ pg. 11
To switch display, press --/--. Channel position is not displayed during playback.
Mode Display (L-1, L-2 or SAT*)
* When "L-2 SELECT" is set to "SAT" (☞ pg. 37), "SAT" appears instead of "L-2".
- ❺ Instant REVIEW Indicator ☞ pg. 16
- ❻ VCR Indicator ☞ pg. 19
- ❼ SATⓈ Indicator ☞ pg. 28

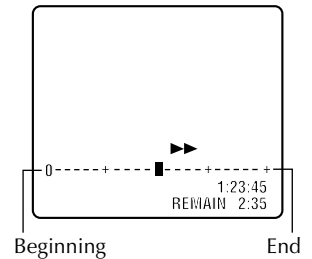
ON-SCREEN DISPLAY

When "O.S.D." is set to "ON" (☞ pg. 35), various operational indicators appear on the TV screen.



- ❶ Operation mode indicators
- ❷ Tape speed SP/LP/EP (HR-J480EU only)
* EP is for NTSC playback only.
- ❸ Tape direction
- ❹ Counter display ☞ pg. 20
- ❺ Tape remaining time indicator ☞ pg. 20

- ❻ Tape position indicator
The tape position indicator appears on the TV screen when you press ◀◀ or ▶▶ from the Stop mode or perform an Index Search (☞ pg. 17). The position of "█" in relation to "0" (beginning) or "+" (end) shows you where you are on the tape.

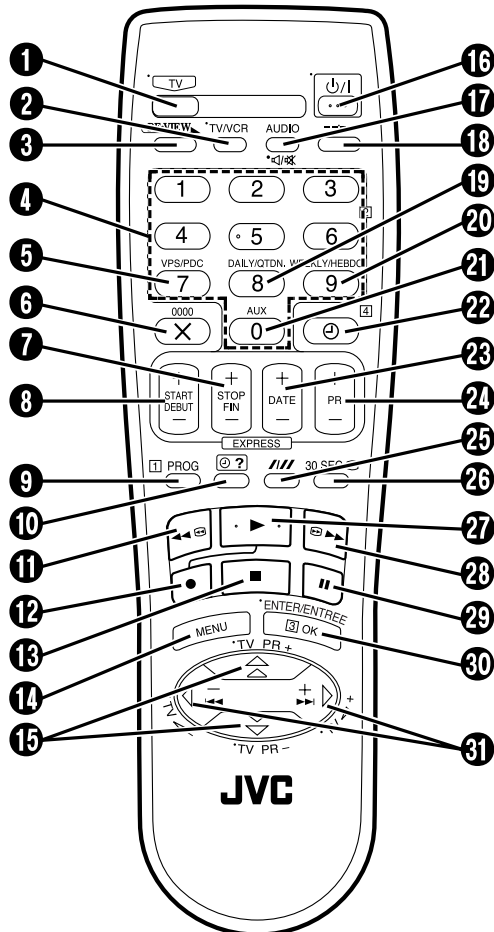


NOTE:

Depending on the type of tape used, the tape position indicator may not appear correctly.

- ❼ VPS/PDC Indicator ☞ pg. 23, 25
- ❸ Current day/month/year
- ❹ Clock display
- ❺ Channel position number and station name/ Auxiliary input indicator (L-1, L-2 or SAT*)
* When "L-2 SELECT" is set to "SAT" (☞ pg. 37), "SAT" appears instead of "L-2".
- ❻ Timer warning display
A warning appears on the TV screen to tell you that the timer-recording is to start in 5 minutes if you're not in the Timer mode at that time. The warning blinks for the entire 5 minutes leading up to the start of timer recording. To clear the display, press X.
- ❼ Cassette loaded mark

REMOTE CONTROL



Buttons with a small dot on the left side of the name can also be used to operate your JVC TV while holding down the **TV** button. (☞ “Operating JVC TVs” in the right column)

This remote control transmits A code signals only; it is not applicable to B code signals.

- 1 TV Button ☞ “Operating JVC TVs” below
- 2 TV/VCR Button ☞ pg. 19 and “Operating JVC TVs” below
- 3 REVIEW Button ☞ pg. 16
- 4 NUMBER Keys ☞ pg. 18, 22
- 5 VPS/PDC Button ☞ pg. 23, 25
- 6 Cancel X Button ☞ pg. 26
- 7 STOP +/- Button ☞ pg. 24
- 8 START +/- Button ☞ pg. 24
- 9 PROG Button ☞ pg. 22
- 10 Programme Check ? Button ☞ pg. 26
- 11 Rewind ◀◀ Button ☞ pg. 14, 15
- 12 Record ● Button ☞ pg. 18
- 13 Stop ■ Button ☞ pg. 14, 18
- 14 MENU Button ☞ pg. 12
- 15 Δ ▽ Button ☞ pg. 8
- 16 TV PR +/- Button ☞ “Operating JVC TVs” below
- 17 STANDBY/ON ⏻/⏻ Button ☞ pg. 8
- 17 ⏻ (TV Muting) Button ☞ “Operating JVC TVs” below
- 18 Display --- : --- Button ☞ pg. 20
- 19 DAILY Button ☞ pg. 23, 25
- 20 WEEKLY Button ☞ pg. 23, 25
- 21 AUX Button ☞ pg. 29
- 22 ⌚ (Timer) Button ☞ pg. 23, 25
- 23 DATE +/- Button ☞ pg. 24
- 24 PR +/- Button ☞ pg. 18
- 25 Auto Tracking /// Button ☞ pg. 16
- 25 SP/LP Button (HR-J480EU only) ☞ pg. 18
- 26 30 SEC Button ☞ pg. 17
- 27 Play ▶ Button ☞ pg. 14
- 28 Fast Forward ►► Button ☞ pg. 14, 15
- 29 Pause || Button ☞ pg. 15
- 30 OK Button ☞ pg. 9
- 31 ◀ ▶ Button ☞ pg. 15
- TV ◀ +/- Button ☞ “Operating JVC TVs” below

How To Use

The remote control can operate most of your video recorder's functions, as well as basic functions of JVC TV sets.

(☞ “Operating JVC TVs” below)

- Point the remote control toward the receiving window.
- The maximum operating distance of the remote control is about 8 m.

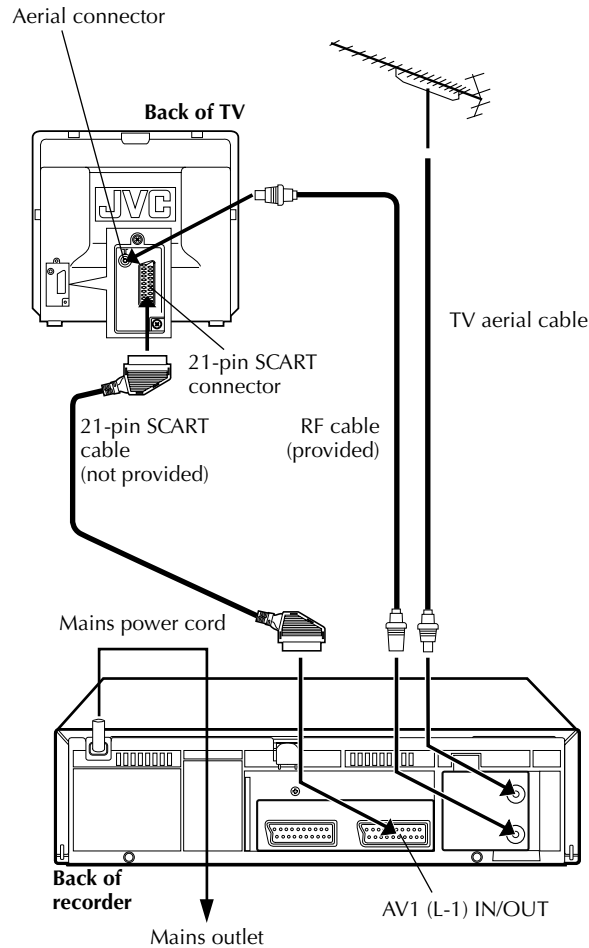
Operating JVC TVs

To operate your TV, while holding down the **TV** button, press the corresponding button: **STANDBY/ON** ⏻/⏻, **TV/VCR**, **TV PR +/-**, **TV** ◀ +/-, ⏻ (TV Muting).

NOTES:

- When inserting the batteries, be sure to insert in the correct directions as indicated under the battery cover.
- Depending on the type of JVC TV, some or all functions may not be operated using the remote control.
- If the remote control doesn't work properly, remove its batteries, wait a short time, replace the batteries and then try again.

Basic Connections



It's essential that your video recorder be properly connected.

THESE STEPS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ANY VIDEO OPERATION CAN BE PERFORMED.

1 Check the contents.

Make sure the package contains all of the accessories listed in "SPECIFICATIONS" on the back cover.

2 Situate the recorder.

Place the recorder on a stable, horizontal surface.

3 Connect the recorder to TV.

The connection method you use depends on the type of TV you have.

RF Connection

- To connect to a TV with NO AV input connectors . . .
- 1 Disconnect the TV aerial cable from the TV.
- 2 Connect the TV aerial cable to the ANT. IN connector on the rear panel of the recorder.
- 3 Connect the provided RF cable between the RF. OUT connector on the rear panel of the recorder and the TV's aerial connector.

AV Connection

- To connect to a TV with AV input connectors . . .
- 1 Connect the aerial, recorder and TV as per "RF CONNECTION".
- 2 Connect an optional 21-pin SCART cable between the AV1 (L-1) IN/OUT connector on the rear panel of the recorder and the TV's 21-pin SCART connector.

4 Connect the recorder to mains.

Plug the end of the mains power cord into a mains outlet.

After the connection is completed, perform "Auto Set Up" on page 8.

Make AV connection if your TV has a 21-pin AV input connector (SCART) in order to reduce the possibility of interference. And if you are using a stereo TV, you will need an optional 21-pin SCART cable in order to enjoy stereo playback of video tapes.

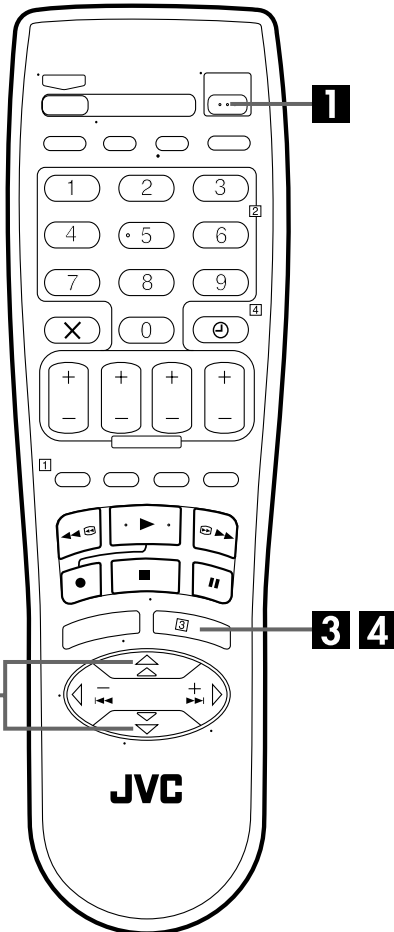
Auto Set Up

Auto Channel Set/Auto Clock Set/ Auto Guide Program Number Set

After the $\odot/1$ button on the recorder or remote control is pressed for the first time to power on the recorder, by simply selecting your country*, the Auto Set Up function sets the tuner channels, clock** and Guide Program numbers automatically.

* If you live in Belgium (BELGIUM) or Switzerland (SUISSE), you also need to select your language.

**If you live in Hungary (MAGYARORSZÁG), Czech Republic (ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA), Poland (POLSKA) or other countries in Eastern Europe (OTHER EASTERN EUROPE), set the clock manually.



Before starting, make sure of the following:

- The connection is completed. (☞ pg. 7)
- The recorder's mains power cord should be connected to a mains outlet.
- The TV should be set to its AV mode (with AV connection ☞ pg. 7) or UHF channel 36 (with RF connection ☞ pg. 7).

1 Turn on the recorder.

Press $\odot/1$ on the recorder or remote control. The Country Set display appears on the TV screen.

NOTE:

If you have connected your TV to the recorder with RF connection and the on-screen display appearing on UHF channel 36 looks distorted, perform "Video Channel Set" on page 46.



2 Select your country.

Press Δ/∇ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to your country's name.

(Example) DEUTSCHLAND is selected.



NOTES:

- If you have selected BELGIUM or SUISSE, go to step 3.
- If you have selected MAGYARORSZÁG, ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA, POLSKA or OTHER EASTERN EUROPE, press **OK**. The Clock Set screen will appear. Set the clock manually (☞ pg. 44), then go to step 4.
- If you have selected any other country name, go to step 4.

3 Select the language.

Press **OK**. The Language Set display appears on the TV screen.

Press Δ / ∇ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to the language of your choice.

(Example) DEUTSCH is selected.

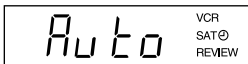


4 Perform Auto Set Up.

Press **OK**. The AUTO SET/T-V LINK display appears on the front display panel and/or on the TV screen.

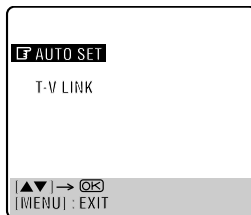
On the front display panel

Press Δ / ∇ to select "Auto" and press **OK** or \triangleright .



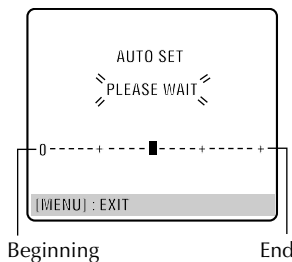
On the on-screen display

Press Δ / ∇ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to "AUTO SET" and press **OK** or \triangleright .



"Auto" blinks on the front display panel; do NOT press any button on the recorder or remote control until the front display panel shows clock time, "(CH) 1" or "--:--" as illustrated on page 11.

- If you are using the on-screen display, the AUTO SET screen will appear. As Auto Set Up progresses, the "█" mark on the TV screen moves from left to right. When the Auto Set Up is completed, "SCAN COMPLETED" appears for about 5 seconds, then the normal screen appears.



- When you have connected the video recorder to a TV offering T-V Link via a fully-wired 21-pin SCART cable (pg. 7) and the TV is turned on, the recorder automatically performs the Preset Download (pg. 10) even if you select "Auto" for Auto Set Up function.

ATTENTION

Once you have performed Auto Set Up, even if the recorder's memory backup has expired, all the stored stations and their Guide Program numbers remain in the recorder's memory and the recorder will not perform Auto Set Up again. You only need to set the clock. (pg. 44)

If you have moved to a different area, perform each setting as required.

- Video channel setting (for RF connection users) pg. 46
- Tuner setting pg. 38
- Clock setting pg. 44

If a new station starts broadcasting in your area, perform tuner setting (pg. 38) and, if necessary, video channel setting (pg. 46).

NOTES:

- In the area where no TV station transmits a PDC (Programme Delivery Control) signal, the recorder can perform neither Auto Clock Set nor Auto Guide Program Number Set.
- If there is a power cut, or if you press \odot /1 or **MENU** while Auto Set Up is in progress, Auto Set Up will be interrupted; be sure to turn off the recorder power once and try again from step 1.
- Auto Clock Set may not function properly depending on the reception condition.
- If no sound accompanies the picture or the audio sounds unnatural on some channels that have been stored by Auto Set Up, the TV system setting for those channels may be incorrect. Select the appropriate TV system for those channels (pg. 41, "INFORMATION").

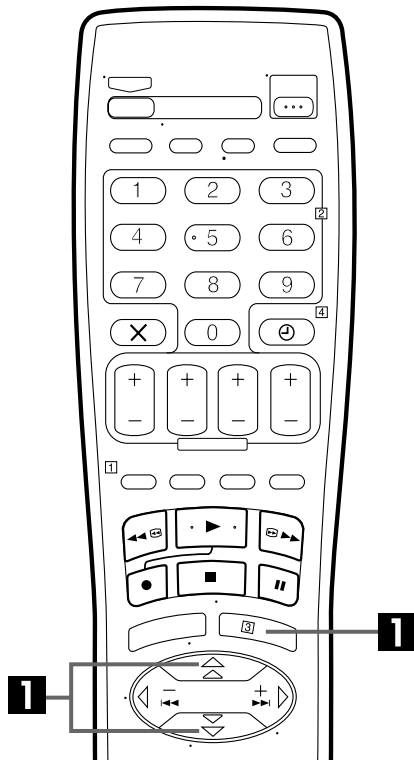
Preset Download

Auto Channel Set by Downloading from TV/Auto Clock Set/Auto Guide Program Number Set

ATTENTION

You can use this function only with a TV offering T-V Link, etc.* Be sure to use a fully-wired 21-pin SCART cable.

* Compatible with TVs offering T-V Link, EasyLink, Megalagic, SMARTLINK, Q-Link, DATA LOGIC or NexTVView Link via fully-wired 21-pin SCART cable. The degree of compatibility and available functions may differ by system.



If you have connected the recorder to your TV via the AV connection (☞ pg. 7), the recorder will automatically perform Preset Download instead of the Auto Set Up in step 4 on page 9. After downloading, the recorder sets the clock and Guide Program numbers automatically.

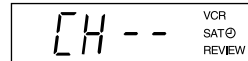
Perform steps 1 to 3 of "Auto Set Up" on page 8 before continuing.

1 Perform Preset Download.

Press **OK**. The AUTO SET/T-V LINK display appears on the front display panel and/or on the TV screen.

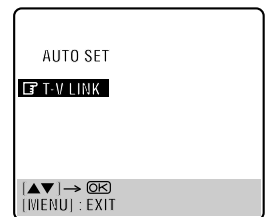
On the front display panel

Press Δ / ∇ to select "CH --" and press **OK** or \triangleright .



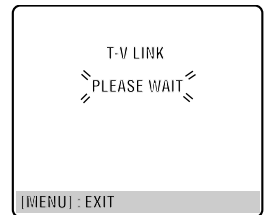
On the on-screen display

Press Δ / ∇ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to "T-V LINK" and press **OK** or \triangleright .



Preset positions on the front display panel increase from "CH1"; do NOT press any button on the recorder or remote control until the front display panel shows clock time, "(CH) 1" or "--:--" as illustrated on page 11.

- If you are using the on-screen display, the T-V LINK screen will appear. Then the GUIDE PROG SET screen will appear during Guide Program Number Set. When Preset Download is completed, "COMPLETED" appears for about 5 seconds, then the normal screen appears.
- If you press any button on the recorder or remote control while downloading is in progress, it will be interrupted.



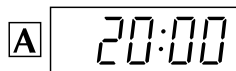
NOTES:

- For details, refer to the instruction manual of your TV.
- In the area where no TV station transmits a PDC (Programme Delivery Control) signal, the recorder can perform neither Auto Clock Set nor Auto Guide Program Number Set.
- If there is a power cut, or if you press $\psi/1$ or **MENU** while downloading or set up is in progress, it will be interrupted; be sure to turn off the recorder power once and try again from the beginning.
- Auto Clock Set may not function properly depending on the reception condition.
- On this recorder, the characters available for station names (ID) are A-Z, 0-9, -, *, + and _ (space). Some names of downloaded stations may differ from those of your TV (☞ pg. 42).

2 Set the video channel.

Set the video channel to off manually. (☞ pg. 46)

Results of Auto Set Up/Preset Download appear on the front display panel



If both Auto Channel Set and Auto Clock Set have been performed successfully, the correct current time is displayed.

Turn on the TV and select its video channel or AV mode, then make sure that all necessary stations have been stored in the recorder's memory by using the **PR** button(s).

- If station names (ID – pg. 43) have also been stored in the recorder's memory, the station name will be displayed at the top left corner of the TV screen for about 5 seconds when the recorder is tuned to a different station.
- If you want to set the tuner manually such as to add or skip channels, to change channel positions, or to set or change station names, see pages 40 – 43.

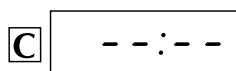


If Auto Channel Set has succeeded but Auto Clock Set has not, "1" (channel position) is displayed.

1 Turn on the TV and select its video channel or AV mode, then make sure that all necessary stations have been stored in the recorder's memory by using the **PR** button(s).

- If station names (ID – pg. 43) have also been stored in the recorder's memory, the station name will be displayed at the top left corner of the TV screen for about 5 seconds when the recorder is tuned to a different station.
- If you want to set the tuner manually such as to add or skip channels, to change channel positions, or to set or change station names, see pages 40 – 43.

2 Perform "Clock Set" on page 44.



If both Auto Channel Set and Auto Clock Set have failed, "--:--" is displayed.

Make sure the cables are connected properly and turn off the recorder's power once, then turn the recorder's power back on again.

The Country Set display appears on the front display panel and/or on the TV screen; perform "Auto Set Up" on page 8 or "Preset Download" on page 10 again.

IMPORTANT

- To check if the Guide Program numbers have been set correctly, perform the SHOWVIEW Timer Programming (pg. 22).
- In certain reception conditions, station names may not be stored correctly, and auto Guide Program Number Set may not work properly. If the Guide Program numbers are not set properly when you timer-record a TV programme using the SHOWVIEW system, the recorder will record a TV programme of a different station. When programming the timer using the SHOWVIEW system, be sure to check the desired channel is selected correctly (pg. 22, "SHOWVIEW Timer Programming").
- Your video recorder memorizes all detected stations even if reception of some of them is poor. You can delete those stations with an unacceptable picture (pg. 41, "Delete A Channel").

INFORMATION

Language for the on-screen display

Auto Set Up also selects the language automatically for the on-screen display depending on the Country setting you have made in step 2 on page 8 (unless you have selected BELGIUM or SUISSE), as shown below.

SUOMI	→ SUOMI	DANMARK	→ DANSK	NEDERLAND	→ NEDERLANDS
PORTUGAL	→ ENGLISH	ÖSTERREICH	→ DEUTSCH	GREECE	→ ENGLISH
DEUTSCHLAND	→ DEUTSCH	ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA	→ ČEŠTINA	OTHER WESTERN EUROPE	→ ENGLISH
POLSKA	→ POLSKI	ITALIA	→ ITALIANO	OTHER EASTERN EUROPE	→ ENGLISH
NORGE	→ NORSK	MAGYARORSZÁG	→ MAGYAR		
SVERIGE	→ SVENSKA	ESPAÑA	→ CASTELLANO		

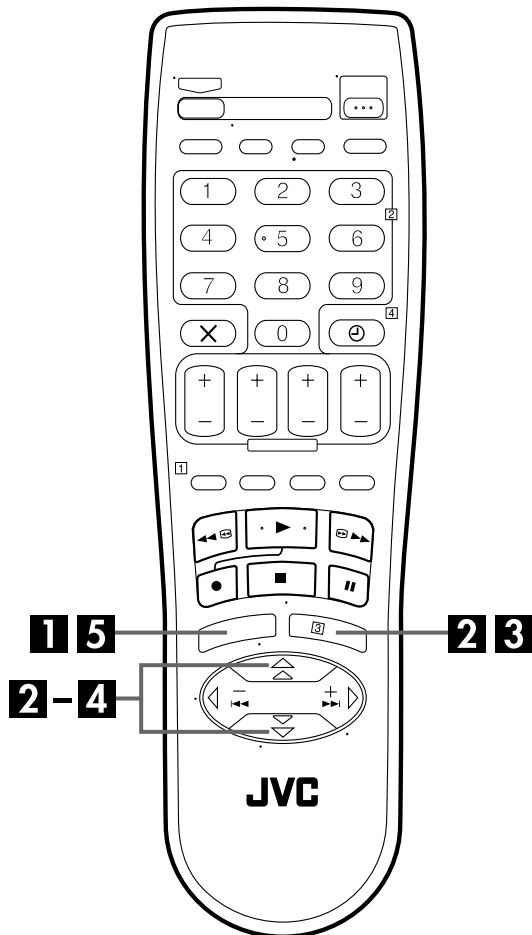
If you want to change the language setting manually, see "Language" on page 12.

Just Clock

Your recorder is equipped with the Just Clock function which provides accurate time keeping through automatic adjustments at regular intervals, by reading data from a PDC signal. If you want to take advantage of this function, simply set it to "ON" (pg. 44, "Just Clock").

Language

Turn on the TV and select the video channel (or AV mode).

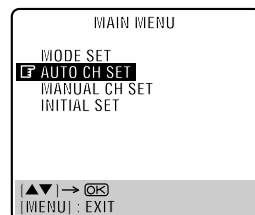


1 Access the Main Menu screen.

Press **MENU**.

2 Access the Country Set screen.

Press Δ / ∇ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to "AUTO CH SET", then press **OK** or \triangleright .



3 Select your country.

Press Δ / ∇ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to your country's name, then press **OK** or \triangleright .

4 Select the language.

Press Δ / ∇ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to the language of your choice.

- You do not have to press **OK**; pressing **OK** enters AUTO SET/T-V LINK screen.



5 Return to the normal screen.

Press **MENU**.

T-V Link Functions

When you connect the recorder to your TV via a fully-wired 21-pin SCART cable (☞ pg. 7), the following functions are available. You can use these functions only with a TV offering T-V Link, etc.*

For details, refer to the instruction manual of your TV.

* Compatible with TVs offering T-V Link, EasyLink, Megalogic, SMARTLINK, Q-Link, DATA LOGIC or NexTView Link via fully-wired 21-pin SCART cable. The degree of compatibility and available functions may differ by system.

NexTView Link

You can download the EPG (Electronic Programme Guide) information from your TV for timer-programming on the recorder. For details, refer to the instruction manual of your TV.

TV Auto Power On

The TV will turn on and be set to its AV mode automatically whenever you play a tape. For details, refer to the instruction manual of your TV.

VCR Auto Standby

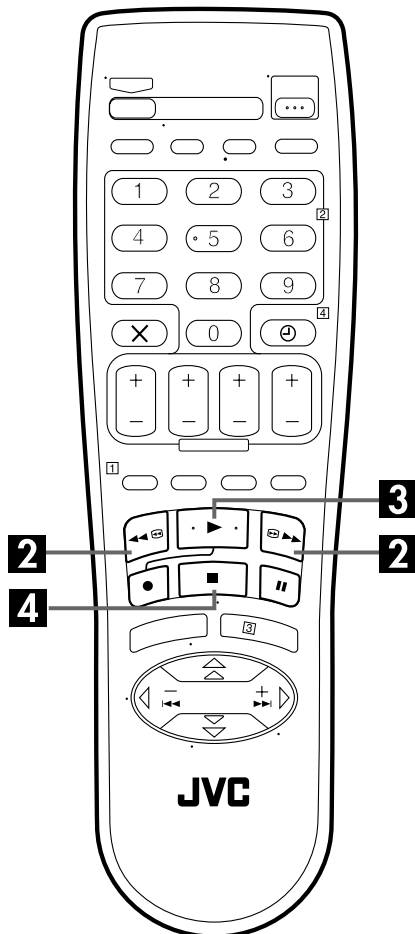
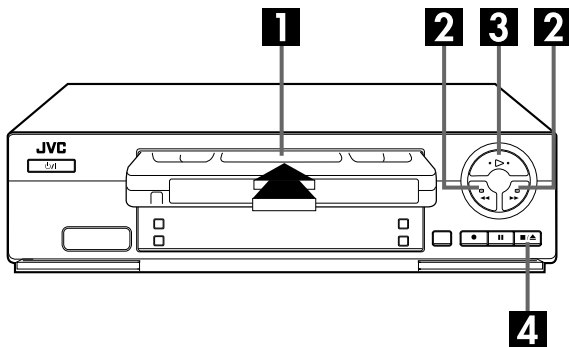
You can use your TV's remote control to turn off the recorder. For details, refer to the instruction manual of your TV.

Direct Rec

You can easily start recording the programme that you are watching on your TV. When you use this function, set "DIRECT REC" to "ON" (☞ pg. 35).

Basic Playback

Turn on the TV and select the video channel (or AV mode).



1 Load a cassette.

Make sure the window side is up, the rear label side is facing you and the arrow on the front of the cassette is pointed toward the recorder.

- Don't apply too much pressure when inserting.
- The recorder's power comes on automatically and the counter is reset to 0:00:00.
- If the record safety tab has been removed, playback begins automatically.

2 Find the programme start point.

If the tape is advanced past the start point, press ◀◀. To go forward, press ▶▶.

3 Start playback.

Press ▶. "bEST" appears blinking in the recorder's front display panel during automatic tracking. (☞ pg. 21)

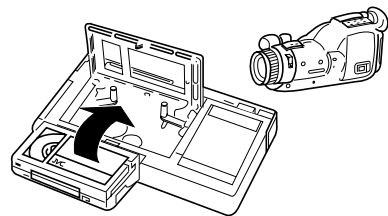
4 Stop playback.

Press ■ on the remote control or ■/▲ on the recorder's front panel. Then press ■/▲ to remove the cassette.

Clean the video heads using a dry cleaning cassette — TCL-2UX — when:

- Rough, poor picture appears while a tape is played back.
- The picture is unclear or no picture appears.
- "USE CLEANING CASSETTE" appears on the screen (only with "O.S.D." set to "ON" (☞ pg. 35)).

Usable cassettes



- Compact VHS camcorder recordings can be played on this video recorder. Simply place the recorded cassette into a VHS Cassette Adapter and it can be used just like any full-sized VHS cassette.

• HR-J480EU

This video recorder is equipped with SQPB (S-VHS QUASI PLAYBACK) that lets you watch tapes recorded in the S-VHS format and the SP mode with regular VHS resolution.

* SQPB does not deliver Super VHS resolution.

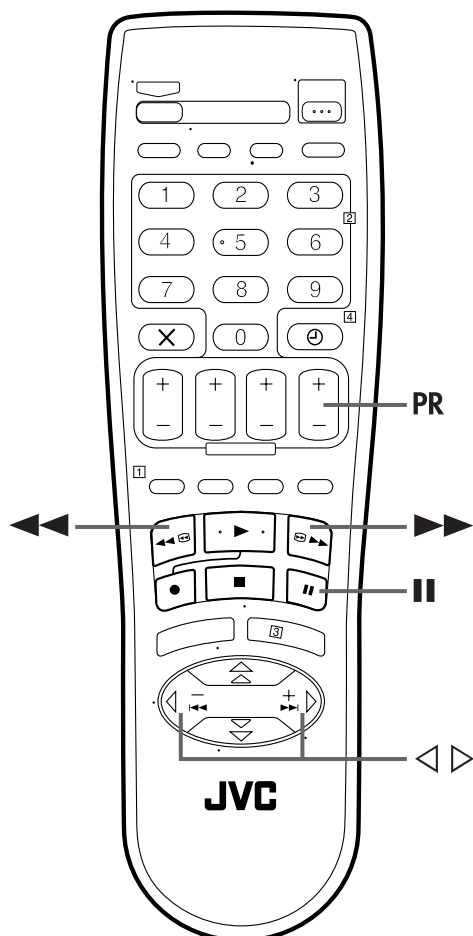
• HR-J480EU

This video recorder can record on regular VHS and Super VHS cassettes. However, it will record regular VHS signals only.

• HR-J280/281/289EU

This video recorder can record on regular VHS and Super VHS cassettes. However, it will record and play back regular VHS signals only. It is not possible to play back a recorded Super VHS tape.

Playback Features



ATTENTION

- Picture may not appear during high-speed search with an LP-recorded tape. (HR-J480EU only)
- In the high-speed search, still, slow motion or frame by frame playback mode, the picture will be distorted, and there will be a loss of colour.

Still Picture/Frame-By-Frame Playback

1 Pause during playback.

Press **II**.

- If there is vertical jitter, use the **PR** buttons to correct the picture.

2 Activate Frame-by-frame playback.

Press **II**.

OR

Press ◀ or ▶.

Slow Motion

During still picture, press and hold **II** for 2 seconds, then release. Press and release again to return to still picture.

OR

During still picture, press and hold ◀ or ▶. Release to return to still picture.

High-Speed Search

During playback or still, press ►► for forward high-speed search, or ◀◀ for reverse high-speed search.

NOTE:

For short searches, press and hold ►► or ◀◀ for over 2 seconds during playback or still picture. When released, normal playback resumes.

Variable Speed Search

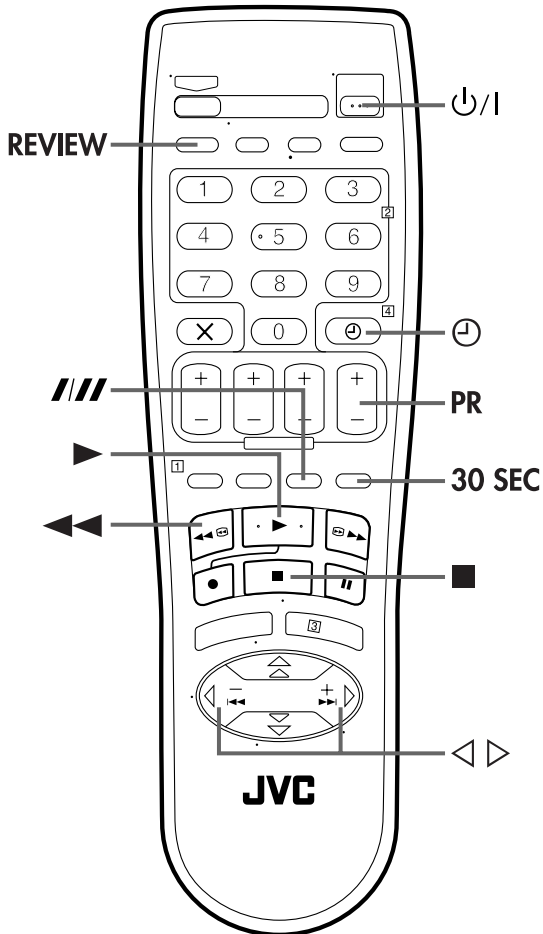
During playback, press ◀ or ▶.

- The more times you press, the faster the playback picture moves.
- To decrease speed, press the button for the opposite direction.

To resume normal playback, press ►.

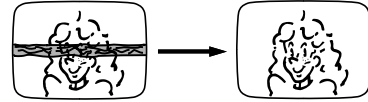
NOTES ON SQPB: (HR-J480EU only)

- When you play back a tape recorded in S-VHS format and the SP mode, noise may appear in the still, slow motion, or frame-by-frame playback mode.
- Depending on the tape, noise may appear during normal playback.



Manual Tracking

Your video recorder is equipped with automatic tracking control. During playback, you can override this and adjust the tracking manually by pressing the **PR** buttons.



1 Override automatic tracking.

Press **///** on the remote control.

2 Adjust the tracking manually.

Press **PR +** or **-**.

- Press **///** again to return to automatic tracking.

NOTE:

When a new tape is inserted, the recorder enters the automatic tracking mode automatically.

Instant ReView

Simply by pressing a single button, the recorder power comes on, rewinds, and begins playback of the last timer-recorded programme. If you have several programmes recorded, you can easily access any of them.

NOTE:

Before starting, make sure that the recorder is off and that the Timer mode is disengaged.

Activate Instant ReView.

Press **REVIEW**. The recorder power comes on and the recorder searches for the index code indicating the start of the last timer-recorded programme. Once it's found, playback begins automatically.

- The front display panel tells you how many programmes have been timer-recorded. If you have, for example, 3 programmes, the Instant REVIEW indicator and "3" blink. To watch the first of the 3 programmes, press **REVIEW** **three times**. The recorder searches and begins playback automatically. You can access a programme as far as 9 index codes away from the current tape position.
- The number of recorded programmes will not be displayed on the front display panel after Auto Satellite Programme Recording (see pg. 28).

Index Search

Your recorder automatically marks index codes at the beginning of each recording. This function gives you quick access to any one of 9 index codes in either direction.



NOTE:

Before starting, make sure the recorder is in the Stop mode.

Activate Index Search.

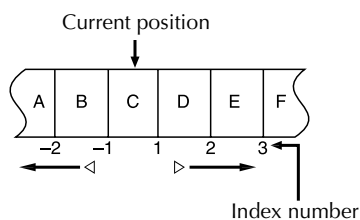
Press ◀ or ▶ (◀◀ or ▶▶). "◀◀ 1" or "▶▶ 1" is displayed on the TV screen and search begins in the corresponding direction.

- To access index codes 2 through 9, press ◀ or ▶ repeatedly until the correct index number is displayed.

Example:

To locate the beginning of B from the current position, press ◀ twice.

To locate the beginning of D from the current position, press ▶ once.



- When the specified index code is located, playback begins automatically.

Skip Search

During playback, press **30 SEC** 1 to 4 times to skip over unwanted sections. To resume normal playback, press ▶.

- Each press initiates a 30-second period of fast-motion playback. Normal playback resumes automatically.

Next Function Memory

The Next Function Memory "tells" the recorder what to do after rewinding. Before continuing, make sure the recorder is in the Stop mode.

- For Automatic Start Of Playback
Press ◀◀, then press ▶ within 2 seconds.
- For Automatic Power Off
Press ◀◀, then press ⏻ within 2 seconds.
- For Automatic Timer Standby
Press ◀◀, then press ⊖ (TIMER) within 2 seconds.

Repeat Playback

Your recorder can automatically play back the whole tape 100 times repeatedly.

1 Start playback.

Press ▶.

2 Activate Repeat Playback.

Press ▶ and hold for over 5 seconds, then release.

- The Play indicator (▶) on the front display panel blinks slowly.
- After playing back a tape 100 times, the recorder stops automatically.

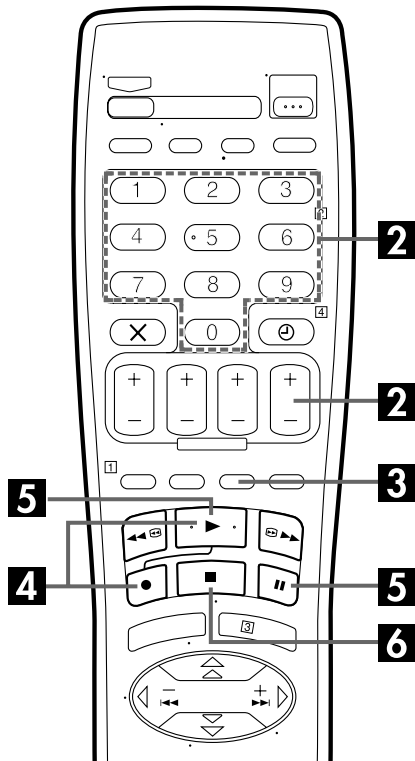
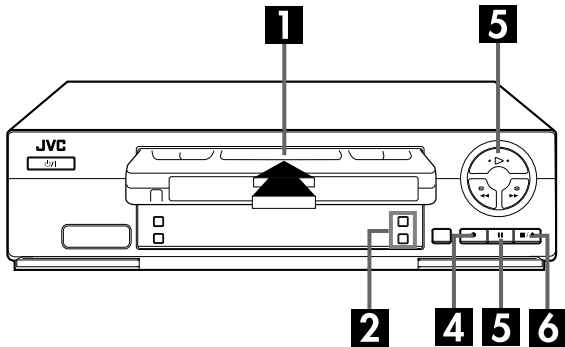
3 Stop Repeat Playback.

Press ■ at any time.

- Pressing ▶, ◀◀, ▶▶ or || also stops Repeat Playback.

Basic Recording

Turn on the TV and select the video channel (or AV mode).



Recording Resume Function

If there is a power outage during recording, Instant Timer Recording (pg. 19) or timer recording (pg. 22, 24), the recording will resume automatically when power is restored to the recorder unless the recorder's memory backup has expired.

1 Load a cassette.

Insert a cassette with the record safety tab intact.

- The recorder's power comes on automatically and the counter is reset to 0:00:00.

2 Choose a programme.

Press **PR +/-** or the **NUMBER** keys to select the channel you wish to record.

3 Set the tape speed. (HR-J480EU only)

Press **SP/LP (///)**. Check the SP/LP indicator on the TV screen to confirm the selected tape speed.

4 Start recording.

Press and hold **●** and press **▶** on the remote control, or press **●** on the recorder.

With HR-J480EU:

B.E.S.T. takes place at the beginning of both the first SP and the first LP recording after inserting the cassette. (pg. 21)

With HR-J280/281/289EU:

B.E.S.T. takes place at the beginning of the first recording after inserting the cassette. (pg. 21)

If "DIRECT REC" is set to "ON", the programme that appears on the TV screen will be recorded (pg. 35).

5 Pause/Resume recording.

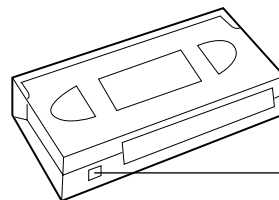
Press **||**. Press **▶** to resume recording.

6 Stop recording.

Press **■** on the remote control or **■/▲** on the recorder. Then press **■/▲** to remove the cassette.

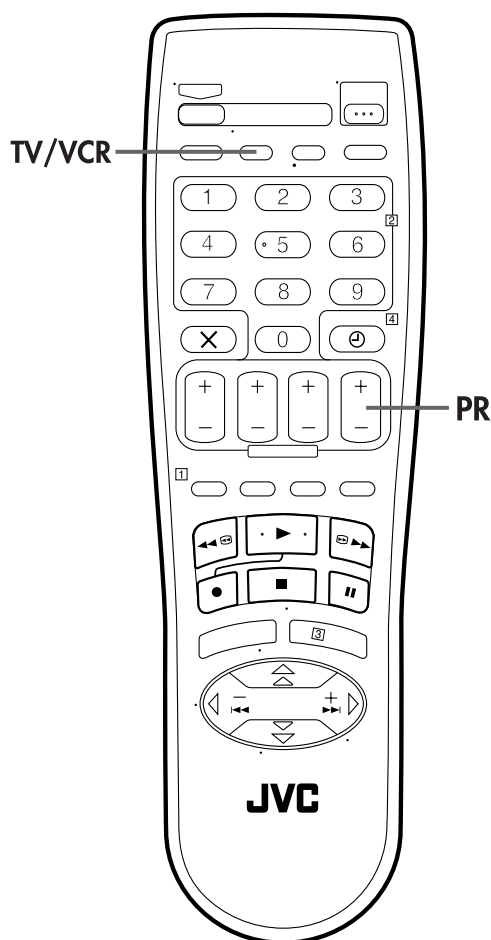
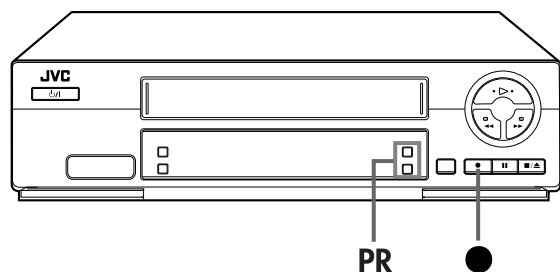
Accidental erasure prevention

To prevent accidental recording on a recorded cassette, remove its safety tab. To record on it later, cover the hole with adhesive tape.



Record safety tab

Recording Features



Instant Timer Recording (ITR)

This easy method lets you record for from 30 minutes to 6 hours (selectable in 30-min. increments), and shuts the recorder off after recording is finished.

1 Start recording.

Press ● on the recorder.

2 Engage the ITR mode.

Press ● again. "○" blinks and 0:30 appears on the front display panel.

3 Set the recording duration.

If you want to record for more than 30 minutes, press ● to extend the time. Each press extends recording time by 30 minutes.

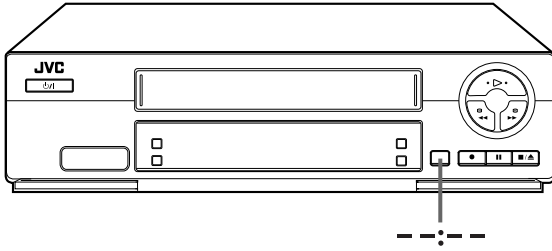
NOTE:

You can only perform ITR using the ● button on the recorder's front panel.

Record One Programme While Watching Another

If your recorder is connected to the TV via the AV connection, press **TV/VCR**. The recorder's VCR indicator and the TV broadcast being recorded disappear. Once recording is in progress, all you need to do is to set the channel controls on the TV for the station you wish to view.

- The programme selected with the TV's channel controls appears on the TV screen, while the one selected with the recorder's **PR** buttons is recorded on the tape.
- If a decoder is connected to the recorder (pg. 32), you can select a scrambled channel as well with the TV channel controls.



Elapsed Recording Time Indication

1 Display the counter.

Press **--:--** so that a counter reading appears on the TV screen.

2 Reset the counter.

Press **0000** before starting recording or playback.

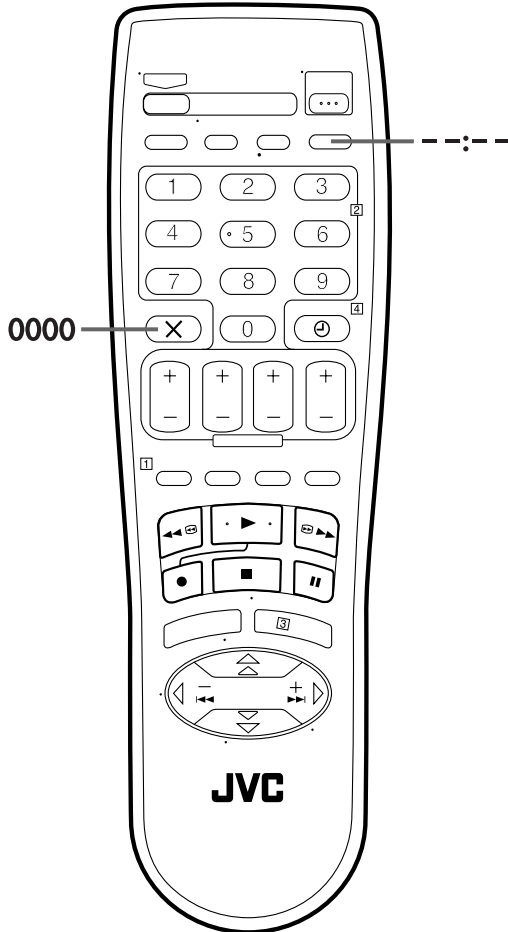
- The counter is reset to "0:00:00" and shows the exact elapsed time as the tape runs. You can check the exact time of a recording or playback.

Tape Remaining Time

Press **--:--** so that the time remaining on the tape appears on the TV screen.

NOTE:

Depending on the type of tape used, the tape remaining time reading may not appear right away, or is not correct. "--:--" may sometimes appear, or the display may blink on occasion.

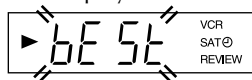


B.E.S.T. Picture System

The B.E.S.T. (Biconditional Equalised Signal Tracking) system checks the condition of the tape in use during playback and recording, and compensates to provide the highest-possible playback and recording pictures. You can set "B.E.S.T." to "ON" or "OFF" to your preference (☞ pg. 35).

Playback

The recorder assesses the quality of the tape once you initiate playback.



- The recorder adjusts the playback picture quality based on the quality of the tape in use.
- B.E.S.T. is active during Auto Tracking. "bEst" appears blinking on the recorder's front display panel.

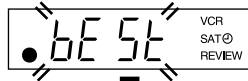
NOTES:

- When watching a tape recorded with "B.E.S.T." set to "ON", it is recommended that you leave B.E.S.T. on during playback as well.
- When watching a rental tape or one recorded on another video recorder, or when using this recorder as the player for editing, set B.E.S.T. to your preference (☞ pg. 35).
- "bEst" only appears at the beginning of automatic tracking. Even though it doesn't appear after that, the B.E.S.T. function is operative.

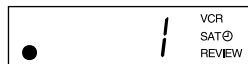
Recording

The recorder assesses the quality of the tape once you initiate recording.

DURING B.E.S.T.



B.E.S.T. COMPLETE



- The recorder spends approximately 7 seconds assessing the condition of the tape, then begins recording.

NOTES:

• With HR-J480EU:

The B.E.S.T. system works for both SP and LP modes only after a tape has been inserted and the Record mode is first initiated. It does not work during recording.

With HR-J280/281/289EU:

The B.E.S.T. system works only after a tape has been inserted and the Record mode is first initiated. It does not work during recording.

- The B.E.S.T. system does not work while Auto Satellite Programme Recording is in progress (☞ pg. 28).
- In the case of timer recordings, the B.E.S.T. system works before recording is initiated.
- Once the cassette is ejected, the B.E.S.T. data is cancelled. The next time the cassette is used for recording, B.E.S.T. is re-performed.
- Pressing the recorder's ● button while "bEst" is displayed does not start Instant Timer Recording (☞ pg. 19).

ATTENTION

Since the B.E.S.T. system works before recording actually starts, there is a delay of approximately 7 seconds after ● and ► on the remote control are pressed, or ● on the recorder is pressed. To make sure you record the desired scene or programme in its entirety, first perform the following steps:

- 1 Press and hold II and press ● to engage the Record Pause mode.

- The recorder then automatically checks the condition of the tape and, after approximately 7 seconds, re-enters Record Pause.

- 2 Press ► to start recording.

If you want to bypass the B.E.S.T. system and begin recording immediately, set "B.E.S.T." to "OFF" (☞ pg. 35).

SHOWVIEW® Timer Programming

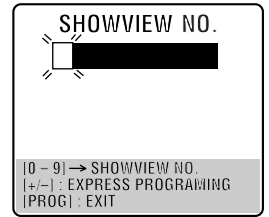
Before performing the SHOWVIEW Timer Programming:

- Make sure that the recorder's built-in clock is set properly.
- Insert a cassette with the safety tab in place. The recorder will come on automatically.
- Turn on the TV and select the video channel (or AV mode).

With the SHOWVIEW system, timer programming is greatly simplified because each TV programme has a corresponding code number which your recorder is able to recognize.

1 Access the SHOWVIEW screen.

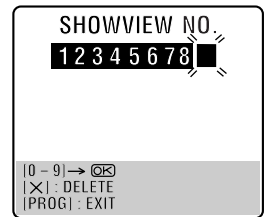
Press **PROG.**



2 Enter the SHOWVIEW number.

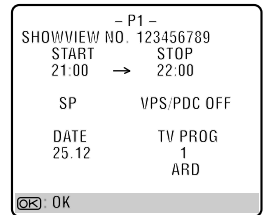
Press the **NUMBER** keys to enter the SHOWVIEW number of a programme you wish to record.

- If you make a mistake, press **X** and input the correct number.



3 Access the SHOWVIEW Program screen.

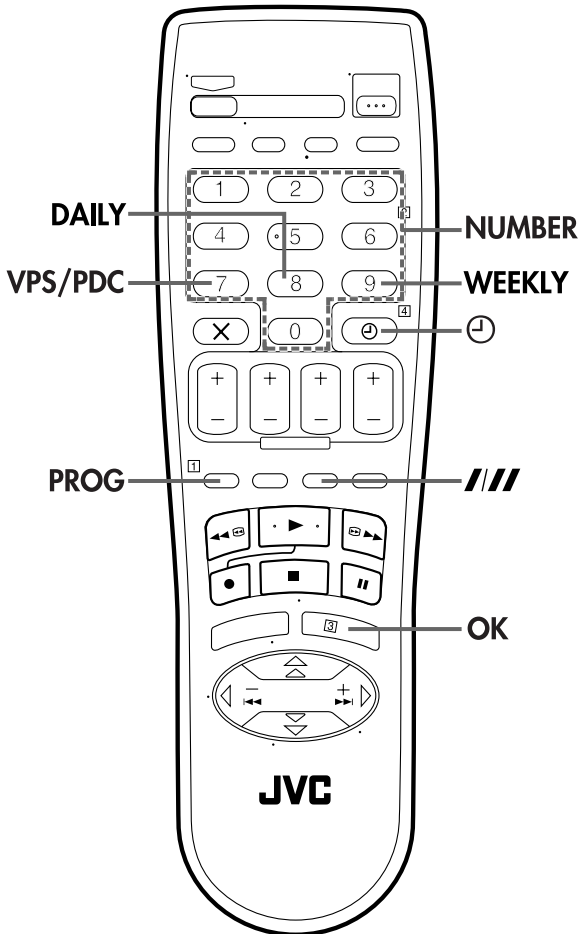
Press **OK**, then the SHOWVIEW Program screen appears (if you're just starting out, "P1" appears).



IMPORTANT

Make sure the channel position number you wish to record is displayed; if not, see "SHOWVIEW® System Setup" on page 33 and set the Guide Program number correctly.

- If the number you entered is invalid, "ERROR" appears on the TV screen. Press **X** and input a valid SHOWVIEW number.
- If the "GUIDE PROG SET" screen appears, see "ATTENTION" on page 23.



4 Set the tape speed. (HR-J480EU only)

Press **SP/LP** (//).

5 Set the VPS/PDC mode.

Press **VPS/PDC** to select "ON" or "OFF".

- If "VPS/PDC ON" is displayed on the TV screen, VPS/PDC is set to ON.
 - If "VPS/PDC OFF" is displayed on the TV screen, VPS/PDC is set to OFF.
- ☞ "VPS/PDC Recording" on page 25.

6 Return to the normal screen.

Press **PROG** or **OK**. "PROGRAM COMPLETED" appears on the TV screen for about 5 seconds, then the normal screen appears. If "PROGRAM OVERLAPPED" appears on the TV screen, see page 27.

- Repeat steps 1 – 6 for each additional programme.

7 Engage the recorder's timer mode.

Press **⊖ (TIMER)**. The recorder turns off automatically and **⊖** appears on the front display panel.

- To disengage the timer mode, press **⊖ (TIMER)** again.

NOTES:

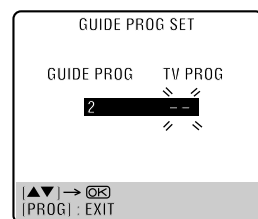
- To Change The Stop Time . . .
 . . . press **STOP +/-** after pressing **OK** in step 3. You can compensate for anticipated programme schedule delays.
- To Timer-Record Weekly Or Daily Serials . . .
 . . . after pressing **OK** in step 3, press **WEEKLY** (NUMBER key "9") for weekly serials or **DAILY** (NUMBER key "8") for daily serials (Monday — Friday). Either "WEEKLY" or "DAILY" appears on the TV screen. Pressing the button again makes the corresponding indication disappear.
- You can programme this recorder to timer-record as many as 8 programmes. If you try to programme the recorder to record a ninth, "PROGRAM FULL" appears on the TV screen. To record the extra programme, you must first cancel any unnecessary programmes (☞ pg. 26).
- It is not possible to timer-record a TV programme with a SHOWVIEW number which starts with "0".

ATTENTION

Guide Program Number Set

"GUIDE PROG SET" appears after performing step 3 if the Guide Program number for the SHOWVIEW number you entered has not been set.

- Press the **NUMBER** keys or **△▽** to input the channel position number on which your recorder receives that station, then press **OK** or **▷** to set the Guide Program number. The SHOWVIEW Program screen appears.



(Example)

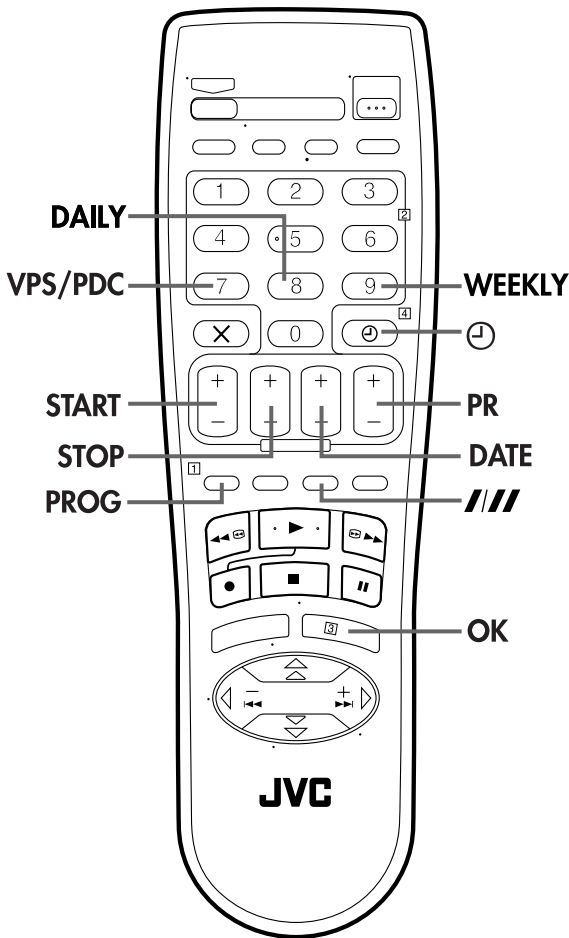
To timer-record a ZDF programme with the SHOWVIEW system.

* If your recorder receives ZDF on the channel position 2, press **OK** or **▷** after entering "2".

Express Timer Programming

Before performing Express Timer Programming:

- Make sure that the recorder's built-in clock is set properly.
- Insert a cassette with the safety tab in place. The recorder will come on automatically.
- Turn on the TV and select the video channel (or AV mode).



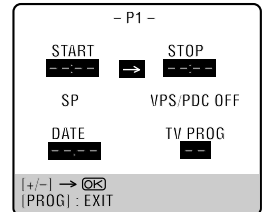
If you don't know the SHOWVIEW number for the programme you wish to record, use the following procedure to set your recorder to timer-record the programme.

1 Access the SHOWVIEW screen.

Press **PROG**.

2 Access the Programme screen.

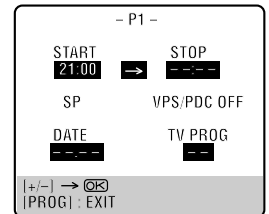
Press **START +/-**. (If you're just starting out, "P1" appears.)



3 Enter the programme start time.

Press **START +/-** to enter the time you want recording to start.

- Press and hold **START +/-** to move in 30-minute increments, or press and release repeatedly to move 1 minute at a time.



4 Enter the programme stop time.

Press **STOP +/-** to enter the time you want recording to stop.

- Press and hold **STOP +/-** to move in 30-minute increments, or press and release repeatedly to move 1 minute at a time.

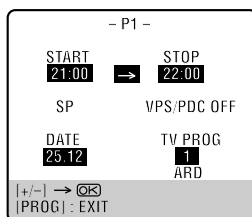
5 Enter the programme date.

Press **DATE +/-**.

- The current date appears on the TV screen. The date you enter appears in its place.

6 Enter the channel position.

Press **PR +/-**.



7 Set the tape speed. (HR-J480EU only)

Press **SP/LP (///)**.

8 Set the VPS/PDC mode.

Press **VPS/PDC** to select "ON" or "OFF".

- If "VPS/PDC ON" is displayed on the TV screen, VPS/PDC is set to ON.
- If "VPS/PDC OFF" is displayed on the TV screen, VPS/PDC is set to OFF.
- ☞ "VPS/PDC Recording" in the right column

9 Return to the normal screen.

After confirming all information is correct, press **PROG** or **OK**. "PROGRAM COMPLETED" appears on the TV screen for about 5 seconds, then the normal screen appears. If "PROGRAM OVERLAPPED" appears on the TV screen, see page 27.

- Repeat steps 1 – 9 for each additional programme.

10 Engage the recorder's timer mode.

Press **⊖ (TIMER)**. The recorder turns off automatically and **⊖** appears on the front display panel.

- To disengage the timer mode, press **⊖ (TIMER)** again.

To Timer-Record Weekly Or Daily Serials . . .

. . . anytime during steps 2 through 8, press **WEEKLY** (NUMBER key "9") for weekly serials or **DAILY** (NUMBER key "8") for daily serials (Monday – Friday). Either "WEEKLY" or "DAILY" appears on the TV screen. Pressing the button again makes the corresponding indication disappear.

NOTE:

You can programme this recorder to timer-record as many as 8 programmes. If you try to programme the recorder to record a ninth, "PROGRAM FULL" appears on the TV screen. To record the extra programme, you must first cancel any unnecessary programmes (☞ pg. 26).

VPS/PDC Recording

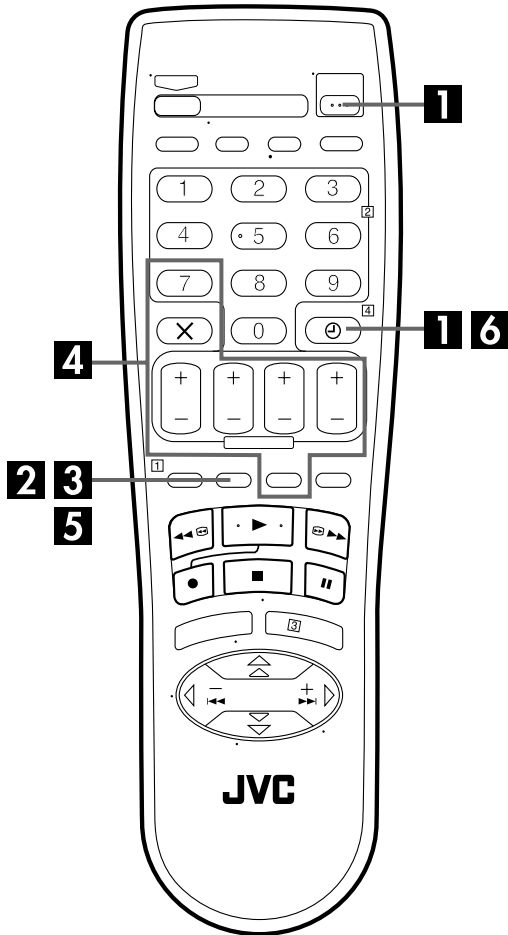
Now available from some TV stations, PDC (Programme Delivery Control) and VPS (Video Programme System) are service designed to assure safe, accurate timer recording. With this system, special code signals are transmitted together with the audio/video signals. These code signals control your video recorder and have precedence over the advertised times you may have preset into the timer. This means that your recorder will start and stop recording when the preset TV programmes actually start and end — even if the broadcast time of a preset TV programme is changed.

NOTES:

- When you use Express Timer Programming, set the start time (VPS or PDC time) exactly as advertised in the TV listing. A different time than advertised will result in no recording.
- VPS/PDC recording is also possible when a satellite receiver or a cable system is connected to AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER on your recorder.
- VPS/PDC recording is also possible via the AV1 (L-1) IN/OUT connector.

How to check if the station being received transmits a VPS/PDC signal

- 1 Press **--:--** until the channel position appears on the front display panel.
- 2 Hold down **START+** for about 5 seconds. "VPS/PDC" appears blinking on the TV screen. If a VPS/PDC signal is detected from the station, "VPS/PDC" will stop blinking. If no VPS/PDC signal is detected from the station, "VPS/PDC" will blink at a slower rate.
- 3 Press **--:--** or **START+** again to return to normal display.



Check, cancel and change programmes

1 Disengage the timer mode.

Press **TIMER**, then press **⏏**.

2 Access the Programme Check screen.

Press **⊕ ?**.

	START	STOP	CH	DATE
1	8:00	10:00	3	24.12
2	10:00	10:45	2	25.12
3	11:30	13:00	1	25.12
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				

⊕ ? | : NEXT

3 Access the Programme screen.

Press **⊕ ?** again to check more information. Each time you press **⊕ ?**, the next programme's information appears.

- P1 -	
START 8:00	STOP 10:00
SP	VPS/PDC OFF
DATE 24.12	TV PROG 3 WDR

⊕ ? | : NEXT

To cancel or change a programme...

4 Cancel or change a programme.

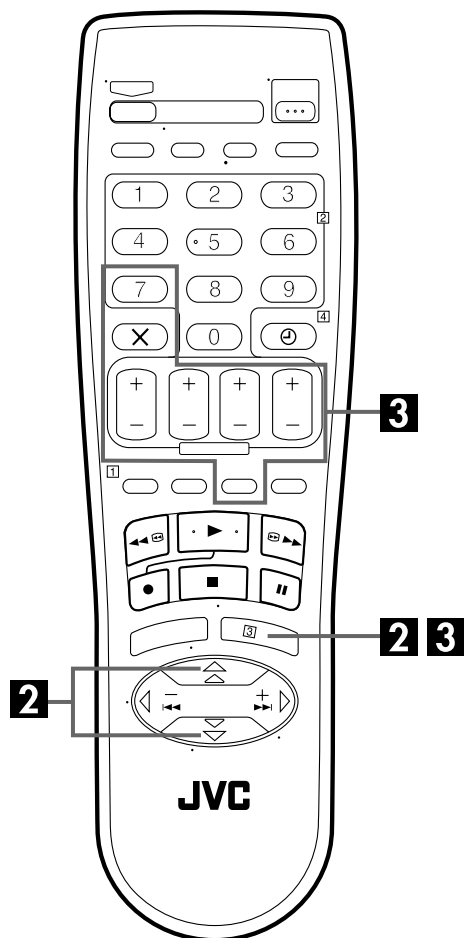
Press **X** to cancel a programme. To change programme settings, press the appropriate button: **START+/-**, **STOP+/-**, **DATE+/-**, **PR+/-**, **VPS/PDC** and/or **SP/LP (//)**.

5 Return to the normal screen.

Press **⊕ ?** as many times as necessary. If there are still some programmes remaining, go on to step 6.

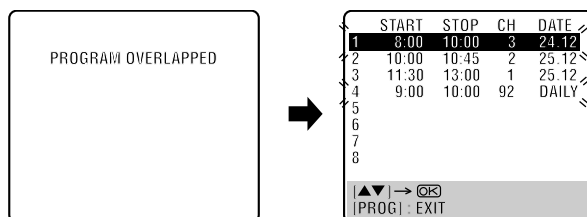
6 Return to the timer mode.

Press **⊕ (TIMER)**.



When programmes overlap each other

If "PROGRAM OVERLAPPED" appears, you have another programme overlapping the programme you have just made. The Programme Check screen appears and conflicting programmes will start blinking.



Example: Programme 1 (you have just made) and Programme 4 overlap each other.

1 Confirm the overlapping programmes.

Overlapping programmes blink on the TV screen.

2 Select the programme to modify.

Press Δ / ∇ , then press **OK** or \triangleright .

- You can only select one of the overlapping programmes.

NOTE:

If you do not mind this overlap, press **PROG** to finish the timer programme setting. The programme with the lower programme number will be recorded and the other one will not be recorded correctly. If no changes are made for approximately 1 minute, the recorder will return to the normal screen.

3 Cancel or change programme setting.

To cancel a programme, press **X** when the Programme screen you do not want is shown. "PROGRAM COMPLETED" appears on the TV screen for about 5 seconds, then the normal screen appears.

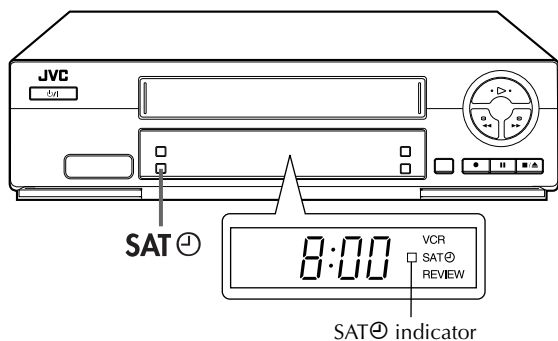
To change a programme, press the appropriate button: **START+/-**, **STOP+/-**, **DATE+/-**, **PR+/-**, **VPS/PDC** and/or **SP/LP (///)** when the Programme screen on which you want to make changes is shown, then press **OK**. "PROGRAM COMPLETED" appears on the TV screen for about 5 seconds, then the normal screen appears.

NOTE:

If the overlap is not yet solved, or another overlap occurs with the timer programme setting after making the last correction on a programme, the conflicting programmes will be shown on the Programme Check screen again. Repeat the above steps again until the overlap is solved.

Automatic Satellite Programme Recording

This function allows you to automatically record a satellite programme which is timer-programmed on your external satellite receiver. Connect a satellite receiver to the recorder and programme the timer on the satellite receiver. The recorder starts or stops recording by the signals input from the satellite receiver. After recording, the recorder's power shuts off automatically.



ATTENTION

- Be sure not to turn on the satellite receiver before the programme is executed; otherwise, the recorder will start recording when the satellite receiver's power is turned on.
- If you have connected another appliance other than a satellite receiver to the AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector, be sure not to engage the Auto Satellite Programme Recording mode; otherwise, the recorder will start recording when the connected appliance's power is turned on.
- Auto Satellite Programme Recording and timer-recording cannot be done at the same time.

Before performing the following steps:

- Make sure the satellite receiver is connected to the recorder's AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector. (☞ pg. 31)
- Programme the timer on the satellite receiver.
- Insert a cassette with the safety tab in place.

1 Select the L-2 SELECT mode.

Set "L-2 SELECT" to "AN" or "SAT" (☞ pg. 37).

- When you select "SAT", refer to "IMPORTANT" on page 31.

2 Set the tape speed. (HR-J480EU only)

Press SP/LP (//).

3 Engage the Auto Satellite Programme Recording mode.

Press and hold SAT (⌚) for about 2 seconds. The SAT (⌚) indicator lights up and the recorder turns off automatically.

NOTES:

- To disengage the Auto Satellite Programme Recording mode, press SAT (⌚). The SAT (⌚) indicator goes off.
- If the recorder's power is off, it is not possible to engage the Auto Satellite Programme Recording mode.
- In step 3, if the SAT (⌚) indicator does not light but instead blinks quickly even though your satellite receiver's power is off, Auto Satellite Programme Recording will not work properly with that satellite receiver*. If this is the case, perform "Express Timer Programming" (☞ pg. 24) to timer-record a satellite programme.
* Some satellite receivers output signals even if the power is off. Auto Satellite Programme Recording is not possible with those satellite receivers.
- The SAT (⌚) indicator blinks while Auto Satellite Programme Recording is in progress.
- For timer programming of the satellite receiver, refer to the instruction manual of the satellite receiver.
- Auto Satellite Programme Recording is not possible if your satellite receiver does not have a timer.
- Pressing the recorder's ⏻/⏪ button while Auto Satellite Programme Recording is in progress turns off the recorder's power and disengages the Auto Satellite Programme Recording mode.
- If there are more than one satellite programmes you wish to record with Auto Satellite Programme Recording, it is not possible to set different tape speeds for each programme.
- Depending on the type of satellite receiver, the recorder may not record a slight portion of the beginning of the programme or may record slightly longer than the actual length of the programme.
- If you engage the Auto Satellite Programme Recording mode when the satellite receiver's power is on, the recorder will not start Auto Satellite Programme Recording even though the SAT (⌚) indicator blinks. When the satellite receiver shuts off once and is turned back on again, the recorder starts recording.
- You can also record a programme from your cable system in the same way if the system has a timer.
- The B.E.S.T. system (☞ pg. 21) does not work while Auto Satellite Programme Recording is in progress.
- Just Clock (☞ pg. 44) does not work when the Auto Satellite Programme Recording mode is engaged.
- When the Auto Satellite Programme Recording mode is engaged, or the recorder's power is turned off after Auto Satellite Programme Recording is finished, the recorder will not enter the Timer mode even though "AUTO TIMER" is set to "ON".
- After Auto Satellite Programme Recording, the number of recorded programmes will not be displayed on the front display panel for the Instant ReView function (☞ pg. 16).

Edit From A Camcorder

You can use a camcorder as the source player and your recorder as the recorder.

1 Make connections.

Connect the camcorder's AUDIO/VIDEO OUT connectors to the recorder's AV1 (L-1) IN/OUT or AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector via a cable adapter.

2 Set the recorder's input mode.

Press **AUX** (NUMBER key "0") and/or **PR** to select "L-1" for the AV1 (L-1) IN/OUT connector, or "L-2" for the AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector, depending on the connectors being used.

3 Set the edit mode.

See "PICTURE CONTROL" on page 35.

4 Start the camcorder.

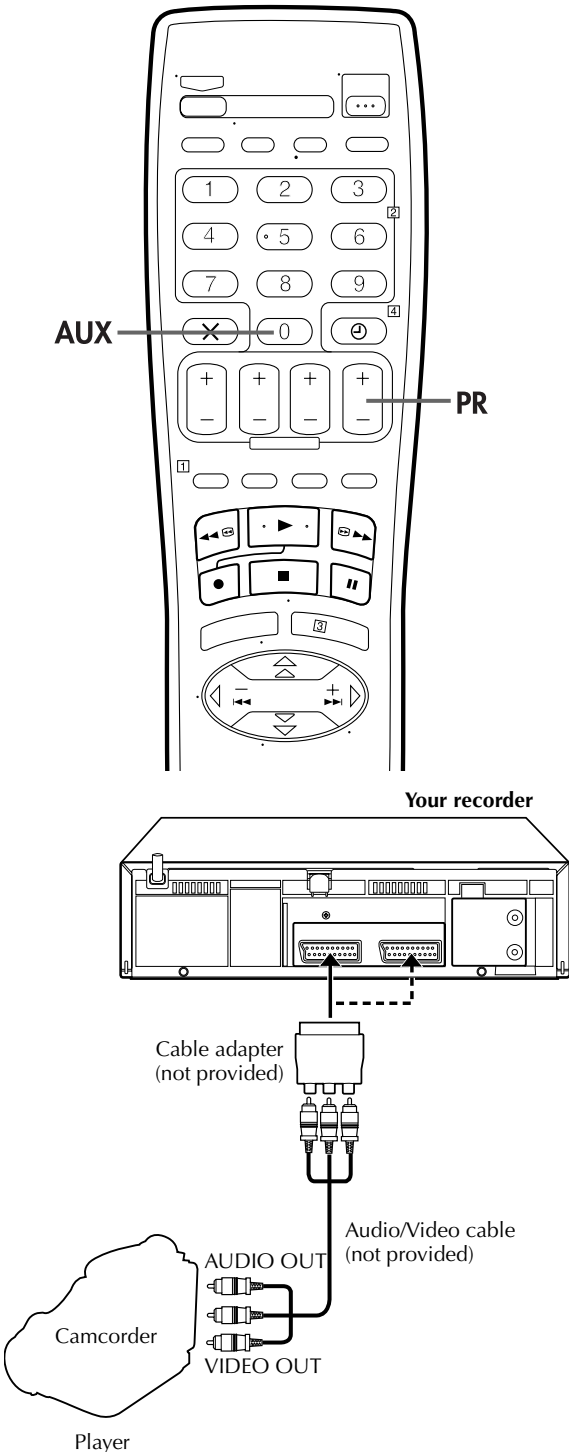
Engage the Play mode of the camcorder.

5 Start the recorder.

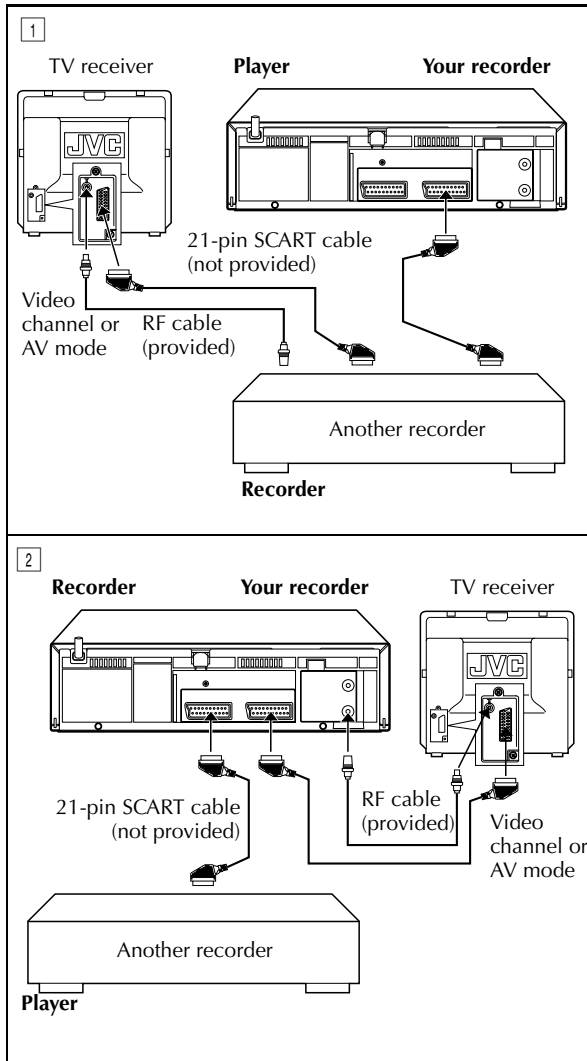
Engage the Record mode of the recorder.

NOTES:

- All necessary cables can be obtained from your dealer.
- When you select "EDIT" to dub tapes in step 3, be sure to select "AUTO" (or "NORM" when "B.E.S.T." is set to "OFF") after you finish dubbing the tapes.



Edit To Or From Another Video Recorder



You can use your recorder as the source player or as the recording deck.

1 Make connections.

Connect the player's 21-pin SCART connector to the recorder's 21-pin SCART connector as illustrated.

- 1 When using your recorder as the source player ... connect its AV1 (L-1) IN/OUT connector to the recording deck.
- 2 When using your recorder as the recording deck ... connect its AV1 (L-1) IN/OUT or AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector to the source player.

2 Set the input mode of recording deck.

With this video recorder, press **AUX** (NUMBER key "0") and/or **PR** to select "L-1" for the AV1 (L-1) IN/OUT connector, or "L-2" for the AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector, depending on the connector being used.

- When using another recorder as the recording deck, refer to its instruction manual.
- When using the AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector, make sure "L-2 SELECT" is set to "AV" (ⓘ pg. 37).

3 Set the edit mode.

See "PICTURE CONTROL" on page 35.

4 Start the source player.

Engage the Play mode of the source player.

5 Start the recording deck.

Engage the Record mode of the recording deck.

NOTES:

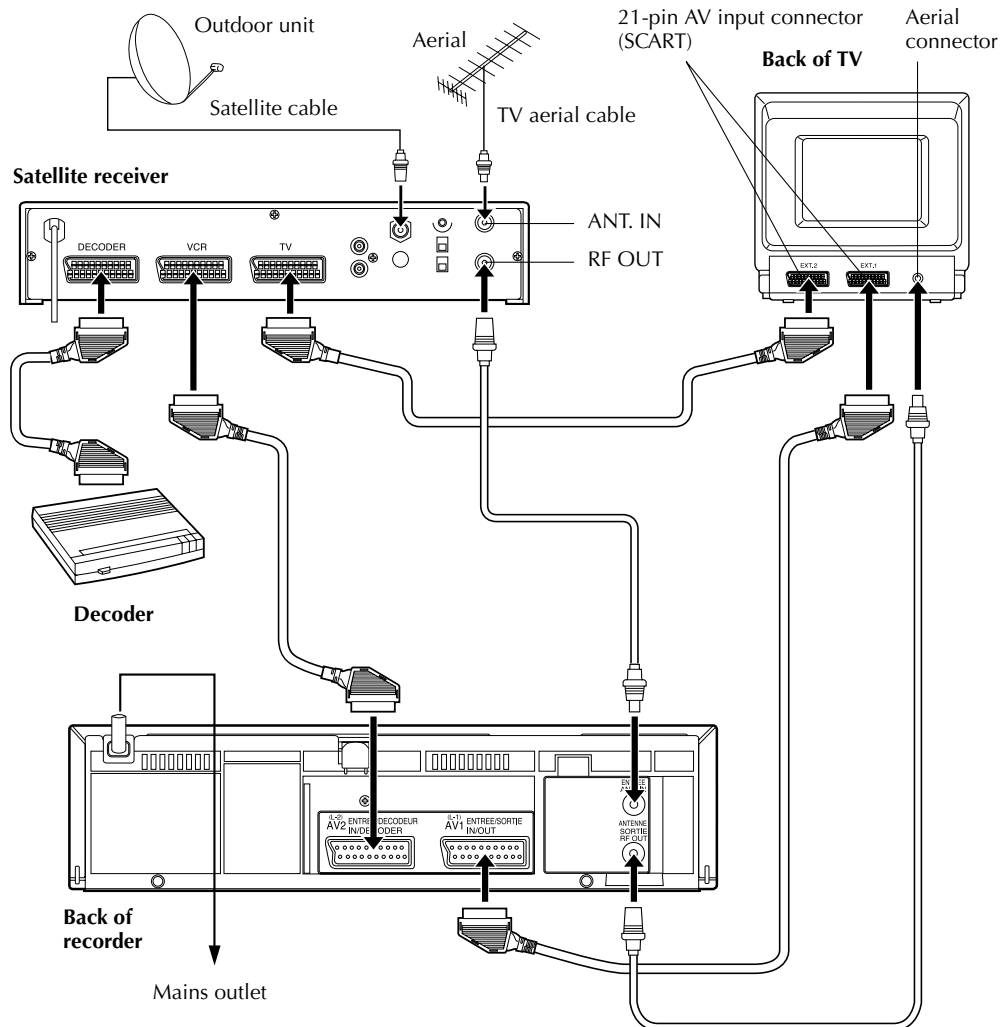
- All necessary cables can be obtained from your dealer.
- When you select "EDIT" to dub tapes in step 3, be sure to select "AUTO" (or "NORM" when "B.E.S.T." is set to "OFF") after you finish dubbing the tapes.
- When you use this recorder as the source player for editing, be sure to set "O.S.D." to "OFF" before starting (ⓘ pg. 35).

Connecting To A Satellite Receiver

Connect the decoder to the satellite receiver's connector if you have a decoder, AV1 (L-1) IN/OUT connector to TV's connector, and AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector to the satellite receiver's connector. Then connect the satellite receiver and TV.

NOTES:

- Set "L-2 SELECT" to "AV" (☞ pg. 37).
- You can use Automatic Satellite Programme Recording function (☞ pg. 28) with this connection.
- To record a programme via the satellite receiver, select L-2 mode by pressing **AUX** (NUMBER key "0") and/or **PR** so that "L-2" appears on the front display panel.
- To receive a scrambled broadcast, descramble the signal with the satellite receiver.
- For details, refer to the instruction manual for the satellite receiver and decoder.

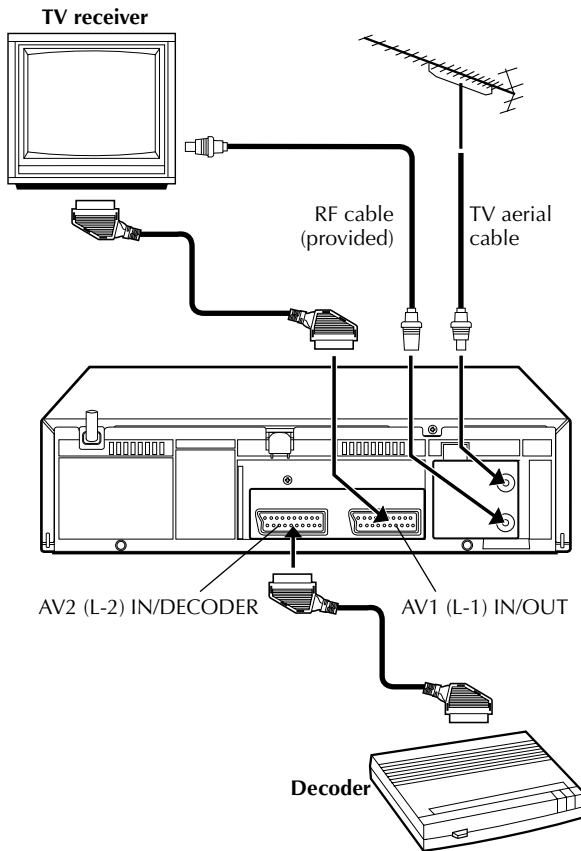


IMPORTANT

When you set "L-2 SELECT" to "SAT" (☞ pg. 37), it is possible to view a satellite broadcast with the TV set to its AV mode even if the recorder is turned off. When the recorder is in Stop mode or recording, press **TV/VCR** on the remote control to turn off the VCR indicator on the front display panel.

- If you turn on the recorder when the satellite receiver's power is off, nothing appears on the TV screen. In this case, turn on the satellite receiver, or set the TV to its TV mode, or press **TV/VCR** on the remote control to set the recorder to the video mode.

Connecting/Using A Decoder



The AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector can be used as an input connector for an external decoder (descrambler). Simply connect a decoder and you can enjoy the variety of programming that is available through scrambled channels.

1 Select the input mode.

Set "L-2 SELECT" to "DECODER". (☞ pg. 37)

2 Connect the decoder.

Connect your recorder's AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector to the decoder's 21-pin SCART connector using a 21-pin SCART cable.

3 Set the tuner.

Perform the procedure as described in "When Receiving A Scrambled Broadcast" on page 41.

SHOWVIEW® System Setup

IMPORTANT

Normally, Auto Set Up (pg. 8), Preset Download (pg. 10) or Auto Channel Set (pg. 38) sets the Guide Program numbers automatically. You need to set the Guide Program numbers manually only in the following cases.

- When timer-programming with the SHOWVIEW system, the channel position, where the station you wish to record is received on your recorder, is not selected,

OR

when you add a channel after Auto Set Up, Preset Download or Auto Channel Set has taken place, —Set the Guide Program number for that station manually.

- When you wish to timer-record a satellite programme with the SHOWVIEW system, —Set the Guide Program numbers for all satellite broadcasts received on your satellite receiver.

Turn on the TV and select the video channel (or AV mode).

Guide Program Number Set

1 Access the Main Menu screen.

Press **MENU**.

2 Access the Initial Set screen.

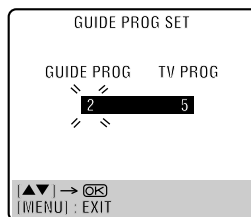
Press $\Delta\nabla$ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to "INITIAL SET", then press **OK** or \triangleright .

3 Access the Guide Program Set screen.

Press $\Delta\nabla$ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to "GUIDE PROG SET", then press **OK** or \triangleright .

4 Enter the Guide Program number.

Press $\Delta\nabla$ or **NUMBER** keys to enter the Guide Program number for the desired station as shown in the TV listings. Then press **OK** or \triangleright .

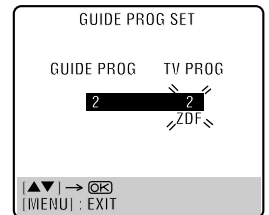


(Example) When inputting the Guide Program number 2 for ZDF.

5 Enter the receiving channel position number.

Press $\Delta\nabla$ or **NUMBER** keys to input the number of the recorder's channel position on which the Guide Program number's broadcast is received by the recorder. Then press **OK** or \triangleright .

- If the satellite broadcast is received on your recorder's auxiliary channel "L-2", select "L-2" for the channel position.
- Repeat steps 4 and 5 as necessary.



(Example) If ZDF is received on channel position 2.

6 Return to the normal screen.

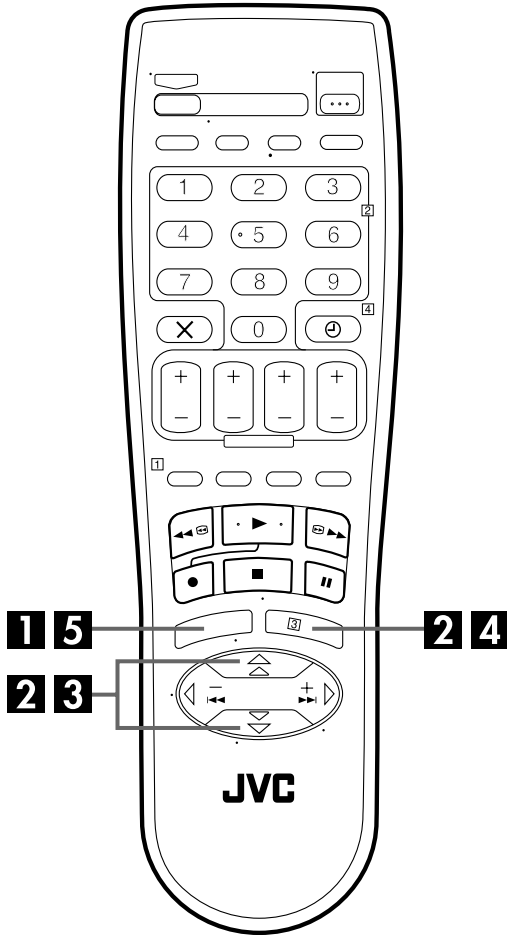
Press **MENU**.

Guide Program Number

"Guide Program (GUIDE PROG) number" refers to the assigned TV station numbers, according to broadcast area, for the SHOWVIEW timer recording. The Guide Program numbers can be found in most TV listings.

Mode Set

Turn on the TV and select the video channel (or AV mode).



You can change various mode settings on the Mode Set screen by following the procedure described below.

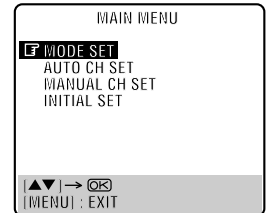
- For each mode setting, see pages 35 to 37.

1 Access the Main Menu screen.

Press **MENU**.

2 Access the Mode Set screen.

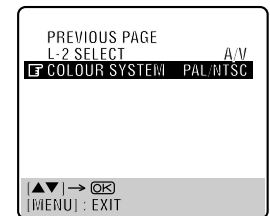
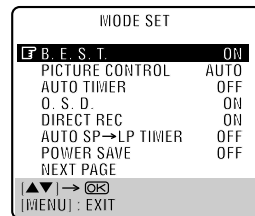
Press Δ / ∇ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to "MODE SET", then press **OK** or \triangleright .



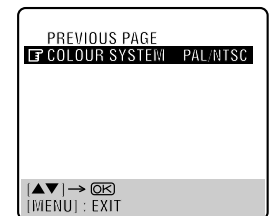
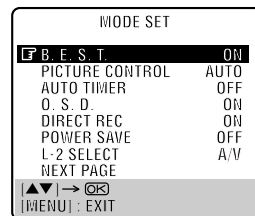
3 Select the mode.

Press Δ / ∇ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to the item you want to change.

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4 Select the mode setting.

Press **OK** or \triangleright .

5 Return to the normal screen.

Press **MENU**.

* The default setting is **bold** in the table below.

<p>■ B.E.S.T. ON OFF</p>	<p>You can set the B.E.S.T. (Biconditional Equalised Signal Tracking) system to "ON" or "OFF" (☞ pg. 21).</p>
<p>■ PICTURE CONTROL</p> <p>AUTO: Provides the optimised picture benefits of the B.E.S.T. Picture System.</p> <p>EDIT: Minimizes picture degradation during editing (recording and playback).</p> <p>SOFT: Reduces image coarseness when viewing overlaid tapes containing a lot of noise.</p> <p>SHARP: Clearer, sharper-edged picture when viewing images with lots of flat, same-coloured surfaces such as cartoons.</p>	<p>This feature helps you to adjust the playback picture quality according to your preference. Normally select "AUTO".</p> <p>NOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you select "EDIT", "SOFT" or "SHARP", the selected mode will not change until you select another mode. • When you select "EDIT" to dub tapes, be sure to select "AUTO" after you finish dubbing the tapes. • When "B.E.S.T." is "OFF", "PICTURE CONTROL" switches automatically from "AUTO" to "NORM".
<p>■ AUTO TIMER ON OFF</p>	<p>When this function is set to "ON", the timer is automatically engaged when the recorder power is turned off, and automatically disengaged when the recorder is powered back on.</p> <p>NOTE:</p> <p>For safety, when "AUTO TIMER" is set to "OFF", all other recorder functions are disabled while the Timer mode is engaged. To disengage the timer, press ⊕ (TIMER).</p>
<p>■ O.S.D. ON OFF</p>	<p>When this function is set to "ON", various operational indicators appear on the TV screen. Messages appear in the selected language (☞ pg. 11 or 12).</p> <p>NOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you use this recorder as the source player for editing, be sure to set "O.S.D." to "OFF" before starting. • During playback, the operation mode indicators may be disturbed depending on the type of tape being used.
<p>■ DIRECT REC ON OFF</p>	<p>When this function is set to "ON", you can easily start recording the programme that you are watching on your TV. Press and hold ● and press ► on the remote control, or press ● on the recorder.</p> <p>NOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you use the Direct Rec function, be sure to use a TV offering T-V LINK, etc. and connect a fully-wired 21-pin SCART cable between the recorder and the TV (☞ pg. 7). • If "DIRECT REC" is set to "OFF", the ● button functions as described in "Basic Recording" (☞ pg. 18). • During the Direct Rec, "–" appears on the front display panel.

* The default setting is **bold** in the table below.

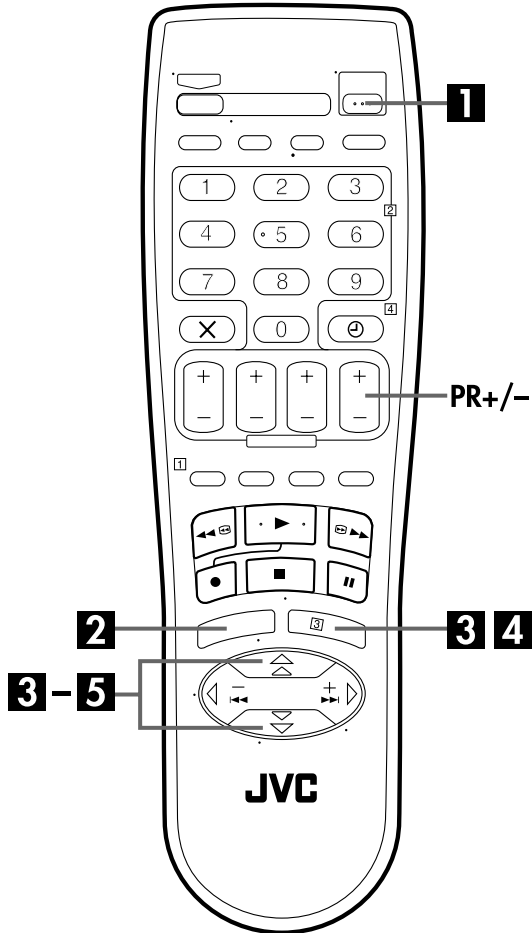
<p>■ AUTO SP→LP TIMER (HR-J480EU only) ON OFF</p>	<p>When this function is set to "ON", the recorder automatically switches to LP mode to allow complete recording if there is not enough tape to record the entire programme while timer-recording in SP mode.</p> <p>For Example . . . Recording a programme of 210 minutes in length onto a 180-minute tape</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="679 396 1269 473"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Approximately 150 minutes</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Approximately 60 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">SP mode</td> <td style="text-align: center;">LP mode</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Total 210 minutes</p> <p>Make sure you set this function to "ON", before the timer-recording starts.</p> <p>NOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you have programmed the recorder to timer-record 2 or more programmes, the second programme and those thereafter may not fit on the tape if you set "AUTO SP→LP TIMER" to "ON". In this case, make sure the mode is not engaged, then set the tape speed manually during timer programming. ● In order to ensure that the recording fits on the tape, this feature may leave a slight non-recorded section at the end of the tape. ● There may be some noise and sound disturbance at the point on the tape where the recorder switches from SP to LP mode. ● The Auto SP→LP Timer feature is not available during ITR (Instant Timer Recording), and the feature will not work properly with any tapes longer than E-180, or with some tapes of shorter lengths. ● If you perform timer recording with both VPS/PDC and the Auto SP→LP Timer activated, and the programme goes beyond its originally scheduled length, there may be times when the programme cannot be recorded in its entirety. 	Approximately 150 minutes	Approximately 60 minutes	SP mode	LP mode
Approximately 150 minutes	Approximately 60 minutes				
SP mode	LP mode				
<p>■ POWER SAVE ON OFF</p>	<p>When this function is set to "ON", you can reduce the power consumption while the recorder is turned off.</p> <p>NOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● During Power Save mode ... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... the front display panel will be turned off. ... the Just Clock function (☞ pg. 44) does not work. ... the picture may be distorted momentarily when you turn on/off the recorder. ● Power Save does not work when ... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... the recorder is in the Timer mode. ... the recorder's power is turned off after timer-recording or Instant Timer Recording. ... the Auto Satellite Programme Recording mode is engaged (☞ pg. 28). ... "L-2 SELECT" is set to "DECODER" or "SAT" (☞ pg. 37). 				

* The default setting is **bold** in the table below.

<p>■ L-2 SELECT</p> <p>A/V: To use this recorder as the recording deck with the player connected to the AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector, or to use the satellite receiver connected to the AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector.</p> <p>DECODER: To use a decoder connected to the AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector.</p> <p>SAT: To view a satellite programme with the TV set while the recorder is turned off. (☞ pg. 31)</p>	<p>Set this function to the appropriate mode depending on the type of unit connected to the rear panel AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector of the recorder.</p> <p>NOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you have a decoder connected to the AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector, be sure to set "L-2 SELECT" back to "DECODER" after editing. ● If you're not connecting a decoder to the AV2 (L-2) IN/DECODER connector, leave "L-2 SELECT" set to "A/V". ● The default setting is "A/V"; if the recorder's memory backup has expired due to a power cut or because the AC was removed from the recorder, "A/V" will be automatically selected when the power is restored to the recorder. If you are using a decoder, be sure to set "L-2 SELECT" back to "DECODER". ● When "L-2 SELECT" is set to "SAT", "SAT" or "SAT" appears on the screen or front display panel instead of "L-2".
<p>■ COLOUR SYSTEM</p> <p>PAL/NTSC: To record PAL signals, or play back a PAL or NTSC tape.</p> <p>MESECAM: To record SECAM signals, or play back a MESECAM tape.</p>	<p>You can play back PAL, NTSC and MESECAM tapes, or record PAL and SECAM* signals on this recorder. Select the appropriate colour system.</p> <p>* SECAM signals will be recorded as MESECAM on this recorder; MESECAM is the designation for tapes with SECAM signals that have been recorded on a MESECAM-compatible PAL video cassette recorder.</p> <p>NOTES:</p> <p>About NTSC Playback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Some TVs shrink the picture vertically and place black bars at the top and bottom of the TV screen. This is not a malfunction on the part of either the video recorder or the TV. ● The picture may roll up and down. This can be corrected using the V-HOLD control found on some TVs. (This cannot be corrected if the TV does not have a V-HOLD control.) ● The counter and tape remaining time readings will be incorrect. ● During search, still, or frame-by-frame playback, the picture will be distorted, and there may be a loss of colour. ● Depending on the type of TV, the top and bottom portions of superimposed displays may be cut off during NTSC playback.

Tuner Set

Turn on the TV and select the video channel (or AV mode).



IMPORTANT

Perform the following steps only if —
 — Auto Channel Set has not been set correctly by Auto Set Up or by Preset Download (pg. 8, 10).
 — you have moved to a different area or if a new station starts broadcasting in your area.

Your recorder needs to memorize all necessary stations in channel positions in order to record TV programmes. Auto Channel Set automatically assigns all receivable stations in your area to call them up by using the **PR** buttons without going through any vacant channels.

Auto Channel Set

1 Turn on the recorder.

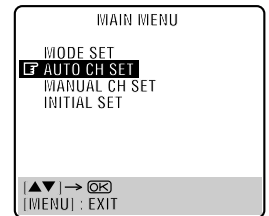
Press ON/OFF .

2 Access the Main Menu screen.

Press **MENU**.

3 Access the Auto Channel Set screen.

Press $\Delta \nabla$ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to "AUTO CH SET", then press **OK** or \triangleright .

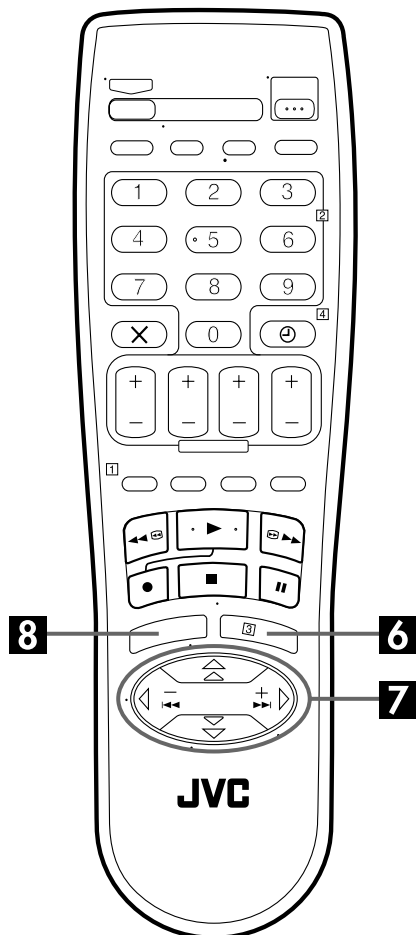


4 Select your country.

Press $\Delta \nabla$ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to your country's name, then press **OK** or \triangleright .

5 Select the language.

Press $\Delta \nabla$ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to the language of your choice.



IMPORTANT

- In certain reception conditions, station names may not be stored correctly, and Auto Guide Program Number Set may not work properly. If the Guide Program numbers are not set properly when you timer-record a TV programme using the SHOWVIEW system, the recorder will record a TV programme of a different station. When programming the timer using the SHOWVIEW system, be sure to check the desired channel is selected correctly (☞ pg. 22, "SHOWVIEW Timer Programming").
- Your video recorder memorizes all detected stations even if reception of some of them is poor. You can delete those stations with an unacceptable picture (☞ pg. 41, "Delete A Channel").

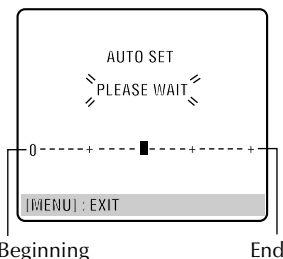
NOTES:

- Fine tuning is performed automatically during Auto Channel Set. If you want to perform it manually, refer to page 42.
- If you perform Auto Channel Set when the aerial cable is not connected properly, "SCAN COMPLETED -NO SIGNAL-" appears on the TV screen in step 7. When this happens, make sure of the aerial connection and press **OK**; Auto Channel Set will take place again.
- If no sound accompanies the picture or the audio sounds unnatural on some channels that have been stored by Auto Set Up, the TV system setting for those channels may be incorrect. Select the appropriate TV system for those channels (☞ pg. 41, "INFORMATION").

6 Perform Auto Channel Set.

Press **OK** twice.

- If you have connected the recorder and your TV via AV connection (☞ pg. 7), the recorder automatically performs the Preset Download and the T-V LINK screen will appear (☞ pg. 10).



- The Auto Set screen appears, and remains on screen while the recorder searches for receivable stations.

As Auto Channel Set progresses, the "■" mark on the TV screen moves from left to right. Wait until the TV screen as shown in step 7 appears.

7 View the Confirmation screen.

After "SCAN COMPLETED" is displayed on the TV screen for about 5 seconds, the Confirmation screen looking like the one to the right appears. The stations your recorder located appear on a Confirmation screen — channel positions (PR),

PR	CH	ID	PR	CH	ID
01	25	ARD	08	C26	E.SP
02	C08	SKY1	09	55	WEST
03	10	ZDF	10	C24	SAT1
04	C65	RAI1	11	C23	OSF
05	C31	BBC1	12		----
06	C32	BBC2	13		----
07	C33	3SAT	14		----

← [OK] → : EDIT
 → [X] ← : DELETE
 [MENU] : EXIT

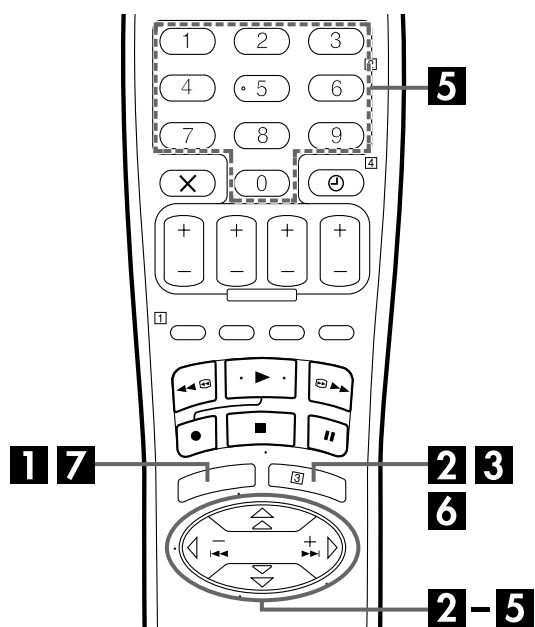
channels (CH) and station names (ID – ☞ pg. 43). The blueback screen and the programme currently being broadcast by the blinking station appear alternately for 8 seconds each. To view the next page, use the $\Delta \nabla \triangleleft \triangleright$ button on the remote control.

- The stations located in the selected country appear at the top of the list.
- The Guide Program numbers will also be set automatically during Auto Channel Set.

8 Return to the normal screen.

Press **MENU**.

- Using the Confirmation screen, you can skip or add channel positions, enter station names and perform other operations. Refer to pages 40 – 43 for the procedures.
- Depending on reception conditions, the stations may not be stored in order, and the station names may not be stored correctly.
- For information on scrambled broadcasts, refer to page 41.



Manual Channel Set

Store channels that were not stored during Auto Set Up (ⓘ pg. 8), Preset Download (ⓘ pg. 10) or Auto Channel Set (ⓘ pg. 38).

1 Access the Main Menu screen.

Press **MENU**.

2 Access the Confirmation screen.

Press $\Delta \nabla$ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to "MANUAL CH SET", then press **OK** or \triangleright . The Confirmation screen appears.

3 Select the channel position.

Press $\Delta \nabla \triangleleft \triangleright$ until an open position in which you want to store a channel begins blinking, then press **OK**. The Manual Channel Set screen appears. (Example) To store in position 12.

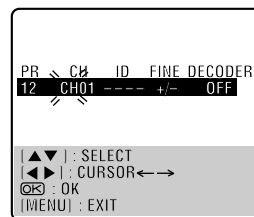
PR	CH	ID	PR	CH	ID
01	25	ARD	08	C26	E.SP
02	C08	SKY1	09	55	WEST
03	10	ZDF	10	C24	SAT1
04	C65	RAI1	11	C23	OSF
05	C31	BBG1	12	----	----
06	C32	BBG2	13	----	----
07	C33	3SAT	14	----	----

$\uparrow \downarrow \leftarrow \rightarrow$: EDIT
 $\rightarrow \leftarrow$: DELETE
 [MENU] : EXIT

The blueback screen and the programme currently being broadcast by the selected channel appear alternately for 8 seconds each.

4 Select the band.

Press $\Delta \nabla$ to change the band between CH (regular) and CC (cable), then press \triangleright .



5 Input the channel.

Press the **NUMBER** keys to input the channel number you want to store.

- Input "0" before any single number entries.
- To input the registered station name (ID - ⓘ pg. 43), press \triangleright until "----" (ID setting) begins blinking, then press $\Delta \nabla$.
- For fine tuning adjustment, press \triangleright until "+/-" begins blinking, then press $\Delta \nabla$. While tuning, "+" or "-" appears.
- When storing a channel that sends scrambled broadcasts, press \triangleright until "OFF" (Decoder setting) blinks, then press $\Delta \nabla$ to set "DECODER" to "ON" ("OFF" is the default setting).
- When "L-2 SELECT" is set to "A/V" or "SAT", the "DECODER" setting cannot be changed (ⓘ pg. 37).

6 Enter new channel information.

Press **OK** and the Confirmation screen appears.

- Repeat steps 3 - 6 as necessary.

7 Close the Confirmation screen.

Press **MENU**.

- To change positions, see "Change Station Channel Position" (ⓘ pg. 41).
- If you wish to set station names other than the ones registered in your recorder, see "Set Stations (B)" (ⓘ pg. 42).

ATTENTION

Guide Program numbers are not set when channels are stored manually. If an attempt is made at timer programming with the SHOWVIEW system in this state, the "GUIDE PROG SET" screen appears; set the Guide Program numbers on this screen. (ⓘ pg. 23, "ATTENTION - Guide Program Number Set")

Or perform "Guide Program Number Set" (ⓘ pg. 33).

Delete A Channel

Perform steps 1 and 2 of "Manual Channel Set" on page 40 to access the Confirmation screen before continuing.

1 Select the item.

Press $\Delta \nabla \triangleleft \triangleright$ until the item you want to delete begins blinking.

2 Delete a channel.

Press X.

- The item directly beneath the cancelled one moves up one line.
- Repeat steps 1 and 2 as necessary.

3 Close the Confirmation screen.

Press MENU.

Change Station Channel Position

Perform steps 1 and 2 of "Manual Channel Set" on page 40 to access the Confirmation screen before continuing.

1 Select the item.

Press $\Delta \nabla \triangleleft \triangleright$ until the item you want to move begins blinking. Then press OK and the station name (ID) and its channel (CH) number begin blinking.

2 Select the new position.

Press $\Delta \nabla \triangleleft \triangleright$ to move the station to the new channel position, then press OK.

Example: If you moved the station in position 4 to position 2, the stations originally in positions 2 and 3 each move down one space.

PR	CH	ID	PR	CH	ID
01	25	ARD	08	C26	E-SP
02	C08	SKY1	09	55	WEST
03	10	ZDF	10	C24	SAT1
04	C65	RAI1	11	C23	OSF
05	C31	BBC1	12	C25	ESPN
06	C32	BBC2	13		
07	C33	3SAT	14		

➔

PR	CH	ID	PR	CH	ID
01	25	ARD	08	C26	E-SP
02	C65	RAI1	09	55	WEST
03	C08	SKY1	10	C24	SAT1
04	10	ZDF	11	C23	OSF
05	C31	BBC1	12	C25	ESPN
06	C32	BBC2	13		
07	C33	3SAT	14		

- Repeat steps 1 and 2 as necessary.

3 Close the Confirmation screen.

Press MENU.

When Receiving A Scrambled Broadcast

1 Select the decoder mode.

Set "L-2 SELECT" to "DECODER" (pg. 37).

2 Access the Confirmation screen.

Perform steps 1 and 2 of "Manual Channel Set" on page 40.

3 Select the position.

Press $\Delta \nabla \triangleleft \triangleright$ to select the channel position broadcasting scrambled programmes, then press OK twice.

4 Change the decoder setting.

Press \triangleright until "OFF" (decoder setting) begins blinking, and set it to "ON" by pressing $\Delta \nabla$.

5 Return to the Confirmation screen.

Press OK.

- Repeat steps 3 – 5 as necessary.

6 Close the Confirmation screen.

Press MENU.

INFORMATION

If you live in Eastern Europe, "TV SYSTEM" setting appears instead of "DECODER" setting on the Manual Channel Set screen. When you can see the picture but can hear no audio, select appropriate TV system (D/K or B/G). Normally, TV programmes are broadcasted as follows.

For Eastern Europe : D/K

For Western Europe : B/G

- 1 Select a country in Eastern Europe in step 4 on page 38.
- 2 Press \triangleright until the TV system (D/K or B/G) blinking on the Manual Channel Set screen in step 4 on page 40.
- 3 Press $\Delta \nabla$ to select appropriate TV System (D/K or B/G).

Set Stations (A)

Set station names that are registered in your recorder.

Perform steps 1 and 2 of "Manual Channel Set" on page 40 to access the Confirmation screen before continuing.

1 Select the item.

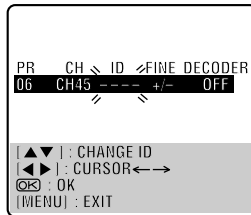
Press $\triangle\triangledown$ \triangleleft \triangleright until the item you want begins blinking.

2 Access the Manual Channel Set screen.

Press **OK** twice.

3 Select the new station.

Press \triangleright until the station name (ID) begins blinking, then press $\triangle\triangledown$ until the new station's name (ID) you want to store begins blinking. Registered station names (☞ pg. 43) appear as you press $\triangle\triangledown$.



4 Switch the stations.

Press **OK**.

- The Confirmation screen appears.
- Repeat steps 1 – 4 as necessary.

5 Close the Confirmation screen.

Press **MENU**.

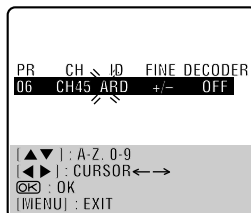
Set Stations (B)

Set station names other than the ones registered in your recorder.

Perform steps 1 and 2 of "Manual Channel Set" on page 40 to access the Confirmation screen and then perform step 1 and 2 of "Set Stations (A)" above before continuing.

1 Select the character for station name.

Press \triangleright until the first letter of the station name begins blinking.



2 Enter the new character.

Press $\triangle\triangledown$ to cycle through the characters (A–Z, 0–9, –, *, +, _ (space)) and stop when the desired character is indicated, then press \triangleright to enter. Enter the remaining characters the same way (maximum of 4). After entering all characters, press **OK**.

- The Confirmation screen appears.
- If you make a mistake, press \triangleleft until the incorrect character begins blinking. Then enter the correct character by pressing $\triangle\triangledown$.

3 Close the Confirmation screen.

Press **MENU**.

NOTE:

The characters available for the station name (ID) are A–Z, 0–9, –, *, +, _ (space) (maximum of 4).

Fine-Tuning Channels Already Stored

Perform steps 1 and 2 of "Manual Channel Set" on page 40 to access the Confirmation screen before continuing.

1 Select the channel to fine-tune.

Press $\triangle\triangledown$ \triangleleft \triangleright until the channel you want to tune begins blinking.

2 Access the Manual Channel Set screen.

Press **OK** twice. The Manual Channel Set screen appears.

3 Perform tuning.

Press \triangleright until "+/-" begins blinking, then press $\triangle\triangledown$ until the picture is its clearest. Then press **OK**.

- The Confirmation screen appears.
- Repeat steps 1 – 3 as necessary.

4 Close the Confirmation screen.

Press **MENU**.

TV Station And ID List

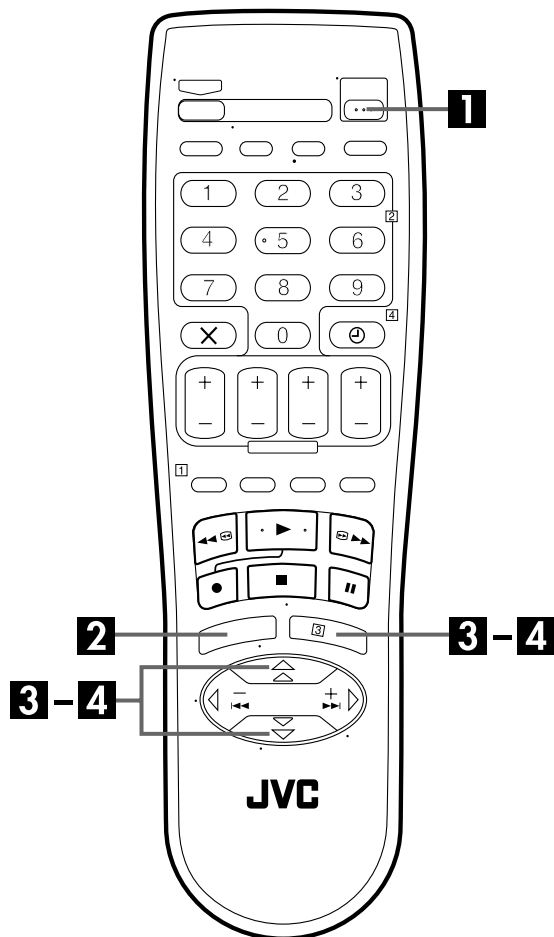
ID*	STATION NAME
1000	TV1000
3SAT	3SAT
ADLT	ADULT
ANT3	ANTENA3
ARD	ARD
ARTE	ARTE
B1	BERLIN1
BBC	BBC GROUP
BBC1	BBC1
BBC2	BBC2
BR3	BAYERN3
C+	CANAL PLUS
C1	PORTUGUSES
CAN5	CANALE5
CANV	KETNET CANVAS
CH4	CHANNEL4
CH5	CHANNEL5
CHILD	CHILD
CINE	CINEMA
CLUB	TELECLUB
CMT	CMT
CNN	CNN
CSUR	ANDALUCIA
DISC	DISCOVERY
DR	DR TV
DR2	DR2
DRS	DRS
DSF	DSF
ETB1	ETB1
ETB2	ETB2
EURO	EURONEWS
EUSP	EUROSPORTS
FEMM	FEMMAN
FILM	FILM
FNET	FILMNET
FR2	France2
FR3	France3
GALA	GALAVISION
HR3	HESSEN3
INFO	INFO-KANAL
ITA1	ITALIA1
ITA7	ITALIA7
ITV	ITV
JSTV	JSTV
KA2	KA2
KAB1	KABEL1
KAN2	KANAL2
LOCA	LOCAL
M6	M6
MBC	MBR
MCM	MCM
MDR	MDR
MOVE	MOVIE
MTV	MTV
MTV3	MTV3
N3	NORD3
N-TV	N-TV
NBC	NBC SUPER
NDR3	NDR3
NED1	NED1
NED2	NED2
NED3	NED3
NEWS	
NICK	NICKELODEON
NRK	NRK
NRK2	NRK2
ODE	ODEON
ORF1	ORF1
ORF2	ORF2

ID*	STATION NAME
ORF3	ORF3
OWL3	OWL3
PREM	PREMIERE
PRO7	PRO7
RAI1	RAI1
RAI2	RAI2
RAI3	RAI3
RET4	RETE4
21	TELE21
RTBF	RTBF1 or 2
RTL	RTL
RTL2	RTL2
RTL4	RTL4
RTL5	RTL5
RTP	RTP
S4	SCHWEIZ4
SAT1	SAT1
SBS	SBS
SF1	SF1
SF2	SF2
SHOW	SHOW
SIC	SOCIEDADE
SKY	SKY CHANNEL
SKYN	SKY NEWS
SPRT	SPORT
SRTL	SUPER RTL
STAR	STAR-TV
SVT1	SVT1
SVT2	SVT2
SWR	SUEDWEST3
TCC	TCC
TELE	TELE
TEL5	TELE5
TF1	TF1
TM3	TM3
TMC	TELEMONTECARLO
TNT	TNT INT
TRT	TRT INT
TSI	TSI
TSR	TSR
TV1	BRTN TV1
TV2	TV2
TV3	TV3
TV4	TV4
TV5	TV5
TV6	TV6
TVE1	TVE1
TVE2	TVE2
TVG	TV GALICIA
TVI	TV INDEPENDENT
TVN	TV NORGE
VCR	VIDEO
VERO	VERONICA
VH-1	VH-1
VIVA	VIVA
VIV2	VIVA2
VMTV	VIDEO MUSIC
VOX	VOX
VT4	VT4
VTM	VTM
WDR1	West1
WDR3	West3
YLE1	YLE1
YLE2	YLE2
ZDF	ZDF
ZTV	ZTV

* The "ID" abbreviation is what is shown on-screen in lieu of the station name. The "ID" abbreviation is listed in the Confirmation screen and is displayed on the TV screen when the recorder is tuned to a different station.

Clock Set

Turn on the TV and select the video channel (or AV mode).



Just Clock

The Just Clock function provides accurate time keeping through automatic adjustments at regular intervals, by reading data from a PDC signal.

The Just Clock option can be set "ON" or "OFF" at the Clock Set screen (the default setting is "OFF"). Press **OK** until the Just Clock setting begins blinking, then press Δ / ∇ to change the setting.

IMPORTANT: If you turn off Just Clock, the accuracy of your recorder's built-in clock may be reduced, which could adversely effect timer recording. We recommend you to keep Just Clock on. In cases where the clock setting data from a PDC signal is incorrect, however, you are advised to keep Just Clock set to "OFF".

IMPORTANT

If you performed Auto Set Up (☞ pg. 8), Preset Download (☞ pg. 10) or Auto Channel Set (☞ pg. 38), without ever having set the clock previously, the recorder's built-in clock is also set automatically.

Perform the following steps only if —

—Auto Clock Set has not been performed correctly by Auto Set Up, Preset Download or Auto Channel Set.

OR

—the recorder's memory backup has expired.

OR

—you want to change Just Clock setting (☞ "Just Clock" in the left column).

1 Turn on the recorder.

Press ϕ /I.

2 Access the Main Menu screen.

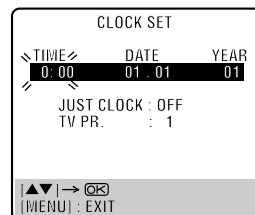
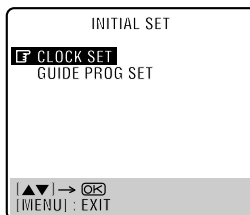
Press MENU.

3 Access the Initial Set screen.

Press Δ / ∇ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to "INITIAL SET", then press **OK** or \triangleright .

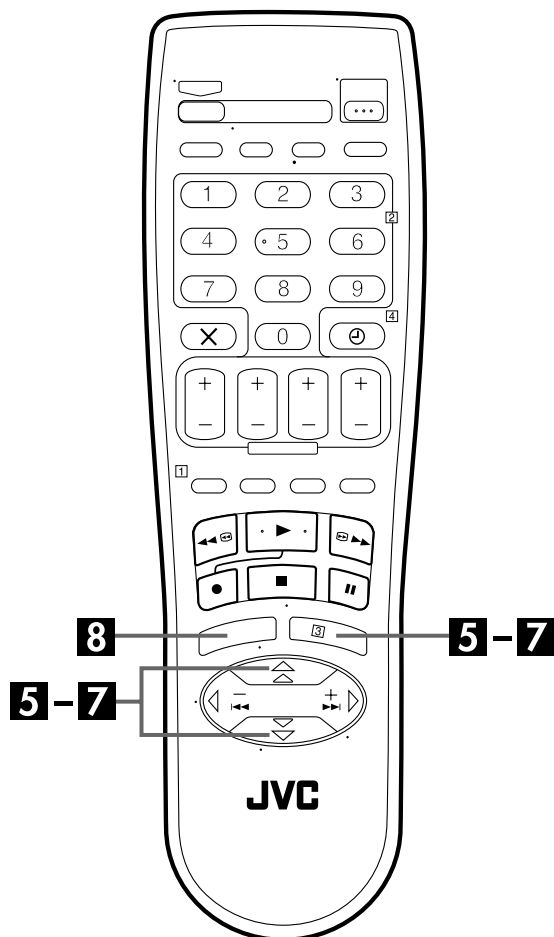
4 Access the Clock Set screen.

Press Δ / ∇ to move the highlight bar (pointer) to "CLOCK SET", then press **OK** or \triangleright . The Clock Set screen appears.



NOTE:

When you have selected *MAGYARORSZÁG, ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA, POLSKA* or *OTHER EASTERN EUROPE* for the country setting (☞ pg. 8, 12), you cannot use Just Clock function. Skip steps 6 and 7 on page 45.



5 Set the date and time.

Press Δ / ∇ to set the time, then press **OK** or \triangleright . The "DATE" display begins blinking. Repeat the same procedure to set the date and year.

- When you set the time, press and hold Δ / ∇ to change the time by 30 minutes.
- When you set the date, press and hold Δ / ∇ to change the date by 15 days.

6 Set Just Clock.

The default setting is "OFF". Set as desired by pressing Δ / ∇ , then press **OK** or \triangleright .

- For the Just clock function, see "Just Clock" on page 44.
- If you set to "OFF", you can disregard the next step as you won't be able to receive regular clock adjustments.

7 Set the source channel position for clock data.

The recorder is preset to receive clock setting and adjustment data from channel position 1.

Press Δ / ∇ to set the channel position to the number representing the station transmitting clock setting data, then press **OK** or \triangleright .

8 Start the clock operation.

Press **MENU**.

NOTES:

- *Just Clock* (when set to "ON") adjusts the recorder's built-in clock every hour, except for 23:00, 0:00, 1:00 and 2:00.
- *Just Clock* is not effective when ...
 - ... the recorder's power is on.
 - ... the recorder is in the *Timer* mode.
 - ... a difference of more than 3 minutes exists between the built-in clock's time and the actual time.
 - ... the recorder is in the *Auto Satellite Programme Recording* mode (see pg. 28).
 - ... the recorder is in the *Power Save* mode (see pg. 36).
 - ... "L-2 SELECT" is set to "SAT" (see pg. 37).
- If *Just Clock* is set to "ON", the recorder's clock is automatically adjusted at the start/end of *Summer Time*.
- *Just Clock* may not function properly depending on the reception condition.

Video Channel Set

Video channel (RF output channel) is the channel on which your TV receives picture and sound signals from the recorder through the RF cable.

IMPORTANT

Perform the following steps only if —

- interference appears in the TV picture after you have moved to a different area or a new station has started broadcasting in your area.
- you change the connection between your recorder and TV from RF connection to AV connection, or vice versa.

If you have connected the recorder to your TV via the AV connection (☞ pg. 7), since you do not need the video channel you have to set the video channel to off.

If you have connected the recorder to your TV via the RF connection (☞ pg. 7), you have to set the correct video channel.

Before performing the following steps:

Make sure the recorder's power is off and there is no cassette inserted in the recorder.

1 Access the Video Channel Set mode.

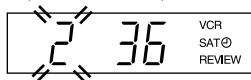
Hold down **■/▲** on the recorder until the front display panel shows the following.



2 Set the RF output system.

The blinking number on the display indicates the RF output system of your country.

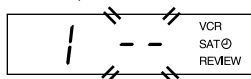
- If you have selected MAGYARORSZÁG, ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA, POLSKA or OTHER EASTERN EUROPE for the country setting (☞ pg. 8, 12), press **△/▽** to set to "2".
- For other countries, set to "1". Then press **OK**.
(1: B/G 2: D/K)



3 Set the video channel.

With AV Connection

Press **PR -** until the front display panel shows "1 - -" (or "2 - -").

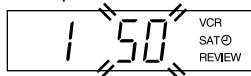


- Now the video channel is set to off.

With RF Connection

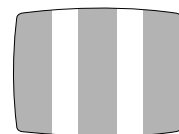
Press **PR +** or **-** to set the video recorder to a vacant channel between 22 and 69 which is not occupied by any local station in your area.

(Example) If channel 50 is available in your area



Then set your TV to UHF channel 50.

- If the two vertical white bars appear clearly on the TV screen as shown to the right, go to step 4.
- If the two vertical white bars do not appear clearly, re-set the video recorder to another vacant channel and try again.



NOTES:

- If you set the video recorder to a channel which is occupied by a local station or has neighbouring channels that are occupied by local stations, the picture reception quality will be affected and some interference noise will appear on the TV screen. Be sure to select a vacant channel which has no broadcast on neighbouring channels.
- If you cannot obtain the two vertical white bars clearly with any channel between 22 and 69, consult your JVC dealer.

4 Exit the Video Channel Set mode.

Press **OK** on the remote control.

With AV Connection

To view picture signals from the video recorder, set your TV to its AV mode.

With RF Connection

The channel on which the TV screen in step 3 appears clearly is your video channel.

To view picture signals from the video recorder, set your TV to the video channel.

Before requesting service for a problem, use this chart and see if you can repair the trouble yourself. Small problems are often easily corrected, and this can save you the trouble of sending your video recorder off for repair.

POWER

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
1. No power is supplied to the recorder.	• The mains power cord is disconnected.	Connect the mains power cord.
2. The clock is functioning properly, but the recorder cannot be powered.	• “⊖” is displayed on the front display panel with Auto Timer set to “OFF”.	Press the ⊖ button to turn the “⊖” indicator off.
3. The remote control won't function.	• The batteries are discharged.	Replace the dead batteries with new ones.

TAPE TRANSPORT

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
1. During recording, the tape does not run. “○” lights up and the channel display blinks on the front display panel.	• The recorder is in the Record Pause mode.	Press ► to resume recording.
2. The tape will not rewind or fast-forward.	• The tape is already fully rewound or fast-forwarded.	Check the cassette.











PLAYBACK

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
1. The playback picture does not appear while the tape is running.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you're using the RF connection, . . . the TV receiver's channel selector is not set to the video channel. . . . the recorder's video channel has not been correctly set. • If you're using the AV connection, the TV receiver is not set to the AV mode. 	<p>If you are using the RF connection, . . . set the TV receiver to the video channel. . . . perform “Video Channel Set” (☞ pg. 46).</p> <p>If you are using the AV connection, set the TV to its AV mode.</p>
2. Noise appears during visual search.	• This is normal.	
3. Noise appears during normal playback.	• The automatic tracking mode is engaged.	Try manual tracking. (☞ pg. 16)
4. The playback picture is blurred or interrupted while TV broadcasts are clear or “USE CLEANING CASSETTE” message appears on the screen.	• The video heads may be dirty.	Use a dry cleaning cassette TCL-2UX or consult your JVC dealer.

RECORDING

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
1. Recording cannot be started.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no cassette loaded, or the cassette loaded has had its record safety tab removed. 	Insert a cassette, or using adhesive tape, reseal the slot where the tab was removed.
2. TV broadcasts cannot be recorded.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "L-1", "L-2" or "SAT" has been selected as the input mode. 	Set to the desired channel.
3. Tape-to-tape editing is not possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The source (another video recorder, camcorder) has not been properly connected. All necessary power switches have not been turned on. The input mode is not correct. 	<p>Confirm that the source is properly connected.</p> <p>Confirm that all units' power switches are turned on.</p> <p>Set the input mode to "L-1" or "L-2".</p>
4. Camcorder recording is not possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The camcorder has not been properly connected. The input mode is not correct. 	<p>Confirm that the camcorder is properly connected.</p> <p>Set the input mode to "L-1" or "L-2".</p>

TIMER RECORDING

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
1. Timer recording won't work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The clock and/or the timer have been set incorrectly. The timer is not engaged. 	<p>Re-perform the clock and/or timer settings.</p> <p>Press  and confirm that "" is displayed on the front display panel.</p>
2. Timer programming is not possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timer recording is in progress. 	Timer programming can't be performed while a timer recording is in progress. Wait until it finishes.
3. "  " on the front display panel won't stop blinking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The timer is engaged but there's no cassette loaded. 	Load a cassette with the record safety tab intact.
4. "  ", "  " and "  " on the front display panel won't stop blinking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The loaded cassette has had its record safety tab removed. The end of the tape was reached during timer recording. 	<p>Remove the cassette and cover the hole with adhesive tape, or insert a cassette with the record safety tab intact.</p> <p>The programme may not have been recorded in its entirety. Next time make sure you have enough time on the tape to record the entire programme.</p>
5. "  " blinks for 10 seconds and the Timer mode is disengaged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  has been pressed when there are no programs in memory, or the timer record information has been programmed incorrectly. 	Check the programmed data and re-program as necessary, then press  again.
6. The SHOWVIEW system does not timer-record properly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recorder's channel positions have been set incorrectly. 	Refer to "Guide Program Number Set" ( pg. 33) and re-perform the procedure.

OTHER PROBLEMS

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
1. Whistling or howling is heard from the TV during camcorder recording.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The camcorder's microphone is too close to the TV. • The TV's volume is too high. 	<p>Position the camcorder so its microphone is away from the TV.</p> <p>Turn the TV's volume down.</p>
2. When scanning channels, some of them are skipped over.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those channels have been designated to be skipped. 	<p>If you need the skipped channels, restore them (☞ pg. 40).</p>
3. The channel cannot be changed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recording is in progress. 	<p>Press II to pause the recording, change channels, then press ▶ to resume recording.</p>
4. Channel settings that were made manually seem to have changed or disappeared.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the manual settings were made, Auto Channel Set was performed. 	<p>Perform manual setting again.</p>
5. No channels are stored in the recorder's memory.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TV aerial cable was not connected to the recorder when Auto Set Up was performed. • The fully-wired 21-pin SCART cable was not connected between TV and the recorder when Preset Download was performed. 	<p>Turn off the recorder once and connect the TV aerial cable to the recorder properly, then turn on the recorder again. Then perform Auto Set Up again (☞ pg. 8).</p> <p>Turn off the recorder once and connect the fully-wired 21-pin SCART cable to the recorder properly, then turn on the recorder again. Then perform Preset Download again (☞ pg. 10).</p>

ATTENTION

This recorder contains microcomputers. External electronic noise or interference could cause malfunctioning. In such cases, switch the recorder off and unplug the mains power cord. Then plug it in again and turn the recorder on. Take out the cassette. After checking the cassette, operate the unit as usual.

PLAYBACK

- Q. What happens if the end of the tape is reached during playback or search?**
- A. The tape is automatically rewound to the beginning.
- Q. During search, slow, still and frame-by-frame playback, I can't hear any audio. What's the problem?**
- A. This is normal.
- Q. Can the video recorder indefinitely remain in the still mode?**
- A. No. It stops automatically after 5 minutes to protect the heads.
- Q. When returning from variable-speed search to normal playback, the picture is disturbed. Should I be concerned about this?**
- A. No, it is normal.
- Q. Noise bar appear during variable-speed search. What's the problem?**
- A. This is normal.
- Q. Sometimes, during Index Search, the video recorder can't find the programme I want to see. Why not?**
- A. There may be index codes too close together.

RECORDING

- Q. When I pause and then resume a recording, the end of the recording before the pause is overlapped by the beginning of the continuation of recording. Why does this happen?**
- A. This is normal. It reduces distortion at the pause and resume points.
- Q. Can the video recorder indefinitely remain in the Record-Pause mode?**
- A. No. The video recorder goes to its Stop mode automatically after 5 minutes to protect the heads.
- Q. What happens if the tape runs out during recording?**
- A. The video recorder automatically rewinds it to the beginning.

TIMER RECORDING

- Q. "○" and "⊙" remain lit on the front display panel. Is there a problem?**
- A. No. This is a normal condition for a timer recording in progress.
- Q. Can I programme the timer while I'm watching a tape or a TV broadcast?**
- A. You won't see the picture as it is replaced by the on-screen menu, but the audio from the programme or tape you're viewing can be heard.

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GENERAL

Power requirement : AC 220 V – 240 V~, 50 Hz/60 Hz
 Power consumption
 Power on : 14 W
 Power off : 3.4 W
 Temperature
 Operating : 5°C to 40°C
 Storage : -20°C to 60°C
 Operating position : Horizontal only
 Dimensions (WxHxD)
 : 360 mm x 94 mm x 278 mm
 Weight : 3.2 kg
 Format : VHS PAL standard
 Maximum recording time
 (SP) : 240 min. with E-240 video cassette
 (LP) [HR-J480EU only]
 : 480 min. with E-240 video cassette

VIDEO/AUDIO

Signal system : PAL-type colour signal and CCIR monochrome signal, 625 lines 50 fields
 Recording system
 [HR-J480EU] : DA4 (Double Azimuth) head helical scan system
 [HR-J280/281/289EU] : Rotary two-head herical scan system
 Signal-to-noise ratio: 45 dB
 Horizontal resolution : 250 lines
 Frequency range : 70 Hz to 10,000 Hz
 Input/Output : 21-pin SCART connectors :
 IN/OUT x 1, IN/DECODER x 1

TUNER/TIMER

TV channel storage capacity : 99 positions (+AUX position)
 Tuning system : Frequency synthesized tuner
 Channel coverage : VHF 47MHz – 89MHz/
 104MHz – 300MHz/
 302MHz – 470MHz
 UHF 470MHz – 862MHz
 Aerial output : UHF channels 22 – 69 (Adjustable)
 Memory backup time : Approx. 10 min.

ACCESSORIES

Provided accessories
 : RF cable,
 Infrared remote control unit,
 “R6” battery x 2

Specifications shown are for SP mode unless otherwise specified.

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