Operating Instructions
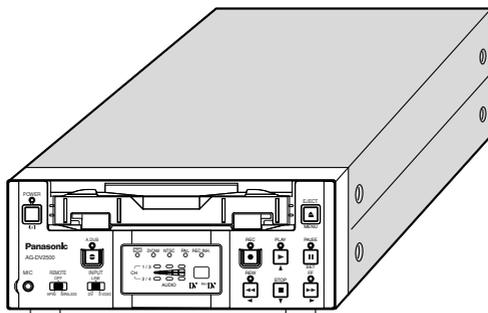
DV   Mini DV

Digital Video Cassette Recorder

Model AG-DV2500 P

Panasonic®

Before operating this product, please read the instructions carefully and save this manual for future use.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

1. Read all of these instructions.
2. Save these instructions for later use.
3. All warnings on the product and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.
4. Unplug this appliance system from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
5. Do not use attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer as they may cause hazards.
6. Do not use this appliance near water – for example, near a bathtub, washbowl, kitchen sink, or laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool, etc.
7. Do not place this appliance on an unstable cart, stand, or table. The appliance may fall, causing serious injury to a child or adult, and serious damage to the appliance.
   Use only with a cart or stand recommended by the manufacturer, or sold with the appliance.
   Wall or shelf mounting should follow the manufacturer's instructions, and should use a mounting kit approved by the manufacturer.
   An appliance and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the appliance and cart combination to overturn.

PORTABLE CART WARNING
(symbol provided by RETAC)

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8. Slots and openings in the cabinet and the back or bottom are provided for ventilation, and to insure reliable operation of the appliance and to protect it from overheating, these openings must not be blocked or covered. The openings should never be blocked by placing the appliance on a bed, sofa, rug, or other similar surface. This appliance should never be placed near or over a radiator or heat register. This appliance should not be placed in a built-in installation such as a bookcase unless proper ventilation is provided.
9. This appliance should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supplied to your home, consult your dealer or local power company. For appliance designed to operate from battery power, refer to the operating instructions.
10. This appliance system is equipped with a 3-wire grounding type plug (a plug having a third (grounding) pin). This plug will only fit into a grounding-type power outlet. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the grounding plug.
11. For added protection for this product during a lightning storm, or when it is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the antenna or cable system. This will prevent damage to the product due to lightning and power-line surges.
12. Do not allow anything to rest on the power cord. Do not locate this appliance where the cord will be abused by persons walking on it.
13. Follow all warnings and instructions marked on the appliance.
14. Do not overload wall outlets and extension cords as this can result in fire or electric shock.
15. Never push objects of any kind into this appliance through cabinet slots as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind on the appliance.
16. Do not attempt to service this appliance yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
17. Unplug this appliance from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:
    a.   When the power cord or plug is damaged or frayed.
    b.   If liquid has been spilled into the appliance.
    c.   If the appliance has been exposed to rain or water.
    d.   If the appliance does not operate normally by following the operating instructions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions as improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the appliance to normal operation.
    e.   If the appliance has been dropped or the cabinet has been damaged.
    f.   When the appliance exhibits a distinct change in performance – this indicates a need for service.
18. When replacement parts are required, be sure the service technician has used replacement parts specified by the manufacturer that have the same characteristics as the original part. Unauthorized substitutions may result in fire, electric shock, or other hazards.
19. Upon completion of any service or repairs to this appliance, ask the service technician to perform routine safety checks to determine that the appliance is in safe operating condition.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

CAUTION
RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK
DO NOT OPEN

CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK,
DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK).
NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE.
REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL

The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.

The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

WARNING:
TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPLIANCE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

This unit should be used with 120 V AC only.

CAUTION:
To prevent electric shocks and fire hazards, DO NOT use any other power source.

INFORMATION

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation.
If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:
● Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
● Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
● Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
● Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

CAUTION

CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS NOT APPROVED BY PANASONIC COULD VOID USER'S AUTHORITY TO OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT.

THIS DEVICE COMPLIES WITH PART 15 OF THE FCC RULES. OPERATION IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TWO CONDITIONS: (1) THIS DEVICE MAY NOT CAUSE HARMFUL INTERFERENCE, AND (2) THIS DEVICE MUST ACCEPT ANY INTERFERENCE RECEIVED, INCLUDING INTERFERENCE THAT MAY CAUSE UNDESIRED OPERATION.

ATTENTION
RISQUE D'ELECTROCUTION
NE PAS OUVRIR

ATTENTION: POUR EVITER TOUT RISQUE D'ELECTROCUTION
NE PAS OUVRIR LE BOITER.
AUCUNE PIECE INTERIEURE N'EST
A REGLER PAR L'UTILISATEUR.
SE REFERER A UN AGENT QUALIFIE EN CAS DE PROBLEME.

Le symbole de l'éclair à l'intérieur d'un triangle équilatéral est destiné à alerter l'utilisateur sur la présence d'une "tension dangereuse" non isolée dans le boîtier du produit. Cette tension est suffisante pour provoquer l'électrocution de personnes.

Le point d'exclamation à l'intérieur d'un triangle équilatéral est destiné à alerter l'utilisateur sur la présence d'opérations d'entretien importantes au sujet desquelles des renseignements se trouvent dans le manuel d'instructions.

*Ces symboles ne sont utilisés qu'aux Etats-Unis.

AVERTISSEMENT:
POUR EVITER LES RISQUES D'INCENDIE OU D'ELECTROCUTION, NE PAS EXPOSER L'APPAREIL A L'HUMIDITE OU A LA PLUIE.

Ce magnétoscope ne doit être utilisé que sur du courant alternatif en 120 V.

ATTENTION:
Afin d'éviter tout resque d'incendie ou d'électrocution, ne pas utiliser d'autres sources d'alimentation électrique.

WARNING:
The battery used in the AG-DV2500P must be replaced by a PANASONIC authorized service dealer only.

AVERTISSEMENT:
La pile utilisée dans l'appareil AG-DV2500P doit être remplacée chez un marchand de services autorisé par PANASONIC.

The Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet appareil numerique de la Classe B est conforme a la nonne NMB-003 du Canada.

L'appareil digital (Classe B) est conforme à l'ICES-003 canadien.

Thank you for purchasing our Digital Video Cassette Recorder AG-DV2500P.

DV Mini **DV**

As this is a DV-format video cassette recorder, video cassettes with the **DV** or ᴹⁱⁿⁱ**DV** logos can be used with it.
DVCAM cassettes can be recorded in DV format.

This VTR features dual support for NTSC and PAL. Certain functions however, are supported by only one signal system. They are indicated with (NTSC only) or (PAL only).

- In order to prevent crumpling due to tape slack, please do not perform important recording within the first and last 2 - 3 minutes run of the tape.
- Recorded video (music) is meant for personal entertainment only and must not be used for other purposes without the prior consent of the copyright owner.
- Our company shall not guarantee the content of any recording effort should this VTR fail to record normally due to defects, either of the main unit itself or the video cassette tape.

MAIN FEATURES

- **DV format**
  High picture and sound quality by digital technology.

- **Compatible mechanisms for standard/mini DV cassettes**
  It records on and plays back DV cassettes of the standard and mini size. (SP mode only)

  DVCAM cassettes can be recorded in DV format.

  A tape recorded with the DVCAM format can be used only for playback for this VTR.

- **Equipped with composite and S-VIDEO input & output terminal devices.**

- **Equipped with DV IN/OUT terminals. (IEEE1394)**
  It can exchange digital signals with IEEE1394 compatible devices.

- **Dual support for NTSC/PAL**
  It automatically determines the signal system when playing back or receiving DV signal input. It supports composite or Y/C signal input with the use of a switch.

- **Wireless remote control**
  It can be controlled with the provided wireless remote controller.

- **Support for RS-422A interface**
  It can be used as a player for an editing system that uses the RS-422-A-compatible editing remote controller AG-A850.

- **Recording/playback of time codes**

- **Audio-dubbing (after-recording) function**
  Audio dubbing at a sampling frequency of 32kHz is allowed on CH3 and CH4 (except during DV input).

- **Series recording function**
  By linking with other DV devices, long-duration continuous recording is possible.

- **Indexed search and blank search function**
  It can search for indexed signal recorded positions or unrecorded parts.

- **Can be placed in an upright position**
  With the use of the provided stand, it can be positioned upright.

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■ Place of storage and use

Please avoid storing or using this VTR in the following places:

- Extremely hot or cold places beyond the allowable temperature for operation (5˚C – 35˚C).
- Humid or dry places beyond the allowable humidity range for operation (30% –80% RH).
- Dusty or sandy places.
- Places exposed to oil, smoke or steam, such as the kitchen vicinity.
- Intensely vibrating or unstable places.
- Places prone to condensation.
- Places that generate strong magnetic fields, e.g., transformer or motor.
- Places near devices that generate electric waves, e.g., transceiver or mobile phone.
- Places that generate radiation, X-rays or corrosive gases.

■ Handling the unit

- Please do not place heavy objects on the VTR, like a monitor or TV.
- Please do not insert foreign objects into the cassette slot.
- Mind your finger when loading the cassette. Please be careful not to get your fingers clamped when loading the cassette to prevent injury.
- Place this VTR out of reach of young children. As injury may result from fingers getting clamped when loading the cassette, please keep this VTR out of reach of young children.
- Please do not block the ventilation openings.
- Avoid violent shocks to the unit. Do not drop the unit.
- Please remove the cassette tape from the cassette slot when transporting the unit.
- Please remove the AC adapter to save energy when the unit is not in use.

■ Maintaining the unit (Please turn off the power before performing maintenance work.)

Please wipe the unit with a soft cloth. Do not wipe it with thinner or benzene lest the surface melts or becomes dull. For stubborn stains, wipe first with a water-diluted neutral detergent and then wipe dry.

■ Please use the provided AC adapter to connect the VTR to a power source.

■ Use the supplied mains cable. Using a different type or damaged cable may cause fire or electric shock.

Note

Before turning on the power, be sure to remove the guard sheet. (Otherwise, a warning display will be shown. In this case, turn the power off and then on again.)

Daily maintenance and regular inspection

This unit uses consumables or components that will wear off. If a worn-out or deteriorated component continues to be used, it may cause the unit to break down. To prevent this, please perform daily maintenance using the head-cleaning tape. With the head-cleaning tape alone, however, the entire tape-winding mechanism cannot be completely cleaned.
Please perform regular maintenance of the components as shown below.

■ Regular inspection (maintenance)

The tasks of maintenance involved are similar to that of replacing the engine oil or tire of a car.
Depending on the number of usage hours, please clean, inspect or replace the components as follows:

Number of hours	500H	1000H	1500H	2000H	4000H
Drum assembly (including head)	○	○	○	●	●
Head cleaner	☆	●	☆	●	●
Tape guide, roller	○	☆	☆	●	●
Reel disk, tension bands	—	☆	—	●	●

— : Inspection
○ : Cleaning, inspection and adjustment
☆ : Cleaning and inspection; Replacement if necessary
● : Replacement

Maintenance necessity and frequency depends on the environment and usage. The above information serves only as a guide.

Usage Time : You can check the drum usage time via the hour meter display. For details, please refer to page 65, "Checking the hour meter".
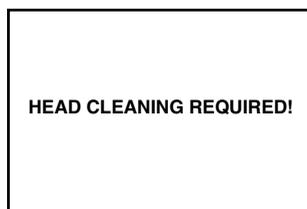
Maintenance consultation : For details on the maintenance plan and fee, please consult with your nearest PANASONIC-authorized service agent.

■ Head cleaning

● Recording or playing back with a stained head will result in block noise or disrupted sound. Please perform regular head cleaning to maintain superior image and sound quality.

Block noise

● For information on how to use the head cleaning tape and the relevant precautions, please refer to page 8, "Precautions on the use of cleaning tape".

● If dust adheres on the head, "HEAD CLEANING REQUIRED!" will be displayed on the monitor when this unit plays a tape.

HEAD CLEANING REQUIRED!

INTRODUCTION

Precautions on the use of cleaning tape

Please use cleaning tape produced by PANASONIC.

Please follow the instructions below when using the cleaning tape.

1. The tape will run for 10 seconds in the PLAY mode. (Thereafter, it stops automatically and enters the STOP mode.)

• After loading the cleaning tape, press the PLAY button.

2. For a single cleaning session, use it up to 3 times.

3. Please refer to the following table as a guide for cleaning.

Memo:

1. Under low humidity conditions, (10% RH to 30% RH), please perform head cleaning at intervals of half of the following stated periods.

2. If DVM83 is used immediately after cleaning, the VTR warning ("HEAD CLEANING REQUIRED!") may disappear only after the tape has run for some time.

3. Please use the cleaning tape at room temperature (10˚C to 35˚C).

4. Instructions for using the cleaning tape are stated inside its case. The contents may be slightly different from those stated here.
Please follow the instructions in this manual.

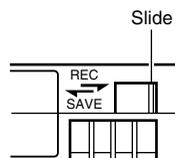| Operating environment of the unit	Low temperature 5˚C to 10˚C	Room temperature 10˚C to 35˚C
Guide for using cleaning tape	1 to 2 times every 5 hours	1 to 2 times every 20 to 30 hours

Cassette tape

This unit can record onto and playback standard DV and mini DV cassette tapes (for SP mode only). Please use the following PANASONIC cassettes with the **DV** or the ^{Mini}DV logos.

● **Standard DV cassettes**
  AY-DV276
  AY-DV186
  AY-DV124

● **Mini DV cassettes**
  AY-DVM63
  AY-DVM33

> **Memo**
> ● DVCAM cassettes can be recorded in DV format.
>   Tapes recorded in DVCAM format can be played (SP Mode).
> ● DVM83 cassettes(Mini DV 83min tape) cannot be used with this unit.

■ **Erasure prevention**

DV cassettes have a safety slide at the back to prevent accidental erasure.

● To prevent accidental erasure of important records, push the slide to the "SAVE" position.

● To record, push the slide to the "REC" position.

Slide

REC
SAVE

> **Precautions on the use of tape**
> ● Reverse sides of videotapes cannot be used.
> ● Please store the tape only after it has been fully rewound, so as to avoid damaging the tape.
> ● Please store the cassette in places low in humidity, well-ventilated and fungus-proof.
> ● When a cassette is used repeatedly, noise may increase due to e.g., dropout, etc. hence affecting its performance. Please do not use dirty or damaged tapes as they will shorten the life span of the rotation head.

■ For recording and storing videotapes in the best condition

Observe the following instructions for the best recording and storage of videotapes.

● Take care of the conditions of handling videotapes.

It is recommended that you record and store videotapes in the environment below.

	Recording	Storage	
		Short period (Up to 10 years)	Long period (Over 10 years)
Temperature	17°C to 25°C	15°C to 23°C	15°C to 19°C
Humidity	30% to 70%	40% to 55%	25% to 35%
Hourly temperature change	Less than 10°C	–	–
Hourly humidity change	Less than 10%	–	–

● Do not leave the videotapes neglected for a long period.

If videotapes are left wound for a long period of time, it may result in distortion of the tape. Also it may cause tape-to-tape adhesion (known as blocking). It is recommended that videotapes be unspooled and rewound once a year for refreshing.

● When tapes are not in use, store them in cases and on end.

Storage cases protect videotapes from humidity, dust and ultraviolet. Keep tapes in cases and do not store them lying flat. When housed in a horizontal position, pressure from other tapes can cause distortions and deformations of the tape edges.

Condensation

● When this unit is moved from a cold to a warm place abruptly, the vapor in the warm air will come into contact with the head drum or the tape guides. When chilled, the vapor turns into droplets of water. This state is known as condensation. When condensation occurs, the videotape will adhere to the head drum or the tape guides and will be damaged.

● Condensation occurs on this unit in the following circumstances:

• It is moved abruptly from a cold place to a warm place.
• It is used in a room immediately after the heater has been turned on, or when cold breeze from an air-conditioner blows onto it.
• It is used at a place of high humidity.

Head drum
Videotape
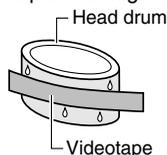
When a cassette tape is loaded, please do not transport e.g., from an external cold place to a warm room thereby subjecting the unit to drastic temperature changes.
After moving the unit, please do not use it until the innards are stabilized.

● When condensation occurs, the monitor displays the following warning:

CONDENSATION ON DRUM

To remedy, leave the unit with the power ON and wait until the WARNING indicator disappears.

● Prevention of condensation

When transporting the AG-DV2500P from a cold to a warmer place abruptly, first take out the cassette. Then place the AG-DV2500P in a plastic bag and seal it before transporting the unit.
Leave the AG-DV2500P in the sealed plastic bag until the unit has the same temperature as the surroundings. This will prevent condensation.
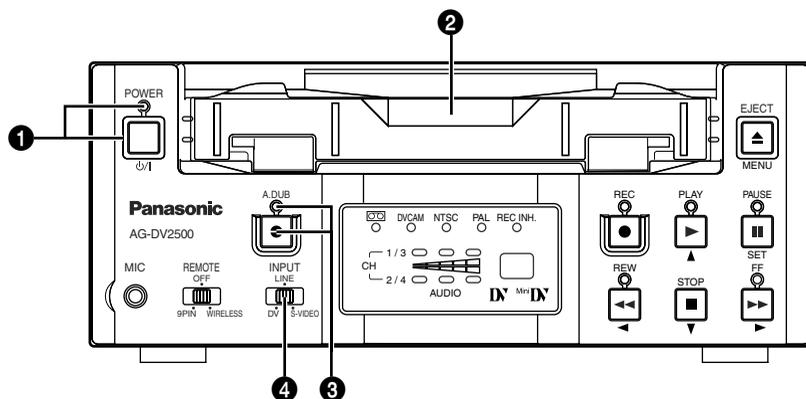
❶ [POWER] Power button/LED

● Press this button to turn on the power and op-
erate the unit. (Power ON)
Press this button again to turn off the power.
(Power OFF)

● The POWER LED lights up as follows.
Power ON   : the LED lights up green
Power OFF   : the LED lights up red
VTR error   : the LED blinks in red

Memo

● When the DC IN MODE item of the SYS-
TEM menu is set to "POWER ON" and power
is supplied to the ❶ DC IN terminal located
at the rear panel, the unit goes into the
POWER ON state even if this button is not
pressed.

● Even when the power has been turned off
with this button, a small amount of electric-
ity will still be channeled into the unit.
Therefore, if the unit is not going to be used
for a long period of time, please remove the
AC adapter to reduce energy consumption.

❷ Cassette slot

● Load a cassette into or unload it from the slot.
Please insert a standard DV or a mini DV cas-
sette. (☞ Page 29)

● When the unit is in the POWER OFF state
and if a cassette is loaded, it goes into the
ON state.

❸ [A. DUB] Audio dubbing button/LED

● Press this button for audio dubbing (after-re-
cording).
For audio dubbing, set the AUDIO MODE item
of the AUDIO/VIDEO menu to "32K".
Sound produced by the ❻ MIC terminal or
the ❾ AUDIO IN terminal at the rear panel
(☞ Page 15) is recorded on CH3 and CH4
channels.

● During audio dubbing, the A. DUB LED lights
up red.

● If the INPUT switch is set at "DV", audio dub-
bing is not possible.
(☞ Page 39, "Audio dubbing")

❹ [INPUT] Input video signal selection switch

● Select the video signal input with this switch.
S-VIDEO :YC separate video signals from the
S-VIDEO IN terminal
LINE   : Composite video signals from the
LINE IN terminal
DV   : DV signals from the DV IN/OUT
terminal (IEEE1394)

Note

During recording, manipulating this switch will
not bring about any effect.
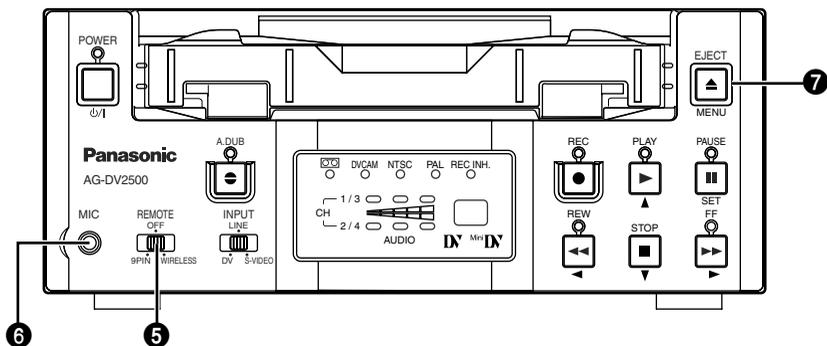
❺ [REMOTE] Remote select switch

Use this switch to select the remote controller type.

9 PIN : Select this to use the RS-422A-compatible editing remote controller (AG-A850) that connects to the ❹ 9 PIN REMOTE terminal located at the rear panel. Please use this unit as a player.

WIRELESS : Select this to use the provided wireless remote controller.

OFF : Select this to use the buttons on the main unit for operations, instead of the RS-422A compatible editing remote controller or the provided wireless remote controller.

Memo

● When 9 PIN is selected, the buttons on the unit you wish to render operable can be selected from the LOCAL FUNCTION item of the REMOTE menu. (☞ Page 56)

● Control via the DV IN/OUT terminal is possible (ie unaffected by the switch setting).

❻ [MIC] Microphone input terminal

This is the mini jack for monaural microphone input. When this terminal is connected to a microphone, sound input via the AUDIO IN terminal located on the rear panel is not recorded. Sound from this terminal is recorded on CH1/CH2 in the RECORD mode and CH3/CH4 in the AUDIO DUBBING mode.

❼ [EJECT] Eject button

● Press this button to eject the cassette.

Memo

It takes about 6 seconds for the cassette to be ejected.

● When no cassette is loaded and the EJECT and STOP buttons are pressed simultaneously, a menu will be displayed on the monitor connected to the VIDEO LINE OUT or S-VIDEO OUT terminal.

When the menu is displayed, pressing this button will resume the usual screen.
(☞ Page 52, "Setting the menu")
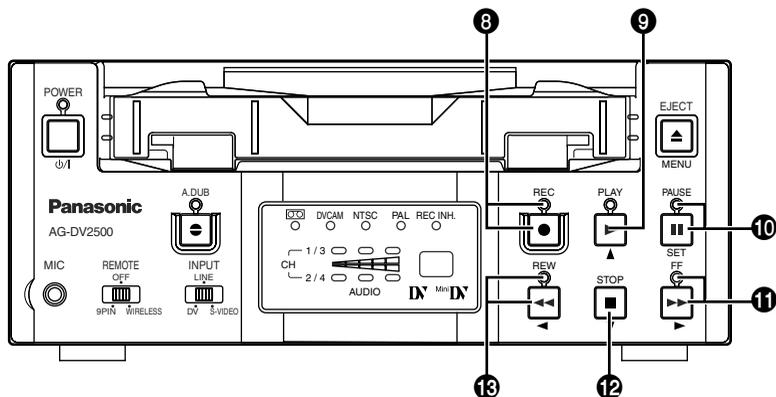
❽ [REC] Record button/LED

- Hold down this button and press the ❾ PLAY button to start recording. During recording, the LED lights up red.
- Hold down this button and press the ❿ PAUSE button to pause the recording.
- When this button is pressed during recording, an index signal is recorded on the tape (valid when the INDEX WRITE item in the SYSTEM menu is set to ON).
- When recording is stopped, the time code generator value can be verified by holding this button down. If the DV TC DUP. menu item is set to ON, EE signals of the DV Input time code and Date/Time can be verified.

❾ [PLAY] Play button/LED

- Press this button to start playing back a tape. During playback, the LED lights up green.
- When the menu is displayed, use this button to select the menu items or setting values.

❿ [PAUSE] Pause button/LED

- During recording, press this button to pause it. During playback or STOP mode, press this button to enter the STILL mode. When recording is paused or when the unit is in the STILL mode, the LED lights up green.
- When recording is paused, press this button to resume recording.
- If this button is pressed simultaneously with the A.DUB button in the STILL mode, the Audio Dubbing Pause mode will be engaged.
- When the menu is displayed, use this button to confirm the menu items or setting values.

⓫ [FF] Fast forward button/LED

- When the unit is in the STOP mode, press this button to execute fast-forward winding of the tape.
- When the unit is in the PLAYBACK or STILL mode, press this button to execute fast-forward playback.
- During fast-forward winding or fast-forward playback, the LED lights up green.
- When the menu is displayed, use this button to display selected menu items.
  When setting up the date, time or time code, use this button to select the data segment.

⓬ [STOP] Stop button/LED

- Press this button to stop operation. (of rewind, playback, etc.)
- When the menu is displayed, use this button to select the menu items or setting values.

⓭ [REW] Rewind button/LED

- When the unit is in the STOP mode, press this button to rewind the tape.
- When the unit is in the PLAYBACK or STILL mode, press this button to execute reverse playback.
- During rewinding or reverse playback, the LED lights up green.
- When the menu is displayed, press this button to return to the previous screen.
  When setting up the date, time or time code, use this button to select the data segment.
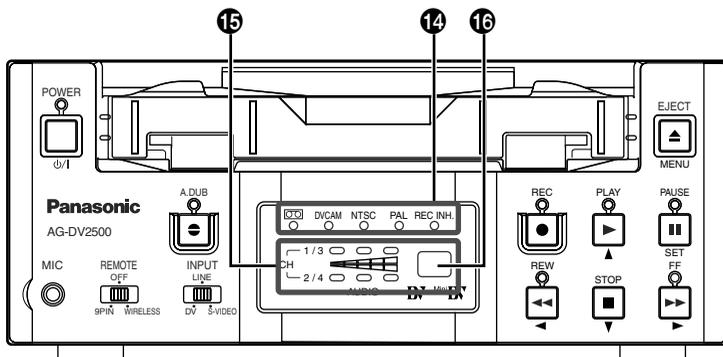
⑭ Indicator

⊙⊙ : When a cassette is loaded, the LED lights up green. (Likewise when the unit is in the POWER OFF state.)
When a cassette is being loaded or ejected, the LED blinks.

DVCAM : When the unit plays back a tape recorded in the DVCAM format, the LED lights up green.

NTSC : The LED lights up green in the following cases:
• In the composite video or S-VIDEO signal input mode and the ❷ NTSC/PAL switch located at the rear panel (☞ Page 14) is set as "NTSC".
• A tape recorded with NTSC signals is played back.
• When NTSC system DV signals are input while the INPUT switch is set at "DV".

PAL : The LED lights up green in the following cases:
• In the composite video or S-VIDEO signal input mode and the ❷ NTSC/PAL switch located at the rear panel is set as "PAL".
• A tape recorded with PAL signals is played back.
• When PAL system DV signals are input while the INPUT switch is set at "DV".

REC INH : The LED lights up red in the following cases:
• When a cassette with its rear switch set at the SAVE position is inserted.
• When A.DUB is not possible such as on tapes recorded in 48kHz mode. (Approx. 3 sec)
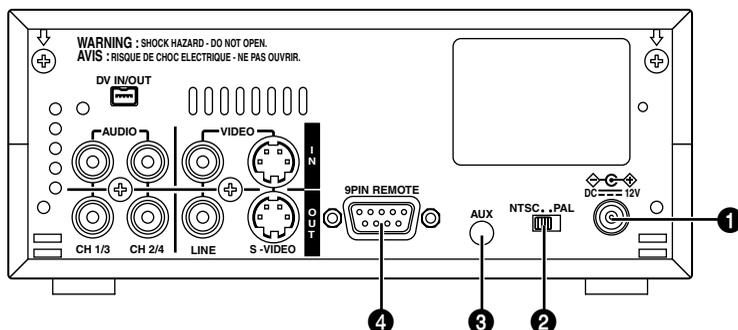
⑮ Audio indicator

This is an indicator for determining the presence of audio signals (CH audio selected via the AUDIO OUT SEL item of the AUDIO/VIDEO menu).

⑯ Sensor for wireless remote controller

When using the provided wireless remote controller, please point it to this sensor.
(☞ Page 25, "Using the wireless remote controller")

❶ DC power input terminal (2P)

This is used for DC12V input. It connects the DC mains cable of the provided AC adapter.

Memo

● When power is supplied to this terminal, the POWER indicator located at the front panel lights up. (The LED lights up red when the POWER indicator is OFF.)

● Setting this unit to POWER ON, POWER OFF or PLAY mode when the power is supplied to this terminal can be done by making the appropriate selections from the DC IN MODE item in the SYSTEM menu.

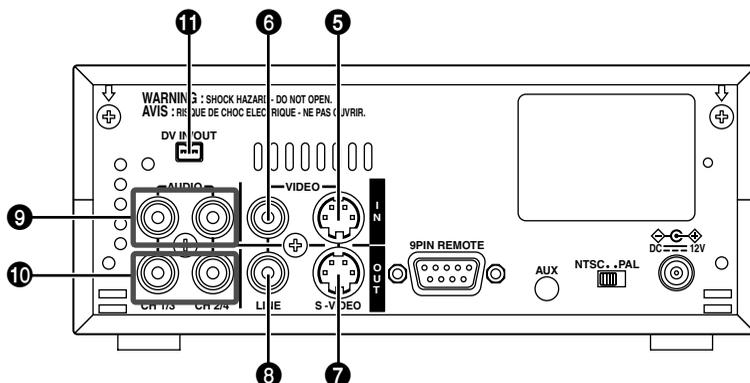## ❷ [NTSC/PAL] NTSC/PAL signal selection switch

Use this switch to select NTSC or PAL as the signal system. Use it to make a selection when composite video signals or YC separate video signals are input.

NTSC : Use this setting for NTSC signal input. The NTSC indicator on the front panel lights up.

PAL : Use this setting for PAL signal input. The PAL indicator on the front panel lights up.

Memo

● For playback or DV signal input, signals are determined automatically and not affected by the status of this switch.

● Please turn the unit to POWER OFF before using this switch. If switching is performed when the VTR is in the POWER ON mode, the VTR will automatically go into the OFF mode before engaging the ON mode.

● It cannot be used for NTSC/PAL conversion.

❸ AUX

Terminal used for adjustments at the factory.

Not for customer use.

❹ [9 PIN REMOTE] 9-pin remote terminal (D-SUB)

Use this terminal to connect to the RS-422A-compatible editing remote controller (AG-A850). Please use this unit as a player. To control this unit with this terminal, please set it up as follows:

● Set the REMOTE switch on the front panel to "9 PIN".

❺ [S-VIDEO IN] S-VIDEO input terminal (4P)

This is the input terminal for YC separate video signals.

● To input video signals from this terminal, set the INPUT switch on the front panel to S-VIDEO.

When Wide discriminating signals are input, ID signals for Wide discriminating signals are recorded.

❻ [VIDEO LINE IN] Video line input terminal (PHONO)

This is the input terminal for composite video signals.

● To input video signals from this terminal, set the INPUTswitch on the front panel to "LINE".

❼ [S-VIDEO OUT] S-VIDEO output terminal (4P)

This is the output terminal for YC separate video signals.

When tapes recorded with Wide discriminating signals are played, ID signals for discriminating signals are output.

❽ [VIDEO LINE OUT] Video line output terminal (PHONO)

This is the output terminal for composite video signals.

Memo
● Besides video signals, the following signals from the S-VIDEO OUT terminal and VIDEO LINE OUT terminal are displayed on-screen.
● **Menu screen signals**
● **Character display of date, time or operation modes (Status screen)**
By pressing the DISPLAY button on the wireless remote controller or by setting the DIS-PLAY item in the DISPLAY menu, the user can choose to turn the status display on/off.
● The SETUP item of the AUDIO/VIDEO menu can be set to determine whether setup will be added to the signals of S-VIDEO OUT terminal and VIDEO LINE OUT terminal. (NTSC only)

❾ [AUDIO IN] Audio input terminal (PHONO × 2)

This is the audio signal (analog) input terminal.

For audio dubbing, sounds from the CH1/3 terminal are recorded on the CH3 channel while those from the CH2/4 channel are recorded on the CH4 channel.

Memo
● When the MIC terminal on the front panel is connected to a microphone, sounds from this terminal will not be recorded.

❿ [AUDIO OUT] Audio output terminal (PHONO × 2)

This is the audio signal (analog) output terminal.

Memo
● The audio channel to play back tapes recorded in the 32K mode can be selected with the OUT SE-LECT button on the wireless remote controller or by setting the AUDIO OUT SEL. item of the AU-DIO/VIDEO menu.
● The output level of the playback audio can be selected with the OUT LEVEL button of the wireless remote controller or by setting the AUDIO OUT LEVEL item of the AUDIO/VIDEO menu (NORMAL or ATT).

⓫ [DV IN/OUT] DV input/output terminal

This is the input/output terminal for digital signals of IEEE1394 standard. It is connected to video devices with DV terminals.

● To input signals from this terminal, please set the INPUT switch on the front panel to "DV".
● Signals from this terminal are output regardless of the INPUT switch setting.

NAMES AND FUNCTIONS OF VARIOUS PARTS – Wireless remote controller –
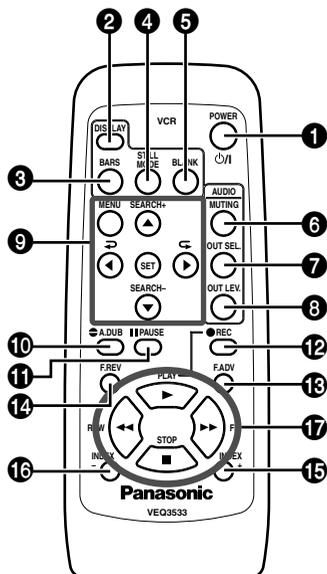
❶ [POWER] button ⏻/❙

Press this button to turn on the power of the unit. (POWER ON)

Press this button again to turn off the power. (POWER OFF)

❷ [DISPLAY] button

Use this button to turn on/off, the on-screen (e.g. status screen) display on the monitor connected to the VIDEO LINE OUT terminal and S-VIDEO OUT terminal. Each time this button is pressed, the display mode changes in the following sequence: ON (always display) → AUTO (display when switching mode) → OFF.

(☞ Page 18, "On-screen display")

❸ [BARS] button

When this button is pressed in the Stop or REC-Pause mode, the color bar of the built in signal generator will be output. When it is pressed again, the screen returns to the usual display. During DV signal input, the color bar will not be output.

Note

Please do not use it as the standard signal because the signals are simplified.

❹ [STILL MODE] button

Use this button to select images in the STILL mode.

When the unit is in the STILL mode, press this button to toggle images in the following sequence.

Field image (1st/2nd alternate still) → 1st field image → 2nd field image → frame image

❺ [BLANK] button

When the unit enters the STOP mode, press this button to begin a blank search. Once it finds a blank part of the tape, it will enter the STILL mode. (☞ Page 46)

❻ [AUDIO MUTING] button

During playback, press this button to mute the audio output. Press this button again to re-enable audio output.

❼ [AUDIO OUT SEL.] button

When playing back tapes recorded in the 32K mode, use this button to select the audio channel that allows output from the AUDIO OUT terminal.

CH1/2 → CH3/4 → MIX

❽ [AUDIO OUT LEV.] button

Use this button to switch the standard level of the playback or EE audio output (NORMAL or ATT). When it is set to ATT, the output level is reduced by 8dB.

❾ Buttons related to menu setting and variable speed playback

■ [MENU] button

When the unit enters the STOP mode and this button is pressed, a menu will be displayed on the monitor connected to the VIDEO LINE OUT or S-VIDEO OUT terminal. When the menu is displayed, press this button to return to the usual screen display.

■ [SEARCH+] / ▲ button

• During playback, STILL mode or variable speed playback in the forward direction, press this button to speed up playback.
• During reverse playback or variable speed playback in the reverse direction, press this button to slow down the playback speed. (☞ page 45)
• When the menu is displayed, use this button to select the menu items or setting values.

■ **[SEARCH–] / ▼ button**
  • During playback, STILL mode or variable speed playback in the forward direction, press this button to slow down the playback speed.
  • During reverse playback or variable speed playback in the reverse direction, press this button to speed up the playback speed. (☞ page 45)
  • When the menu is displayed, use this button to select the menu items or setting values.

■ **[◁] / ▶ button**
  • During reverse payback/ variable-speed playback, press this button to execute forward playback.
  • When the menu is displayed, use this button to display the selected menu items. During date/time or time code setup, press this button to move the cursor to the right.

■ **[▷] / ◀ button**
  • During forward playback/ variable-speed playback, press this button to execute reverse playback.
  • When the menu is displayed, press this button to display the previous menu. During date/time or time code setup, press this button to move the cursor to the left.

■ **SET button**
  During menu display, press this button to confirm the menu items or setting values.

❿ [A. DUB] button

Press this button to perform audio dubbing (after-recording). (☞ Page 39, "Audio dubbing")

⓫ [PAUSE] button

  ●During recording, audio dubbing or playback, press this button to pause recording or enter the STILL mode.
  If this button is pressed in the STOP mode, the STILL mode will be engaged.
  ●Press this button to resume recording from the PAUSE mode.

⓬ [REC] button

  ●Hold down this button and press the PLAY button to begin recording.
  ●During recording, press this button to record an index on the tape. (when the INDEX WRITE item of the SYSTEM menu is set to ON)
  ●When the unit enters the STOP mode, holding this button down will enable you to check the value of the time code generator.

⓭ [F. ADV] button

Each time this button is pressed in the STILL mode, the image is advanced one frame. When holding down this button, the image is advanced continuously frame by frame.

⓮ [F. REV] button

Each time this button is pressed in the STILL mode, the image is reversed one frame. When holding down this button, the image is reversed continuously frame by frame.

┌─ **Memo** ─────────────────
The image of frame advance playback or frame reverse playback can be selected with the STILL MODE item of the SYSTEM menu or the STILL MODE button on the wireless remote controller.
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⓯ [INDEX+] button

Press this button to perform an index search in the forward direction. (☞ Page 46)

⓰ [INDEX–] button

Press this button to perform an index search in the reverse direction. (☞ Page 46)

⓱ Operation buttons

  ■ **[PLAY] (▶) button**
    • Press this button to play back.

  ■ **[FF] (▶▶) button**
    • Press this button to fast-forward the tape when the unit is in the STOP mode.
    • Press this button to execute fast-forward playback in the PLAY or STILL mode.

  ■ **[REW] (◀◀) button**
    • Press this button to rewind the tape when the unit is in the STOP mode.
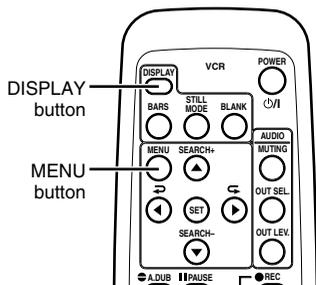   • Press this button to execute reverse playback in the PLAY or STILL mode.

  ■ **[STOP] (■) button**
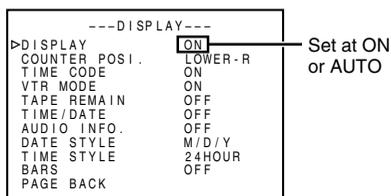   • Press this button to stop the tape.

ON-SCREEN DISPLAY – Regarding on-screen display –

Besides E-E images and playback images, the monitor connected to the VIDEO LINE OUT terminal and S-VIDEO OUT terminal provides the following on-screen information.

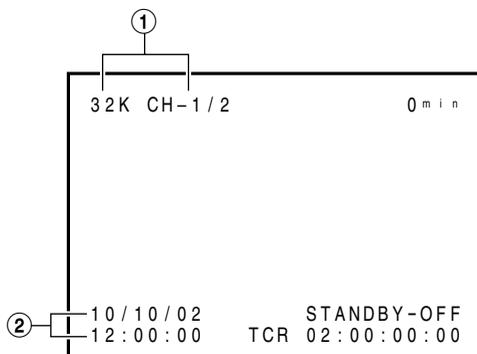**Wireless remote controller**

DISPLAY button

MENU button

DISPLAY menu

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    ---DISPLAY---
▷DISPLAY          ON
 COUNTER POSI.   LOWER-R
 TIME CODE        ON
 VTR MODE         ON
 TAPE REMAIN      OFF
 TIME/DATE        OFF
 AUDIO INFO.      OFF
 DATE STYLE       M/D/Y
 TIME STYLE       24HOUR
 BARS             OFF
 PAGE BACK
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Set at ON or AUTO

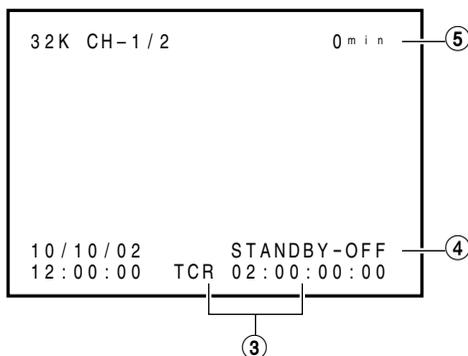| On-screen display	Contents	Method
Status display	It displays the setting status of date/time, time code and VTR operation mode.	**Main unit** Set the DISPLAY item of the DISPLAY menu as follows: ON : Always display. Depending on the items, Event and Alarm displays are shown for about 3 seconds. AUTO : It displays for about 4 seconds after switching between modes. OFF : No on-screen display.
Event display	It displays the operating status of the blank search, index recording/search, or the wireless remote control.	
Alarm display	It displays alarm messages upon operation errors or if the unit is in a poor state for operation.	**Remote controller** The display can be turned ON/OFF with the DISPLAY button. Each time the DISPLAY button is pressed, the display mode changes in the following sequence: ON (Always display) →AUTO → OFF. *The settings for the DISPLAY menu items will also change accordingly.
Warning display	It displays warning messages with error codes in the event of VTR anomalies. (☞ Page 62)	It is displayed automatically when anomalies happen.
Menu display	It displays the menu setting screen. (☞ Page 51)	**Main unit** If the EJECT and STOP buttons are pressed simultaneously while no cassette is loaded, the MENU screen will be displayed. **Remote controller** If the unit is in the STOP mode and the MENU button is pressed, the menu screen will be displayed.

ON-SCREEN DISPLAY — Status display –

■ **Status display:** It displays the current settings and operating status.

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No.	Item	Content
①	**Sampling frequency/audio output CH** **Memo** If the time code display position is set to the upper left, this item will be displayed on the lower right.	• Sampling frequency During recording, the setting value of the AUDIO MODE item of the AUDIO/VIDEO menu is displayed (32K or 48K). During playback, the sampling frequency of the sound recorded on the tape is displayed (32K, 48K, 44.1K). During DV signal input, the sampling frequency of the sound input is displayed. • A.LOCK Lights up when the video and audio sampling clocks (at 48kHz) are synchronized in the PLAY mode. Lights up in the RECORDING mode and EE mode. Does not light up when the sampling rate is 32kHz or 44.1 kHz. • Audio output channel During recording, the audio channel recorded on the tape is displayed. During playback, the audio channel output from the AUDIO OUT terminal is displayed (CH1/2, CH3/4, MIX). (only in 32K mode) • The AUDIO INFO. item of the DISPLAY menu can be set to activate/deactivate the display.
②	**Date/time** **Memo** If the display position of the time code is set to the lower left, this item will be displayed on the lower right.	• It displays the date (M/D/Y) and time (HR:MM:SS). • When the unit is in the RECORDING or STOP mode, it displays the data of the built-in clock. • During playback, fast forward or rewind, the data recorded on the tape is displayed. • During DV signal recording, the data from the DV terminal is displayed. If the REC button is pressed in the STOP mode, the input data from the DV terminal will be displayed. • The style for displaying the date and time can be selected from the DATE STYLE and TIME STYLE items of the DIS-PLAY menu. • The TIME/DATE setting of the DISPLAY menu can be set to turn on/off the date and time display or to select the style. • When the date/time is not set, "– –" will be displayed. If a tape with no date and time data is played, "– –" will be displayed.

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32K CH−1/2              0 min      ⑤

10/10/02          STANDBY-OFF       ④
12:00:00    TCR 02:00:00:00
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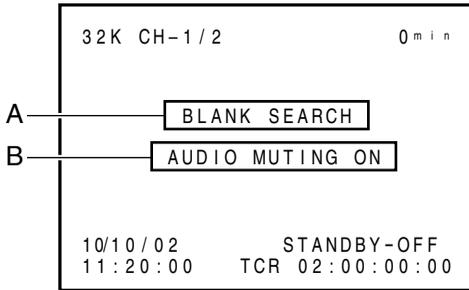| No.	Item	Content
③	**Time code**	• It displays the time codes (hour, minute, second and frame). During playback, the time codes recorded on the tape are displayed. TCR : time code reader data TCG : time code generator data DTCG : time code data input from a DV IN terminal • The symbols for the second and frame differ according to the framing modes. (NTSC only) **00 : 00 : 00 : 00** → dot (.) is used for a dropped frame. colon (:) is used for a non-dropped frame. • The time code display position can be set via the COUNTER POSI. item of the DISPLAY menu. • The TIME CODE item can be set to turn on/off the time code display. • The user's bit is not displayed.
④	**VTR operation mode**	It displays the VTR operation modes, including: PLAY, EJECT, FF, REW, STOP, STANDBY-OFF, STILL, REC, REC PAUSE, A. DUB, A. DUB PAUSE, SHTL (shuttle search), JOG (F.ADV, R.ADV), BLANK SRH (blank search), NO CAS-SETTE (cassette not loaded), POWER OFF. When SHTL or JOG is displayed, the speed will also be displayed at the same time. • The VTR MODE item of the DISPLAY menu can be set to turn on/off the VTR operation mode display.
⑤	**Remaining tape** **Memo** If the display position of the time code is set to the upper right, this item will be displayed on the lower right.	It displays the remaining tape duration (minutes). • The TAPE REMAIN item in the DISPLAY menu can be set to turn on/off the remaining tape duration display. • Please use the remaining tape time as a gauge.

ON-SCREEN DISPLAY

– Event display –

■ **Event display** : When a specific function is in activation or when the operation status is changed with the remote controller, etc, the events will be displayed at the positions shown below.
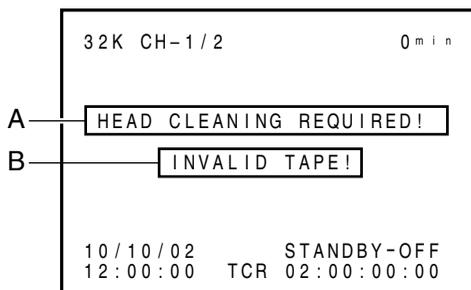
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32K CH−1/2                    0min

A ──────── BLANK  SEARCH

B ──────── AUDIO MUTING ON



10/10/02              STANDBY−OFF
11:20:00        TCR 02:00:00:00
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■ **Display at position A**
  ...Operation in progress

Display	Contents
BLANK SEARCH	Blank search in progress.
INDEX + 1	Index search in progress. The number indicates the index search position.
INDEX MARK	When an index is written on the tape during recording.

■ **Display at position B**
  ...Display for about 3 seconds

Display	Contents
AUDIO MUTING ON	Audio is muted with the remote controller.
AUDIO MUTING OFF	Audio is de-muted with the remote controller.
AUDIO OUT LEVEL NORM	The standard level of the playback or EE audio level is set to NORMAL or ATT with the remote controller.
AUDIO OUT LEVEL ATT	
AUDIO OUT CH-1/2	The playback audio channel is set to CH1/2, CH3/4 or MIX with the remote controller.
AUDIO OUT CH-3/4	
AUDIO OUT MIX	
DISPLAY ON	The on-screen display is turned on with the remote controller.
DISPLAY AUTO	The on-screen display is set to AUTO with the remote controller. In the AUTO mode, the on-screen display is shown for about 4 seconds between mode switches.
DISPLAY OFF	The on-screen display is set to OFF with the remote controller.
FIELD STEP	Field by field advance playback is selected with the remote controller.
1ST FIELD STILL	When still or frame advance playback is selected with the remote controller, the type of still image is displayed. • 1st FIELD STILL • 2nd FIELD STILL • FRAME STILL
2ND FIELD STILL	
FRAME STILL	

ON-SCREEN DISPLAY   – Alarm display –

■ **Alarm display** : Alarm messages are displayed as shown below, when an operation error
has occurred or when the unit is in a poor condition for operation. E.g.,
dirty head.

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32K CH-1/2                0 min


A ──  HEAD CLEANING REQUIRED!
B ──        INVALID TAPE!



10/10/02          STANDBY-OFF
12:00:00   TCR 02:00:00:00
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■ **Display at position A** : Displays which show the state of the unit continues to be displayed
here until the conditions are rectified.

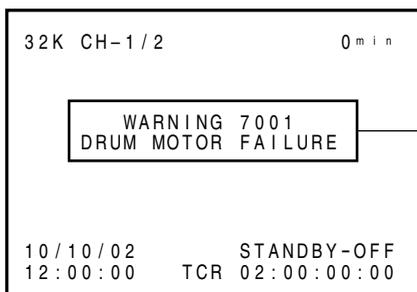| Display	Contents
LOW VOLTAGE	The voltage of the DC input power is low. Continued operation will bring the unit to the POWER OFF mode. Displayed irrespective of the DISPLAY mode setting.
HEAD CLEANING REQUIRED!	The video head is dirty. Please clean it with the dedicated head-cleaning tape. (☞ Page 8) If the head is clogged, it will be detected in the PLAYBACK mode and displayed. When the unit enters the STOP mode or the cassette is ejected, the display goes off. Displayed irrespective of the DISPLAY mode setting.
NO DV SIGNAL	Despite DV connection, signals are not received. Displayed when DISPLAY mode is set to ON/AUTO.

■ **Display at position B** : Messages indicating operation errors are displayed for about 3 sec-
onds.
They are displayed when the DISPLAY mode is ON or AUTO.

Display	Contents
INVALID TAPE!	Data tapes for PC use or DVC PRO tapes has been inserted. The cassette will be ejected.
LP TAPE!	The user attempts to play back a tape recorded in the LP mode. This unit cannot record or play in the LP mode.
DV NOT CONNECT	DV connection is not done.

Display	Contents
COPY INHIBIT	The user attempts to record signals protected with the copy guard.
REC INHIBIT	The user attempts to record on a write protected cassette tape. (The rear slide is pushed to "SAVE".)
A. DUB INHIBIT (REC TAB)	The user attempts to perform audio dubbing on a write protected cassette tape. (The rear slide is pushed to "SAVE".)
A. DUB INHIBIT (48K)	This message is displayed when audio dubbing is attempted under the following conditions: • The AUDIO MODE item of the AUDIO/VIDEO menu is set to 48K. • The tape is recorded with a sample frequency of 48kHz.
A. DUB INHIBIT (LP)	The user attempts to perform audio dubbing on a tape recorded in the LP mode.
A. DUB INHIBIT (BLANK)	The user attempts to perform audio dubbing on a blank tape.
A. DUB INHIBIT (DV)	The user attempts to perform audio dubbing during DV signal input. (The INPUT switch is set to "DV")
A. DUB INHIBIT (NTSC/PAL)	This message is displayed when the signal system is changed during audio dubbing (NTSC or PAL).
A. DUB INHIBIT (DVCAM)	The user attempts to perform audio dubbing on a DVCAM format tape.

■ **Warning display** : When anomalies occur in the VTR, warning messages with error codes will be displayed.

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32K  CH-1/2              0 min



        WARNING  7001
   DRUM  MOTOR  FAILURE




10/10/02          STANDBY-OFF
12:00:00     TCR  02:00:00:00
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Warning display
For details, please
refer to page 62,
"Warning Display".

PREPARATION   – Provided wireless remote controller –
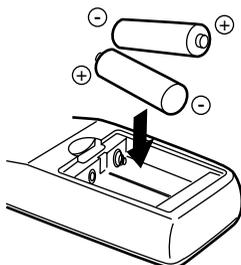
Loading the batteries

Before using the wireless remote controller, please load 2 batteries (AA) in.
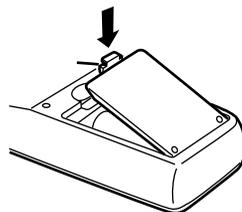
❶ Lift up the cover of the battery compartment.

Battery compartment cover
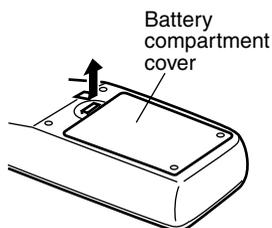
❷ Load in 2 batteries (AA).

• Please insert the ⊖ pole in first.

❸ Close the cover.

Memo

Guide on battery replacement.

When the operable distance of the remote controller is decreased, the batteries have become exhausted. Please replace them. Guide for replacement: Approx 3 months based on average usage of 1000 times a day.

When replacing the batteries
• Please use AA batteries.
• Please use 2 new batteries.
  (Do not mix new and old batteries.)
• Please load the batteries correctly according to the ⊕ and ⊖ signs.
• Please read the precautions printed on the batteries.


Precautions on the use of battery

• The provided batteries are for confirmation of operation.
• If the remote controller is not to be used for a long period of time, please remove the batteries from the compartment.
• If the remote controller does not work as expected, please remove the batteries and reload them after 5 minutes.

Note

If fluid leaks from the battery, please wipe the battery compartment thoroughly.
If the fluid comes into contact with your body, please rinse the affected parts with water thoroughly.

Using the wireless remote controller

Before using the wireless remote controller, please set the REMOTE switch to "WIRELESS".
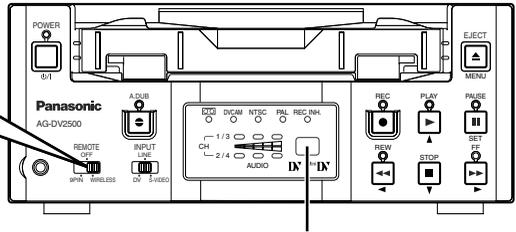
Sensor for the wireless remote controller

### Caution on using the wireless remote controller

When more than 2 VTRs are being individually operated in the same place, please ensure that the front panel REMOTE switches of all VTRs except the one to be manipulated, are NOT set at "WIRELESS".

■ Operable scope of the wireless remote controller

Sensor for the wireless remote controller
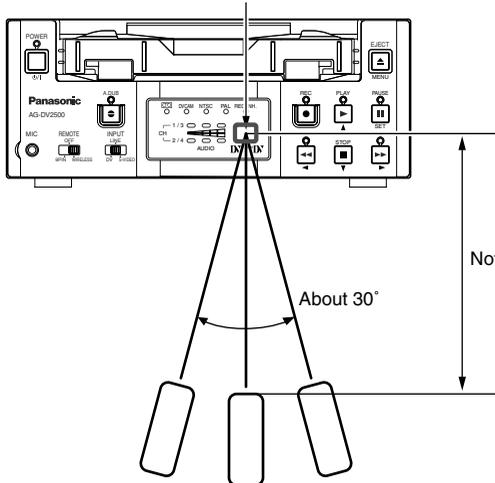
Maximum distance to the sensor of the unit : 6m
Angle : within 30˚

Not further than 6m
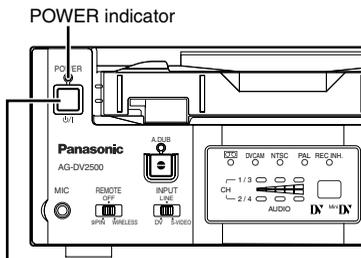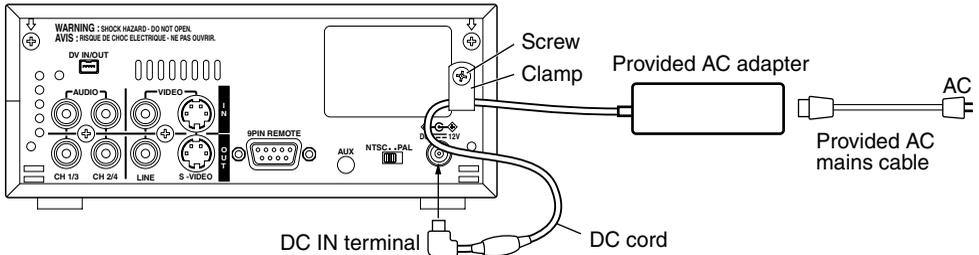
About 30˚

About 30˚
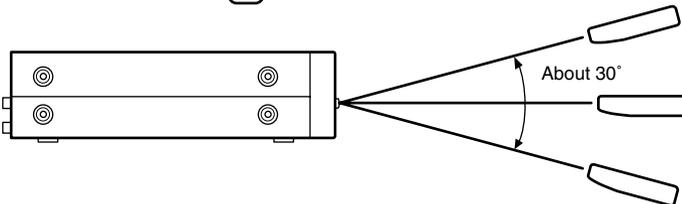
Notes

• The remote controller will hardly work if there are obstructive objects between the remote control sensor of the main unit and the remote controller.
• The remote controller will hardly work when sunlight or strong light shines directly on the remote control sensor of the main unit.
• Do not press the buttons on the main unit and the remote controller simultaneously for this may cause malfunction.

Connecting to the AC adapter

Connect the provided AC adapter to the main unit.

Screw
Clamp
Provided AC adapter
AC
Provided AC mains cable
DC IN terminal
DC cord

POWER indicator

POWER button

Memo

- Even in the POWER OFF mode, a small amount of electricity will still flow into the unit.
- When the unit is in the POWER OFF mode, no operation can be performed except that of the POWER buttons (on the main unit and the remote controller) and cassette loading/ejecting.
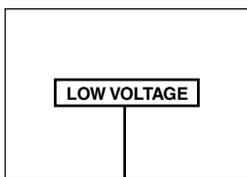
1. **Connect the DC cord of the AC adapter to the DC IN terminal of the main unit.**

2. **To prevent accidental disconnection of the DC cord, fasten the DC cord with a clamp.**
①Remove 1 screw followed by the clamp.
②Insert the DC cord into the clamp and fasten the clamp unto the main unit.

3. **Connect the provided mains cable to the AC IN terminal of the AC adapter.**

4. **Connect the power plug to an AC 120 V, 50 Hz/60 Hz socket.**
- Power is channeled into the unit and the POWER indicator lights up red.
  (POWER OFF mode)
- If the DC IN MODE item of the SYSTEM menu is set to "POWER ON" or "PLAY", the POWER indicator will light up green.
  (POWER ON mode)
  If it is set to PLAY, the VTR will automatically start to play the loaded tape.

Notes

LOW VOLTAGE

Alarm message

- Please supply power to the unit via the provided AC adapter. Do not use other power sources.
- During recording or playback, please do not unplug the DC or mains cable.
- When the supply voltage is low, the "LOW VOLTAGE" alarm message will be displayed. (☞ Page 62)

Switching on the power

POWER indicator
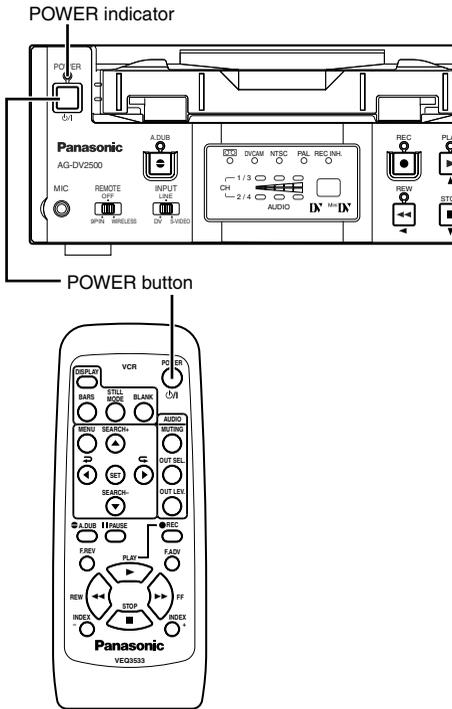
POWER button

■ **When the unit is in the POWER OFF mode (the POWER indicator lights up red), press the POWER button on the unit or the remote controller.**

• The power is turned on and the POWER indicator lights up green. The unit is now ready for operation. (POWER ON mode)

Memo

• Once a cassette has been loaded in the POWER OFF mode, power will be turned on and the POWER ON mode will be engaged.
• The remote controller is only effective when the REMOTE switch is set to "WIRELESS".

Note

• After pressing the POWER button and turning on the power, if the LED blinks in green or the "UNPLUG MAIN POWER, PLUG BACK IN AFTER A WHILE" is displayed on the monitor, please unplug the mains cable from the outlet and then wait for some time before plugging it in again.

Turning off the power

■ **Stop all operational activities of the unit.**

1. **Press the POWER button on the unit or the remote controller.**

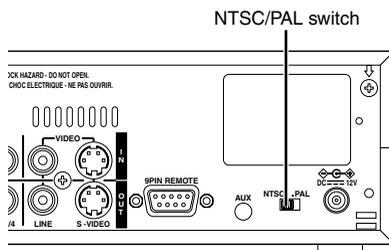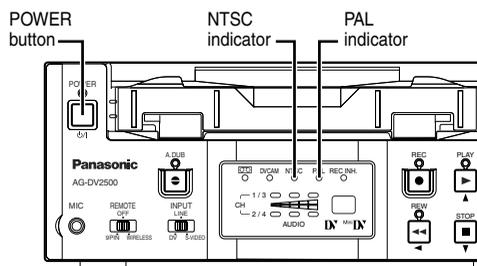• The unit will enter the POWER OFF mode and the POWER indicator will light up red.

2. **If the unit is not to be used for a long period of time, please unplug the AC adapter.**

• To disconnect the AC adapter, please unplug the mains cable from the socket first.

PREPARATION   – Selecting the NTSC/PAL signal system –

This unit supports both the NTSC and PAL signal system.
Before inputting analog signals (composite or YC separate video signals), please select the signal system.

POWER button

NTSC indicator

PAL indicator

NTSC/PAL switch

Steps

1. **Set the unit to the POWER OFF mode.**

2. **Please select the signal system with the NTSC/PAL switch on the rear panel.**

3. **Press the POWER button to engage the POWER ON mode. Either the NTSC or PAL indicator on the front will then light up, according to the NTSC/PAL switch setting.**

Memo

- In the playback mode, the signal system of the tape is automatically identified, regardless of the NTSC/PAL switch setting.
- During DV signal input, the signal system of the input signal is automatically identified, regardless of the NTSC/PAL switch setting.
- This unit is equipped with a function to automatically detect the signal system of the cassette being played back or the signal being received at the DV input connector. However, this function may not operate correctly in some instances.
  To ensure the correct system selection, it is recommended that you match the rear panel's NTSC/PAL switch to the signal system of the input signal or playback tape.
- When the unit enters the STOP mode, the NTSC/PAL switch setting will be engaged.
- If a tape recorded in both NTSC & PAL signal systems is played, the video, audio or time code may be distorted at the position where the signal system is switched.
- When the signal system of the tape and the NTSC/PAL setting differ, video and sound output will be upset for about 5 seconds after playback starts or stops.
- NTSC/PAL signal system conversion is not possible.
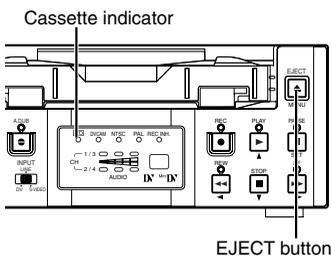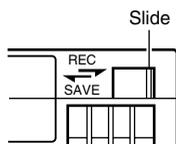
PREPARATION – Loading/ejecting cassettes –

Please use standard DV cassettes or mini DV cassettes.

Standard DV cassettes

Guide

Mini DV cassettes

Slide

Cassette indicator

EJECT button
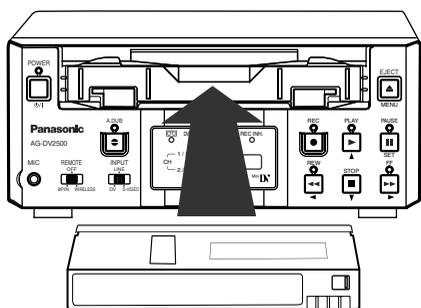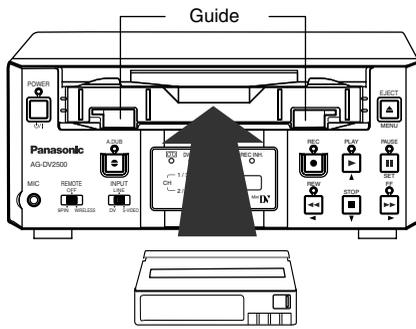
Loading the cassette

1. **Check the cassette.**
- Set the rear slide.
  Push it to "REC" for recording or "SAVE" to prevent lighted contents from being erased accidentally.
- Check that the tape is not slackened.

2. **Check that the cassette indicator on the unit is unlit.**
When a cassette is loaded, the cassette indicator will lit up.

3. **Load the cassette.**
- For the standard DV cassette, just align it with the cassette slot and insert.
- For the mini DV cassette, load it in between the left and right guides.
  Set the tape, window face up, and push the cassette in slowly until it is drawn in automatically.
  → While the cassette is being loaded, the cassette indicator blinks. The indicator lights up when cassette loading is complete.

Ejecting the cassette

1. **Press the EJECT button on the unit.**
→ Ejection begins. During ejection, the cassette indicator blinks.

2. **Eject the cassette.**

Memo
- The cassette can be loaded/ejected even when the unit is in the POWER OFF mode.
- The loading/ejection process takes about 6 seconds.
- Ejection cannot be done with the wireless remote controller.

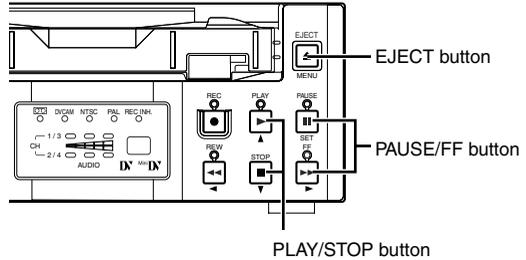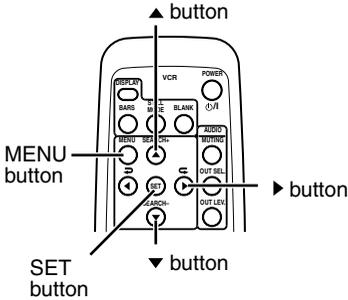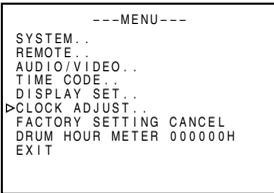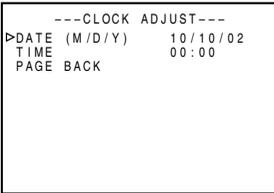# PREPARATION   – Setting/displaying date and time –

This function sets up the date and time data of the built-in clock. With the built-in chargeable battery, the configured date and time data is maintained even after the main power is turned off. The data will be displayed on the monitor according to the menu setting. During tape recording, the time and date data is registered.

▲ button

MENU button

SET button

▶ button

▼ button

EJECT button

PAUSE/FF button

PLAY/STOP button

Setting the date and time

Top MENU

```
      ---MENU---
 SYSTEM..
 REMOTE..
 AUDIO/VIDEO..
 TIME CODE..
 DISPLAY SET..
▷CLOCK ADJUST..
 FACTORY SETTING CANCEL
 DRUM HOUR METER 000000H
 EXIT
```

CLOCK ADJUST menu

```
    ---CLOCK ADJUST---
▷DATE (M/D/Y)    10/10/02
 TIME            00:00
 PAGE BACK
```

The date and time data is set up via the CLOCK ADJUST menu. Setting can be performed while viewing the monitor screen connected to the VIDEO LINE OUT or S-VIDEO OUT terminal.

• The date and time can be set up using either the remote controller or the unit.

■ **Press the POWER button on the unit or the remote controller to turn on the power and enter the STOP mode.**

* When setting it using the main unit, eject the loaded cassette, if any.

1. Displaying the top MENU.

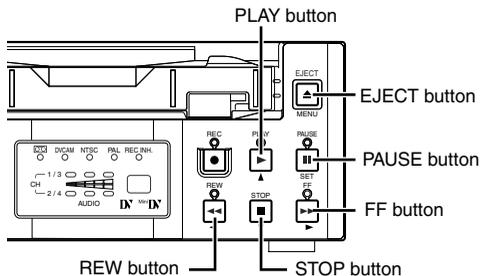| Remote controller	Main unit
Press the MENU button.	Press the EJECT and STOP buttons simultaneously while no cassette is loaded.

2. Displaying the CLOCK ADJUST menu.

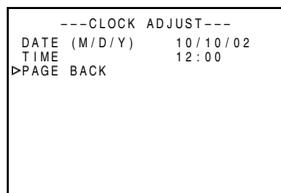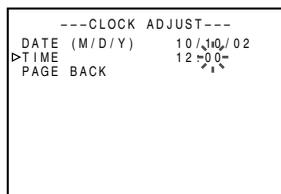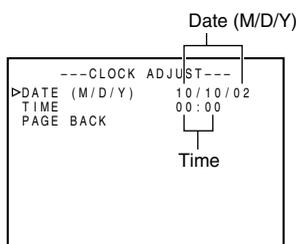| Remote controller	Main unit
①Press the ▲ or ▼ button and bring the cursor to the CLOCK ADJUST item. ②Press the SET or ▶ button.	①Press the PLAY or STOP button and bring the cursor to the CLOCK ADJUST item. ②Press the PAUSE or FF button.

▲ button

MENU button

SET button

◀ button

▶ button

▼ button

PLAY button

EJECT button

PAUSE button

FF button

REW button

STOP button
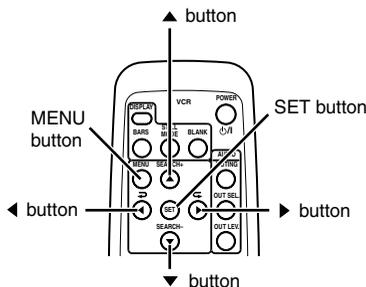
3. **Set the date or time on the CLOCK ADJUST menu.**

Date (M/D/Y)

```
   ---CLOCK ADJUST---
▷DATE (M/D/Y)   10/10/02
 TIME          00:00
 PAGE BACK
```

Time

Remote controller	**Main unit**
① Press the ▲ or ▼ button and bring the cursor to the date or time setting. Then press the ▶ or SET button.	① Press the PLAY or STOP button and bring the cursor to the DATE or TIME setting. Then press the FF or PAUSE button.
② Press the ▶ or ◀ button and select the data segment to set up. • The selected data segment blinks.	② Press the FF or REW button and select the data segment to be set up. • The selected value blinks.
③ Press the ▲ or ▼ to set the value.	③ Press the PLAY or STOP button to set the value.
④ Repeat step ① – ③. After completing the necessary settings, press the SET button.	④ Repeat step ① – ③. After completing the necessary settings, press the PAUSE button.

```
   ---CLOCK ADJUST---
 DATE (M/D/Y)   10/10/02
▷TIME          12:00
 PAGE BACK
```

Memo

The 'seconds' segment cannot be set up. After the 'minute' segment is set up, please press the SET button (remote controller) or the PAUSE button (main unit) in synchronization with a time signal (clock).

4. **To return to the top MENU after completing all settings, do the following:**

```
   ---CLOCK ADJUST---
 DATE (M/D/Y)   10/10/02
 TIME          12:00
▷PAGE BACK
```

Remote controller	**Main unit**
• Press the ◀ button.	• Press the REW button.
Or	Or
• Press the ▲ or ▼ button to bring the cursor to PAGE BACK and then press the SET button.	• Press the PLAY or STOP button to bring the cursor to PAGE BACK and then press the PAUSE button.

5. **To return to the usual menu, do the following:**

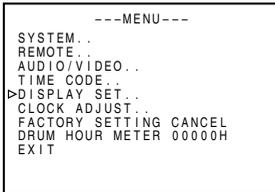| **Remote controller**	**Main unit**
• Press the MENU button.	• Press the EJECT button.
Or	Or
• Bring the cursor to the EXIT item of the top MENU and press the SET button.	• Bring the cursor to the EXIT item of the top MENU and press the PAUSE button.

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PREPARATION – Setting/displaying date and time – (continued)
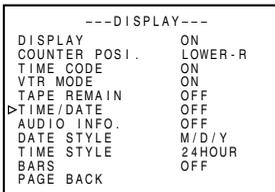
Selecting date/time display

The date and time information is displayed on the monitor screen connected to the VIDEO LINE OUT or the S-VIDEO terminal. To set whether to display the date and time information and the display style, use the DISPLAY menu screen.
(For details on setup method: ☞ Page 52)

Top MENU

```
      ---MENU---
 SYSTEM..
 REMOTE..
 AUDIO/VIDEO..
 TIME CODE..
▷DISPLAY SET..
 CLOCK ADJUST..
 FACTORY SETTING CANCEL
 DRUM HOUR METER 00000H
 EXIT
```

DISPLAY menu

```
      ---DISPLAY---
 DISPLAY          ON
 COUNTER POSI.    LOWER-R
 TIME CODE        ON
 VTR MODE         ON
 TAPE REMAIN      OFF
▷TIME/DATE        OFF
 AUDIO INFO.      OFF
 DATE STYLE       M/D/Y
 TIME STYLE       24HOUR
 BARS             OFF
 PAGE BACK
```

Setting

1. Select DISPLAY SET item from the top MENU and display the DISPLAY menu.

2. Set the TIME/DATE setting on the DISPLAY menu.

■ **TIME DATE**
OFF : Does not display date or time.
TIME : Displays time only.
DATE : Displays date only.
DATE + TM : Displays both the time and date.

3. Set the DATE STYLE and TIME STYLE items of the DISPLAY menu.

■ **DATE STYLE... Set the order of the date display.**
Y/M/D: Year / month / day
M/D/Y: Month / day / year
D/M/Y: Day / month / year

■ **TIME STYLE...Select the style of time display.**
24H: 24-hour time mode
12H: 12-hour time mode

Enabling on-screen display:

DISPLAY button

On screen display

```
32K CH-1/2              0min




10/10/02        STANDBY-OFF
12:00:00    TCR 02:00:00:00
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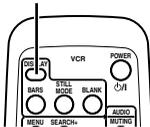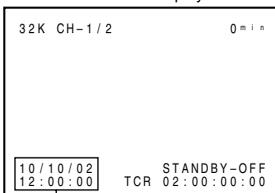
Date/time display

Remote controller	Main unit
• Press the DISPLAY button.	• Set the DISPLAY item of the DISPLAY menu to ON or AUTO.

Memo
• RECORDING or STOP mode : Data in the built-in clock is displayed.
• During Playback : The date/time recorded on the tape is displayed.
• During DV signal recording : The date/time data from the DV terminal is displayed.

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RECORDING   – Connection and setting –

This chapter explains the connection, setting and operation methods required to use this unit as a recorder.
This unit cannot be used as an editing system recorder.

Connection

■ When connected to a video device equipped with a DV terminal

Images can be recorded with almost no deterioration of image quality.
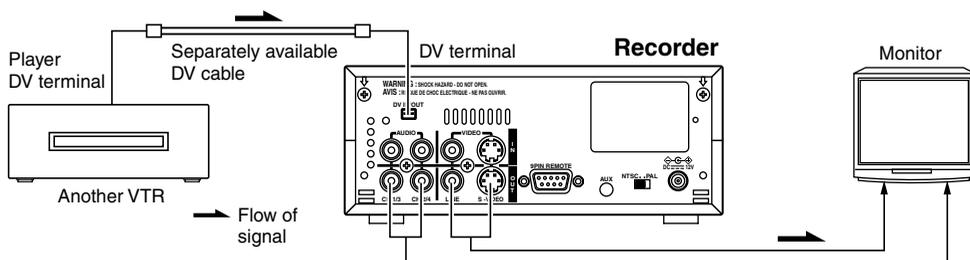
Memo

- When signals are input from the DV terminal, the sound recording mode of the recorder is the same as that of the player.
- The Date and time data from the DV terminal will be recorded.
- To record the time code data from the DV terminal, set the DV TC DUP. item of the TIME CODE menu to ON. (☞ Page 58)

■ This unit is connected to a video device with no DV terminal (analog input) :
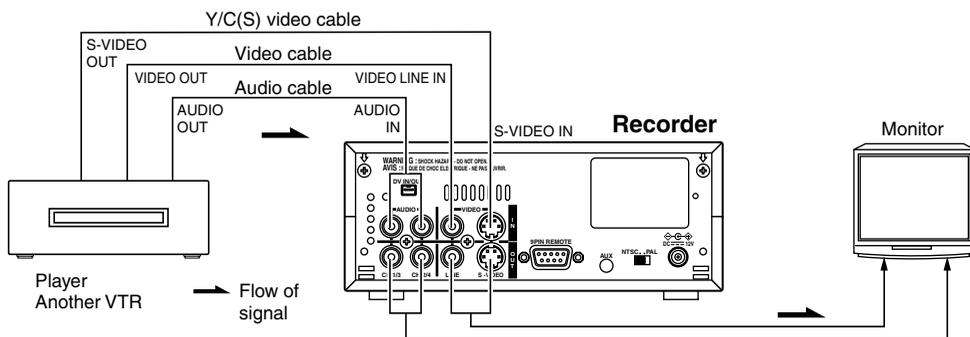
Memo

- When search pictures or low-quality video signals are input, video and sound output may be temporarily distorted. Please input stable signals via a TBC, etc.
- For analog input, use either Y/C(S) video cable or video cable. Set the front [INPUT] input video signal selection switch according to the chosen cable.

Setting

NTSC indicator   PAL indicator

Rear panel

INPUT switch

NTSC/PAL switch

Memo

- For DV signal input, the signal system (NTSC/PAL) is identified automatically.
- For DV signal input, the AUDIO MODE item cannot be set. It will be the same mode as that of the input signal. (48K/44.1K/32K)

AUDIO/VIDEO menu

```
---AUDIO VIDEO---
▷AUDIO MODE        48K
 A OUT AT SEARCH   ON
 AUDIO OUT SEL     CH-1/2
 AUDIO OUT LEV     NORM
 SET UP(NTSC)      OFF
 PAGE BACK
```

SYSTEM menu

```
---SYSTEM---
 STILL MODE         FIELD
 SERIES REC TIME    OFF
▷STILL TIMER        5MIN
 PAUSE PROTECT      F.ADV
 INDEX WRITE        ON
 DC IN MODE         POWER OFF
 PAGE BACK
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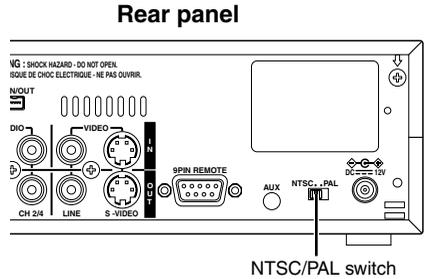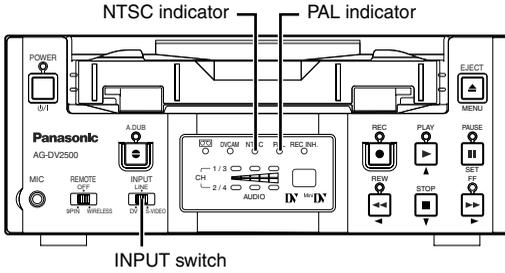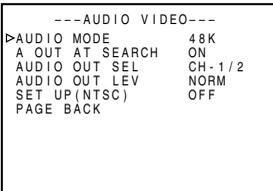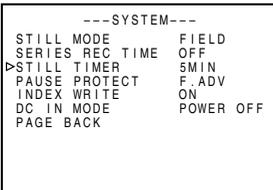
■ Setting the signal system (NTSC/PAL)

The signal system for analog input is set with the NTSC/PAL switch located at the rear panel. Either the NTSC or the PAL indicator on the front lights up, depending on the setting.

* Before setting the NTSC/PAL switch, please set the unit to the POWER OFF mode.

■ Selecting the video input signal

Please use the INPUT switch on the front panel.

S-VIDEO : Input Y/C separate video signals.
LINE   : Input composite video signals.
DV   : Input DV signals.

■ Setting the AUDIO/VIDEO menu (☞ Page 57)

• AUDIO MODE

Use this menu item to set the audio sampling frequency for recording.

32K : Perform recording with an audio sampling frequency of 32kHz. Use this setting when performing audio dubbing on CH3 and CH4.
48K : Perform recording with an audio sampling frequency of 48kHz. Audio dubbing is not available.

• SET UP (NTSC only)

During recording   : Selects whether to use setup on the input composite and Y/C separate signals.
During playback   : Selects whether to apply setup to the composite and Y/C signals.

* A high level of knowledge pertaining to video signals is necessary to set this menu.
Generally, SETUP OFF is used.(☞page 57)

■ Setting the SYSTEM menu (☞ Page 55)

• INDEX WRITE

This setting turns on/off automatic recording of index signals when recording begins.

■ Setting the time code recording during DV signal input

Set the DV TC DUP. item of the TIME CODE menu to determine whether to use the time code from the built in time code generator or the data from the DV terminal. (☞ Page 58)

Top MENU

```
        ---MENU---
 SYSTEM..
 REMOTE..
 AUDIO/VIDEO..
▷TIME CODE..
 DISPLAY SET..
 CLOCK ADJUST..
 FACTORY SETTING CANCEL
 DRUM HOUR METER 000000H
 EXIT
```
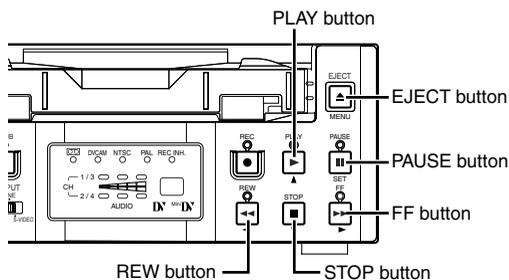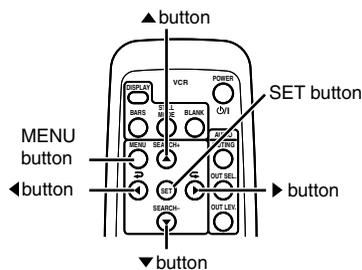
TIME CODE menu

```
 Time Code        Hour  Second
                 Minute      Frame

        ---TIME CODE---
▷TC              00:00:00:00
 CLEAR           CANCEL

 NDF/DF(NTSC)    DROP
 DV TC DUP.      OFF
 TC OUT OFFSET   OFF
 PAGE BACK
```

Framing mode
(NTSC only)

■ Resetting the time code to zero:

①Select the CLEAR menu item.

②Set the value to EXECUTE and press the SET button (remote controller) or the PAUSE button (Main unit).

Memo

Framing mode (NTSC only)
DROP

    :Time codes that match the actual time.

NON DROP

    :Use this setting if the number of frames is important.

1. Display the top MENU.

Remote controller	Main unit
Press the MENU button.	Press the EJECT and STOP buttons simultaneously while no cassette is loaded.

2. Display the TIME CODE menu.

Remote controller	Main unit
Select the TIME CODE item with the ▲/▼ button and press the SET or ▶ button.	Select the TIME CODE item with the PLAY/STOP button and press the PAUSE or FF button.

3. Preset the time code (hour, minute, second and frame).

Remote controller	Main unit
①Select the TC item with the ▲/▼ button and press the SET or ▶ button. → The hour digits blink. ②Press the ▶/◀ button to shift to the next digit segment. ③Press the ▲/▼ button to change the value of the blinking digits. ④Repeat steps ② and ③ above and set all the values. Press the SET button.	①Select the TIME CODE item with the PLAY/STOP button and press the PAUSE or FF button. ②Press the FF or REW button to shift to the next digit segment. ③Press the PLAY/STOP button to change the value of the blinking digits. ④Repeat ② and ③ steps above and set all the values. Press the PAUSE button.

4. Set the framing mode (NON DROP / DROP) ... (NTSC only)

Remote controller	Main unit
①Select the NDF/DF item with the ▲/▼ button and press the SET or ▶ button. ②Press the ▲/▼ button to select the value. ③Press the SET button to confirm the setting value.	①Select the NDF/DF item with the PLAY/STOP button and press the SET or FF button. ②Press the PLAY/STOP button to select the value. ③Press the PAUSE button to confirm the setting.

5. Return to the usual screen.

Remote controller	Main unit
Press the MENU button.	Press the EJECT button.

Recording time codes of a DV input terminal:

• Set the DV TC DUP. item of the TIME CODE menu to ON.

• When the DV TC DUP. item is set to ON, the time code and user-bits form the DV terminal are recorded.

Memo

If the REC button is held down in the STOP mode when the DV TC DUP. item is set to ON, the EE signals of the time codes from the DV input terminal can be checked.

– Recording method –

| Remote controller | | Main unit |

REC button   PLAY button

PAUSE button   REC button

PLAY button
STOP button

PAUSE button

STOP button
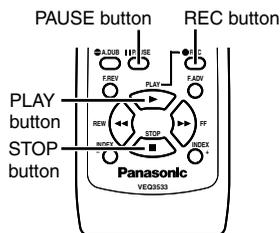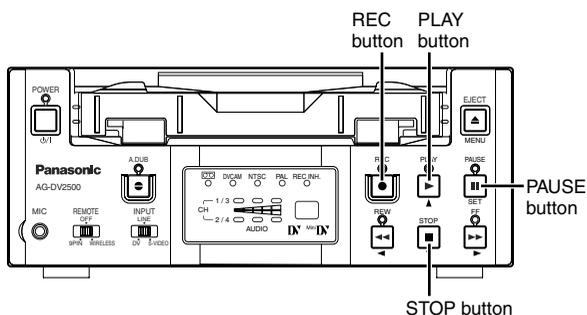
Memo
- If recording has been paused for an extended period of time, the unit will automatically go into the STOP mode to protect the tape.
- This unit cannot perform editing functions.

1. Load the cassette.
- Before loading the cassette, please check that the rear slide of the cassette is pushed to REC.
  → The Main unit is powered on.

2. Start recording.
- Hold down the REC button and press the PLAY button.

3. Pause recording.
- Press the PAUSE button.

4. Resume recording.
- Press the PAUSE button or press the PLAY button while holding down the REC button.

5. Stop recording.
- Press the STOP button.

Recording index signals

When the INDEX WRITE item of the SYSTEM menu is set as ON, an index signal is recorded at the starting position of recording.
In the PLAYBACK mode, the position where the index signal is recorded can be detected. (Index search)

■ **During recording, please press the REC button to record the index signal.**

  * Please allow at least an interval of 1 minute between recording of index signals.

  Recording of index signals after tape recording is not possible.

Memo

Audio recording level
PCM audio recording level of DV-format VTRs can be divided into 2 main groups:
1) The group that uses full scale -20dB as the standard level, to which this unit belongs.
2) The group that uses full scale -12dB as the standard level.
When a tape recorded with this unit is played on a VTR based on full scale -12dB, the volume is decreased by about 8dB. This is not a malfunction.

RECORDING   – Series recording function –

By linking this unit to other DV devices, this unit can perform continuous, long-hour recording.
This unit can be set as a backup unit connected to a DV camcorder. When the recording tape
of the source unit ends, this unit can start recording. This enables long-hour recording.

Backup unit: the main unit

DV Camcorder

DV cable

DV terminal   DV terminal
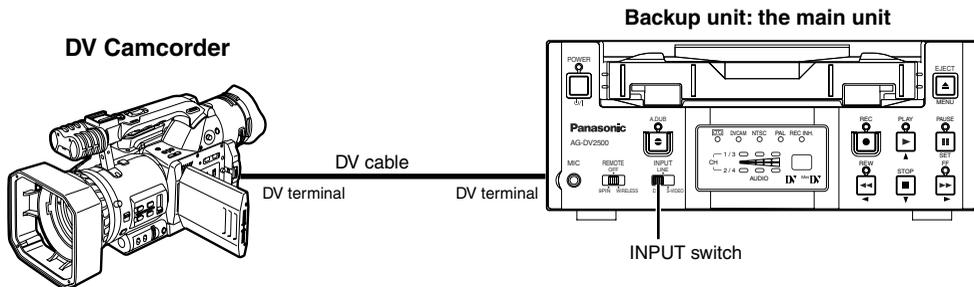
INPUT switch

Connection

Connect the DV terminal of the source unit to the
DV terminal of this unit with a DV cable.

Setting up this unit

■ **Set the INPUT switch on the front panel
to "DV".**

■ **Set the SERIES REC TIME item of the
SYSTEM menu.**

Use the following settings according to the length
of the tape of the source unit.
* For DV or mini DV cassettes:

25MIN	: 30-minute tape
55MIN	: 60-minute tape
75MIN	: 80-minute tape
115MIN	: 120-minute tape
175MIN	: 180-minute tape
265MIN	: 270-minute tape
OFF	: No series recording

■ **Set the DV TC DUP. item of the TIME
CODE menu to "OFF".**
  • It records the data of the built-in time code gen-
    erator or the built-in clock.
  • If the time code of the DV camcorder stops
    advancing with the DV TC DUP. menu item set
    to "ON", the time code of this unit, while per-
    forming series recording, also stops advanc-
    ing.

Operation

1. **Recording begins on the source unit.**
  * Please record from the beginning of the re-
    cording tape.
  * After inserting the tape, wait 10 seconds be-
    fore starting to record.

2. **This unit begins recording when the
tape of the source unit is near the end
(about 5 minutes before the end of the
tape).**
  • This unit begins recording when the record-
    ing time of the source unit reaches the time
    configured by the SERIES REC TIME set-
    ting.

┌─ **Memo** ─────────────────────────
│ • Series recording records the video and sound
│   from the source unit to the main unit.
│   While this unit is performing series record-
│   ing, please continue shooting from the source
│   unit.
│
│ • The audio mode is the mode configured in
│   the source unit. (32K/48K)
│
│ • Please set the SERIES REC TIME item to
│   "OFF" if the unit is not performing series re-
│   cording.
│
│ • Certain DV camcorders do not support DV
│   format's Absolute Track Number. In this case,
│   the series recording function does not work.
│
│ • For AG-DVX100, depending on the menu set-
│   ting, series recording is possible even if the
│   SERIES REC TIME item of this unit is set to
│   OFF.
└─────────────────────────────────────

RECORDING – Audio dubbing –

For tapes recorded in the 32kHz audio mode, audio dubbing can be performed on the CH3 and CH4 channel after the recording. (After-recording)

Notes
- For tapes recorded in the 48kHz audio mode, audio dubbing cannot be performed.
- Audio dubbing cannot be performed for DV input signals.

A.DUB button   PAUSE button

PLAY button

STOP button

A.DUB button   PLAY button

PAUSE button

MIC terminal   INPUT switch   STOP button

RECORDING
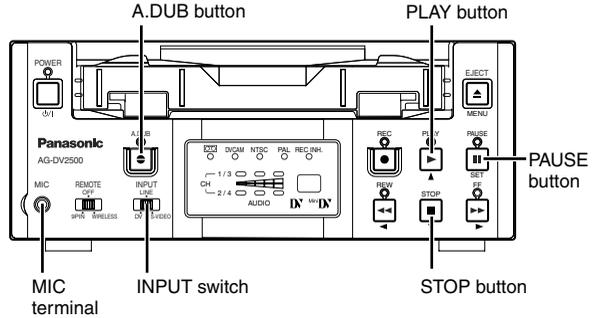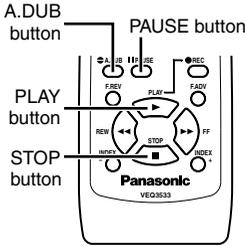
Connection

Audio dubbing sounds are input from the AUDIO IN terminal on the rear panel or the MIC terminal on the front panel. MIC terminal prevail over the AUDIO IN terminal.

Setting

- Set the AUDIO item of the AUDIO/VIDEO menu to "32K".
- Do not set the INPUT switch on the front panel to "DV".

Operation

1. **Press the PLAY button to play the tape.**

2. **At the position where you want to audio dub, press the PAUSE button.**
→ The unit goes into the STILL mode.

3. **Hold down the A.DUB button and press the PAUSE button.**
→ The unit goes into the audio dubbing pause mode.

4. **Press the PAUSE button.**
→ Audio dubbing begins. Audio signals are recorded on the CH3 and CH4 channel.

■ **To stop audio dubbing temporarily, press the PAUSE button.**

5. **To end audio dubbing, press the STOP button.**

Memo

- During audio dubbing, if the tape comes to a part recorded in a non dubbing-feasible mode (such as LP mode or 48kHz audio mode), the VTR will enter the STOP mode. When this happens, high-volume noise from the DV output will occur. Hence, before audio-dubbing, please check the recording mode of the tape.

- In the case that a microphone is connected to the MIC terminal, sound output from this terminal will be recorded. In the absence of MIC input, signals from the CH1/3, CH2/4 AUDIO IN terminal on the rear panel will be recorded.

- When audio dubbing cannot be performed, an alarm message will be displayed on the monitor. (☞ Page 23)

- Audio dubbing PAUSE cannot be executed directly in the STOP mode. Please execute it in the STILL mode.

 During audio dubbing pause, sound from the CH3/CH4 channel is output via the monitor but sound output from the DV terminal is not possible.

- If audio dubbing is repeated on a short section of the tape, noise may occur for an instant when the section is played.

- During audio dubbing, noise may be produced on the playback video or playback sound but the recording is normal.

- The playback sound of CH1/2 cannot be recorded on CH3/4 (sound on sound).

- During backspace operation of audio dubbing, audio dubbing cannot be performed on unrecorded parts.

- When audio dubbing is performed on tapes recorded on other devices, it may not record correctly. Please record with this unit before performing audio dubbing.

PLAYBACK   – Connection/setting –

This section explains the required connection, setting and operation method for using this unit as a player.

Connection

■ Using this unit as a standalone device

S-VIDEO OUT — Y/C (S) video cable

VIDEO LINE OUT — Video cable

AUDIO OUT — Audio cable

Monitor
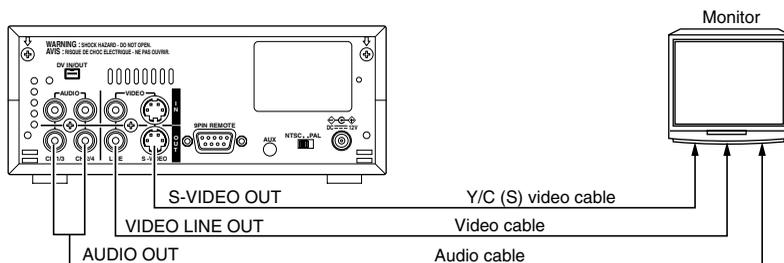
* For analog output, use either Y/C(S) video cable or video cable.

■ Connecting this unit to a video device with a DV terminal
It can record with almost no loss in image or sound quality.

DV cable (available separately)

DV terminal

DV terminal

Monitor

Another VTR

Player: the rear panel of the main unit
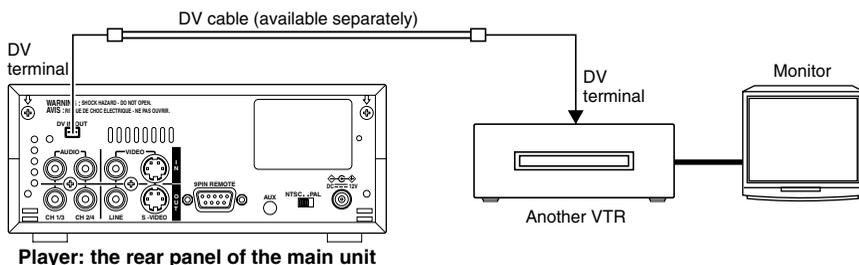
■ Connecting this unit to a video device with no DV terminal (analog signal)

Player: the rear panel of the main unit

Monitor

Another VTR

S-VIDEO OUT — Y/C (S) video cable

VIDEO LINE OUT — Video cable

AUDIO OUT — Audio cable

S-VIDEO IN   VIDEO IN   AUDIO IN

* For analog output, use either Y/C(S) video cable or video cable.

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PLAYBACK

Setting

REMOTE switch

SYSTEM menu

```
      ---SYSTEM---
▷STILL MODE       FIELD
 SERIES REC TIME  OFF
 STILL TIMER      5MIN
 PAUSE PROTECT    F.ADV
 INDEX WRITE      ON
 DC IN MODE       POWER OFF
 PAGE BACK
```

AUDIO/VIDEO menu

```
   —— AUDIO VIDEO ——
 AUDIO MODE       48K
▷A OUT AT SEARCH  ON
 AUDIO OUT SEL    CH-1/2
 AUDIO OUT LEV    NORM
 SET UP(NTSC)     OFF
 PAGE BACK
```

Memo

AUDIO OUT SEL or AU-DIO OUT LEVEL items can also be set via the AUDIO OUT SEL or AU-DIO OUT LEV button on the wireless remote con-troller.

■ REMOTE switch on the front panel
To use the wireless remote controller, set the switch to "WIRELESS".

Memo
To control the unit with the 9 PIN REMOTE terminal, set the switch to "9PIN".

■ SYSTEM menu
• **STILL MODE**
Use this to select the image type for still image playback or frame advance playback.

(Field image, 1st field image, 2nd field image and frame image)

Note: Still images can also be selected with the STILL MODE button of the wireless remote controller.

• **STILL TIMER**
Use this menu item to set the time interval, after the lapse of which, the unit will go into the tape protection mode.
(5, 3, 2 or 1 minute, 30 seconds)

• **PAUSE PROTECT MODE**
Use this mode to select the operation state when tape protection mode is engaged after an extended period of being in the STILL mode. (F.ADV or STBY-OFF)

■ AUDIO/VIDEO menu
• **A. OUT AT SEARCH**
Use this menu item to turn ON/OFF audio output during variable speed playback.

• **AUDIO OUT SEL**
Use this menu item to select the output audio channel when play-ing tapes recorded in the 32kHz mode. (CH1/2, CH3/4, MIX)

• **AUDIO OUT LEVEL**
Use this menu item to select the standard level for audio output. (NORMAL.ATT)

To reduce the AUDIO output level, set to ATT.

• **SETUP (NTSC only)**
Use this setting to determine whether to apply the setups to the composite video or Y/C separate video output signals.

Memo

Audio recording level

PCM audio recording level of DV-format VTRs can be divided into 2 main groups:

1) The group that uses full scale -20dB as the standard level, to which this unit belongs.

2) The group that uses full scale -12dB as the standard level.

When a tape recorded with a VTR based on full scale -12dB is played on this unit, the volume is increased by about 8dB. In this case, set the AUDIO OUT LEVEL menu item to ATT.

PAUSE button

PLAY button

REW button

FF button

STOP button

Panasonic
VEQ1633

DVCAM indicator   PLAY button

PAUSE button

FF button

REW button   STOP button
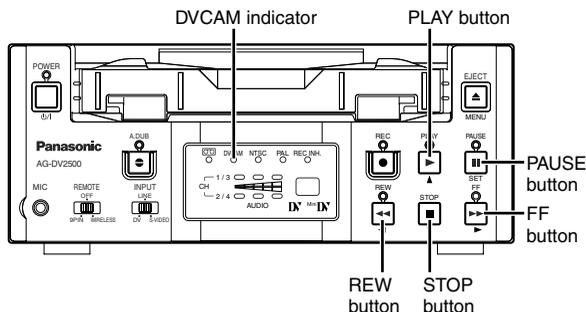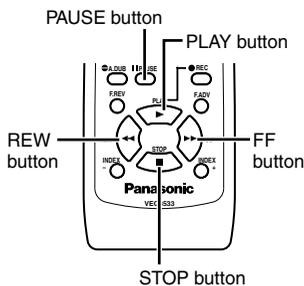
Note

Tapes recorded in the LP mode cannot be played back.
The monitor will display the alarm message: "LP TAPE!"

Memo

When output of still image continues for a prolonged period, the unit will automatically go into the tape protection mode. The lapse time can be selected from the STILL TIMER item of the SYSTEM menu.

STILL MODE button

1. **Load a recorded tape.**

→ The unit is powered on.

2. **Start playback.**

Press the PLAY button.

→ Start playback. If the tape is recorded in the DVCAM format, the DVCAM indicator will light up.

3. **Pause**

Press the PAUSE button.

→ A still image is output.

■ **To change the still image type**

Remote controller

Press the STILL MODE button. The still image changes as follows each time the button is pressed.

Field image → 1st Field image → 2nd Field image → Frame image

4. **Resume playback.**
Press the PAUSE button.

5. **Stop playback.**
Press the STOP button.
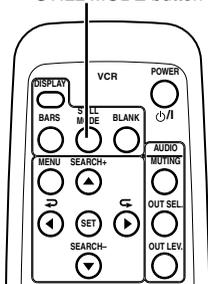
Fast forward/rewind

■ **When the unit is in the STOP mode, pressing the FF button will fast-forward the tape.**

■ **When the unit is in the STOP mode, pressing the REW button will rewind the tape.**

Frame advance (reverse) playback

Use the remote controller.

F.REV
button

F.ADV
button
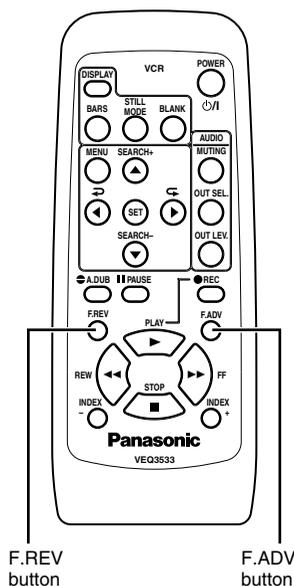
Setting

■ **The STILL MODE item of the SYSTEM menu**

Select the amount of frame advance playback and still image.

FIELD : Image is advanced field by field. (1st /2nd alternate)

1st FIELD : Image is advanced frame by frame and the 1st field image is displayed.

2nd FIELD : Image is advanced frame by frame, and 2nd field image is displayed.

FRAME : Image is advanced frame by frame, and frame image is displayed.

Operation

1. **Set the unit to the STILL mode.**

2. **Frame advance in the forward direction.**

Press the F. ADV button.

When the F. ADV button is held down, the image will advance continuously in the forward direction.

■ **Frame reverse in the reverse direction.**

Press the F. REV button.

When the F. REV button is held down, the image will reverse continuously in the reverse direction.

Variable speed playback

Use the remote controller.

ᗄ(◀) button SEARCH +/(▲) button ᗅ(▶) button

REW button   FF button

SEARCH – /(▼) button

Memo

• The A. OUT AT SEARCH item of the AUDIO/VIDEO menu can be set to turn on/off audio output during the search mode.

• If 0.1 X speed playback (step slow) has been continued for about 40 seconds, the unit will automatically change to the 0.2 X speed playback (linear slow) in order to protect the tape.
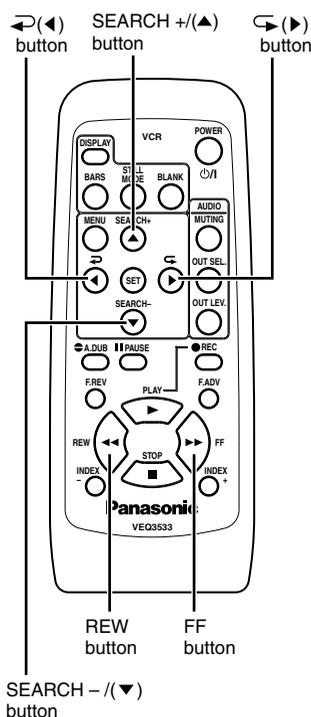
Set the unit to the search mode.

The main unit button can also be used to set the unit to the search mode.

1. Set the unit to the PLAYBACK or the STILL mode.

2. Press the FF button to execute fast-forward playback. Press the REW button to execute reverse playback.

Changing the speed of fast-forward playback or reverse playback:

■ **During normal playback or forward search:**
If the SEARCH + (▲) buttons are pressed, the playback speed increases.
If the SEARCH – (▼) buttons are pressed, the playback speed decreases.

■ **During reverse playback or reverse search:**
If the SEARCH + (▲) buttons are pressed, the playback speed decreases.
If the SEARCH – (▼) buttons are pressed, the playback speed increases.
The variable playback speed changes as follows in the forward and reverse direction.
0→0.1→0.2→0.33→0.5→1→2→5→Maximum speed
* Maximum speed: 9X for NTSC, 10X for PAL, 7X for DV CAM(NTSC/PAL)
(Still)
* 0.1 X speed indicates step slow playback (continuous frame advance).

■ **During the STILL mode:**
If the SEARCH + (▲) buttons are pressed, the tape will play in the forward direction.
If the SEARCH – (▼) buttons are pressed, the tape will play in the reverse direction.

Changing the direction of playback

■ **To change from normal or fast-forward playback to reverse playback:**
• Press the ᗄ (◀) button.
If this button is pressed during playback, reverse playback will be engaged.

■ **To change from reverse or rewind playback to forward playback:**
• Press the ᗅ (▶) button.
If this button is pressed during reverse playback, normal playback will be engaged.
If this button is pressed during rewind playback, fast-forward playback will be engaged.

PLAYBACK   – Locate function –

Index search

This function locates and advances/rewinds to the position where the index signal is recorded.
Use the remote controller.

INDEX –   INDEX +
button   button
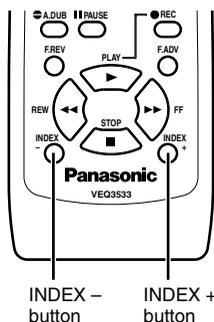
Monitor screen
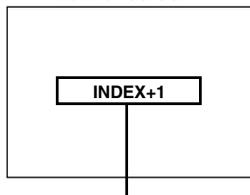
INDEX+1

During index search, this message is displayed on the monitor
(the number represents the position of the index).

■ **To locate an index in the forward direction vis-a-vis the current tape position:**

• **Press the INDEX + button.**
  The index position to be located can be specified by the number of times this button is pressed. (Max: 99)

■ **To locate an index in the reverse direction vis-a-vis the current tape position:**

• **Press the INDEX - button.**
  The index position to be located can be specified by the number of times this button is pressed. (Max: 99)

■ **When the INDEX + or INDEX - button is pressed, the unit will fast-forward or rewind to the specified indexed position and start playing.**

Memo
• If the interval between index signals is less than 1 minute, the function may not work well.
• The specifications for index signal recording varies with the device used.

Blank search

This function locates the unrecorded parts of the tape. Use the remote controller.

BLANK button

Monitor screen

BLANK SEARCH
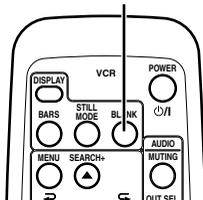
■ **In the STOP mode, press the BLANK button.**

→ • If the current position is at a recorded part of the tape, the unit fast-forwards until an unrecorded part is reached and goes into the STOP mode.

• If the current position of the tape is unrecorded, the unit will first advance the tape in the forward direction for confirmation and there after rewind and go into the STILL mode at the last recorded position.

• During a blank search, "BLANK SEARCH" is displayed on the monitor.

PLAYBACK – Selecting playback audio output –

The output mode for audio playback can be selected with the remote controller.

AUDIO MUTING button

OUT SEL. button

OUT LEV. button
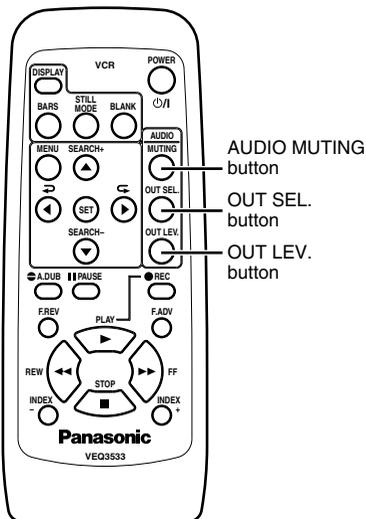
■ **To turn the audio muting function ON/ OFF or to mute the EE audio, press the AUDIO MUTING button.**

To resume the audio output, press the button again.

■ **Selecting the audio output channel for playback of tapes recorded in the 32kHz mode.**

Each time the OUT SEL. button is pressed, the channel changes in the following sequence:

CH1/CH2 → CH3/CH4 → MIX
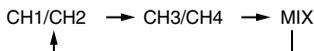
- CH3/CH4 : CH3 audio is output via the CH1/3 AUDIO OUT terminal whereas CH4 audio is output via the CH2/4 AUDIO OUT terminal.
- MIX : Sounds mixed from CH1 and CH3 are output via the CH1/3 AUDIO OUT terminal whereas Sounds mixed from CH2 and CH4 are output via the CH2/4 AUDIO OUT terminal.

Memo

- The output channel for playback audio of tapes recorded in the 32kHz mode can also be set via the AUDIO OUT SEL item of the AUDIO/VIDEO menu of the main unit.
- The audio output level can be set via the AUDIO OUT LEVEL item of the AUDIO/ VIDEO menu.
  (☞ Page 57 "AUDIO/VIDEO menu")

Note

Depending on the sound source, noise may occur in the MIX mode. In this case, please use CH1/CH2 or CH3/CH4.

■ **Select the output level for audio playback**

Each time the OUT LEV. button is pressed, the standard level for the output audio level changes. (NORMAL or ATT)

- When the output level is set at ATT, the audio output level is decreased by 8dB.
- To play back tapes recorded on this unit, set the output level to NORMAL.

EDIT   – Using the unit in an editing system –

Linear editing system

This unit can be used as a feeder (player) for an editing system that uses a RS-422A-compatible editing remote controller (AG-A850).

■ Applicable model

Editing remote controller : AG-A850
Recorder   : DVC PRO AJ-D455

Example of connection

Player (AG-DV2500P)   Audio   Recorder (AJ-D455)

VIDEO   9PIN
LINE OUT

REF IN   THROUGH
          OUT

Remote controller   9PIN
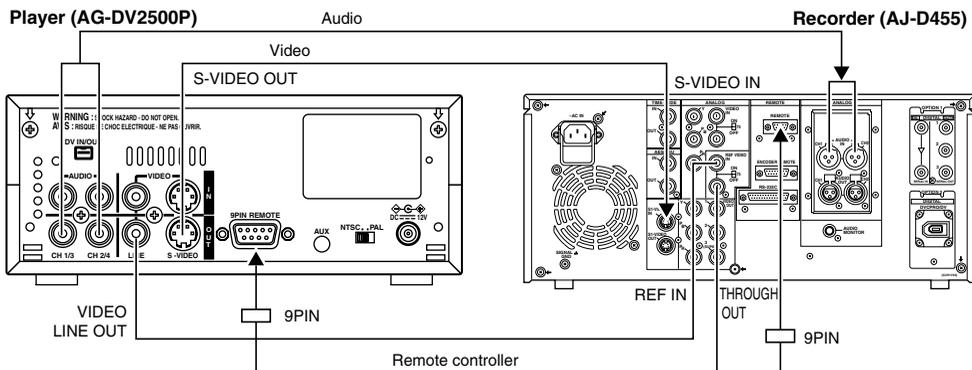
Memo

If editing precision is critical, please input the composite signals of the VIDEO LINE OUT of AG-DV2500P as standard synchronization signals into the editing remote controller. Use the S-VIDEO OUT terminal for video signals.

AG-A850

Setting the main unit
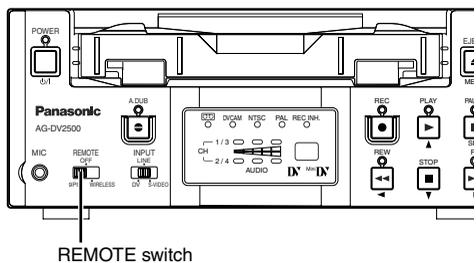
REMOTE switch

■ Set the REMOTE switch of the front panel to "9 PIN".

■ Set the NTSC/PAL switch according to the playback signals.

■ Set the REMOTE menu.

• **PREROLL** : Set the pre-roll time (second). The setting is recommended to be at least 7 seconds.

Memo

The setting will be that which is set (if any) via the editing remote controller.

REMOTE menu

```
---REMOTE---
▷LOCAL FUNCTION    STP+EJT
 PREROLL           7SEC
 REM FF/REW MODE   FF/REW
 REM STOP SEL      EE
 PLAY DELAY        OF
 SYNCHRONIZATION   ON
 CONTROLLER SEL    TYPE3
 PAGE BACK
```

Memo

• **LOCAL FUNCTION:**

For controlling with the REMOTE terminal, use this menu item to select the buttons on the unit to be rendered operable.

• **REM FF/REM MODE:**

Use this menu item to select the action to be executed when an FF or REW command is received during playback. (FF/REW or search)

• **REM STOP SEL:**

Use this menu item to set the operation mode upon reception of a standby-on signal.

EE : EE mode (STOP mode)
PB : PLAYBACK mode (STILL mode)

• **PLAY DELAY:**

Use this menu item to set the edit timing. If delay occurs at the start of editing, correct this time discrepancy by adjusting the timing for starting playback.

0F   : No compensation. Usually, this option is selected.
1F to 15F : Delay by the number of frames set by the user. In the case that the unit is connected to an editing remote controller with no BUMP function, use this setting to adjust editing precision.

• **SYNCHRONIZATION**

Use this menu item to turn on/off the synchronize function (BUMP) to enhance editing precision.

OFF : No adjustments to synchronize.
ON : Execute adjustments to synchronize. The editing operation may take more time.

• **CONTROLLER SEL**

Use this menu item to set the type of controller connected. (☞ Page 56)
For AG-A850, set this to TYPE 3.

Notes

• Please do not use this unit as a recorder.
• It does not support AB roll editing.
• It does not support the following editing tasks:
  Variablle search
  Slow motion edit
  CTL edit
• When performing jog operation using the editing remote controller, do it slowly. Otherwise, the VTR may not be able to keep up.
• For certain controllers, the LEARN function will not work normally:
  Enabling the LEARN function:
  Insert the tape with time code recorded till 23:59:00:00-00:01:00:00 into the AG-DV2500P before activating the LEARN function.

Using the unit in a non-linear system

This is a system that captures the content of the source tape on a non-linear editing system and records the non-linear edited contents onto the main unit.

Connection

Connecting using DV 1394 terminal

DV Terminal

DV1394 (Image.Sound.Control)　　Non Linear Editing System
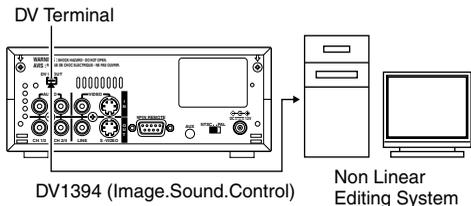
Setting this unit

■ **Set the INPUT switch of the front panel to "DV".**

INPUT switch
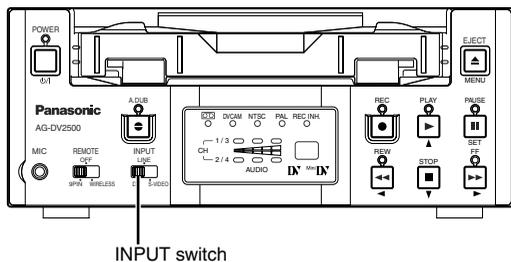
* The REMOTE switch on the front panel can be set at any position.

MENU SCREEN — Structure of the menu –

Hierarchical menus are displayed on the monitor.

Top MENU screen

```
—— MENU ——
SYSTEM..
REMOTE..
AUDIO/VIDEO..
TIME CODE..
DISPLAY SET..
CLOCK ADJUST..
FACTORY SETTING CANCEL
DRUM HOUR METER 000000H
EXIT
```

Normal screen

```
32K CH-1/2          0min




10/10/02      STANDBY-OFF
12:00:00   TCR 02:00:00:00
```

SYSTEM menu screen

```
—— SYSTEM ——
STILL MODE         FIELD
SERIES REC TIME    OFF
STILL TIMER        5MIN
PAUSE PROTECT      F.ADV
INDEX WRITE        ON
DC IN MODE         POWER OFF
PAGE BACK
```

REMOTE menu screen

```
—— REMOTE ——
LOCAL FUNCTION     STP+EJT
PREROLL            7SEC
REM FF/REW MODE    FF/REW
REM STOP SEL       EE
PLAY DELAY         EE
SYNCHRONIZATION    ON
CONTROLLER SEL     TYPE3
PAGE BACK
```

AUDIO/VIDEO menu screen

```
—— AUDIO/VIDEO ——
AUDIO MODE         48K
A.OUT AT SEARCH    OFF
AUDIO OUT SEL      CH-1/2
AUDIO OUT LEV      NORM
SET UP(NTSC)       OFF
PAGE BACK
```

TIME CODE menu screen

```
—— TIME CODE ——
TC                 00:00:00:00
CLEAR              CANCEL

NDF/DF(NTSC)       DROP
DV TC DUP.         OFF
TC OUT OFFSET      OFF
PAGE BACK
```

DISPLAY menu screen

```
—— DISPLAY ——
DISPLAY            ON
COUNTER POSI.      LOWER-R
TIME CODE          ON
VTR MODE           ON
TAPE REMAIN        OFF
TIME/DATE          OFF
AUDIO INFO.        OFF
DATE STYLE         M/D/Y
TIME STYLE         24HOUR
BARS               OFF
PAGE BACK
```

CLOCK ADJUST menu screen

```
—— CLOCK ADJUST ——
DATE (M/D/Y)       10/10/02
TIME               00:00
PAGE BACK
```

MENU SCREEN   – Setting the menu –

The various functions of this unit can be set from the menu. The configured settings are saved in the unit's memory and are maintained even after the power is turned off.

▲ button

PLAY button

SET button

MENU button

▶ button

▼ button

EJECT button

PAUSE button

FF button

STOP button
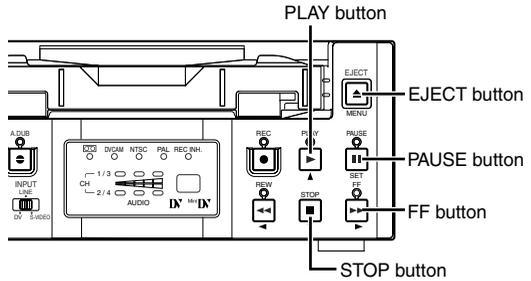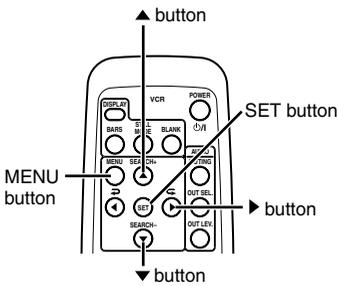
The menu screen settings can be done while viewing the monitor connected to the VIDEO LINE OUT or S-VIDEO OUT terminal, using either the remote controller or the buttons on the main unit.

■ **Set the unit to the STOP mode.**

To perform setting with the operation buttons on the main unit, first remove the cassette if one is loaded.

Top MENU

```
        ---MENU---
 SYSTEM..
 REMOTE..
 AUDIO/VIDEO..
▷TIME CODE..
 DISPLAY SET..
 CLOCK ADJUST..
 FACTORY SETTING CANCEL
 DRUM HOUR METER 000000H
 EXIT
```

Cursor

SYSTEM menu

```
       ---SYSTEM---
▷STILL MODE        FIELD
 SERIES REC TIME   OFF
 STILL TIMER       5MIN
 PAUSE PROTECT     F.ADV
 INDEX WRITE       ON
 DC IN MODE        POWER OFF
 PAGE BACK
```

1. Display the top MENU.

| Remote controller | Main unit |

Press the MENU button.

Press the EJECT and STOP buttons simultaneously while no cassette is loaded.

2. Display the menu for setting.

| Remote controller | Main unit |

① Press the ▲/▼ button and bring the cursor to the item to be set.
② Press the SET or ▶ button.

① Press the PLAY/STOP button and bring the cursor to the menu item.
② Press the PAUSE or FF button.
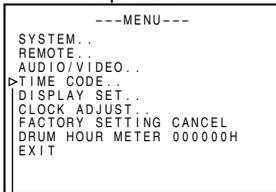
- If the EXIT item of the top MENU is selected, the usual screen resumes.
- If the FACTORY SETTING item of the top MENU is set to "EXECUTE", the set values on the menu will be reset to those initially set at manufacture. (Except DRUM HOUR METER)
- The DRUM HOUR METER item cannot be set.

▲ button

PLAY button

SET button

MENU button

◀ button

▶ button

SET

SEARCH–

▼ button

EJECT button

PAUSE button

FF button

REW button

STOP button

3. Set the items on the menu.

SYSTEM menu

Cursor Items Settings

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        ---SYSTEM---
▷STILL MODE       FIELD
 SERIES REC TIME  OFF
 STILL TIMER      5MIN
 PAUSE PROTECT    F.ADV
 INDEX WRITE      ON
 DC IN MODE       POWER OFF
 PAGE BACK
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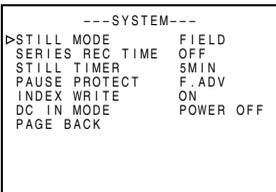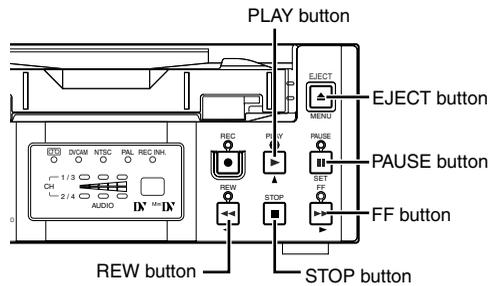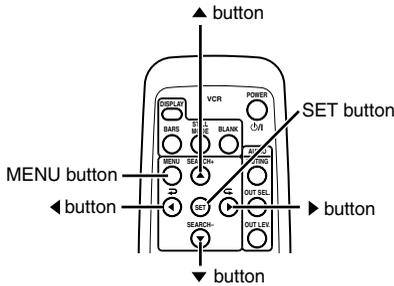| Remote controller	Main unit
① Press the ▲/▼ button and bring the cursor to the item to be set.	① Press the PLAY/STOP button and bring the cursor to the item to be set.
② Press the SET or ▶ button.	② Press the PAUSE or FF button.

→ The selected value blinks and becomes available for changing.

③ Press the ▲/▼ button to change the value as desired.	③ Press the PLAY/STOP button to change the value as desired.
④ Press the SET button to confirm the value.	④ Press the PAUSE button to confirm the value.

→ The value stops blinking and is confirmed.

⑤ Repeat steps ① - ④ above and perform the necessary settings.
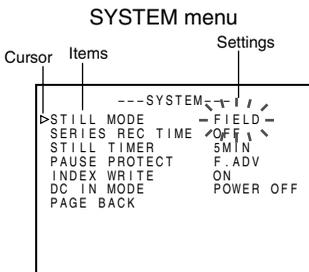
4. To return to the previous screen, do either of the following:

Remote controller	Main unit
• Press the ◀ button. Or • Select PAGE BACK.	• Press the REW button. Or • Select PAGE BACK.

Top MENU

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        ---MENU---
 SYSTEM..
 REMOTE..
 AUDIO/VIDEO..
 TIME CODE..
 DISPLAY SET..
 CLOCK ADJUST..
 FACTORY SETTING CANCEL
 DRUM HOUR METER 000000H
▷EXIT
```

Cursor

5. To return to the usual screen, do either of the following:

Remote controller	Main unit
• Press the MENU button. Or • Select EXIT from the top MENU.	• Press the EJECT button. Or • Select EXIT from the top MENU.
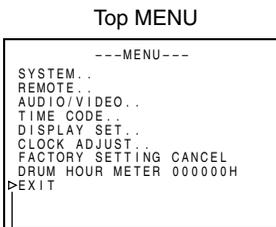
MENU SCREEN – Contents of the menus –

In the menu descriptions below, settings with ● marks are factory settings.

Top MENU

Items	Setting	Contents
SYSTEM		Displays the menus related to the operation system of this unit.
REMOTE		Displays the menus related to the remote controller.
AUDIO/VIDEO		Displays the menus related to the audio and video.
TIME CODE		Displays the menu for setting time codes.
DISPLAY SET		Displays the menu related to the displays on the monitor connected to the VIDEO LINE OUT or S-VIDEO OUT terminal.
CLOCK ADJUST		Displays the menu for setting date/time. For information on the setting method, please refer to page 30 "Setting date/time".
FACTORY SETTING	● CANCEL EXECUTE	Sets whether to return the values on the menu to those initially set at manufacture: CANCEL : Do not use the factory settings EXECUTE : Use the factory settings
DRUM HOUR METER		Displays the drum usage time. *The cursor cannot be moved to this item.
EXIT		Return to the usual screen.

SYSTEM menu

■ SYSTEM menu

Items	Setting	Contents
STILL MODE	● FIELD 1st 2nd FRAME	Use this item to select the still image type during the STILL mode or frame advance playback: FIELD : Displays field image. During frame advance playback, 1st and 2nd field images are displayed alternately. 1st : displays the 1st field image. 2nd : displays the 2nd field image. FRAME : displays the frame image. — **Memo** — The image type for the STILL mode can also be selected with the STILL MODE button on the wireless remote controller.
SERIES REC TIME	● OFF 25MIN 55MIN 75MIN 115MIN 175MIN 265MIN	Set this item according to the recording time of the source tape during DV signal input series recording: OFF : No series recording. 25MIN : Use this setting if the recording time of the source tape is 30 mins. 55MIN : Use this setting if the recording time of the source tape is 60 mins. 75MIN : Use this setting if the recording time of the source tape is 80 mins. 115MIN : Use this setting if the recording time of the source tape is 120 mins. 175MIN : Use this setting if the recording time of the source tape is 180 mins. 265MIN : Use this setting if the recording time of the source tape is 270 mins. (☞ Page 38 "Series recording function")
STILL TIMER	30SEC 1MIN 2MIN 3MIN ● 5MIN	Sets the interval after the lapse of which the tape protection mode will be engaged during an extended STILL mode. The setting for the STILL mode can be done via the PAUSE PROTECT menu item. 30SEC: 30 seconds 1MIN : 1 minute 3MIN : 3 minutes 2MIN : 2 minutes 5MIN : 5 minutes — **Memo** — To prevent damage, please set as short a time interval as possible.
PAUSE PROTECT	● F.ADV STBY-OFF	Sets the action to be taken when the unit has been left in the STILL mode for an extended period of time. In the case of a recording pause, the unit will go into the STOP state to protect the tape, regardless of the setting. F.ADV : It advances in the forward direction. On the 6th advancement, it goes into the STOP state. STBY-OFF : Goes into the STOP state.
INDEX WRITE	OFF ● ON	Selects whether to record the index signals during recording which is engaged after the STOP or recording PAUSE mode. OFF : No recording of index signal. ON : Use this setting to record index signals. An index signal is automatically registered at the position where recording starts.
DC IN MODE	● POWER OFF POWER ON PLAY	Select the action to perform when power is supplied via the DC IN terminal: POWER OFF : Sets the unit to POWER OFF. POWER ON : Sets the unit to POWER ON. PLAY : If a tape has been inserted, the VTR will go into the PLAY mode. (AUTO PLAY)
PAGE BACK		Return to the top MENU

REMOTE menu

■ REMOTE menu

Items	Setting	Contents
LOCAL FUNCTION	NO KEY EJECT ● STP + EJT ALL KEYS	Use this to select the buttons on the main unit to be rendered operable when remote controlling the unit via the 9 PIN REMOTE terminal: NO KEY : No button enabled. EJECT : Only the EJECT button enabled. STP + EJT : Only the STOP button and the EJECT button are enabled. ALL KEYS : All operation buttons are enabled.
PREROLL	3SEC 5SEC ● 7SEC 10SE	When remote controlling the unit via the 9 PIN REMOTE terminal, use this item to set the PREROLL time of the unit. Configurations done via the editing remote controller prevail over other settings: 3SEC : 3 seconds 5SEC : 5 seconds 7SEC : 7 seconds 10SEC : 10 seconds **– Memo** To enhance editing precision, please set it to at least 7 seconds.
REM FF/REW MODE	● FF/REW SEARCH	Use this menu item to set the action to be performed when an FF/REW command is received via the 9 PIN REMOTE terminal or DV terminal: FF/REW : Sets the unit to execute FF/REW when a command is received. This is the usual setting. SEARCH : Sets the unit to go into the SEARCH state when a command is received. Use this setting if the locate(cue up) function does not work well.
REM STOP SEL	● EE PB	Use this menu item to set the action to be performed when a STANDBY ON command is received via the 9 PIN REMOTE terminal or DV terminal: EE: Sets the unit to the EE mode. (The unit will go into the STOP mode.) PB: Sets the unit to the PLAY mode. (The unit will go into the STILL mode.)
PLAY DELAY	● 0F | 15F	Use this menu item to adjust the edit timing. When the remote controller is used, there will be a slight delay time before edit starts. To rectify the time discrepancy, adjust the timing for starting playback: 0F : No compensation. 1F to 15F : Delay by the number of frames set by the user. When this unit is connected to an editing remote controller with no BUMP (synchronization) function, use this setting to adjust the editing precision.
SYNCHRONI-ZATION	OFF ● ON	Use this setting to turn on/off the BUMP function when the unit is connected to an editing remote controller: OFF : No synchronization. ON : Execute synchronization. The editing precision is enhanced . Please set the pre-roll time to at least 7 seconds.
CONTROLLER SEL	TYPE1 TYPE2 ● TYPE3 TYPE4 TYPE5 TYPE6 TYPE7	When remote control is executed via the RS-422A interface, use this menu item to set the type of controller connected: TYPE1 : Remote controller not of PANASONIC TYPE2 : Remote controller not of PANASONIC TYPE3 : AG-A850, AJ-A95 TYPE4 : Remote controller not of PANASONIC TYPE5 - TYPE7 : (not in use)

AUDIO/VIDEO menu

Items	Setting	Contents
AUDIO MODE	● 48K 32K	Select the audio sampling frequency for recording: 48K : Records at 48kHz. It records in the 2-channel stereo mode. No audio dubbing. 32K : Records at 32kHz. It records in the 4-channel mode. To perform audio dubbing on CH3 and CH4 later, use this set- ting. ── **Memo** ─────────────────────────── This setting is not required for DV signal input.
A.OUT AT SEARCH	● OFF ON	Use this menu item to enable/disable audio output from the AU- DIO OUT terminal during a search: OFF : No output. ON : Output.
AUDIO OUT SEL ┌─ **Memo** ─┐ When it is set to the MIX mode, noise may be pro-duced. If this occurs, please set it to CH-1/2 or CH-3/4.	● CH-1/2 MIX CH-3/4	Use this menu item to select the audio channel output from the AUDIO OUT terminal when playing back tapes recorded in the 32K mode: CH-1/2 : Outputs CH1 and CH2 audio. MIX : Outputs mixed audio of CH1 and CH3 and mixed au- dio of CH2 and CH4. CH-3/4 : Outputs CH3 and CH4 audio. ── **Memo** ─────────────────────────── This setting can also be selected from the AUDIO OUT SEL. but- ton on the wireless remote controller.
AUDIO OUT LEV	ATT ● NORM	Use this menu item to select the standard level for audio playback output: ATT : Attenuates the output level to about 8dB. Use this setting when playing tapes recorded on a VTR of which the stand- ard level for PCM audio is full scale -12dB. The playback level is decreased by 8dB. NORM : Usually, this is selected. ── **Memo** ─────────────────────────── This setting can also be selected with the AUDIO OUT LEV. button on the wireless remote controller.
SET UP (NTSC)	● OFF ON	During recording OFF : Select this when analog signals are input without setup. ON : Select this when analog signals are input with setup. During playback OFF : Setup is not applied to analog video signals (composite, S-VIDEO) ON : Setup is applied to analog video signals (composite, S-VIDEO) ── **Memo** ─────────────────────────── • If dubbing is repeatedly done with the settings of the playback or recording video signals differing from the setting here, the hue and brightness of the video may turn out abnormal. • A high level of knowledge pertaining to video signals is neces- sary to set this menu. Generally, for DV camcorders, SETUP is recorded on the tape as part of the video signals. Accordingly, SETUP is normally set to "OFF". To use SETUP correctly, switch the setting according to the video signals being used.
PAGE BACK		Return to the top MENU.

MENU SCREEN – Contents of the menus – (continued)

TIME CODE menu

Items	Setting	Contents
TC		Presets the time code: For details, please refer to Page 35 "Setting Time Codes".
CLEAR	● CANCEL EXECUTE	Use this menu item to choose whether to clear the time code values: CANCEL : Do not clear. EXECUTE : clear.
NDF/DF (NTSC)	NON DROP ● DROP	Select the framing mode for the time code generator: NON DROP : Sets the unit to the non-drop mode. Use this setting when the number of frames of the time code is important. DROP : Sets the unit to the drop-frame mode. Use this setting for real-time based time codes.
DV TC DUP.	● OFF ON	Use this menu item to select the type of time code to be recorded for DV signal input: OFF : Records the time codes of the built-in time code generator of the main unit. ON : Records the time codes and user-bits input to the DV IN terminal. The time code framing mode automatically takes on that of the input time code.
TC OUT OFFSET	● OFF +1F +2F –2F –1F	Use this menu item to set the timing to output time codes from the 9PIN remote terminal of the main unit to the editing remote controller: OFF : Usually, this is selected. +1F : Sets the timing to 1 frame faster. +2F : Sets the timing to 2 frames faster. –2F : Sets the timing to 2 frames slower. –1F : Sets the timing to 1 frame slower.
PAGE BACK		Return to the top MENU.

DISPLAY menu

■ DISPLAY menu

| Items	Setting	Contents
DISPLAY	OFF ● ON AUTO	Use this menu item to choose whether to have the characters of the status screen displayed on the monitor connected to VIDEO LINE OUT or S-VIDEO OUT terminal: OFF : No on-screen display. Video display only. ON : Always provide on-screen display. AUTO : Provide on-screen display for about 4 seconds on switching modes. ─ **Memo** ───────────── This setting can also be selected from the DISPLAY button of the wireless remote controller.
COUNTER POSI.	● LOWER-R LOWER-L UPPER-R UPPER-L CENTER	Use this menu item to select the position on the monitor for time code display: LOWER-R : Lower right LOWER-L : Lower left UPPER-R : Upper right UPPER-L : Upper left CENTER : Center
TIME CODE	OFF ● ON	Use this menu item to turn on/off the display of time codes on the monitor: OFF : No display ON : Display
VTR MODE	OFF ● ON	Use this menu item to turn on/off the display of the VTR mode on the monitor: OFF : No display ON : Display
TAPE REMAIN	● OFF ON	Use this menu item to turn on/off the display of remaining tape on the monitor: OFF : No display ON : Display
TIME/DATE	● OFF TIME DATE DATE +TM	Use this menu item to turn on/off the date/time display on the monitor and to select the display format: OFF : No display of date/time. TIME : Display the time only. DATE : Display the date only. DATE +TM : Display the date/time.

MENU SCREEN – Contents of the menus – (continued)

DISPLAY menu (continued)

Items	Setting	Contents
AUDIO INFO.	● OFF ON	Use this setting to turn on/off the display of audio channel or sampling frequency on the monitor: OFF : No display ON : Display
DATE STYLE	Y/M/D ● M/D/Y D/M/Y	Select the date format: Y/M/D : Display year/month/day. M/D/Y : Display month/day/year. D/M/Y : Display day/month/year.
TIME STYLE	● 24HOUR 12HOUR	Select the time format: 24HOUR : Display in the 24-hour mode. 12HOUR : Display in the 12-hour mode.
BARS	● OFF ON	Use this menu item to choose whether to output, as test signals, color bar signals from the built-in signal generator: OFF : No output ON : Output — Memo — • This color bar cannot be used as the standard signal for hue calibration. • This setting can also be selected from the BARS button on the wireless remote controller. • During DV signal input, the color bar will not be output even if this item is set to "ON".
PAGE BACK		Return to the top MENU.

OTHERS – Placing the unit in an upright position –

With the use of the provided stand, the main unit can be placed in an upright position as shown in the following diagram.
The left side should be at the bottom.
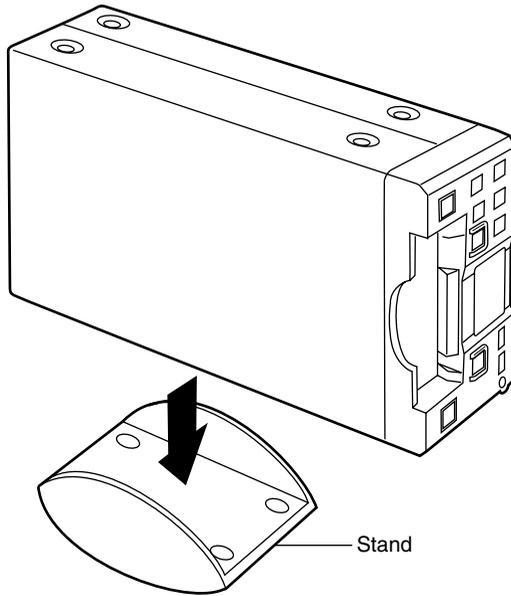
Stand

Notes

- To place the VTR in an upright position, please use the provided stand.
  If the stand is not used, the unit may topple and result in injuries or breakdown.
- Please place the unit on a leveled place.
- When inserting the cassette, do not remove your hand until the cassette is being drawn into the unit.
  Particularly, when a mini DV cassette is used, removing your hand too early may cause the cassette to drop and get damaged.
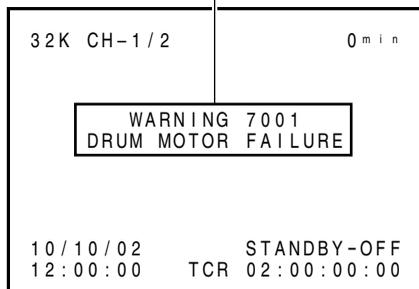
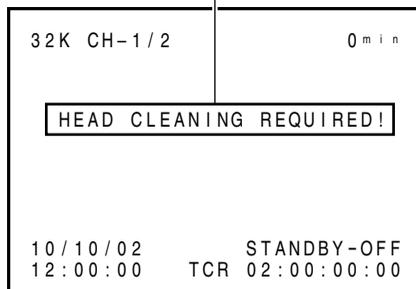# OTHERS   – Warning display –

When an anomaly occurs, this unit automatically identifies the cause and displays an error-coded warning message on the monitor.

If the unit is in a state needing rectification, or if an operation error has occurred, an alarm display will be shown on the monitor.

Warning display

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32K CH-1/2                    0 min


        WARNING  7001
    DRUM  MOTOR  FAILURE



10/10/02          STANDBY-OFF
12:00:00    TCR 02:00:00:00
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Alarm display

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32K CH-1/2                    0 min


    HEAD  CLEANING  REQUIRED!




10/10/02          STANDBY-OFF
12:00:00    TCR 02:00:00:00
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■ Alarm display (Displayed regardless of the DISPLAY mode)

Display	Status	Action
LOW VOLTAGE	The DC power voltage is low. The unit will eventually go into the POWER OFF mode if operation is continued.	Please check the power voltage.
HEAD CLEANING REQUIRED!	The video head is dirty. If the head is clogged, it will be detected and the alarm message will be displayed during the PLAYBACK mode. When the STOP mode is engaged or when the cassette is ejected, the display will go off. When the head clog is cleared, the message will disappear.	Please clean it with the dedicated head-cleaning tape. (☞ Page 8) If the message persists despite cleaning, it could be due to bad recording condition, bad tape or lifespan of the head.

• For alarm messages displayed upon operation errors or when the unit is in a poor working condition (e.g. dirty head), refer to page 22.

■ Warning display (Displayed regardless of the DISPLAY mode)

When a warning display appears, this unit stops operation and cease to accept any operation commands. When TAPE DEFFECTIVE (5605 - 5609) is displayed, the unit similarly stops operation but accepts one command, viz EJECT.
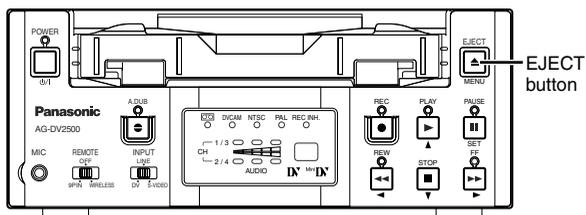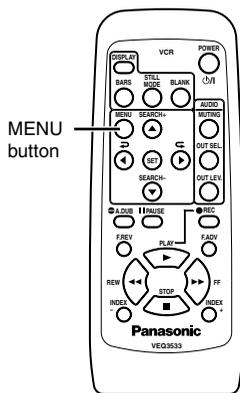
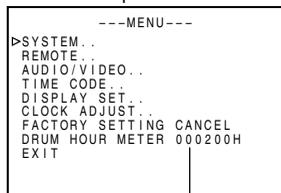| Display	Status	Action
CONDENSATION ON DRUM	Condensation.	Please leave the power on and wait for the display to disappear.
WARNING 3200 LOADING FAILURE	Unable to load tape.	This error can be resolved by restarting the unit. However, doing so may damage the tape in some cases. Please consult your PANASONIC authorized dealer.
WARNING 3300 UNLOADING FAILURE	Unable to eject tape.	
WARNING 4100 CASSETTE EJECT FAILURE	Eject error.	
DEFECTIVE TAPE! 5605 - 5609	Tape is cut.	Press the EJECT button and retrieve the cassette. Then replace the tape.
WARNING 5702 TAPE END DET. ERROR!	Tape ending sensor error.	This error can be resolved by restarting the unit. However, doing so may damage the tape in some cases. Please consult your PANASONIC authorized dealer.
WARNING 5802 TAPE BEGIN DET. ERROR!	Tape begin sensor error.	
WARNING 7001 DRUM MOTOR FAILURE	Drum rotation error.	
WARNING 7101 CAP MOTOR FAILURE	Capstan rotation error.	
WARNING7202 - 7203 SUPPLY REEL FAILURE	Supply reel rotation error.	
WARNING7302 - 7303 TAKE UP REEL FAILURE	Take up reel rotation error.	
WARNING7305 TAKE UP REEL FAILURE	Tape winding error during unloading.	
WARNING 7401 REEL MOTOR FAILURE	Reel motor rotation error.	
UNPLUG MAIN POWER, PLUG BACK IN AFTER A WHILE	This is a system error that occurs when the power is turned on. The POWER indicator on this unit blinks in green. The unit will not accept any operation commands.	Unplug the mains cable from the power outlet and wait for some time before plugging it back in.

Memo

This unit uses a microcomputer. It may not function correctly if there is external noise. If this happens, please turn off the power and then on again.

Symptom	Action
The power does not come on.	Is the AC adapter correctly connected?
The cassette cannot be loaded.	Is the cassette indicator lighted? If so, a cassette is already loaded. Please unload the cassette first. Push the center of the cassette and make sure that the cassette enters levelly.
Unable to record.	Is the slide of the cassette set to "REC"? Please set it to "REC" if it is at the "SAVE" position.
The operation buttons of the main unit do not work.	Is the front REMOTE SWITCH set at OFF? If it is set at 9 PIN or WIRELESS, main unit operation is not possible.
The 9 PIN REMOTE function does not work.	Is the front REMOTE switch set at 9PIN?

Noise appears on the playback screen.
Playback audio is disrupted.
	• Is the tape damaged?
	  Please replace the cassette.
	• Is the head dirty?
	  Please clean it with the dedicated head-cleaning tape.
	  (☞ Page 8)

During DV signal input, the time codes are not recorded correctly.	Is the DV TC DUP. item of the TIME CODE menu set correctly?
Video and sound are distorted for a few seconds after starting playback.	This occurs if the signal system of the playback tape is different from the NTSC/PAL setting.
The wireless remote controller does not work at all.	• Is the REMOTE switch on the main unit set to "WIRELESS"? • Are the batteries exhausted?
Power is not supplied even when the POWER button is pressed.	Is the REMOTE switch set at "9 PIN" when the LOCAL FUNCTION item of the REMOTE menu is set to something other than ALL KEYS? Please set the REMOTE switch to "OFF".

OTHERS – Checking the hour meter –

This unit displays the drum usage time on the DRUM HOUR METER item of the top MENU.
Please use it as a guide for regular maintenance. (☞ Page 7)

MENU
button

Top MENU

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        ---MENU---
▷SYSTEM..
 REMOTE..
 AUDIO/VIDEO..
 TIME CODE..
 DISPLAY SET..
 CLOCK ADJUST..
 FACTORY SETTING CANCEL
 DRUM HOUR METER 000200H
 EXIT
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DRUM HOUR
METER item

EJECT
button

Operation

■ To set the unit to the STOP mode:

When operating with the buttons on the main unit, unload the cassette.

1. Display the top MENU.

Remote controller	Main unit
Press the MENU button.	Press the EJECT and STOP buttons simultaneously while no cassette is loaded.

• Display the drum usage time on the DRUM HOUR METER item of the top MENU.

2. To return to the usual screen:

Remote controller	Main unit
Press the MENU button.	Press the EJECT button.

OTHERS   – Specification –

■ General

Recording system : DV system (SP mode only)
Signal system : NTSC/PAL
Cassette : Standard/ mini DV cassette
Tape width : 6.35mm
Tape speed : 18.812mm/s (NTSC)
18.831mm/s (PAL)

Recording/ playback time
: 276 minutes (DV276)
63 minutes (DVM63)

Fast forward/ rewind time
: About 3 minutes (DV276)
About 1 minute (DVM63)

Power : DC12V⎓(supplied via the provided AC adapter)
Power consumption : 14W, 1.17A
External dimension : 174mm $\times$ (W) $\times$68mm (H)
$\times$260mm (D) (Excluding protruding parts, e.g., foot)
Weight : About 2.3 kg

Allowable operating temperature
: 5˚C to 35˚C
Allowable storage temperature
: –20˚C to 60˚C
Allowable operating RH
: 30%RH to 80%RH

■ Video

Recording format : 8 bit, 13.5MHz,
4:1:1 (NTSC)
4:2:0 (PAL)

Video input
Line (composite) : 1.0V (p-p), 75Ω unbalance
S-VIDEO Y : 1.0V (p-p), 75Ω unbalance
C : 0.286V (p-p) (NTSC) /
0.3V (p-p) (PAL)
75Ω unbalance

Video output
Line (composite) : 1.0V (p-p), 75Ω unbalance
S-VIDEO Y : 1.0V (p-p), 75Ω unbalance
C : 0.286V (p-p) (NTSC) /
0.3V (p-p) (PAL)
75Ω unbalance

■ Audio

Recording format : 16 bit, 48kHz, 2 channels
PCM audio/12 bit, 32kHz,
4-channel PCM audio
Number of track : 2 (16 bit,4 8kHz) /
4 (12 bit, 32kHz)
Audio input : –8dBu, 10kΩ unbalance
Mike input : –60dBu, 3kΩ unbalance
Audio output : –8dBu, 1kΩ unbalance
Frequency characteristics
: 20Hz to 20kHz (48kHz)
* 0 dBu = 0.775Vrms

■ DV interface
Input/output : IEEE1394

■ AC adapter section
Power : AC 100V to 240V∿,
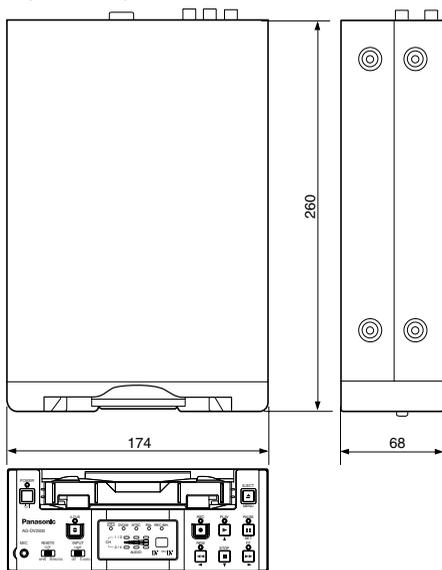50Hz/60Hz.
Power consumption
: 1.0A to 0.5A
Output : DC 12V⎓ 3.5A

■ Accessories

Wireless remote controller .... $\times$1
AC adapter .... $\times$1
Mains Cable .... $\times$1
Battery(AA) .... $\times$2
Stand .... $\times$1

■ Diagram of external dimension
(Unit: mm)

OTHERS

■ **AC adapter section**

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1) Read these instructions.

2) Keep these instructions.

3) Heed all warnings.

4) Follow all instructions.

5) Do not use this apparatus near water.

6) Clean only with dry cloth.

7) Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

8) Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.

9) Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.

10) Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.

11) Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.

12) Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or the table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus.

    When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.

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13) Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.

14) Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.

WARNING - To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this apparatus to rain or moisture.

Apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing and no objects filled with liquids, such as vases, shall be placed on the apparatus.

CAUTION – These servicing instructions are for use by qualified service personnel only. To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not perform any servicing other than that contained in the operating instructions unless you are qualified to do so.

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