

Panasonic®

Digital Palmcorder®
MultiCam™ Camcorder

Digital Video Camcorder Operating Instructions

Model No. **PV-GS32**



Before attempting to connect, operate or adjust this product, please read these instructions thoroughly.

Spanish Quick Use Guide is included.

Guía para rápida consulta en español está incluida.



- Refer to page 71 for ArcSoft® Software/USB Connection Kit Mail-In Rebate.



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Things You Should Know

Thank you for choosing Panasonic!

You have purchased one of the most sophisticated and reliable products on the market today. Used properly, we're sure it will bring you and your family years of enjoyment. Please take time to fill in the information on the right.

The serial number is on the tag located on the underside of your Camcorder. Be sure to **retain this manual** as your convenient Camcorder information source.

Date of Purchase _____

Dealer Purchased From _____

Dealer Address _____

Dealer Phone No. _____

Model No. _____

Serial No. _____

Safety Precautions

WARNING :

TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS EQUIPMENT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

Your ^{Mini} DV Camcorder is designed to record and play back in Standard Play (SP) mode and Long (LP) mode.

It is recommended that only cassette tapes that have been tested and inspected for use in Camcorders with the ^{Mini} DV mark be used.



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



This symbol warns the user that uninsulated voltage within the unit may have sufficient magnitude to cause electric shock. Therefore, it is dangerous to make any kind of contact with any inside part of this unit.



This symbol alerts the user that important literature concerning the operation and maintenance of this unit has been included. Therefore, it should be read carefully in order to avoid any problems.

The above markings are located on the appliance bottom cover.

Declaration of Conformity

Trade Name : Panasonic
Model No. : PV-GS32
Responsibility Party : Panasonic Corporation of North America
Address : One Panasonic Way Secaucus New Jersey 07094
Telephone Number : 1-800-211-PANA(7262)

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.

FCC Note:

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.

FCC Caution:

To assure continued compliance, follow the attached installation instructions and use only shielded interface cables when connecting to computer or peripheral devices.

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

CAUTION:

TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD AND ANNOYING INTERFERENCE, USE THE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES ONLY.

CAUTION:

DANGER OF EXPLOSION IF BATTERY IS INCORRECTLY REPLACED. REPLACE ONLY WITH THE SAME OR EQUIVALENT TYPE.

- Since this product gets hot during use, operate it in well ventilated place; do not install this equipment in a confined space such as a bookcase or similar unit.

WARNING

AS WITH ANY SMALL OBJECT, SD CARDS CAN BE SWALLOWED BY YOUNG CHILDREN. DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO HANDLE THE SD CARD.

Panasonic PV-GS32



Tested To Comply
With FCC Standards

FOR HOME OR OFFICE USE

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.
- 13) Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when it will be left 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 when the 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.



Precautions

USE & LOCATION

⚠ WARNING

- **TO AVOID SHOCK HAZARD ...** Your Camcorder and power supply should not be exposed to rain or moisture. Do not connect the power supply or operate your Camcorder if it gets wet. Your Camcorder has been designed for outdoor use, however it is not designed to sustain direct exposure to water, rain, sleet, snow, sand, dust, or a direct splashing from a pool or even a cup of coffee. This action could permanently damage the internal parts of your Camcorder. Do not attempt to disassemble this unit. There are no user serviceable parts inside. Unplug your Camcorder from the power supply before cleaning.

⚠ CAUTION

- **DO NOT AIM YOUR CAMCORDER AT THE SUN OR OTHER BRIGHT OBJECTS**
- **DO NOT LEAVE THE CAMCORDER WITH THE EVF AIMED DIRECTLY AT THE SUN AS THIS MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE INTERNAL PARTS OF THE EVF**
- **DO NOT EXPOSE YOUR CAMCORDER TO EXTENDED HIGH TEMPERATURE ...** Such as, in direct sunlight, inside a closed car, next to a heater, etc... This action could permanently damage the internal parts of your Camcorder.

- **AVOID SUDDEN CHANGES IN TEMPERATURE ...** If the unit is suddenly moved from a cold place to a warm place, moisture may form on the tape and inside the unit.
- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAMCORDER OR THE POWER SUPPLY TURNED ON WHEN NOT IN USE.**
- **STORAGE OF YOUR CAMCORDER ...** Store and handle your Camcorder in a manner that will not subject it to unnecessary movement (avoid shaking and striking). Your Camcorder contains a sensitive pick-up device which could be damaged by improper handling or storage.

CARE

- **TO CLEAN YOUR CAMCORDER ...** Do not use strong or abrasive detergents when cleaning your Camcorder body.
- **TO PROTECT THE LENS ...** Do not touch the surface of the lens with your hand. Use a commercial Camcorder lens solution and lens paper when cleaning the lens. Improper cleaning can scratch the lens coating.
- **TO PROTECT THE FINISH OF YOUR CAMCORDER ...** Before handling your Camcorder, make sure your hands and face are free from any chemical products, such as suntan lotion, as it may damage the finish.

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U.S.A. CONSUMERS: ATTENTION:



A lithium ion/polymer battery that is recyclable powers the product you have purchased. Please call 1-800-8-BATTERY for information on how to recycle this battery.

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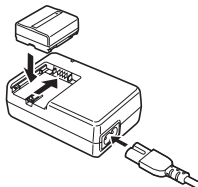
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Quick Guide

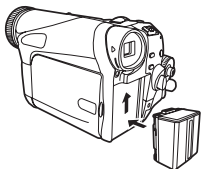
Using the Battery

- 1 Attach the Battery to the AC Adaptor and charge it.



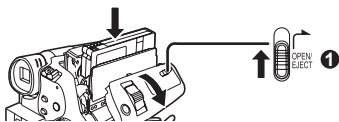
- Before use, fully charge the Battery.
- Since the Battery will not be charged when the DC Cable is connected to the AC Adaptor, disconnect it from the AC Adaptor.
- The [CHARGE] Lamp lights up, and charging starts.
- When the [CHARGE] Lamp goes off, charging is completed.

- 2 Attach the charged Battery to the Camcorder.



Inserting a Cassette

- 1 Slide the [OPEN/EJECT] Lever ① toward the front and pull down to fully open the Cassette Compartment Cover.
 - To protect the tape, if the cover is not fully opened, the cassette holder cannot be ejected.
- 2 After the Cassette Holder is opened, insert a Cassette.

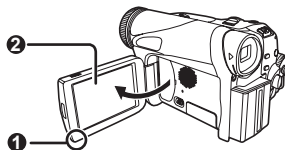


- 3 Close the Cassette Holder by pressing the [PUSH] mark ②.
- 4 Only after the Cassette Holder is completely housed, close the Cassette Compartment Cover by pressing the mark ③.

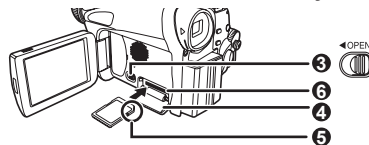


Inserting a Card

- 1 Place your Thumb on the [OPEN▼] ① Knob and pull the LCD Monitor ② out in the direction of the arrow.



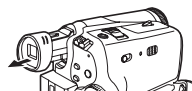
- 2 Slide the [◀OPEN] Lever ③ to open the Card Slot Cover ④.
- 3 While holding the Memory Card with its cut corner facing right ⑤ insert it into the Card Slot ⑥.
- 4 Close the Card Slot Cover ④ securely.



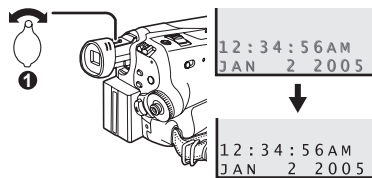
Using the Viewfinder

Before using the Viewfinder, adjust the field of view so that the displays inside the Viewfinder become clear and easy to read.

- 1 Pull the Viewfinder.

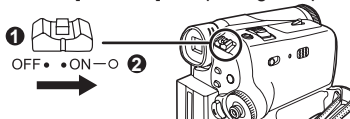


- 2 Adjust by turning the Eyepiece Corrector Knob ①.

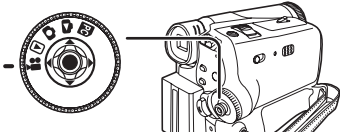


Recording on a Tape

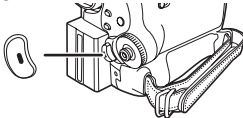
- 1 Set the [OFF/ON] Switch ① to [ON].
 - The [POWER] Lamp ② lights up.



2 Set the Mode Dial to Tape Recording Mode.



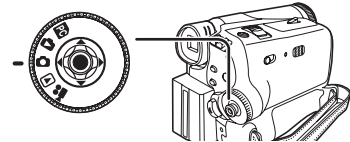
3 Press the Recording Start/Stop Button.
• Recording starts.



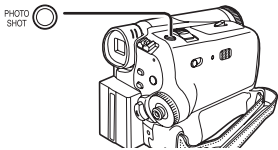
4 Press the Recording Start/Stop Button again to pause the recording.

Recording a Still Picture on Card (Photoshot)

1 Set the Mode Dial to Card Recording Mode.

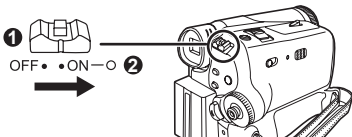


2 Press the [PHOTO SHOT] Button.

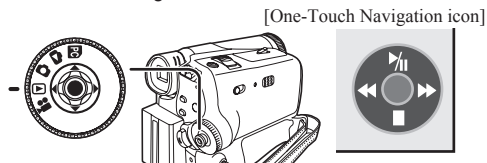


Playing Back a Tape

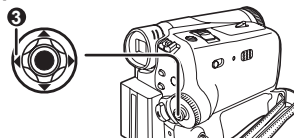
1 Set the [OFF/ON] Switch ① to [ON].
• The [POWER] Lamp ② lights up.



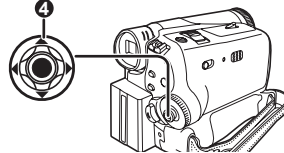
2 Set the Mode Dial to Tape Playback Mode.
• The One-Touch Navigation icon is displayed on the lower right of the screen.



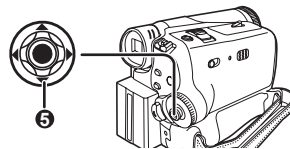
3 Move the Joystick Control [◀] ③ to rewind the tape.



4 Move the Joystick Control [▲] ④ to start playback.



5 Move the Joystick Control [▼] ⑤ to stop playback.

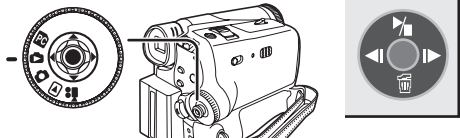


Playing Back a Card

1 Set the Mode Dial to Picture Playback Mode.

- The One-Touch Navigation icon is displayed on the lower right of the screen.

[One-Touch Navigation icon]










2 Start Playback.

- Joystick Control [▲] : Starting the Slide Show
Stop the Slide Show
- Joystick Control [▼] : Erase the pictures
- Joystick Control [◀] : Playing back the previous picture
- Joystick Control [▶] : Playing back the next picture

Before Using

Standard Accessories

The followings are the accessories supplied with the Camcorder.

| | | | |
|----|---|--|--|
| 1) |  |  |  |
| | PV-DAC14D | K2GJ2DC00011 | K2CA2CA00025 |
| 2) |  | 3)  | 4)  |
| | CGA-DU12 | K2KC4CB00020 | LSFC0018 |
| 5) |  | | |
| | AY-DVM60EJ | | |

1) AC Adaptor, DC Cable and AC Cable (p. 11)


CAUTION:



This unit will operate on 110/120/220/240 V AC. An AC plug adaptor may be required for voltages other than 120 V AC. Please contact either a local or foreign electrical parts distributor for assistance in selecting an alternate AC plug.

We recommend using the accessory power plug adaptor (VJSS0070/KZDB4ZE00001) in an area which has special AC outlets.

- 2) Battery Pack (p. 12)
- 3) AV Cable (pp. 36, 37)
- 4) Shoulder Strap (p. 13)
- 5) Mini DV Tape (60 min.) (p. 14)

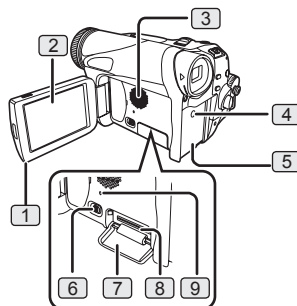
■ How to Turn off the Demo Mode

To terminate the demonstration mode, insert a cassette or set the [ DEMO MODE] to [OFF] as follows.

- 1 Set [ SETUP] >> [ DEMO MODE] >> [OFF].

Parts Identification and Handling

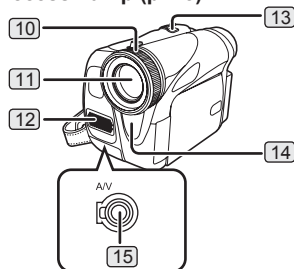
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


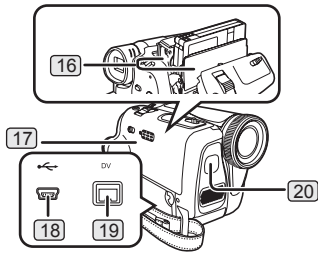
- 1) LCD Monitor Open Knob [OPEN▼] (p. 17)
- 2) LCD Monitor (pp. 17, 57)

Due to limitations in LCD production technology, there may be some tiny bright or dark spots on the LCD Monitor screen. However, this is not a malfunction and does not affect the recorded picture.

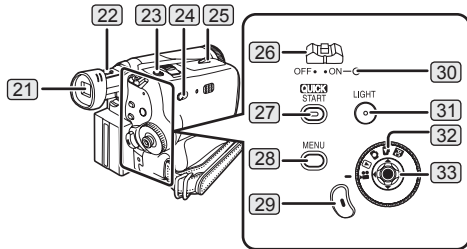
- 3) Speaker (p. 32)
- 4) DC Input Jack [DC IN] (p. 11)
- 5) Battery Holder
- 6) Card Slot Cover Open Lever [◀OPEN] (p. 14)
- 7) Card Slot Cover (p. 14)
- 8) Card Slot (p. 14)
- 9) Card Access Lamp (p. 15)



- 10) Lens Hood (p. 57)
- 11) Lens
- 12) Microphone (built-in, stereo) (pp. 25, 28)
- 13) Zoom Lever [W/T] (pp. 25, 26)
Volume Lever [-  / VOL +] (pp. 32, 33)
- 14) White Balance Sensor (p. 30)
- 15) Audio-Video Output Jack [AV OUT] (pp. 36, 37)
 - Connecting an AV Cable to this jack activates the Camcorder's built-in speaker.
 - When connecting the pin plug of the AV Cable to this jack, plug it in as far as it goes.



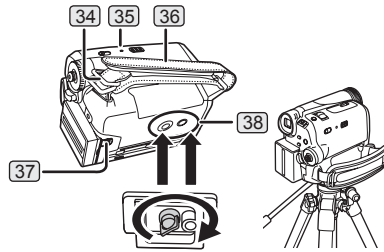
- 16 **Cassette Holder**
- 17 **Cassette Compartment Cover** (pp. 13~14)
- 18 **USB Jack** [←] (pp. 40, 43)
- 19 **DV Input/Output Terminal** (p. 38)
 - Connect this to the digital video equipment.
- 20 **Built-in LED Light** (p. 24)



- 21 **Viewfinder** (pp. 16, 57)

Due to limitations in LCD production technology, there may be some tiny bright or dark spots on the Viewfinder screen. However, this is not a malfunction and does not affect the recorded picture.

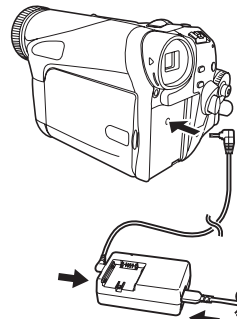
- 22 **Eyepiece Corrector Knob** (p. 17)
- 23 **Photoshot Button [PHOTO SHOT]** (pp. 22, 23)
- 24 **Mode Selector Switch [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS]** (pp. 22, 28~31)
- 25 **Cassette Eject Lever [OPEN/EJECT]** (p. 13)
- 26 **Power Switch [OFF/ON]** (pp. 15, 22)
- 27 **Quick Start Recording Button [QUICK START]** (p. 25)
- Quick Start Recording Lamp (p. 25)
- 28 **Menu Button [MENU]** (p. 17)
- 29 **Recording Start/Stop Button** (p. 22)
- 30 **Power Lamp [POWER]** (p. 15)
- 31 **Light Button [LIGHT]** (p. 24)
- 32 **Mode Dial** (p. 15)
- 33 **Joystick Control** (pp. 15~16, 18)



- 34 **Shoulder Strap Holders** (p. 13)
- 35 **Reset Button [RESET]** (pp. 49, 57, 59, 60)
- 36 **Grip Belt** (p. 13)
- 37 **Battery Eject Switch [BATTERY RELEASE]** (p. 12)
- 38 **Tripod Receptacle**
 - This is a hole for attaching the Camcorder to optional tripod. (Please carefully read the Operating Instructions for how to attach the tripod to the Camcorder.)
 - You cannot open the Card Slot Cover when the tripod is used. Insert the card first and then attach the tripod.

Power Supply

Using the AC Adaptor



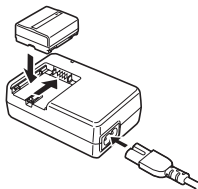
- 1 Connect the DC Cable to the Camcorder.
 - 2 Connect the DC Cable to the AC Adaptor.
 - 3 Connect the AC Cable to the AC Adaptor and the AC Jack.
- Before connecting or disconnecting the power supply, set the [OFF/ON] Switch 26 on the Camcorder to [OFF] and make sure that [POWER] Lamp 30 is not lit. (p. 15)

Using the Battery

Before use, fully charge the Battery.

- We recommend using a Panasonic Battery.
- We cannot guarantee the quality of this Camcorder when batteries from other companies are used.

- 1 Attach the Battery to the AC Adaptor and charge it.**
- 2 Put the Battery on the Battery Mount by aligning the mark, and then securely plug it in.**



- Since the Battery will not be charged when the DC Cable is connected to the AC Adaptor, disconnect it from the AC Adaptor.
- The [CHARGE] Lamp lights up, and charging starts.
- When the [CHARGE] Lamp goes off, charging is completed.
- When the battery is completely discharged, the [CHARGE] Lamp blinks at first, but the battery is charged normally. When the temperature of the battery is too high or low, the [CHARGE] Lamp blinks and the charging time becomes longer than usual.

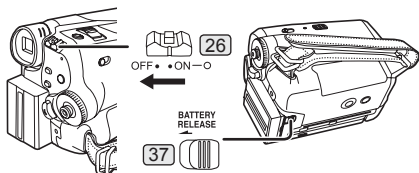
- 3 Attach the charged Battery to the Camcorder.**



■ Disconnecting the Power Source

Set the [OFF/ON] Switch [26] to [OFF], and while sliding the [BATTERY RELEASE] Switch [37], remove the Battery downward or DC Cable.

- When attaching or removing Battery, set the [OFF/ON] Switch to [OFF] and make sure the [POWER] Lamp is not lit.



- Hold down the battery with your hand so it does not fall.
- For other notes concerning this item, see page 50.

Charging Time and Available Recording Time

| | | |
|---|-----|---------------------------|
| Supplied battery CGA-DU12 (7.2 V / 1 150 mAh) | (A) | 2 h 25 min. |
| | (B) | 3 h 10 min. (2 h 35 min.) |
| | (C) | 1 h 35 min. (1 h 20 min.) |
| CGR-DU06 (7.2 V / 640 mAh) | (A) | 1 h 40 min. |
| | (B) | 1 h 45 min. (1 h 25 min.) |
| | (C) | 55 min. (45 min.) |
| CGA-DU21 (7.2 V / 2 040 mAh) | (A) | 3 h 55 min. |
| | (B) | 5 h 30 min. (4 h 30 min.) |
| | (C) | 2 h 45 min. (2 h 15 min.) |

(A) Charging Time

(B) Maximum Continuous Recording Time

(C) Intermittent Recordable Time

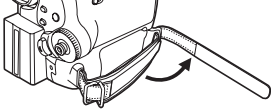
(The intermittent recordable time refers to recordable time when the recording and stopping operations are repeated.)

- “2 h 25 min.” indicates 2 hour and 25 minutes.
- Battery CGA-DU12 is supplied.
- The times shown in the table are approximate times. The numbers indicate the recording time when the Viewfinder is used. The numbers in parentheses indicate the recording time when the LCD Monitor is used. In actual use, the available recording time may be shorter.
- The times shown in the table are for continuous recording at a temperature of 25 °C (68 °F) and humidity of 60 %. If the Battery is charged at a higher or lower temperature, the charging time may be longer.
- We recommend the Battery Pack CGA-DU12 and CGA-DU21 for long time recording (2 hours or more for continuous recording, 1 hour or more for intermittent recording.)
- The available recording time becomes shorter if you use both of Viewfinder and LCD Monitor simultaneously when rotating the LCD Monitor forward to record yourself.
- The batteries heat up after use or charging. The Camcorder being used will also heat up. This is normal.

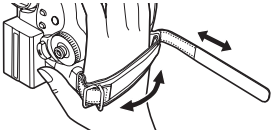
To Use as a Grip Belt

Adjust the length of the Grip Belt to the size of your hand.

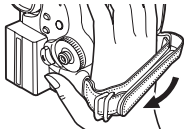
1 Detach the end of the Grip Belt.



2 Adjust the length of the Grip Belt to the size of your hand.



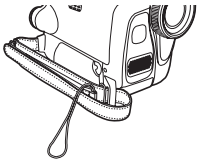
3 Reattach the Grip Belt.



Re-attaching the Lens Cap

To protect the Lens surface, attach the Lens Cap.

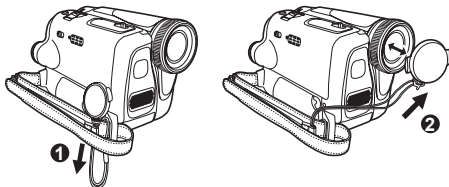
- The Lens Cap and Lens Cap Cord come preattached to the Grip Belt.



1 Pass one end of the Lens Cap Cord through the attached eye on the Lens Cap. Then pass the Lens Cap through the loop made by itself and pull tight.



- When not using the Lens Cap, pull the Lens Cap Cord in the direction of the arrow. ①
- When you are not recording, be sure to cover the Lens with the Lens Cap for protection. ②



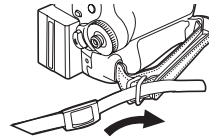
- When you remove the Lens Cap, press the knobs firmly.



Attaching the Shoulder Strap

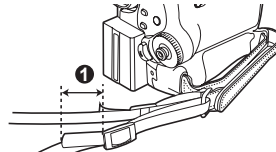
We recommend that you attach the Shoulder Strap before going out to avoid dropping the Camcorder.

1 Pull the end of the Shoulder Strap through the Shoulder Strap Holder on the Camcorder.



2 Fold the end of the Shoulder Strap, run it through the Shoulder Strap Length Adjuster, and pull it.

- Pull it out more than 1 inch (2 cm) ① from the Shoulder Strap Length Adjuster so that it cannot slip off.



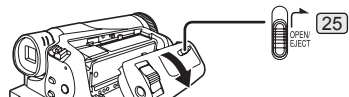
- Attach the other end of the Shoulder Strap to the other Shoulder Strap Holder in the same way.

Inserting a Cassette

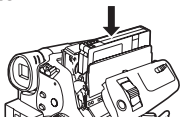
- Please use Genuine Panasonic DVC Tapes for more information please contact your local dealer or visit www.panasonic.com.
- For your reference if you travel frequently you should also purchase a Panasonic head cleaning tape AY-DVMCLA and use when HEAD CLOG message appears on the LCD/EVF of your Camcorder.

1 Slide the [OPEN/EJECT] Lever 25 toward the front and pull down to fully open the Cassette Compartment Cover.

- To protect the tape, if the cover is not fully opened, the cassette holder cannot be ejected.



- 2** After the Cassette Holder is opened, insert a Cassette.



- When inserting a cassette, orient it as shown in the above, and then securely insert it as far as it goes.

- 3** Close the Cassette Holder by pressing the [PUSH] mark ①.

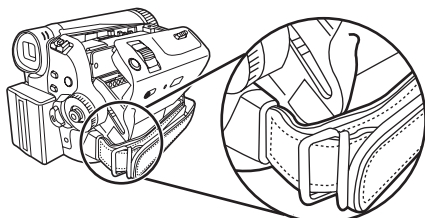


- 4** Only after the Cassette Holder is completely housed, close the Cassette Compartment Cover by pressing the mark ②.



- When the Cassette Holder does not come out

- Close the Cassette Compartment Cover completely, and then open it again completely.
- Check if the battery has run down.
- Check if the Cassette Compartment Cover is in contact with grip belt as shown below. If so, be sure the grip belt stays clear of the cover when opening.

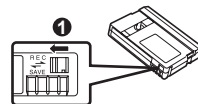


- When the Cassette Holder cannot be housed

- Set the [OFF/ON] Switch ②⑥ to [OFF], then to [ON] again.
- Check if the battery has run down.

Accidental Erasure Prevention

Opening the accidental erasure prevention slider ① on the cassette (by sliding it to the [SAVE] arrow direction) prevents recording. To enable recording, close the accidental erasure prevention slider (by sliding it to the [REC] arrow direction).



- For other notes concerning this item, see page 50.

Using a Memory Card (Optional)

A Card can be used to record still pictures.

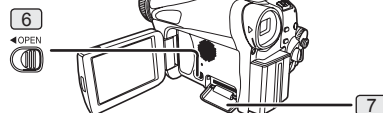
- Use a genuine SD Memory Card or MultiMediaCard manufactured by Panasonic only.

Before inserting or removing a Card, be sure to turn off the Camcorder.

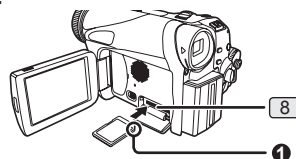
- Otherwise, the Camcorder may not function properly or it may cause the loss of recorded data in a Card.

Inserting a Card

- 1** Open the LCD Monitor and then slide the [◀OPEN] Lever ⑥ to open the Card Slot Cover ⑦.



- 2** While holding the Memory Card with its cut corner facing right ①, insert it into the Card Slot ⑧.



- 3** Close the Card Slot Cover ⑦ securely.

Removing the Card

Open the Card Slot Cover and press the center of the Card and then pull it straight out.

- After removing the Card, close the Card Slot Cover.
- The Camcorder may be damaged if the Card is forced out when the Card is fully inserted.

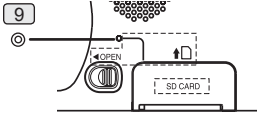
Concerning the Card

- Do not touch the terminals on the back of the card.
- Do not format the card with another Camcorder or any personal computer. This operation may make the card unusable.
- Electrical noise, static electricity, or failure of the Camcorder or the card may damage or erase the data stored on the card. We recommend saving important data on a personal computer by using a USB Cable, PC Card Adaptor, or USB Reader/Writer.

SD Memory Card

- The memory capacity indicated on the SD Memory Card label corresponds to the total amount of capacity to protect and manage the copyright and the capacity available as conventional memory for a Camcorder, personal computer or other equipment.

Card Access Lamp 9



While the Camcorder is accessing the Card (reading, recording, playback or erasing), the Card Access Lamp lights up.

- While the Card Access Lamp is on, **never** attempt to open the Card Slot Cover, to pull out the Card, to turn off the Camcorder, or to turn the Mode Dial. Such actions will damage the Card, and recorded data, and cause the Camcorder to malfunction.

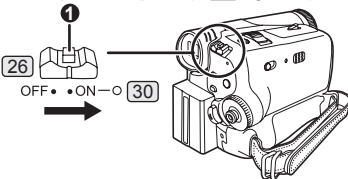
Turning on the Camcorder

Turn on the power first and then select modes.

How to Turn on the Power

- 1 Set the [OFF/ON] Switch 26 to [ON] while pressing the button 1.

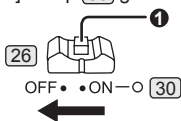
- The [POWER] Lamp 30 lights up.



How to Turn off the Power

- 2 Set the [OFF/ON] Switch 26 to [OFF] while pressing the button 1.

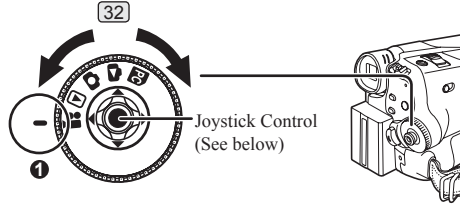
- The [POWER] Lamp 30 goes off.



Easy to Use Mode Dial

You can choose a desired mode by rotating the Mode Dial.

- 1 Rotate the Mode Dial 32.
 - Set your desired mode to 1.



Tape Recording Mode

Use this mode when recording pictures on a tape. Also, you can record still pictures on the card simultaneously while recording on a tape.

Tape Playback Mode

Use this mode when playing back the recorded scene on a tape.

Card Recording Mode

Use this mode when recording still pictures on a card.

Picture Playback Mode

Use this mode when playing back the recorded still picture on a card.

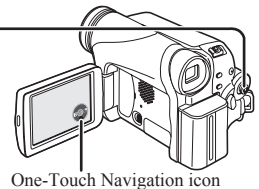
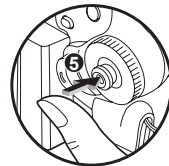
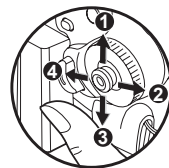
PC Mode

Use this mode when you want to connect the Camcorder to your Personal Computer. You can view or edit the images recorded on a card on your personal computer.

How to Use the Joystick Control

Basic Joystick Control Operations

Operations on the menu screen and selection of files to be played back on the multi-image display. Move the Joystick Control [▲, ▼, ◀, or ▶] to select an item or file, and then press in the center to set it.



One-Touch Navigation icon

| | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Select by moving [▲]. |
| 2 | Select by moving [▶]. |
| 3 | Select by moving [▼]. |
| 4 | Select by moving [◀]. |
| 5 | Push the center to select the item. |

Joystick Control and Screen Display

Press the center of the Joystick Control, and One-Touch Navigation icon will be displayed on the lower right of the screen. Each press switches the display as follows depending on the mode.
Move the Joystick Control [▲, ▼, ◀, or ▶] to select an item.

• In the Tape Playback Mode or the Picture Playback Mode, the One-Touch Navigation icon will be automatically on the lower right of the screen.

■ Tape Recording Mode

• When the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch is set to [AUTO].



| | | | | |
|-----|---|---|------------------------|-----------|
| 1/2 | ◀ | ☐ | Fade | pp. 26~27 |
| | ▶ | ☒ | Backlight compensation | p. 27 |
| | ▼ | ☞ | Soft Skin Mode | p. 28 |
| 2/2 | ▲ | ☎ | MagicPix Mode | p. 27 |
| | ▼ | ☒ | Recording Check | p. 22 |

■ Tape Recording Mode

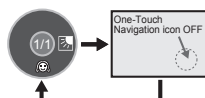
• When the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch is set to [MANUAL].



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| | ▶ | ☒ | Backlight compensation | p. 27 |
| | ▼ | ☞ | Soft Skin Mode | p. 28 |
| 2/3 | ▲ | ☎ | MagicPix Mode | p. 27 |
| | ▼ | ☒ | Recording Check | p. 22 |
| 3/3 | ▼ | ▼ | Manual Mode (White Balance, Shutter Speed, Iris, Focus) | pp. 29~31 |
| | ◀ | + | Adjust + | pp. 29~31 |
| | ▶ | - | Adjust - | pp. 29~31 |

■ Card Recording Mode

• When the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch is set to [AUTO].



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| 1/1 | ▶ | ☒ | Backlight compensation | p. 27 |
| | ▼ | ☞ | Soft Skin Mode | p. 28 |

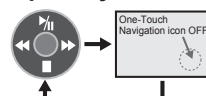
■ Card Recording Mode

• When the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch is set to [MANUAL].



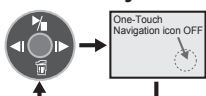
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| | ▼ | ☞ | Soft Skin Mode | p. 28 |
| 2/2 | ▼ | ▼ | Manual Mode (White Balance, Shutter Speed, Iris, Focus) | pp. 29~31 |
| | ◀ | + | Adjust + | pp. 29~31 |
| | ▶ | - | Adjust - | pp. 29~31 |

■ Tape Playback Mode



| | | | | |
|---|---|---|--------------------------|-------|
| - | ▲ | ⏪ | Playback / Pause | p. 32 |
| | ▶ | ⏩ | Fast (Cue Playback) | p. 32 |
| | ◀ | ⏮ | Rewind (Review Playback) | p. 32 |
| | ▼ | ⏹ | Stop | p. 32 |

■ Picture Playback Mode



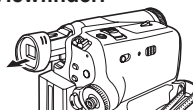
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|---|---|---|-------------------------------|------------|
| - | ▲ | ▶ | Start the Slide Show | pp. 33, 34 |
| | | ▶ | Stop the Slide Show | |
| | ▶ | ▶ | Playback the next picture | p. 33 |
| | ◀ | ◀ | Playback the previous picture | p. 33 |
| | ▼ | 🗑 | Erase the picture | p. 34 |

Using the Viewfinder/LCD Monitor

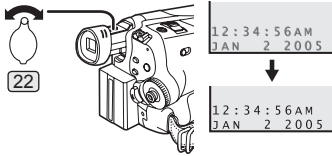
Using the Viewfinder

Before using the Viewfinder, adjust the field of view so that the displays inside the Viewfinder become clear and easy to read.

1 Pull the Viewfinder.



2 Adjust by turning the Eyepiece Corrector Knob [22].



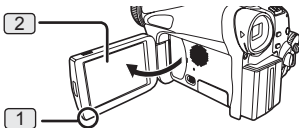
- You can adjust the brightness of the Viewfinder from the Menu.

Using the LCD Monitor

With the LCD Monitor open, you can also record the picture while watching it.

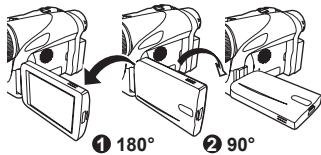
1 Place your Thumb on the [OPEN ▼] Knob [1] and pull the LCD Monitor [2] out in the direction of the arrow.

- The Viewfinder is now deactivated.
- It can open up to 90°.



2 Adjust the LCD Monitor angle according to the desired recording angle.

- The LCD Monitor can rotate a maximum of 180° ① from the vertical position upwards and a maximum of 90° ② to the downward direction. Forcefully rotating the LCD Monitor beyond these ranges will damage the Camcorder.



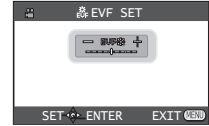
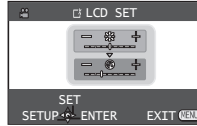
- The brightness and color level of the LCD Monitor can be adjusted from the Menu.
- If it is forcibly opened or rotated, the Camcorder may be damaged or fail.
- Check that the Card Slot Cover is closed before closing the LCD Monitor.
- When the LCD Monitor is rotated by 180° towards the lens (when recording yourself), the LCD Monitor and the Viewfinder will be simultaneously activated.

■ Closing the LCD Monitor

- Push the LCD Monitor until it is securely locked.
- Make sure the Card Slot Cover is closed.

Adjusting Brightness and Color Level

When [LCD SET] or [EVF SET] on the [MENU] Sub-Menu is set to [YES], the following items are displayed.



[LCD SET] LCD Brightness [*]

Adjusts the brightness of the image on the LCD screen.

[LCD SET] LCD Color Level [*]

Adjusts the color saturation of the image on the LCD screen.

[EVF SET] Brightness of the Viewfinder [EVF *]

Adjusts the brightness of the image in the Viewfinder.

■ To Adjust

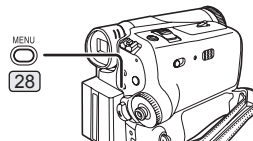
- Move the Joystick Control [▲] or [▼] and select the item to be adjusted, and then move the Joystick Control [◀] or [▶] to raise or lower the number of vertical bars in the Bar Indication.
- More vertical bars indicates stronger brightness or color saturation.

- In order to adjust the brightness of the Viewfinder, close the LCD Monitor, and the Viewfinder will be activated.
- These settings will not affect the images actually recorded.
- For other notes concerning this item, see page 57.

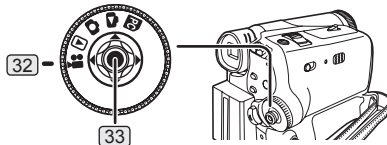
Using the Menu Screen

To facilitate the selection of a desired function or setup, this Camcorder displays various function setups on Menus.

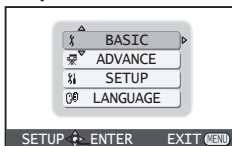
1 Press the [MENU] Button [28].



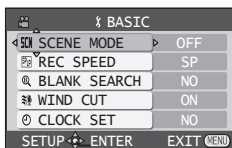
- The Menu corresponding to the Mode selected by the Mode Dial [32] is displayed.
- Do not switch the Mode Dial [32] when the Menu is displayed.



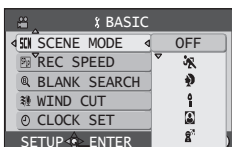
- 2** Move the Joystick Control [▲] or [▼] [33] to select the top menu.



- 3** Move the Joystick Control [▶] [33] or press it to set the selection.
- 4** Move the Joystick Control [▲] or [▼] [33] to select the Sub-Menu.



- 5** Move the Joystick Control [▶] [33] or press it to set the selection.
- 6** Move the Joystick Control [▲] or [▼] [33] to select the item to be set.



- 7** Press the Joystick Control [33] to determine the setting.

- While a Menu is displayed, you cannot record or play back. Menus can be displayed during playback but not during recording.

■ To Return to the Previous Screen

Move the Joystick Control [◀] [33].

■ To Exit the Menu Screen

Press the [MENU] Button [28] again.

■ About the Menu Mode Setting

The setting selected on the Menu will be retained even when the Camcorder is turned off. However, if the Battery or AC Adaptor is disconnected before turning off the Camcorder, the selected setup may not be retained.

- Menu operation flow is shown in this text by >>.

Selecting Language

You can select the desired language.

- 1** Set [[0] LANGUAGE] >> [English], [Français] or [Español].

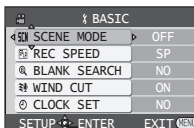
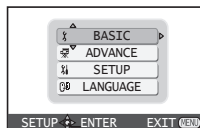


List of Menus

The figures of the Menus are for explanation purposes only, and they are different from the actual Menus.

■ [TAPE RECORDING MENU]

e.g.,



[BASIC]

Basic Setup Sub-Menu

[SCENE MODE]

Scene Mode (pp. 28~29)

[REC SPEED]

Recording Speed Mode (p. 21)

[BLANK SEARCH]

Blank Search Mode (p. 23)

[WIND CUT]

Wind Noise Reduction (p. 28)

[CLOCK SET]

Date and Time Setting (p. 20)

[ADVANCE]

Advance Setup Sub-Menu

[PICT.QUALITY]

Picture Quality (p. 23)

[EIS]

Image Stabilizer (p. 26)

[CINEMA]

Cinema-like Format Recording (p. 28)

[D.ZOOM]

Digital Zoom (p. 26)

[ZOOM MIC]

Zoom Microphone (p. 25)

[DATE/TIME]

Date and Time Indication (p. 49)

[INITIAL SET]

Initial Setting Mode (p. 49)

[SETUP]

Setup Sub-Menu

[FADE COLOR]

Fade color (p. 26)

[AUDIO REC]

Audio Recording Mode (p. 21)

[] DISPLAY

Display Mode (p. 49)

[] BEEP SOUND

Beep Sound (p. 50)

[] LCD SET

LCD Adjustment (p. 17)

[] EVF SET

Viewfinder Adjustment (p. 17)

[] DEMO MODE

Demonstration Mode

- If you set to [] DEMO MODE >> [ON] without inserting a cassette or a card, the Camcorder is automatically set to the demonstration mode for introducing its functions. If any button is pressed or operated, the demonstration mode is canceled. If no operations take place for approx. 10 minutes, the demonstration mode automatically starts. To terminate the demonstration mode, insert a cassette or a card, or set to [] DEMO MODE >> [OFF]. For normal use, set this function to [OFF].

[] POWER SAVE

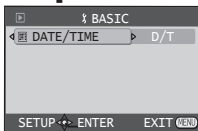
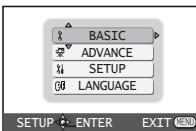
Power Save Mode (p. 49)

[] LANGUAGE

Language Setup Sub-menu (p. 18)

[] TAPE PLAYBACK MENU

e.g.,



[] BASIC

Basic Setup Sub-Menu

[] DATE/TIME

Date and Time Indication (p. 49)

[] ADVANCE

Advance Setup Sub-Menu

[] BLANK SEARCH

Blank Search Mode (p. 23)

[] REC SPEED

Recording Speed Mode (p. 21)

[] REC STDBY

Recording Standby Mode (p. 38)

[] PICT.QUALITY

Picture Quality (p. 23)

[] REPEAT PLAY

Repeat Play Mode (p. 53)

[] SETUP

Setup Sub-Menu

[] 12bit AUDIO

Audio Selector (pp. 32, 53)

[] AUDIO OUT

Audio Output Mode (p. 53)

[] DISPLAY

Display Mode (p. 49)

[] LCD SET

LCD Adjustment (p. 17)

[] EVF SET

Viewfinder Adjustment (p. 17)

[] POWER SAVE

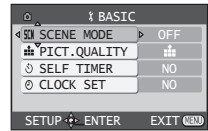
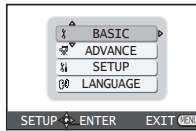
Power Save Mode (p. 49)

[] LANGUAGE

Language Setup Sub-menu (p. 18)

[] CARD RECORDING MENU

e.g.,



[] BASIC

Basic Setup Sub-Menu

[] SCENE MODE

Scene Mode (pp. 28~29)

[] PICT.QUALITY

Picture Quality (p. 23)

[] SELF TIMER

Self-timer Recording (p. 25)

[] CLOCK SET

Date and Time Setting (p. 20)

[] ADVANCE

Advance Setup Sub-Menu

[] BURST MODE

RapidFire Consecutive Photoshot (p. 24)

[] SHTR EFFECT

Shutter Effect (p. 23)

[] DATE/TIME

Date and Time Indication (p. 49)

[] INITIAL SET

Initial Setting Mode (p. 49)

[] SETUP

Setup Sub-Menu

[] DISPLAY

Display Mode (p. 49)

[] BEEP SOUND

Beep Sound (p. 50)

[] LCD SET

LCD Adjustment (p. 17)

[] EVF SET

Viewfinder Adjustment (p. 17)

[] POWER SAVE

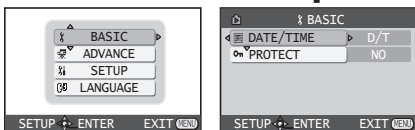
Power Save Mode (p. 49)

[] LANGUAGE

Language Setup Sub-menu (p. 18)

■ [PICTURE PLAYBACK MENU]

e.g.,



[BASIC]

Basic Setup Sub-Menu

[DATE] DATE/TIME

Date and Time Indication (p. 49)

[ON] PROTECT

Setting the Lock (p. 35)

[ADVANCE]

Advance Setup Sub-Menu

[DPOF] DPOF SET

Setting DPOF (p. 35)

[CARD] CARD FORMAT

Formatting a Card (p. 36)

[SETUP]

Setup Sub-Menu

[DISP] DISPLAY

Display Mode (p. 49)

[LCD] LCD SET

LCD Adjustment (p. 17)

[EVF] EVF SET

Viewfinder Adjustment (p. 17)

[PS] POWER SAVE

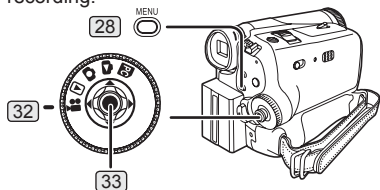
Power Save Mode (p. 49)

[LANGUAGE]

Language Setup Sub-menu (p. 18)

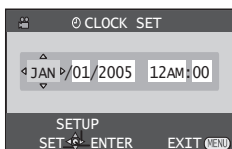
Setting Date and Time

Since the internal clock of the Camcorder has a slight imprecision make sure to check the time before recording.



• Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.

1 Set [BASIC] >> [CLOCK SET] >> [YES].



2 Move the Joystick Control [◀] or [▶] [33] to select the item to be set. Then move the Joystick Control [▲] or [▼] [33] to set the desired value.

- Year will cycle in the order shown below.
2000, 2001, ..., 2089, 2000, ...

3 Press the Joystick Control [33] to finish setting the date and time.

- The clock operation starts from [00] second.

- If the built-in battery is weak, the [] Indication flashes. In this case, charge the built-in battery.
- The clock uses the 12-hour system.

■ About date/time

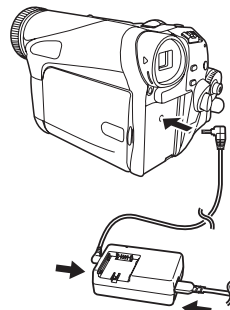
- The Date and Time function are driven by a built-in lithium battery.
- Make sure to check the time before recording because the built-in clock is not very accurate.

Internal Lithium Battery Recharge

The internal lithium battery sustains the operation of the clock. If the [] or [–] is indicated when the Camcorder is turned on, the internal lithium battery is near exhaustion.



1 Connect the AC Adaptor to the Camcorder with the power turned off and then connect to the AC jack.



- After charging for 4 hours, the built-in lithium battery can power the clock for approximately 3 months.
- Leave the Camcorder as is for approx. 24 hours, and the battery will drive the Date and Time for approx. 6 months. (Even if the [OFF/ON] Switch is set to [OFF], the battery is still being recharged.)

LP Mode

You can switch the tape recording speed.

- **Set to Tape Recording/Playback Mode.**

Set [ BASIC] or [ ADVANCE] >> [ REC SPEED] >> [LP].

If the LP mode is selected, the recording time will be 1.5 times the SP mode, but some functions will be disabled.

- We recommend using the SP mode for important recordings.
- In order to fully exhibit the performances of the LP mode, we recommend using Panasonic cassettes marked LP mode.
- In the LP mode, the picture quality will not be degraded in comparison with the SP mode, but mosaic noise may appear on the playback image or some functions may be disabled.
 - Playback on other digital video equipment or on digital video equipment without the LP mode
 - Playback of the image on other digital video equipment recorded in the LP mode
 - Still Advance playback

Audio Recording Mode

You can select the sound quality of the recorded sound.

- **Set to Tape Recording Mode.**



Set [ SETUP] >> [ AUDIO REC] >> [12bit] or [16bit].

[12bit]: Records audio in “12 bit 32 kHz 4 tracks”.
(The original audio signals can be kept after the other audio signals are dubbed.)

[16bit]: Records audio in “16 bit 48 kHz 2 tracks”.
Audio can be recorded in higher quality. (If audio signals are dubbed, then the original audio signals will be erased.)

Recording Mode

About Recording

When recording pictures on a tape, set the Mode Dial (32) to Tape Recording Mode []. When recording still pictures on a card, set the Mode Dial (32) to Card Recording Mode []. When recording with the [AUTO/MANUAL/ FOCUS] Switch (24) set to [AUTO], the Camcorder automatically adjusts the Focus and White Balance. In some cases, they cannot be adjusted automatically and need to be adjusted manually. (pp. 29, 31)



- Before turning on the power, remove the Lens Cap. If the Lens Cap is still attached when the power is turned on, Automatic White Balance Adjustment (p. 29) may not function correctly.

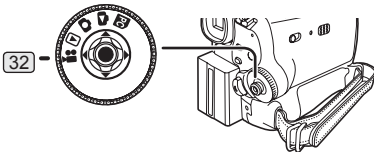
Recording on a Tape

- 1 Set the [OFF/ON] Switch (26) to [ON].


- The [POWER] Lamp (30) lights up.

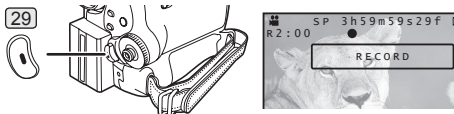


- 2 Set the Mode Dial (32) to Tape Recording Mode.




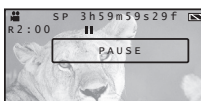
- 3 Press the Recording Start/Stop Button (29).

- Recording starts.
- The [RECORD] and [] Indication appears.

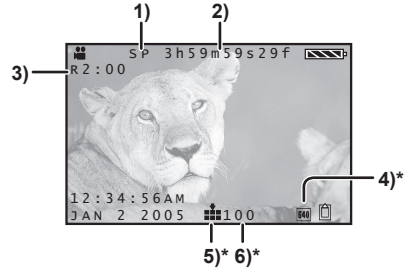


- 4 Press the Recording Start/Stop Button (29) again to pause the recording.

- The [PAUSE] and [] Indication appears.



On-screen Display in the Tape Recording Mode



* These indications are displayed only when the card is inserted.

- 1) Recording mode
- 2) Recording time elapsed
- 3) Remaining tape indication
- 4) Still picture size
- 5) Quality of still pictures
- 6) Number of recordable still pictures (When no picture can be recorded, this indication will flash in red.)

Recording "Simultaneous Motion/Still Record Mode"

Even if the Mode Dial is set to Tape Recording Mode and the recording to a tape is in progress, you can also record a still picture on a card by pressing the [PHOTO SHOT] Button (23).

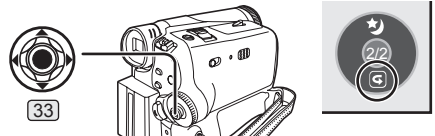
- For the number of still pictures to be recorded on a card, refer to page 24.
- When recording pictures onto a card, the Recording Start/Stop Button is disabled.
- You can select a picture quality for still pictures to be recorded. (p. 23)
- In order to record higher quality still pictures, you must use the Card Recording Mode.

To Check the Recording


You can play back the last few seconds of the recorded scene in the Recording Pause Mode.

- 1 Press the Joystick Control (33) twice to display the One-Touch Navigation icon on the lower right of the screen.

[One-Touch Navigation icon]






- 2 Move the Joystick Control [] (33) to select [].

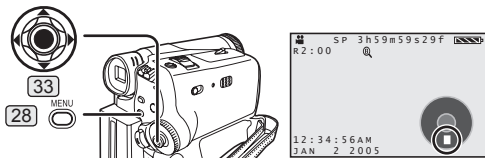
- The [] indication is displayed. After checking, the Camcorder resumes the Recording Pause Mode.


Finding the End of Recording (Blank Search Function)

The Blank Search Function aids you in locating the end of the recording on the Cassette quickly (unused part of the tape).

• Set to Tape Recording/Playback Mode.

- 1 Set [ BASIC] or [ ADVANCE] >> [ BLANK SEARCH] >> [YES].




- The [] indication and the One-Touch Navigation icon appears during the Blank Search.
- Approximately 1 second before the last recorded scene, the Camcorder switches to the Recording Pause Mode or the Still Playback Mode.
- If there is no blank left on the Cassette, the Camcorder stops at the end of the tape.

■ To Cancel the Blank Search Function Before Completion

Move the Joystick Control [] to select [].

Progressive Photoshot

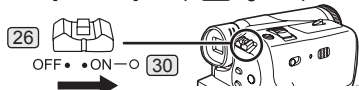
When the [] Indication is displayed, Progressive Photoshot Function works. You can record still pictures with higher quality by using this function.

- The Progressive Photoshot Function may not be activated depending on the function you use. (p. 49)
- To record still pictures with higher quality, we recommend setting to the Card Recording Mode. (To activate the Progressive Photoshot Function regardless of the function you use.)
- When you record onto the tape and the card simultaneously, the Progressive Photoshot Function is not activated.

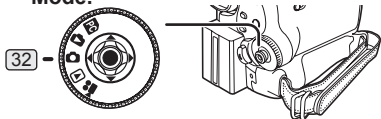
Recording a Still Picture on a Card (Photoshot)

Still pictures can be recorded on the Memory Card from the Camcorder.

- 1 Set the [OFF/ON] Switch [ 26] to [ON].
 - The [POWER] Lamp [ 30] lights up.



- 2 Set the Mode Dial [ 32] to Card Recording Mode.



- 3 Press the [PHOTO SHOT] Button [ 23].

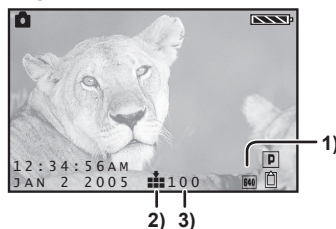


- The [] Indication lights up in red.

■ To record still pictures clearly

- When zooming in on the subject with a magnification of 4× to 10× or higher, it is difficult to reduce the slight hand shaking from holding the Camcorder. We recommend decreasing the zoom magnification and approaching the subject when recording.
- When recording still pictures, hold the Camcorder firmly with your hands and keep your arms stationary at your side so as not to shake the Camcorder.
- You can record stable pictures without hand shaking by using a tripod.



■ On-screen display in the Card Recording Mode





- 1) Still picture size
- 2) Quality of still pictures
- 3) Number of recordable still pictures (When no pictures can be recorded, the red light will flash.)

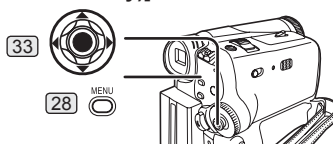
Recording with a shutter operation effect



You can add a shutter operation simulating sound.

- 1 Set [ ADVANCE] >> [ SHTR EFFECT] >> [ON].

Selecting the quality of Photoshot images

- 1 Set [ BASIC] >> [ PICT.QUALITY] >> [ (High Picture Quality)] or [ (Normal Picture Quality)].



- You can also change the picture quality on [ ADVANCE] >> [ PICT. QUALITY] in the Tape Recording Mode.

■ Maximum number of still pictures recordable on an SD Memory card (optional)

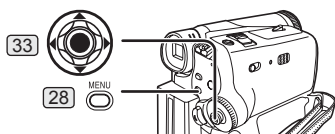
| PICTURE QUALITY | ⦿ (High) | ⦿ (Normal) |
|-----------------|----------|------------|
| 32 MB | 220 | 440 |
| 64 MB | 440 | 880 |
| 128 MB | 880 | 1 760 |
| 256 MB | 1 760 | 3 520 |
| 512 MB | 3 520 | 7 040 |
| 1 GB | 7 040 | 14 080 |

- The numbers shown in the table are approximations.
- These figures vary depending on the subject being photographed.

RapidFire Consecutive Photoshot

The still pictures can be recorded on a Card at regular intervals.

- 1 Set [ ADVANCE] >> [ BURST MODE] >> [ON].



- The [] Indication appears.



- 2 Press and hold the [PHOTO SHOT] Button .



- When [ON] is selected, the still pictures can be recorded in approximately 0.5 second intervals until the [PHOTO SHOT] Button is released or 10 pictures are recorded.

■ To Stop the RapidFire Consecutive Photoshot in Progress

Release the [PHOTO SHOT] Button.

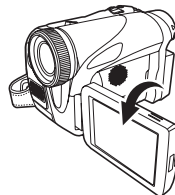
- For other notes concerning this item, see pages 50–51.

Recording Yourself

You can record yourself while viewing the LCD Monitor. You can record persons in front of the camera while showing them the image. The image is horizontally flipped as if you see a mirror image. (The image to be recorded is the same as that recording.)

- Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.

- 1 Rotate the LCD Monitor  towards the lens side.



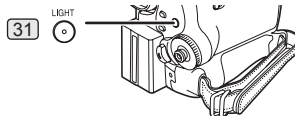
- When the LCD Monitor is opened, the Viewfinder will be automatically turned off. If the LCD Monitor is rotated towards the lens side through, then the Viewfinder will be activated.
- When the LCD Monitor is rotated towards the lens side, the One-Touch Navigation icon will not be displayed even if you press the center of the Joystick Control.

Recording with the Built-in LED Video Light

To brighten the natural colors in a scene. Gain Up mode works with the Built-in Video Light to enhance the light's brightness.

- Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.

- 1 Press the [LIGHT] Button  .




- The Built-in LED Video Light lights and the Gain Up mode is set to on.
- Gain Up mode will be brighter than when only the Video Light is on, however, ghost images will appear.

- 2 Press the [LIGHT] Button. 

- Gain Up mode is set to off.
- To eliminate ghost images, use this mode.

- 3 Press the [LIGHT] Button. 

- The Video Light turns off.
- Pressing the [LIGHT] Button again returns to .



- For other notes concerning this item, see page 51.

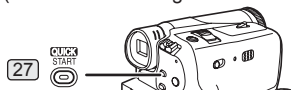
Quick Start

This Camcorder will be put into standby in approx. 1.7 seconds after the power is turned on.

- This is only activated in the following cases:
 - A tape or a card is inserted, while the Tape Recording Mode is set.
 - A card is inserted, while the Card Recording Mode is set.

• Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.

- Press the [QUICK START] Button **27**.
 - The Quick Start Recording Lamp **27** lights up. (Press the button again to cancel it.)



- Set the [OFF/ON] Switch **26** to [OFF].
 - The Quick Start Recording Lamp remains lit.



- Set the [OFF/ON] Switch **26** to [ON].
 - The Camcorder will be ready for recording in approximately 1.7 seconds.

■ To Cancel the Quick Start when the Power is OFF

Keep the [QUICK START] Button pressed for approximately 2 seconds and make sure the Quick Start Recording Lamp is not lit.

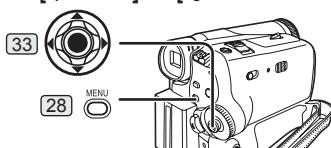
- For other notes concerning this item, see page 51.

Self-timer Recording

When you set the self-timer, the recording starts automatically after 10 seconds on the Card.

• Set to Card Recording Mode.

- Set [**⌘** BASIC] >> [**⌘** SELF TIMER] >> [YES].



- The [**⌘**] Indication appears.

- Press the [PHOTO SHOT] Button **23**.



- The [**⌘**] Indication flashes and the recording starts after 10 seconds. After recording, the Self-Timer will be canceled.
- If the RapidFire Consecutive Photoshot is set, the maximum recordable pictures (max. 10 pictures) are recorded. (p. 24)

■ To Stop the Self-timer in Progress

Press the [MENU] Button **28**.

- For other notes concerning this item, see page 51.

Zoom In/Out Functions

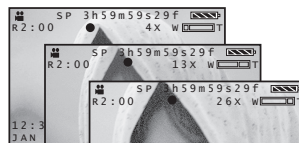
This feature gives special effects to the picture by recording objects close by or with wide-angle shot. You can zoom in up to 28x optically.

• Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.

- For wide-angle shots (zoom out) :
Push the [W/T] Lever **13** towards [W].
For close-ups (zoom in) :
Push the [W/T] Lever towards [T].



- Zoom Magnification Indication is displayed for a few seconds.



- For other notes concerning this item, see page 51.

To Take Close-up Shots of Small Subjects (Macro Close-up Function)

When the zoom magnification is 1x, the Camcorder can focus on a subject that is as close as approximately 0.8 inches (20 mm) from the Lens. Small subjects like insects can be recorded with this function.

To Use the Zoom Microphone Function

Along with the zooming operation, the microphone's directional angle and sensitivity are varied for recording sounds.

• Set to Tape Recording Mode.

- Set [**⌘** ADVANCE] >> [**⌘** ZOOM MIC] >> [ON].

- The [**⌘**] Indication is displayed.



■ To Cancel the Zoom Microphone Function



Set [**⌘** ADVANCE] >> [**⌘** ZOOM MIC] >> [OFF].

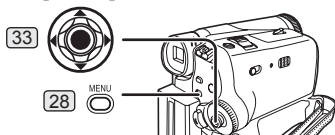
- For other notes concerning this item, see page 51.

Digital Zoom Function

This function is useful when you want to record close-up shots of subjects located beyond a normal zoom range of 1× to 28× magnification. With the Digital Zoom Function, you can select a magnification from 50× up to 1000×.

- Set to Tape Recording Mode.

- 1 Set [ ADVANCE] >> [ D.ZOOM] >> [50×] or [1000×].



- The [] Indication appears.

| | |
|-------|--------------------------|
| 50× | Digital zooming to 50× |
| 1000× | Digital zooming to 1000× |



- 2 Push the [W/T] Lever (13) towards [W] or towards [T] to zoom in or out.



- To Cancel the Digital Zoom Function
Set [ ADVANCE] >> [ D.ZOOM] >> [OFF].

- For other notes concerning this item, see page 51.

About the Variable Speed Zoom Function

- When pushing the [W/T] Lever as far as it will go, you can zoom from 1× to 28× in 3.1 seconds at the maximum in the Recording Mode.
- The zoom speed varies according to the amount of movement of the [W/T] Lever.

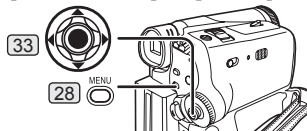
Image Stabilizer Function

If the Camcorder is shaken while recording, the camera shake in the image can be corrected.

- If the Camcorder shakes too much, the images may not be stabilized.

- Set to Tape Recording Mode.

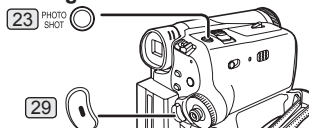
- 1 Set [ ADVANCE] >> [ EIS] >> [ON].





- The [] Indication appears.



- 2 Press the Recording Start/Stop Button (29) or [PHOTO SHOT] Button (23) to start recording.



- To Cancel the Image Stabilizer Function

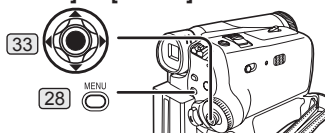
Set [ ADVANCE] >> [ EIS] >> [OFF].

- For other notes concerning this item, see page 51.

Fade In/Out Functions

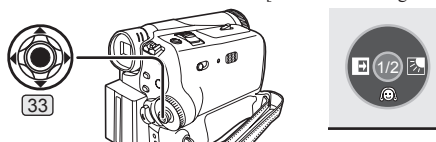
- **Fade In :**
The image and audio gradually appear.
- **Fade Out :**
The image and audio gradually disappear.
- Set to Tape Recording Mode.

- 1 Set [ SETUP] >> [ FADE COLOR] >> [BLACK] or [WHITE].



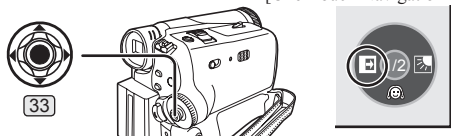
- 2 Press the Joystick Control (33) to display the One-Touch Navigation icon on the lower right of the screen.

[One-Touch Navigation icon]



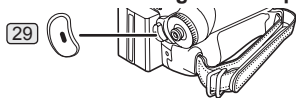
- 3 Move the Joystick Control [◀] 33 to select [] .**

[One-Touch Navigation icon]



- The [] W or [] B Indication flashes and then is displayed.

- 4 Press the Recording Start/Stop Button 29.**



Start recording. (Fade in)

When you start recording, the image/audio disappeared completely and the image/audio gradually appears.



Pause recording. (Fade out)

The image/audio gradually disappears. After the image/audio completely disappears, recording stops.



To Cancel Fading

Move the Joystick Control [◀] to select [] again.

- For other notes concerning this item, see page 51.

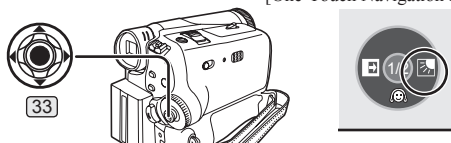
Backlight Compensation Function

This prevents the subject from being recorded too darkly when backlit. (Backlight is the light that shines from behind the subject being recorded.)

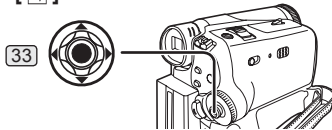
- **Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.**

- 1 Press the Joystick Control 33 to display the One-Touch Navigation icon on the lower right of the screen.**

[One-Touch Navigation icon]



- 2 Move the Joystick Control [▶] 33 to select [] .**



- The [] Indication flashes and then is displayed.
- The entire screen becomes brighter.



To Resume Normal Recording

Move the Joystick Control [▶] to select [] again.

- For other notes concerning this item, see page 52.

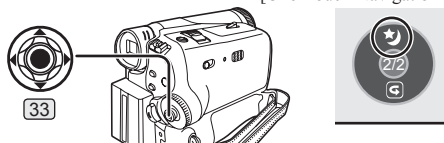
MagicPix Function

This function allows you to record color images brightly in a dark place without using the Video Light.

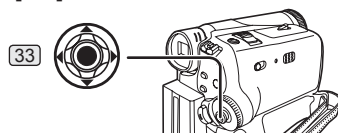
- **Set to Tape Recording Mode.**

- 1 Press the Joystick Control 33 twice to display the One-Touch Navigation icon on the lower right of the screen.**

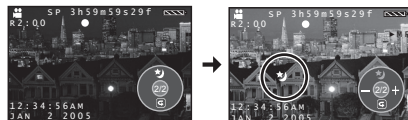
[One-Touch Navigation icon]



- 2 Move the Joystick Control [▲] 33 to select [] .**



- The [] Indication flashes and then is displayed.



- 3 Move the Joystick Control [◀] or [▶] 33 to adjust.**

To Cancel the MagicPix Function

Move the Joystick Control [▲] to select [] again.

- For other notes concerning this item, see page 52.

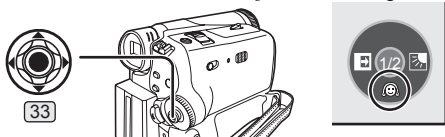
Soft-Skin Mode

This enables you to record skin colors in a softer tone. In order to get the best result, avoid background colors similar to the skin color of the subject. Otherwise, this may result in a softer background lacking in detail.

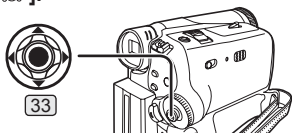
- Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.

- 1 Press the Joystick Control **[33]** to display the One-Touch Navigation icon on the lower right of the screen.

[One-Touch Navigation icon]



- 2 Move the Joystick Control **[▼]** **[33]** to select **[⊙]**.



- The **[⊙]** Indication flashes and then is displayed.



- To obtain the best effect, we recommend to frame the subject as shown above in the picture.

■ To Cancel the Soft-Skin Mode

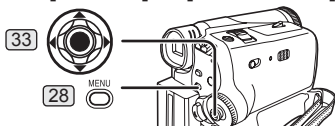
- Move the Joystick Control **[▼]** to select **[⊙]** again.
- For other notes concerning this item, see page 52.

Wind Noise Reduction Function

This function reduces the sound of wind hitting the microphone when recording.

- Set to Tape Recording Mode.

- 1 Set **[⌘ BASIC]** >> **[⚡ WIND CUT]** >> **[ON]**.



- The **[⚡]** Indication appears.



■ To Cancel the Wind Noise Reduction Function

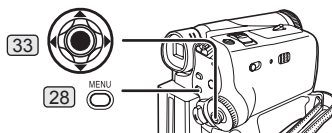
- Set **[⌘ BASIC]** >> **[⚡ WIND CUT]** >> **[OFF]**.
- For other notes concerning this item, see page 52.

Cinema Function

This function is for recording a cinema-like image.

- Set to Tape Recording Mode.

- 1 Set **[⌘ ADVANCE]** >> **[CINEMA]** >> **[ON]**.



- Black bars appear at the top and bottom of the screen.



■ To Cancel the Cinema Function

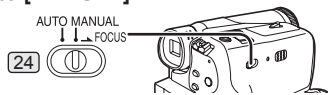
- Set **[⌘ ADVANCE]** >> **[CINEMA]** >> **[OFF]**.
- For other notes concerning this item, see page 52.

Recording in Special Situations (Scene Mode)

You can select optimal scene mode under specific recording situations.

- Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.

- 1 Set the **[AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS]** Switch **[24]** to **[MANUAL]**.



- The **[MNL]** Indication and the One-Touch Navigation icon appears.

- 2 Set **[⌘ BASIC]** >> **[SCENE MODE]** >> a desired mode (**[⌘]**, **[⌘]**, **[⌘]**, **[⌘]** or **[⌘]**).



- The Indication of the selected Mode appears.



- 1) [**S**] **Sports Mode**
 - For recording scenes involving quick movements, such as sports scenes.
- 2) [**P**] **Portrait Mode**
 - Use when you want to make people (subjects) stand out from the background.
- 3) [**L**] **Low Light Mode**
 - For brightening a dark scene.
- 4) [**S**] **Spotlight Mode**
 - For recording a subject under a spotlight.
- 5) [**S**] **Surf & Snow Mode**
 - For recording in glaring surroundings, such as ski slopes, beaches, etc.

■ To Cancel the Scene Mode

Set [**X** BASIC] >> [**5** SCENE MODE] >> [OFF]. Or, set the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch to [AUTO].

- For other notes concerning this item, see page 52.

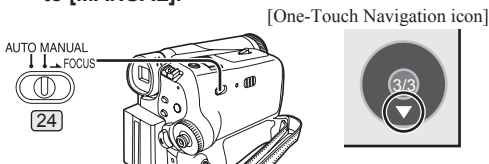
Recording in Natural Colors (White Balance)

Depending on the scene or lighting conditions, the Automatic White Balance Adjustment Mode may not be able to bring out natural colors. In this case, the white balance can be adjusted manually.

When the Camcorder is turned on with the Lens Cap on, the Automatic White Balance Adjustment may not function properly. Please turn on the Camcorder after removing the Lens Cap.

- Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.

- 1 Set the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch **[24]** to [MANUAL].

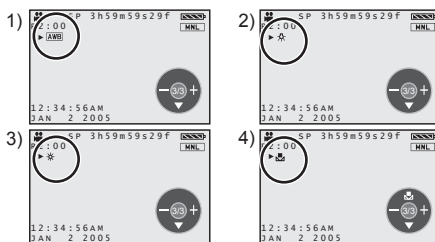


- The [**MNL**] Indication and the One-Touch Navigation icon appears.

- 2 Move the Joystick Control [**▼**] **[33]** until the white balance indication appears. ([**AWB**] etc.)



- 3 Move the Joystick Control [**◀**] or [**▶**] **[33]** to select a desired White Balance Mode.



- 1) Automatic White Balance Adjustment [**AWB**]
- 2) Indoor Mode (recording under incandescent lamp) [**★**]
- 3) Outdoor Mode [**✱**]
- 4) The white balance setting that was previously set manually [**☼**]

■ To Resume Automatic Adjustment

Move the Joystick Control [**◀**] or [**▶**] **[33]** until the [**AWB**] Indication appears. Or, set the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch to [AUTO].

Adjusting White Balance Manually

White Balance Adjustment recognizes the color of light and adjusts so that white will appear pure white. The Camcorder determines the hue of light that comes through the Lens and White Balance Sensor, thereby judging the recording condition, and selects the closest hue setting. This function is called Automatic White Balance Adjustment.

For light outside the functional Auto White Balance Adjustment range, use the Manual White Balance Adjustment Mode.

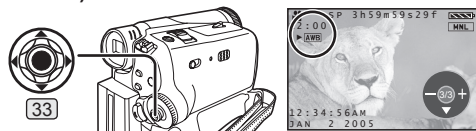
- Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.

- 1 Set the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch **[24]** to [MANUAL].



- The [**MNL**] Indication and the One-Touch Navigation icon appears.

- 2 Move the Joystick Control [**▼**] **[33]** until the white balance indication appears. ([**AWB**] etc.)



- 3** Move the Joystick Control [◀] or [▶] [33] until the [MNL] Indication is displayed.



- 4** Point the Camcorder at a full-screen white subject.

- 5** Move the Joystick Control [▲] [33] until the [MNL] Indication stops flashing.

■ To Resume Automatic Adjustment

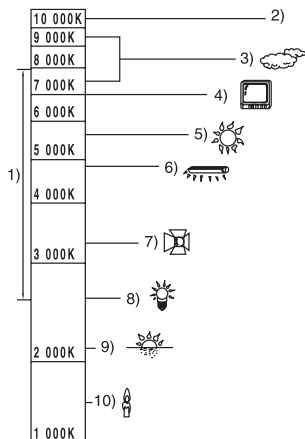
Move the Joystick Control [◀] or [▶] [33] until the [AWB] Indication appears. Or, set the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch to [AUTO].

About White Balance Sensor

The White Balance Sensor [14] determines the nature of the light source during recording.



- Do not cover the White Balance Sensor with your hand during recording because White Balance will not function normally.



Outside of the effective range of Automatic White Balance Adjustment, the image will become reddish or bluish. Even within the effective range of Automatic White Balance Adjustment, the Automatic White Balance Adjustment may not function properly if there is more than one light source. In this case, adjust the White Balance.

- The effective range of Automatic White Balance Adjustment on this Camcorder
- Blue sky
- Cloudy sky (rain)
- TV screen
- Sunlight
- White fluorescent lamp
- Halogen light bulb
- Incandescent light bulb
- Sunrise or sunset
- Candlelight

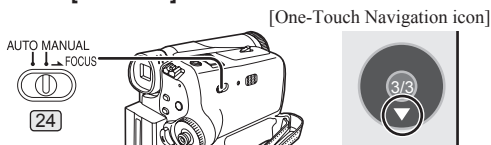
- For other notes concerning this item, see pages 52~53.

Manual Shutter Speed Adjustment

Useful for recording fast-moving subjects.

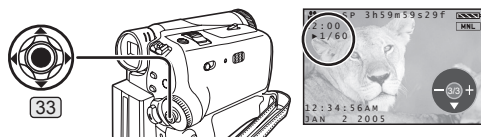
- Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.

- 1** Set the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch [24] to [MANUAL].



- The [MNL] Indication and the One-Touch Navigation icon appears.

- 2** Move the Joystick Control [▼] [33] until the Shutter Speed Indication appears.



- 3** Move the Joystick Control [◀] or [▶] [33] to adjust the shutter speed.

■ Range of Shutter Speed Adjustment

1/60~1/8000 s in Tape Recording Mode
 1/60~1/500 s in Card Recording Mode
 The standard shutter speed is 1/60 s when the EIS is OFF.

Selecting a speed closer to [1/8000] causes the shutter speed to be faster.

■ To Resume Automatic Adjustment

Set the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch to [AUTO].

- For other notes concerning this item, see page 53.

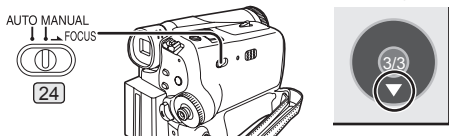
Manual Iris Adjustment (F Number)

You can use this function when the screen is too bright or too dark.

- Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.

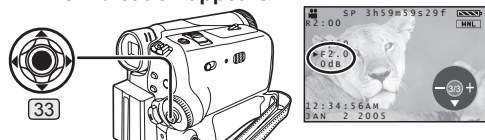
1 Set the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch **[24]** to [MANUAL].

[One-Touch Navigation icon]



- The [MNL.] Indication and the One-Touch Navigation icon appears.

2 Move the Joystick Control [**▼**] **[33]** until the Iris Indication appears.



3 Move the Joystick Control [**◀**] or [**▶**] **[33]** to adjust the iris.

■ Range of Iris Adjustment

CLOSE (Closed), F16, ..., F2.0,
OPEN (Opened) + 0dB, ..., 18dB

When a value closer to [CLOSE] is selected, the image becomes darker.

When a value closer to [18dB] is selected, the image becomes brighter.

The value to which + dB is attached indicates a Gain-up value. If this value is too large, the quality of the image deteriorates.

■ To Resume Automatic Adjustment

Set the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch to [AUTO].

- For other notes concerning this item, see page 53.

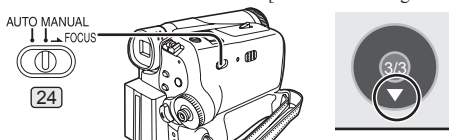
Manual Focus Adjustment

Focus can be adjusted manually for recording in a situation where auto focus may not function well.

- Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.

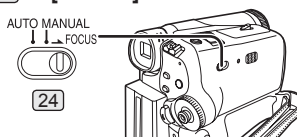
1 Set the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch **[24]** to [MANUAL].

[One-Touch Navigation icon]



- The [MNL.] Indication and the One-Touch Navigation icon appears.

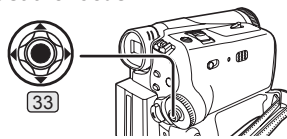
2 Slide the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch **[24]** to [FOCUS].



- The [▶MF] Indication (Manual Focus Mode) appears.



3 Move the Joystick Control [**◀**] or [**▶**] **[33]** to adjust the focus.



- If you keep moving the Joystick Control [**▶**] or [**◀**] **[33]**, the speed of adjusting becomes faster.
- When focused with a wide angle, the subject may not be in focus when zoomed in. First, zoom in on the subject, and then focus on it.

■ To Resume Automatic Adjustment

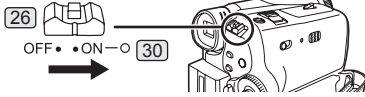
Set the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch to [AUTO] or [FOCUS].

Playback Mode

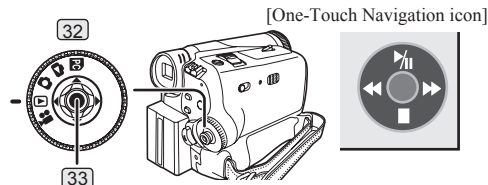
Playing Back a Tape

The recorded scene can be played back immediately after the recording.

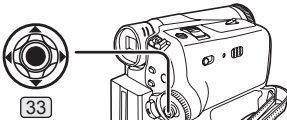
- 1 Set the [OFF/ON] Switch [26] to [ON].
 - The [POWER] Lamp [30] lights up.



- 2 Set the Mode Dial [32] to Tape Playback Mode.
 - The One-Touch Navigation icon is displayed on the lower right of the screen.

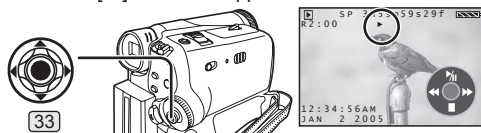


- 3 Move the Joystick Control [◀] [33] to rewind the tape.



- Rewind the tape to the point where you want to start playback.
- When the tape reaches the beginning, rewinding stops automatically.

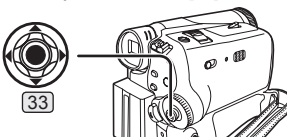
- 4 Move the Joystick Control [▶] [33] to start playback.
 - The [▶] Indication appears.



- If a cassette recorded with copyright protection signal is played back, the picture is distorted by mosaic-like patterns.

■ To Stop Playback

Move the Joystick Control [▼] to select [■].

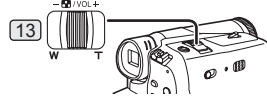


Adjusting the Sound Volume

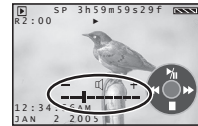
Adjust the speaker volume for playback.

- 1 Push the [- VOL / VOL +] Lever [13] to adjust the volume.

- Towards [+]: increases the volume
- Towards [-]: decreases the volume (The closer to [+], the higher the volume.)



- When the adjustment is completed, the volume indication [□] will disappear.
- If you do not hear the sound, check the settings of [⌘ SETUP] >> [⌘ 12bit AUDIO].



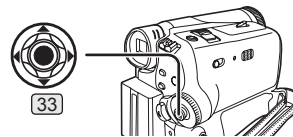
- For other notes concerning this item, see page 53.

Finding a Scene You Want to Play Back

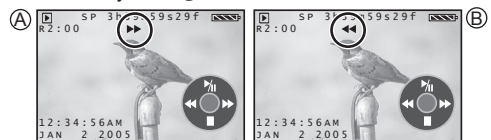
- Set to Tape Playback Mode.

- The One-Touch Navigation icon is displayed on the lower right of the screen.

Cue/Review Playback



If the Joystick Control [▶] or [◀] [33] is moved during Playback, it turns to Cue Playback (A) or Review Playback (B).



- If the Joystick Control is held continuously, it turns to Cue Playback or Review Playback until you release it.
- During Cue/Review playback, fast-moving images may show noise as a mosaic.
- Before and after Cue/Review playback, the screen may become blue for a moment or images may be distorted.

Still Playback/Still Advance Playback

This Camcorder is capable of still picture playback and frame-advance playback.

• Set to Tape Playback Mode.

- The One-Touch Navigation icon is displayed on the lower right of the screen.

1 Move the Joystick Control [▲] [33] to start playback.



2 Move the Joystick Control [▲] [33] again.

- The playback image stops in the Still Playback Mode.

3 Push the [W/T] Lever [13].



- The [II] or [◀II] Indication appears.
- With each push of the [W] Button, still pictures advance in the reverse direction. With each push of the [T] Button, still pictures advances in the forward direction. If you keep pushing the Lever, still pictures advance continuously.
- If the Camcorder is left in the Still Playback Mode for more than 5 minutes, the Camcorder switches to the Stop Mode to protect the video heads from excessive wear and tear.

■ To Resume Normal Playback

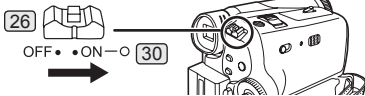
Move the Joystick Control [▲] to select [▶II] again.

Playing Back a Memory Card

It plays back files recorded on a Card.

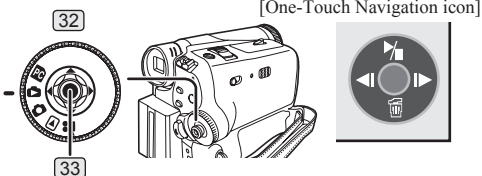
1 Set the [OFF/ON] Switch [26] to [ON].

- The [POWER] Lamp [30] lights up.



2 Set the Mode Dial [32] to Picture Playback Mode.

- The One-Touch Navigation icon is displayed on the lower right of the screen.



3 Start Playback.

Joystick Control [▲] : Starting the Slide Show
Stop the Slide Show

Joystick Control [▼] : Erase the pictures

Joystick Control [◀] : Playing back the previous picture

Joystick Control [▶] : Playing back the next picture



1 Folder File Number

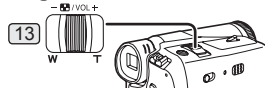
2 Picture Size (p. 48)

3 File Number

To Select a Desired File and Playing Back

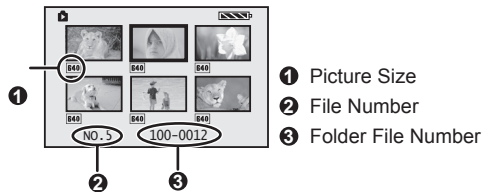
Multiple files on the card (6 files on 1 screen) are displayed.

1 Push the [- / VOL +] Lever [13] to switch the images.



Towards [+] : Full-screen display
(Displays 1 image.)

Towards [-] : Multi-screen display
(Displays 6 files on 1 screen.)

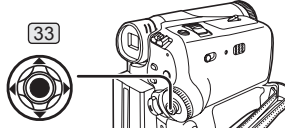


1 Picture Size

2 File Number

3 Folder File Number

2 Move the Joystick Control [▲, ▼, ◀, or ▶] [33] to select a desired file.



- In the Multi-screen display,
 - Move the Joystick Control [▲, ▼, ◀, or ▶] [33] to select a file (The selected file will be encircled by a yellow frame) and press it. The selected file is full-screen displayed.
 - If there are 7 files or more, move the Joystick Control. The next, or previous Multi-Screen will be displayed.

• For other notes concerning this item, see page 53.

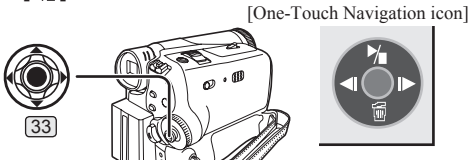
Slide Show

The recorded still pictures in the Card can be played back like a Slide Show.

• Set to Picture Playback Mode.

- The One-Touch Navigation icon is displayed on the lower right of the screen.

1 Move the Joystick Control [▲] [33] to select [▶].



- The [▶] Indication is displayed.



- Each of the pictures are played back for several seconds.

■ To Stop the Slide Show

Move the Joystick Control [▲] to select [▶] again.

- For other notes concerning this item, see page 53.

Deleting the Files Recorded on a Card

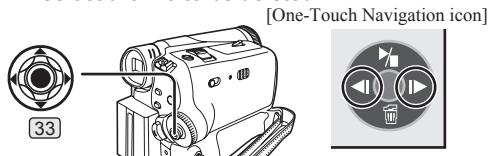
Using the Camcorder, you can delete the files recorded on a Card. After the file is deleted, it cannot be restored.

• Set to Picture Playback Mode.

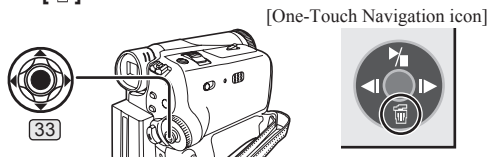
- The One-Touch Navigation icon is displayed on the lower right of the screen.

To Select and Delete Files

1 Move the Joystick Control [◀] or [▶] [33] to select the file to be deleted.



2 Move the Joystick Control [▼] [33] to select [🗑️].



3 Move the Joystick Control [▲] or [▼] [33] to select [DELETE 1 FILE] and press the Joystick Control [33].



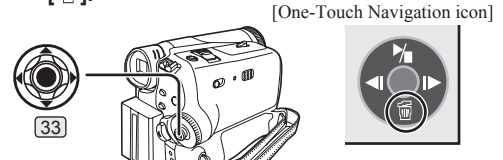
4 Move the Joystick Control [▲] or [▼] [33] to select [YES] and press the Joystick Control [33].



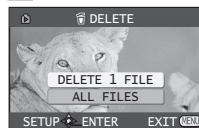
- The selected file is deleted from the Card.
- If [NO] is selected, the file selection is canceled.

To Select and Delete All Files

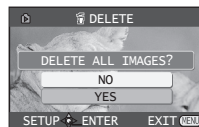
1 Move the Joystick Control [▼] [33] to select [🗑️].



2 Move the Joystick Control [▲] or [▼] [33] to select [ALL FILES] and press the Joystick Control [33].



3 Move the Joystick Control [▲] or [▼] [33] to select [YES] and press the Joystick Control [33].



- All files of Picture Playback Mode are erased.
- A locked file cannot be erased.
- If there are many files on a card, it may take longer to delete files.
- For other notes concerning this item, see page 53.

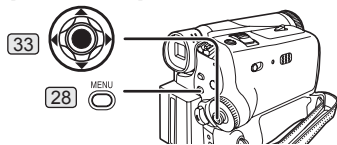
Writing Printing Data on a Card (DPOF Setting)

DPOF Setting Printing data (DPOF Settings), such as the number of images to be printed, can be written to the Card. "DPOF" means Digital Print Order Format.

- **Set to Picture Playback Mode.**
- The One-Touch Navigation icon is displayed on the lower right of the screen.

1 Set [ADVANCE] >> [DPOF SET] >> [SET].

- When all images are not printed, select [CANCEL ALL].



2 Move the Joystick Control [, , , or] (33) to select a desired picture and press the Joystick Control (33).

- The selected picture is marked with a frame.
- The number of prints set by DPOF ① is displayed.



3 Move the Joystick Control [] or [] (33) to select the number of pictures to be printed, and press the Joystick Control (33).

- The number of prints ② is displayed in the picture set.
- You can select from 0 to 999. (Selected number of pictures can be printed as you set the number of prints with the printer supporting DPOF.)
- 2 or more files can be set in succession.

4 Repeat Steps 2 and 3 and press the [MENU] Button (28) when the setup is completed.

■ About the DPOF

DPOF stands for Digital Print Order Format. This enables the printing information to be added to the pictures on the card so that it can be used on a system supporting DPOF.

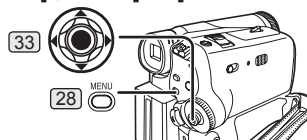
- For other notes concerning this item, see page 53.

Protecting the Files on a Card (Lock Setting)

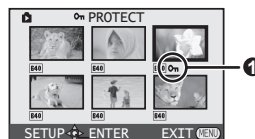
Precious files recorded on a Card can be locked to prevent accidental erasure. (Even if files are locked, the files will be deleted if the Card is formatted.)


- **Set to Picture Playback Mode.**
- The One-Touch Navigation icon is displayed on the lower right of the screen.

1 Set [BASIC] >> [PROTECT] >> [YES].



2 Move the Joystick Control [, , , or] (33) to select the file to be locked, and press the Joystick Control (33).



- The selected file is locked and the [] Indication ① appears. Repeat this procedure to lock 2 or more files.
- Press the Joystick Control (33) again to cancel.



3 Repeat Step 2 and press the [MENU] Button (28) when the setup is completed.

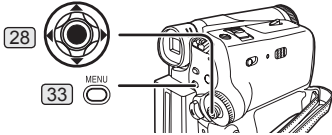
- The SD Memory Card has a write protection switch. (p. 53)
- For other notes concerning this item, see page 53.

Formatting a Card

If a Card becomes unreadable by the Camcorder, format it for reuse. Formatting erases all the data recorded on a Card.

- When formatting the card all protected files (lock) are also deleted.
- Set to Picture Playback Mode.
- The One-Touch Navigation icon is displayed on the lower right of the screen.

- 1 Set [ ADVANCE] >> [ CARD FORMAT] >> [YES].



- A confirmation message appears, select [YES] and formatting will be carried out.



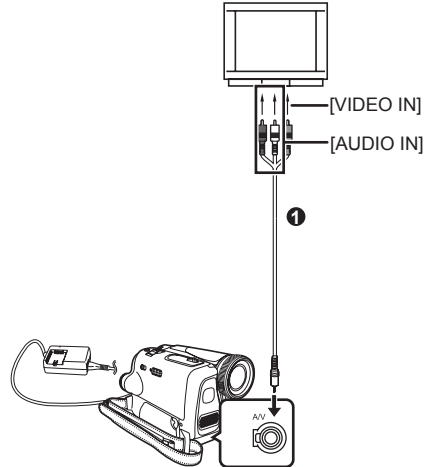
- When the formatting is completed, the screen becomes white.
- It may not be possible to use a Card formatted by this Camcorder on another unit. In this case, format the Card on the unit which will use the Card. Make sure that valuable pictures are stored on your PC before proceeding.
- Normally, it is not necessary to format the card. If a message appears even though you insert and remove the card several times, format it.
- If the SD Memory Card is formatted on other equipment, the time spent for recording may become longer.
- If the SD Memory Card is formatted on a PC, it cannot be used on the Camcorder. Format the SD Memory Card on the Camcorder, in this case.
- The Camcorder supports SD Memory Cards formatted in FAT12 system and FAT16 system based on SD Memory Card Specifications.

Playing Back on Your TV



By connecting your Camcorder with your TV, the recorded scenes can be viewed on your TV screen.

- Before connecting them, turn off the power of both the Camcorder and TV.

- 1 Insert a recorded tape into this Camcorder.
- 2 Connect the [AV OUT] Jack of the Camcorder and the Video and Audio Input Jacks of the TV.



- Connect to the TV with the AV Cable ①.
- When plugging the pin plug of the AV cable into the [AV OUT] Jack, plug it in as far as it goes.

- 3 Turn on this Camcorder and set the Mode Dial [32] to the Tape Playback Mode.
- 4 Select the input channel on the TV.
- 5 Move the Joystick Control [▲] [33] to select the [] to start playback.
 - The image and audio are output on the TV.
- 6 Move the Joystick Control [▼] [33] to select the [] to stop playback.



- If the image or audio from this Camcorder is not output on the TV
 - Check that the plugs are inserted as far as they go.
 - Check the connected terminal.
 - Check the TV's input setting (input switch). (For more information, please read the operating instructions for the TV.)
- For other notes concerning this item, see page 53.

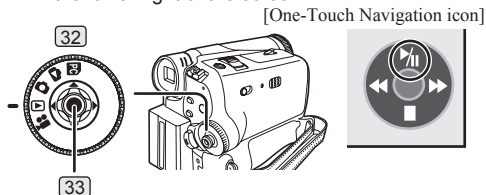
Editing Mode

Recording from a Tape onto a Card

Still pictures can be recorded on the Memory Card from scenes that have already been recorded on a cassette.

1 Set the Mode Dial [32] to Tape Playback Mode.

- The One-Touch Navigation icon is displayed on the lower right of the screen.



2 Insert a tape which already has recorded contents and a card.

3 Move the Joystick Control [▲] [33] to start playback and set the Camcorder to Still Playback Mode at the scene you wish to record, and press the [PHOTO SHOT] Button [23].



- For other notes concerning this item, see page 53.

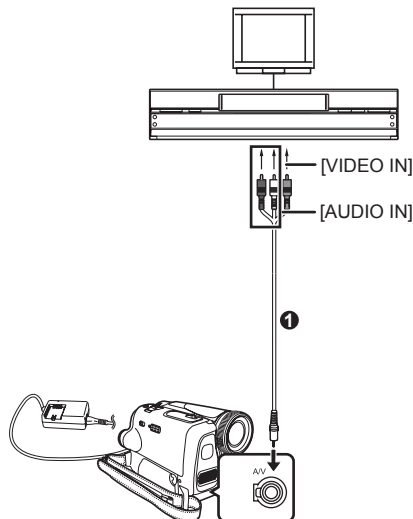
Copying onto a DVD Recorder or a VCR (Dubbing)

Pictures recorded by the Camcorder can be stored on a DVD-RAM or other such media. Refer to the instructions for the recorder.

- Place a recorded cassette in the Camcorder, and an unrecorded DVD-RAM or cassette in the DVD Recorder or VCR.

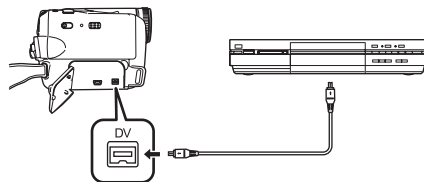
1 Connect the Camcorder and the Recorder.

■ Connecting with the AV Cable



- Connect the Camcorder and the Recorder by using the AV Cable ①.

■ Connecting with the optional DV cable (Only for equipment with a DV terminal)



2 Turn on the Camcorder and set to Tape Playback Mode.

3 Select the input channel on the TV set and recorder.

[One-Touch Navigation icon]

4 Move the Joystick Control [▲] [33] to start playback.

- The image and sound are reproduced.



5 Start recording.

6 Move the Joystick Control [▼] **33** to stop playback.

7 Stop recording.

- For more information, refer to the operating instructions for your TV set and recorder.

■ When neither image nor sound from the Camcorder is output to the TV set

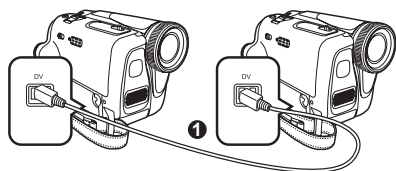
- Check that the plugs are inserted as far as they go.
- Check the connected terminal.

Using the DV Cable for Recording (Digital Dubbing)

By connecting this Camcorder with other digital video equipment (such as another Camcorder of the same format/model) that has a DV input/output Terminal, and using a 4-pin DV Interface Cable PV-DDC9 (optional) **1**, high quality images and sounds can be dubbed in the digital mode.

• Set to Tape Playback Mode (Player/Recorder)

1 Connect the Camcorder and digital video equipment with the DV cable.



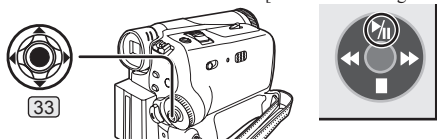
Player/Recorder:

2 Insert the Cassette and set to Tape Playback Mode.

Player:

3 Move the Joystick Control [▲] **33** to start playback.

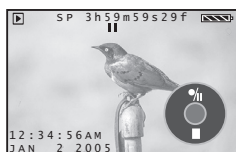
[One-Touch Navigation icon]



Recorder:

4 Set [ADVANCE] >> [● REC STDBY] >> [YES], then move the Joystick Control [▲] to select [●].

- Recording starts.



■ To Cancel the Standby for Recording

When the Camcorder is standby for recording, move the Joystick Control [▼] and select the [■].

■ To Stop Dubbing

Move the Joystick Control [▲] to select [●] again.

CAUTION:

Unauthorized exchanging and/or copying of copyrighted recordings may be copyright infringement.

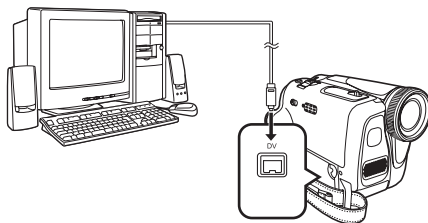
- For other notes concerning this item, see page 54.

PC Connection With DV Interface Cable

A video clip can be transferred directly to your PC (Personal Computer) via a DV Interface Cable (Optional) using products and software from a number of video editing software companies.

Using products from video editing software companies allows you to capture and edit video clips using the DV Interface.

Our DVC being OHCI compliant should have no problem working with any OHCI compliant Firewire Card/video - Editing software package.



- Personal Computer must be equipped with an DV Terminal.
- During Camcorder playback, do not disconnect the DV Interface Cable or turn the Camcorder off as this may cause a PC hang-up error.
- 1394 (i.LINK) Interface must conform to OHCI (Open Host Controller Interface Specification).

With a PC

Using Camcorder with a PC

An image stored on the DV Cassette or Memory Card can be transferred to your personal computer.

Software Installation (For Windows)

- If you have direct dial-up connection capability to the Internet, please download the USB Driver and Video Stream Driver.

■ USB Driver (p. 39) :

The USB driver to be installed is the dedicated Mass Storage Driver for Windows 98SE.

■ Video Stream Driver (p. 42)

If the Camcorder is connected to your personal computer, you can send video from the Camcorder to the other parties via a network or by the Internet.

- 1 In order to download and install the Driver, go to
<http://www.panasonic.com/consumerdownloads>



- 2 Click the software to be downloaded.

Using the USB Driver

Operating environment

- Despite having the Operating environment indicated, it may not be possible to use the program with some types of personal computers.
- When you connect to an USB 2.0 interface board, use a certified board with the USB 2.0 (HI-SPEED USB) logo.

■ For Windows

OS:
IBM PC/AT compatible personal computer with preinstalled;
Microsoft Windows 98 Second Edition

CPU:
Intel Pentium II/Celeron 300 MHz or higher (including compatible CPU)

RAM:
32 MB or more (64 MB or more recommended)

Free hard disk space:

At least 30 MB or more

Interface:

USB 1.1 or more

- For Windows Me/2000/XP users, the USB equipment operates with the driver installed as standard in OS.

■ For Macintosh

OS:

Mac OS X v 10.1 – X v 10.3

CPU:

iMac, iBook or Power Book G4, Power Mac G4 or Power Mac G5

RAM:

64 MB or more


- The USB equipment operates with the driver installed as standard in OS.

Installing the USB Driver (For Windows 98SE Only) For Using the Built-in SD Driver Feature

- If you have direct dial-up connection capability to the Internet, please download the USB Driver.
- Please install USB Driver first before connecting the Camcorder to your personal computer with the USB Cable (not supplied) only if you have Windows 98SE OS.
- If your computer has Windows Me/2000/XP, the USB Driver is not required to be installed.

- 1 In order to download and install the USB Driver, go to
<http://www.panasonic.com/consumerdownloads>



- 2 Click [Camcorder] on the screen.
- 3 Click [USB Driver version 1.00].
- 4 Decompress the downloaded data.
- 5 Double click  icon.
 - The set up program starts running.
- 6 Click [Restart] if the [InstallShield] dialog appears.



- 7 Finish installation by following the on-screen instructions.
 - Click [Next] and proceed with installation.
 - After completing the installation, Click [Finish].
- 8 After the USB Driver is installed, please restart your computer.

Windows 98SE Users

The following messages may be displayed when connecting this Camcorder and your personal computer via USB Cable.

- 1) The message "MTDV98M3.pdr is not found" is displayed.
 - Enter "C:\Windows\system\IOSUBSYS".
 - 2) The message "MTDV98M3.sys is not found" is displayed.
 - Enter "C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\DRIVERS".
- You may click [Browse] to look for and assign the path.

Connecting the Personal Computer and Camcorder

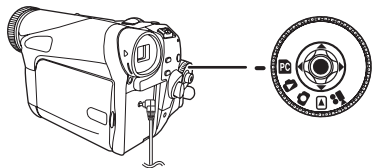
- When your OS is Windows 98SE, install USB Driver before connecting.
- **Never connect the USB Cable until the USB Driver is installed.**
- Before making these connections, turn off all devices, which are to be connected.
- It is recommended that you use the AC Adaptor as the power supply of the Camcorder.

Using Built-in SD Drive

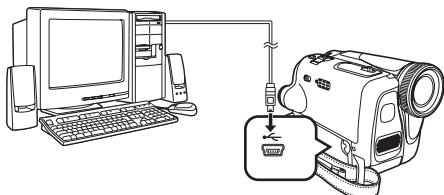
By connecting the Camcorder and Personal Computer with the USB Cable, you can transfer still images saved on a Memory Card directly to your Personal Computer.

For Windows

- 1 Insert the Memory Card into the Camcorder.
- 2 Set the Camcorder to PC Mode.



- 3 Connect the Camcorder to your personal computer with USB Cable and turn the Camcorder to "ON".



- It enters PC Connecting Mode.
- Appropriate driver to recognize Camcorder is automatically installed by Windows Plug and Play when connected for the first time.

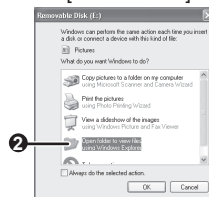
- 4 Open [My Computer] and click [Removable Disk] ① (For Windows 98SE/Me/2000 users).

- 5 Click [Open folder to view files using Windows Explorer] ② and then [OK] (For Windows XP users).

[Windows 98SE/Me/2000]



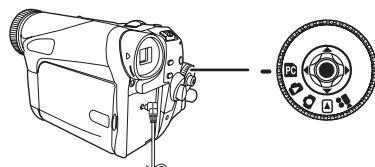
[Windows XP]



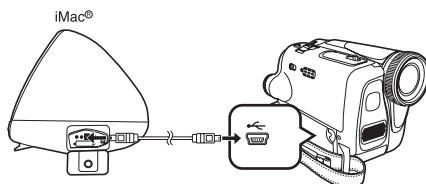
- After the USB Driver is installed and USB Connection Cable is connected to the Camcorder, open [My Computer] or [Windows Explorer] to check that the drive is displayed as a removable disk drive (only when card is inserted into the Camcorder). It enables you to operate it in the same way as a floppy disk drive, and you can use the same drag and drop or copy methods.
- You can view images stored on the Memory Card and also save them to your hard disk.
- Please do not change file or folder names on the Personal Computer. The images on the Memory Card may not be able to be viewed on the Camcorder.

For Macintosh

- 1 Insert the Memory Card into the Camcorder.
- 2 Set the Camcorder to PC Mode.



- 3 Connect the Camcorder to your Macintosh with USB Cable.



- 4 Double click the "NO_NAME" icon.

- You can view images stored on the Memory Card and also save them to your hard disk.
- Please do not change file or folder names on the Personal Computer. The images on the Memory Card may not be able to be viewed on the Camcorder.

To disconnect USB cable safely

■ For Windows

If USB Cable is disconnected while computer is on, error dialog may appear. In such case click [OK] and close the dialog box. By following the steps below you can disconnect the cable safely.

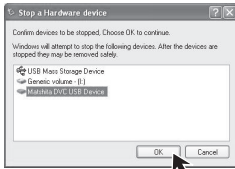
1 Double click the  icon in task tray.

- Hardware disconnect dialog appears.



2 Select [USB Mass Storage Device] and click [Stop].

3 Verify [Matshita DVC USB Device] is selected and click [OK].



- You can safely disconnect the cable.

Note on the driver name displayed

The driver name displayed will differ depending on your OS, operating environment and the mode of the Camcorder.

Windows XP/2000:

- When the Camcorder is in PC Mode: [USB Mass Storage Device] or [Matshita DVC USB Device]

Windows Me:

- When the Camcorder is in PC Mode: [USB Disk] or [Matshita DVC]
- Some OS, such as Windows 98SE, may not show the icon indicating that you may safely disconnect in task tray. (OS may be set not to show) Make sure Camcorder's Card Access lamp is off and disconnect the cable. Also, with Windows Me, the icon will not be displayed when in Tape Recording Mode or Tape Playback Mode.

CAUTION:

If you disconnect the USB Cable while the Card Access Lamp is on, it may damage the Card data.

■ For Macintosh

Removing the USB Cable safely for Macintosh

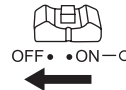


1 Drop the [NO_NAME] icon which appeared when you connected the Camcorder with the USB Cable into the recycle bin, then disconnect the USB Cable.

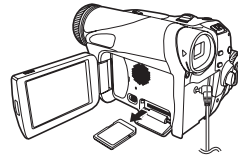
If the above operation is not performed correctly, when data is copied from the personal computer to an SD Memory Card, the copied data may be damaged.

Even when the following operations are performed, the same results will occur as when the USB Cable is removed (above). Therefore, it is imperative that the above operation 1 is completed before proceeding.

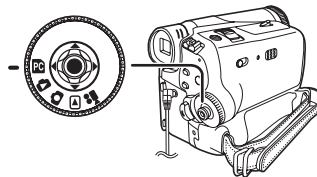
- When Camcorder power is turned OFF.



- When SD Memory Card is removed.



- When Mode Dial is turned to change modes.



Using as a Web Camera

If the Camcorder is connected to your personal computer, you can send video and sound from the Camcorder to the other parties via the network.

- Do not connect the USB Cable until the Video Stream Driver is installed.

This feature can be used only if both parties are using the same operating system. Please see chart below.

| [Send] | | [Receive] | [Software] |
|----------------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Windows XP | ← OK → | Windows XP | Windows Messenger |
| Windows XP | ← NG → | Windows 98SE/Me/2000 | |
| Windows 98SE/Me/2000 | ← OK → | Windows 98SE/Me/2000 | MSN Messenger |

Operating environment

OS:

IBM PC/AT compatible personal computer with preinstalled:
 Microsoft Windows XP Home Edition/Professional (With this version of Windows XP, SP2 or later is needed.)
 Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional SP4 or later
 Microsoft Windows Me (Millennium Edition)
 Microsoft Windows 98 Second Edition

CPU:

Intel Pentium II/Celeron 450 MHz or higher
 Celeron 400 MHz or higher (including compatible CPU)

RAM:

128 MB or more (256 MB or more recommended)

Free hard disk space:

At least 250 MB or more

Interface:

USB 1.1 or more

To use the Camcorder as a Web Camera, the additional minimum requirements must be met.

Graphic display:

High Color (16 bit or more)
 Desktop resolution of 800 × 600 pixels or more

Communication Speed:

56 kbps or faster is recommended.

Necessary software:

Windows Messenger 5.0 or later (Windows XP)
 MSN Messenger (Windows 98SE/Me/2000)

Other requirements (to send/receive audio):

Sound card
 Speaker or headphones

To use the Camcorder as a Web Camera, the following conditions must be met.

- Windows XP SP2 or later is needed.
- To upgrade Windows XP to SP2 or later, click [Start] >> [All Programs] >> [Windows Update]. (Requires Internet connection.)
- You have direct dial-up connection capability to the Internet. Also, you and the other person(s) are in the same Network (LAN).
- Install the Windows Messenger (Windows XP) or MSN Messenger (Windows 98SE/Me/2000). If you have a version older than 5.0, download the latest version (5.0 or later) from the Microsoft Home Page: <http://www.microsoft.com/>
<http://www.msn.com/>
 (For download and installation instructions, please refer to Help on the Home Page.)
- If you are connected to the Internet through a firewall or a router, proper communication will not be possible.

Installing the Video Stream Driver

- For Windows XP users, the USB equipment operates with the driver installed as standard in OS.
- If you have direct dial-up connection capability to the Internet, please download the Video Stream Driver.

- In order to download and install the Video Stream Driver, go to <http://www.panasonic.com/consumerdownloads>**

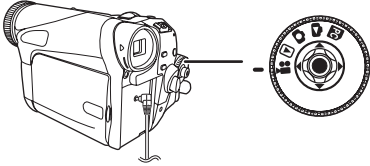


- Click [Camcorder] on the screen.**
- Click [Video Stream Driver version 1.00].**
- Decompress the downloaded data.**
- Double click icon.**
 - The set up program starts running.
- Finish installation by following the on-screen instructions.**
 - Click [Next] and proceed with installation.
 - After completing the installation, click [Finish].
- After the Video Stream Driver is installed, please restart your computer.**

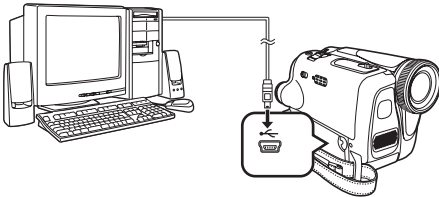
Connecting the Camcorder to Personal Computer (For Using as a Web Camera)

1 Set the Camcorder to Tape Recording Mode or Tape Playback Mode.

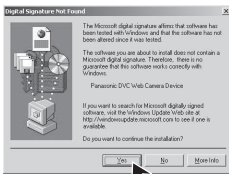
- To send the live camera picture to a PC, set the Camcorder to Tape Recording mode.
- To send pictures recorded on a tape to a PC, set the Camcorder to Tape Playback mode.



2 Connect the Camcorder to your personal computer with USB Cable.



- When the Camcorder and personal computer (with Windows 2000) are connected via USB Cable, a message, such as the one below, is displayed. However, testing by the manufacturer has confirmed functionality of this Camcorder with Windows 2000. Click [Yes] and proceed.



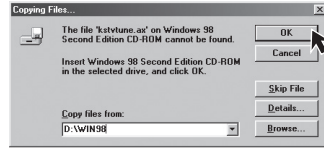
- For Windows 98SE/Me users, "USB Audio Device" is required. Click [Next] and proceed.



- If you use Windows 98SE, the OS installation CD may be required.

■ Windows 98SE/Me Users

The following messages may be displayed when connecting this Camcorder and your personal computer via USB Cable.



1) The message "The file 'kstvtune.ax' on [Unknown] cannot be found..." is displayed.

- Enter "C:\Windows\system" for Windows 98SE. Enter "C:\Windows\options\CABS" for Windows Me.
- If the "kstvtune.ax" file is missing in one of the 2 above-mentioned folders, insert the OS CD-ROM and assign the path.

2) The message "The file 'ksclckof.ax' on [Unknown] cannot be found..." is displayed.

- Enter "C:\Windows\system".
- If the "ksclckof.ax" file is missing in the above mentioned folder, insert the OS CD-ROM and assign the path.
- You may click [Browse] to look for and assign the path.

■ When you use the Camcorder as a Web camera

When you use the Camcorder as a Web camera in the Tape Playback Mode, the indication of the One-Touch Navigation icon is different from the one in usual operation.



① In usual operation

② In the WEB CAMERA mode (Tape Playback Mode)

- Even if you move the Joystick Control [▲▼◀▶] (⏪, ⏩, ◀, ▶), the selected direction on the One-Touch Navigation icon is not lit in yellow.
- The One-Touch Navigation icon blinks on instead of appearing from the side of the screen when you press the center of the Joystick Control.

3 Start the Windows Messenger (For Windows XP users) or MSN Messenger (For Windows 98SE/Me/2000 users).

- Click [Start] >> [All Programs (Program)] >> [Windows Messenger] or [MSN Messenger].

- When you use Windows XP, the other parties via the network have to use the Windows Messenger on Windows XP. When you use other than Windows XP, the other parties via the network have to use MSN Messenger on an OS other than Windows XP.
- If the Camcorder is used as a Web Camera, the quality of the video to be exchanged will depend on the Internet connection status.
- If the USB Cable is disconnected from the personal computer, the Web Camera mode is canceled.
- If the Camcorder is used as a Web Camera, video cannot be recorded onto a tape or a card.
- You cannot output the video input from the DV terminal to the display of the PC.
- In the Web Camera mode, the audio may be interrupted in the middle of communication depending on the communication environment or the performance of the personal computer.
- For Windows XP SP2 users, if the [Windows Security Alert] screen is displayed, click [Unblock] and proceed.

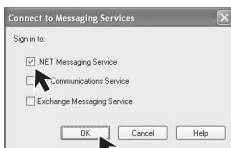
Setting up the Windows Messenger

When starting the Windows Messenger for the first time, its setup screen is displayed. (However, the screen is not displayed if the Windows Messenger setup has already been done.) For more details, please read the corresponding Help file.

1 Click [Click here to sign in].



2 Select [.NET Messaging Service] and click [OK].

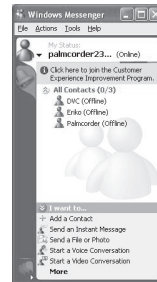


3 Click [Next] when the [.NET Passport Wizard] dialog appears.

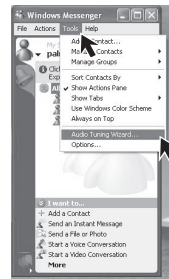


4 Please carefully read the displayed contents and then proceed.

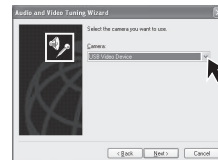
5 After the setup is completed, sign in and start the Windows Messenger.



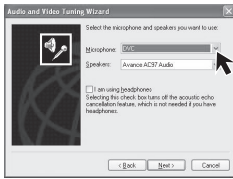
6 Click on [Audio Tuning Wizard...] in the [Tools] menu to confirm that equipment is connected correctly.



7 Select [USB Video Device] in the [Camera] menu.



8 Select [DVC] in the [Microphone] menu.



- For other information about Windows Messenger, please refer to Help.
- When access is finished, close Windows Messenger, then turn off the Camcorder. Finally, disconnect the USB Cable.
- If the Camcorder is used as Web Camera continuously for two hours, the communication is automatically shut OFF. In this case, restart Windows Messenger and set up the communication again.

Setting up the MSN Messenger

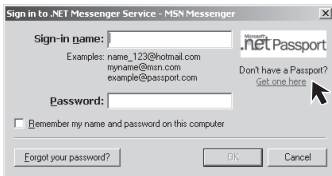
When starting the MSN Messenger for the first time, its setup screen is displayed. (However, the screen is not displayed if the MSN Messenger setup has already been done.) For more details, please read the corresponding Help file.

1 Click [Sign In].



2 Type in your Sign-in name and password.

- If you do not have your Sign-in name and password, click [Get one here].



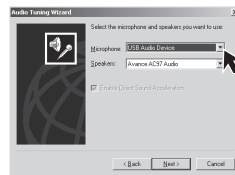
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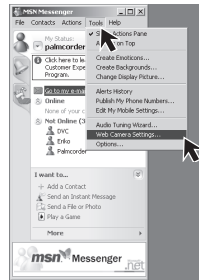
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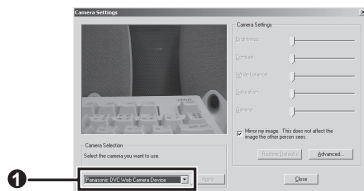
6 Select [USB Audio Device] in the [Microphone] menu.



7 Click [Web Camera Settings...] in the [Tools] menu.



8 Confirm the [Panasonic DVC Web Camera Device] ① is selected.



- For other information about MSN Messenger, please refer to Help.
- If the Camcorder is used as a Web Camera continuously for two hours, the communication is automatically shut OFF. In this case, restart MSN Messenger and set up the communication again.
- When access is finished, close MSN Messenger, then turn off the Camcorder. Finally, disconnect the USB Cable.

If you no longer need software or driver (Uninstall)

The screens may vary with the type of the OS.

1 Select [Start] (>> [Settings]) >> [Control Panel], select the software or the driver from [Add/Remove Programs] to uninstall.

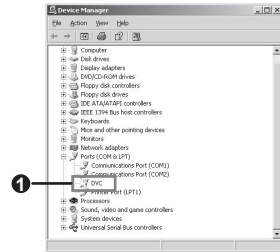
- Uninstalling steps may vary depending on the OS. Please refer to the user manual of your OS.

2 After software or driver is uninstalled, please restart your computer.

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- Although the screens in these Operating Instructions are shown in English for the sake of example, other languages are supported as well.
- In this Manual, the Panasonic make digital video camera with USB Jack is referred to as Camcorder.
- These instructions do not cover the basic operations of the personal computer or define any terms. For this information, refer to the Operating Instructions which accompany your personal computer.
- Do not disconnect USB Cable while the operation light of Camcorder is on. It may freeze the software or destroy the data in transfer.
- We recommend using the AC adaptor as the power source for the Camcorder when connecting to the personal computer. Data may be lost if the battery power is lost while transferring data.
- If the Camcorder is used as a Web Camera while virus checking software is running, the Camcorder's operation may stop midway through. In this case, exit the Windows Messenger or MSN Messenger, reconnect the Camcorder and restart the Windows Messenger or MSN Messenger.
- Do not delete the folders in the memory card such as picture folder. Memory card may not be recognized if folders are deleted.

- When the Camcorder is switched to the PC Mode while it is connected to the personal computer, the operation mode of the Camcorder cannot be switched. In this case, disconnect the USB Connection Cable. Switch the operation mode of the Camcorder and reconnect the Cable.
- When the Tape Recording Mode of the Camcorder is switched to the PC Mode, a warning message may be displayed. You may simply ignore it.
- When you are using Windows XP or Windows 2000, you may install or uninstall this software after logging ON by setting the user name to Administrator or to a user name having equivalent authority.
- If you install the USB Driver or Video Stream Driver after the USB Cable is connected, or if you do not follow these Operating Instructions, the Camcorder will not be recognized correctly. In this case, delete the USB Driver from [Device Manager] as described below, uninstall the USB Driver, and re-install it.
 - With the Camcorder and personal computer connected via a USB Cable, open the [Device Manager]. Right-click [!DVC] ❶ in [Ports] or [Other devices], and select [Uninstall]. ([!DVC] ❶ will differ depending on the OS or operating environment of your personal computer.)



About the SD Memory Card

SD Memory Card (Optional)

The SD Memory Card is an external Memory Card that is available in larger capacities. It has a write protect switch to prevent data writing and card formatting, as well as a copyright protection function.

- SD Logo is a trademark.
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Files recorded on an SD Memory Card

It may not be possible to play back the files on this Camcorder recorded on and created by other equipment or vice versa. For this reason, check the compatibility of the equipment in advance.

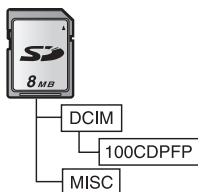
About the compatibility of the card files

Data files recorded on an “SD Memory Card” by this Camcorder conform with DCF (Design rule for Camera File system) established by JEITA (Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association).

- If you attempt to play back files recorded with this Camcorder on other equipment or to play back files recorded with other equipment on this Camcorder, you may not be able to play them back. Please check the compatibility with the other equipment in advance.

About the folder structure when using the Memory Card in a personal computer

- When a Card with data recorded on it is inserted into a personal computer, folders will be displayed as shown in the following figure.



[100CDPFP]:

The images (IMGA0001.JPG, etc.) in this folder are recorded in the JPEG format.

[MISC]:

Files in which DPOF Data has been set to the image are in this folder.

- [DCIM], etc. are necessary items in the folder structure. They have nothing to do with actual operations.
- In the Card Mode, the Camcorder automatically saves file numbers (IMGA0001.JPG, etc.) along with the images. The file numbers are recorded with each image as consecutive numbers.
- When using software without an indication function, indication data, such as date, are not displayed. Depending on the software in use, the date and the time may not be displayed correctly.
- The memory capacity indicated on the SD Card label corresponds to the total card capacity. Some of this capacity is used to protect and manage the copyright data, and not all capacity is available as a conventional memory for a Camcorder, Personal Computer or others.

Others

Indications

Various functions and the Camcorder status are shown on the screen.

: Remaining Battery Power

• Along with the reduction of the battery capacity, the display will change: → → → → . If the battery discharges, then () will flash.

R0:45 : Remaining Tape Time

- Remaining tape time is indicated in minutes. (When it reaches less than 3 minutes, the indication starts flashing.)
- During a 15-second or shorter recording, the remaining tape time indication may not be displayed or the remaining tape time may not be displayed correctly.
- In some cases, the remaining tape time indication may display remaining tape time that is 2 to 3 minutes shorter than the actual remaining tape time.

: Tape Recording Mode (p. 22)

: Tape Playback Mode (p. 32)

: Card Recording Mode (p. 23)

: Picture Playback Mode (p. 33)

: PC Mode (p. 40)

: Cinema Mode (p. 28)

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SP : Standard Play Mode (Recording Speed Mode) (p. 21)

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: Automatic Mode (p. 22)

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: Image Stabilizer (p. 26)

12 bit, 16 bit : Audio Recording Mode (p. 21)

MF : Manual Focus (p. 31)

: Back Light Mode (p. 27)

: Sports Mode (Scene Mode) (p. 28)

: Portrait Mode (Scene Mode) (p. 28)

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: Spotlight Mode (Scene Mode) (p. 28)

: Surf & Snow Mode (Scene Mode) (p. 28)

• : Recording (p. 22)

|| (Green) : Recording Pause (p. 22)

|| (Green Flash) : Standby Mode

|| : Still Playback (p. 32)

: Self-Timer Recording (p. 25)

: Playback (p. 32)

: Fast-forward/Cue Playback (p. 32)

: Rewind/Review Playback (p. 32)

: Still Advance Playback (p. 33)

: Recording Check (p. 22)

: Blank Search (p. 23)

: Repeat Playback (p. 53)

1/500 : Shutter Speed (p. 30)

: Slide Show Playback (p. 34)

F2.4 : F Number (p. 31)

6dB : Gain Value (p. 31)

: Fade (White) (pp. 26~27)

: Fade (Black) (pp. 26~27)

: Auto White Balance (p. 29)

: White Balance Adjustment Mode (pp. 29~30)

* : Outdoor Mode (p. 29)

* : Indoor Mode (recording under incandescent lamp) (p. 29)

: MagicPix Function (p. 27)

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: Volume adjustment (p. 32)

12:34:56AM : Date/Time Indication (p. 49)

: Photoshot Picture Quality (p. 23)

0 : Remaining Number of Photoshot pictures (When the remaining number of Photoshot pictures reaches 0, the red indication flashes.)

100-0001 : Folder/File Display

No. 00 : File Number

1 : Number of DPOF Setting (p. 35)

: RapidFire Consecutive Photoshot Recording (p. 24)

: Lock Setting (p. 35)

: LED Video Light is on. (p. 24)

: Gain up (p. 24)

: Web Camera Mode (Recording) (p. 43)

: Web Camera Mode (Playback) (p. 43)

: [640 × 480] Image size

• For images not recorded with this Camcorder, the size display is determined as follows according to the number of horizontal pixels.

: 640 or more, less than 800 (The size is not displayed at under 640 pixels.)

: 800 or more, less than 1 024

: 1 024 or more, less than 1 280



: 1 280 or more, less than 1 600

: 1 600 or more, less than 2 048

: 2 048 or more




(White) : Photoshot Mode

(Red) : While Photoshot recording is activated

-  (Green): While the Card being read
-  (Red): Using the card that cannot be recognized

■ To Display Date/Time Indication

This switches between date and time indications.

Set [ BASIC] or [ ADVANCE] >> [ DATE/TIME] >> [D/T], [DATE] or [OFF]. (pp. 18, 19, 20)

- The Camcorder automatically records the date and time of picture taking on the tape.

■ To Change the Display Mode


Set [ SETUP] >> [ DISPLAY] >> [ON] or [OFF].

Set to [ON] and the display mode can be switched to all functions. Set to [OFF] and it can be switched to minimum display. (pp. 19, 20)

■ Progressive Photoshot

You cannot use the Progressive Photoshot Function in the following cases.

When using Tape Recording Mode

- Digital Zoom []
- 1/750 s or faster shutter speed
- When brightness is insufficient
- When the MagicPix Function is ON
- When the Portrait is used
- When the Gain Up mode is set to ON

When using Card Recording Mode


- When brightness is insufficient
- When the Gain Up mode is set to ON

■ Power Save Mode

Set [ SETUP] >> [ POWER SAVE] >>

[5 MINUTES] or [OFF].

[OFF]:

When about 5 minutes passed without any operation, the standby mode automatically will be set. In the standby mode, [] blinks and it takes time more than usual to start recording after you press the Recording Start/Stop Button.

[5 MINUTES]:

When about 5 minutes passed without any operation, the Camcorder automatically turns off to protect the tape or to prevent the battery from running down.



When you use the Camcorder, turn it on again.

- The Camcorder cannot be automatically turned off when you connect the USB Cable or the DV Cable with the Camcorder or when the Camcorder is in the PC Mode.

Initializing the Modes

You can change the Menu settings back to the shipping condition.

- **Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.**







1 Set [ ADVANCE] >> [ INITIAL SET] >> [YES].

- The initializing takes a little while.
- Initializing will not erase a clock setting (p. 20) that has been adjusted.



Warning/Alarm Indications

If any one of the following indications lights up or flashes, please check the Camcorder.

Confirmatory Indications

-  : A cassette with the accidental erasure prevention slider placed in the [SAVE] position is inserted.
No cassette is inserted.
- [--] /  : The built-in battery is low. (p. 20)
- [] : The Warning/Alarm Indication appears when you record yourself. Turn the LCD Monitor towards the Viewfinder and check the Warning/Alarm Indication.
-  : No card is inserted.
-  END : The tape came to the end during recording.
-  : The video heads are dirty. (pp. 55~56)

Textual Indications

-  DEW DETECT /  EJECT TAPE:
Condensation has occurred. Take out the cassette and wait for a while. It takes some time until the cassette holder opens, but this is not a malfunction. (p. 55)
- TAPE END:
The tape came to the end during recording.
- NEED HEAD CLEANING:
The video heads are dirty. (pp. 55~56)
- PUSH THE RESET SWITCH:
An irregularity in the equipment has been detected. Press the [RESET] Button (p. 60). This may solve the problem.
- LOW BATTERY:
The Battery is low. Recharge it. (p. 11)
- NO TAPE:
No tape is inserted. (pp. 13~14)
- CHECK REC TAB:
You are attempting to record pictures on a tape with the accidental erasure prevention slider placed in the [SAVE] position.
You are attempting Digital Dubbing on a tape with the accidental erasure prevention slider placed in the [SAVE] position.
- WRONG TAPE FORMAT:
You are attempting to play back a tape section that has been recorded with a different TV system. This cassette is incompatible.
- COPY PROTECTED:
Images cannot be recorded correctly because the medium is protected by a copy guard.
- CARD ERROR:
The Card is not compatible with this Camcorder. You are attempting to format a failed card. It displays, when you attempt to insert the incompatible card to Card Slot.

NO CARD:

No card is inserted.

CARD FULL:

Card does not have sufficient memory remaining.
Select Picture Playback Mode and delete unnecessary files.

NO DATA:

There are no recorded files on the card.

UNPLAYABLE CARD:

You are attempting to play back data not compatible with this Camcorder.

FILE LOCKED:

You are attempting to erase protected files.

CARD LOCKED:

The write protection switch on the SD Memory Card is set to [LOCK].

CHANGE MODE TO USE USB:

The USB Cable is connected to the Camcorder in Card Recording Mode.

CANCEL NIGHT VIEW MODE:

You are attempting to select an item other than [OFF] in [SCN SCENE MODE] during MagicPix Mode.

DISCONNECT USB CABLE:

You are attempting to turn the Mode Dial in PC Mode with the USB Cable connected to the Camcorder.

You are attempting to record pictures on a Tape/Card with the USB Cable connected to the Camcorder.

PC DOES NOT SUPPORT USB2.0:

The Camcorder is connected to a personal computer that does not support USB2.0.

CAN NOT USE USB:

You are connecting the USB Cable with the DV Cable connected.

CHANGE TO MANUAL MODE:

You are attempting to select an item other than [OFF] in [SCN SCENE MODE] when the [AUTO/MANUAL/FOCUS] Switch is set to [AUTO].

TURN OFF THE VIDEO LIGHT:

You are attempting to select an item in [SCN SCENE MODE] when Light is on.

Notes and Hints

■ Concerning the Power Supply

- When the Camcorder has been used for a long time, the Camera body becomes warm, but this is not a malfunction.
- If the [CHARGE] Lamp does not light up although the Battery is attached to the AC Adaptor, detach the Battery and reattach it.

■ Inserting/Removing the Cassette

- When inserting a previously recorded Cassette, use the Blank Search Function (p. 23) to find the position where you want to continue recording. If you overwrite-record on a previously recorded cassette, be sure to find the position where you want to continue recording.
- If a new Cassette is inserted, rewind to the beginning of the tape before starting recording.
- When inserting the cassette, make sure it faces in the right direction and then push it in until it stops.
- When the Cassette Holder is in action, do not touch anything except the [PUSH] mark.
- Close the Cassette Compartment Cover tightly.
- When closing the Cassette Compartment Cover, do not get anything, such as a cable, caught in the cover.

■ Alarm Sounds

• Set to Tape/Card Recording Mode.

When [BEEP SOUND] on the [SETUP] is set to [ON], confirmation/alarm beeps are issued as follows.

- 1 Beep
 - When you start recording
 - When you turn on the power
- 2 Beeps
 - When you pause recording
- 2 Beeps 4 times
 - When a cassette with its erasure prevention tab set to [SAVE] is inserted, condensation occurs, and at other times. Check the sentence displayed on the screen.

■ Recording on a Card

- Even if the [SHTR EFFECT] is set to [ON], the Shutter Effect cannot be recorded on the picture.
- When the color of the screen changes or blurs, adjust the shutter speed manually to 1/60 or 1/100.

Photoshot

- Photoshot Recording results in slightly inferior image quality.
- For the number of still pictures to be recorded on a card, refer to page 24.
- The sound cannot be recorded.
- While data is being recorded on a card, do not operate the Mode Dial.
- When the Access Lamp is lit, do not insert or remove a card.
- Another product may degrade or not play back data recorded on this Camcorder.
- If set [PICT. QUALITY] >> [mosaic-pattern], mosaic-pattern noise may appear on a playback image depending on the picture content.

RapidFire Consecutive Photoshot


- One more still picture may be recorded after you release the [PHOTO SHOT] Button.
- If [BASIC] >> [SELF TIMER] >> [YES] is set, the Camcorder records the maximum number of pictures recordable.

- Intervals between recording pictures may become longer depending on the card. We recommend using a Panasonic SD Memory Card.
- When using a card formatted by other equipment or a card that was recorded and erased repeatedly, the intervals between recording pictures may become longer. If so, back up your important data on a PC, and format your card with this Camcorder.

■ Recording with the Built-in LED Video Light



- The subject should be within 4.9 feet (1.5 meters) of the Camcorder.
- Using the LED Video Light reduces battery time.
- Set the LED Video Light to off when not in use.
- Do not look directly into the light.
- If the LED Video light is used with a Conversion lens attached, a slight vignetting (darkening around edges) effect occurs on the screen.
- Using the MagicPix Function at the same time will make conditions even brighter.
- The LED video light enables simply lightening the images taken in a dimly-lit place. We also recommend using it in a bright place to obtain high quality images.

■ Quick Start

- During the Quick Start Standby Mode, a minute amount of electricity is consumed.
- When you set [ POWER SAVE] to [5 MINUTES] and the Camcorder is left in the Recording Pause Mode for 5 minutes, it will be turned into the Quick Start Standby Mode. To turn the Camcorder on again, set the [OFF/ON] Switch to [OFF] and then set it to [ON] again. (The Quick Start Mode will be restored.)
- This Function is not activated in the following case:
 - Neither a card nor a tape has been inserted while the Tape/Card Recording Mode is set.
- When you rotate the Mode Dial or remove the battery, the Quick Start Recording Lamp is turned off and the Quick Start mode is canceled. If the Camcorder is turned on and the Tape/Card Recording Mode is set, the Lamp turns on and the quick start mode is restored.
- Press and hold the [QUICK START] Button for approx 2 seconds during the Quick Start Standby Mode. The Lamp will go off and the Camcorder will be turned off.
- If the standby continues for approx. 30 minutes, then the Lamp will go off and the Camcorder will be completely turned off.
- When the Camcorder is Quick-Started with the White Balance on automatic, it may take some time until the White Balance is adjusted if the scene being recorded has a light source different from the scene last recorded. (When the MagicPix Function is used, however, the White Balance of the scene last recorded is retained.)

- Since about half the power of normal recording is used in quick start standby, using Quick Start reduces the recordable time.
- The zoom magnification may differ from when it is in the Quick Start Standby Mode and when the recording starts.

■ Self-timer Recording

- When [ BEEP SOUND] on the [ SETUP] Sub-Menu is set to [ON], the beep sound will be emitted along with the Recording Lamp flashing in the Self-timer Standby Mode.
- By operating the [OFF/ON] Switch or Mode Dial, the Self-timer Standby Mode is canceled.

■ Zoom In/Out Functions

- When zooming in and taking a picture while holding the Camcorder by hand, we recommend using the image stabilizer function.
- When you are zooming in on a faraway subject, a sharper focus is achieved if the recording subject is 4.3 feet (1.3 meters) or further from the Camcorder.
- When the zoom speed is high, the subject may not be focused easily.



■ Zoom Microphone Function

- The Zoom Microphone Function may not work effectively if the surrounding noise is too loud.

■ Digital Zoom Functions

- The larger the digital zoom magnification, the more the image quality is degraded.
- When the Card Recording mode is used, the Digital Zoom Function cannot be used.
- White balance cannot be set in the Digital Zoom range.

■ Image Stabilizer Function

- When the MagicPix Function is used, the image stabilizer function does not work. If so, the [] indication flashes.
- When the Gain Up mode is set to ON, the image stabilizer function does not work. If so, the [] indication flashes.
- Under fluorescent lighting, image brightness may change or colors may not look natural.
- After-images may appear.
- When a tripod is used, we recommend that you turn the Image Stabilizer off.
- In the following cases, the Image Stabilizer Function may not work effectively.
 - When the digital zoom is used
 - When a conversion lens is used
 - When recording is done in an extremely dark place
 - When the Camcorder is shaken greatly
 - When you record a moving subject while tracking it

■ Fade In/Fade Out Functions

- While the Fade in/Fade out function is selected, it takes several seconds to display the image when you start recording images. Besides, it also takes several seconds to pause recording.

■ Backlight Compensation Function

- When setting the Iris manually, the Backlight Compensation Function does not work.
- If you operate the [OFF/ON] Switch or Mode Dial, the Backlight Compensation Function is canceled.

■ MagicPix Function

- If set in a bright place, the screen may become whitish for a while.
- The MagicPix Function is canceled when you operate the [OFF/ON] Switch or the Mode Dial.
- In a dark place, the recorded picture is presented in a time-lapse-like manner.
- Adjust the Focus manually.
- The Progressive Photoshot Function is automatically turned off.
- White Balance cannot be set.
- The Shutter Speed cannot be adjusted.
- The Scene Mode cannot be set.
- When recording with the MagicPix Function, it is recommended that you use a tripod.
- The MagicPix Function makes the signal charging time of CCD longer up to approx. 30× longer than usual, so that dark scenes that are invisible to the naked eyes can be recorded brightly. For this reason, bright dots may be seen, but this is not a malfunction.
- The Image Stabilizer Function does not work. In this case, the [EIS] Indication flashes.
- The Backlight Compensation Function cannot be changed.

■ Soft-Skin Mode

- If the background or anything else in the scene has colors similar to the skin color, they will also be softened.
- If the brightness is insufficient, the effect may not be clear.

■ Wind Noise Reduction Function

- Reduces the wind noise depending on the wind strength. (If this function is activated in strong winds, the stereo effect may be reduced. When the wind weakens, the stereo effect will be restored.)

■ Cinema Function

- Images played back vary depending on the TV connected. Please refer to the operating instructions for your TV.
- This function does not widen the recording range.
- When images are played back on a TV screen, the Date/Time Indication may be erased in some cases.
- Depending on the TV, the picture quality may deteriorate.
- When a Cinema picture is imported onto a personal computer, the imported picture may not be displayed correctly, depending on the software in used.

■ Scene Mode

- If any of the Scene Modes are selected, you cannot adjust the shutter speed (p. 30) or iris (p. 31).
- Using the MagicPix Function cancels any of the Scene Modes.

- Using the Light Function cancels any of the Scene Modes.

Sports Mode

- For Playback Pause of recorded pictures, this mode helps diminish camera shake.
- During normal playback, the image movement may not look smooth.
- Avoid recording under fluorescent light, mercury light or sodium light because the color and brightness of the playback image may change.
- If you record a subject illuminated with strong light or a highly reflective subject, vertical lines of light may appear.
- If the light is insufficient, the Sports Mode does not function. The [] Indication flashes.
- If this mode is used indoors, the screen may flicker.

Sports Mode/Portrait Mode

- If you record a still picture in Progressive Photoshot Mode, the brightness and hue of the recorded still picture may become unstable.
- If this mode is used for indoors, the screen may flicker. If so, change the [SCN SCENE MODE] setting to [OFF].

Low Light Mode

- Extremely dark scenes may not be able to be recorded finely.

Spotlight Mode

- If the subject is extremely bright, the recorded image may become whitish and the periphery of the recorded image extremely dark.

Surf & Snow Mode

- If the recording subject is extremely bright, the recorded image may become whitish.

■ White Balance

- When the Camcorder is turned on with the Lens Cap attached, the automatic White Balance adjustment may not function properly. Please turn the Camcorder on after removing the Lens Cap.
- When setting both the White Balance and the Iris/Gain, set the White Balance first.
- Whenever recording conditions change, re-set the White Balance for correct adjustment.

In the following cases, you cannot change

White Balance:

- When you set the Zoom higher than 28×
- When you display a Menu
- When you use the MagicPix Mode

About flashing of the [] Indication:

When the manual adjustment mode is selected

- Flashing indicates that the White Balance previously adjusted is stored. This setting is stored until the White Balance is adjusted again.

When white balance cannot be set in the manual adjustment mode

- White balance may not be adjusted properly in the manual adjustment mode in dark places. If so, use the auto white balance mode.

During setting in the manual adjustment mode

- When the setting is completed, it will remain lit.





■ Manual Shutter Speed Adjustment

- If you increase the shutter speed manually, the sensitivity lowers and accordingly the gain value increases automatically, which may increase the noises on the screen.
- You may see vertical lines of light in the playback image of a brightly shining subject or highly reflective subject, but this is not a malfunction.
- During normal playback, image movement may not look smooth.
- Avoid recording under fluorescent light, mercury light or sodium light because the color and brightness of the playback image may change.
- When recording in the extremely bright place, the color of the screen may change or flickers. If so adjust the shutter speed manually to 1/60 or 1/100.
- If you are using MagicPix Mode (p. 27) or Scene Mode (p. 28), you cannot adjust the shutter speed.



■ Manual Iris Adjustment

- Depending on zoom magnification, there are iris values that are not displayed.
- If the value does not become [OPEN], you cannot adjust the gain value.
- If the gain value is increased, the noise on the screen increases.
- If you are using MagicPix Mode (p. 27) or Scene Mode (p. 28), you cannot adjust the iris.
- If you attempt to adjust the Shutter Speed after setting the Iris, the value set for the Iris will be canceled.

■ Playing Back**Repeat Playback**

If you set [ ADVANCE] >> [ REPEAT PLAY] >> [ON], the Camcorder switches to Repeat Play Mode, and the [] Indication appears. (To cancel Repeat Playback Mode, set the [ REPEAT PLAY] to [OFF].)





Choosing Sound during Playback

You can select the sound by using the [ AUDIO OUT] setting on the [ SETUP] Sub-Menu.

STEREO: Stereo Sound (main sound and sub sound)

L: Left channel sound (main sound)

R: Right channel sound (sub sound)

- If you dub a tape recorded at the [12bit] selected as the [ AUDIO REC] on the [ SETUP] Sub-Menu, playback sound becomes stereo sound regardless of the [ AUDIO OUT] setting if [ 12bit AUDIO] is set to [MIX].

■ Playing Back a Card

- While the data on a card is playing back, do not operate the Mode Dial.
- If a blank (nothing recorded) Card is played, the screen becomes white.
- If you attempt to play back file recorded in a different format or file data is defective, the whole display becomes bluish and the [UNPLAYABLE CARD] Indication may appear as a warning.
- When the Access Lamp is lit, do not insert or remove a card.
- When playing back a picture recorded on other equipment, its size and that of this Camcorder may appear differently.
- It takes time to display the file depending on the number of pixels of the file.
- When playing back a file recorded on other equipment, the date and time display is different from when it was recorded.
- When playing back a picture recorded on other equipment, the picture may not be played back or the quality of pictures may be deteriorated.
- When playing back a non standardized file, the Folder File Number may not be displayed.

■ Slide Show

- Playback time may take longer than usual depending on the picture.

■ Deleting the Files Recorded on a Card

- When [CARD FULL] is shown during recording, switch to the Picture Playback Mode and then delete unnecessary files.
- If there are no files to delete, insert a new card.
- If files conforming to DCF standard are deleted, all the data related to the files will be deleted.

■ DPOF

- DPOF setting made on another camera may not be recognized by Camcorder. Perform the DPOF Settings on your Camcorder.
- Verifying the DPOF Settings may take a little time. Wait until the Card Access Lamp goes out.

■ Lock Setting

- The Lock Setting carried out by this Camcorder is only effective for this Camcorder.
- The SD Memory Card has a write protection switch on it. If the switch is moved to the [LOCK] side, you cannot write to or format the Card. If it is moved back, you can.

■ Playing Back on Your TV

- Use the AC adaptor to avoid battery depletion.

■ Recording from a Tape onto a Card

- If you press the [PHOTO SHOT] Button without pausing, blurred pictures may be recorded.

■ Using the DV Cable for Recording (Digital Dubbing)

- Do not plug or unplug the DV Cable during dubbing, or the dubbing may not be completed properly.
- Regardless of the menu settings on the recorder, digital dubbing is carried out in the same mode as the [AUDIO REC] mode of the playback tape.
- The images on the recorder monitor may be disturbed, but it does not affect the recorded images.
- Even if you use a device equipped with DV Terminals such as IEEE1394, you may not be able to perform Digital Dubbing in some cases. For more information, see the instructions for equipment connected.
- Date or other information to be displayed cannot be displayed if the software of the connected equipment does not support the display function.

Cautions for Use

■ After Use

- 1 Take out the Cassette. (pp. 13~14)
- 2 Set the [OFF/ON] Switch to [OFF].
- 3 Take out the Card. (p. 14)
- 4 Detach the power supply and retract the Viewfinder or the LCD Monitor. (pp. 11~12, 16~17)
- 5 To protect the Lens, attach the supplied Lens Cap.

■ Cautions for Use

When you use your Camcorder on a rainy or snowy day or on a beach, make sure that no water enters the Camcorder.

- Water may cause the Camcorder or Cassette to malfunction. (Irreparable failure may occur.)
- If sea water splashes onto the Camcorder, wet a soft cloth with tap water, wring it well, and use it to wipe the camera body carefully. Then, wipe it again thoroughly with a soft dry cloth.

Keep the Camcorder away from magnetized equipment (such as a microwave oven, TV, video game equipment, etc.).

- If you use the Camcorder on or near a TV, images or sounds may be disturbed due to electromagnetic wave radiation.
- Do not use near a cell phone because doing so may cause noise to adversely affect the picture and sound.
- Recordings on the tape may be damaged, or images may be distorted, by strong magnetic fields created by speakers or large motors.
- Electromagnetic wave radiation generated by a microprocessor may adversely affect the Camcorder, causing the disturbance of images and sounds.

- If the Camcorder is affected by magnetically charged equipment and does not function properly, turn off the Camcorder power and detach the Battery or AC Adaptor and then connect the Battery or AC Adaptor again. Thereafter, turn on the Camcorder power.

Do not use your Camcorder near radio transmitters or high-voltage cables.

- If you record pictures near radio transmitters or high-voltage cables, recorded images or sounds may be adversely affected.

Do not use this Camcorder for surveillance purposes or other business use.

- If you use the Camcorder for a long period of time, the internal temperature increases and, consequently, this may cause malfunction.
- This Camcorder is not intended for business use.

When you use your Camcorder on a beach or similar place, do not let sand or fine dust get into the Camcorder.

- Sand or dust may damage the Camcorder or Cassette. (Care should be taken when inserting and removing the Cassette.)

Do not spray insecticides or volatile chemicals onto the Camcorder.

- If the Camcorder is sprayed with such chemicals, the camera body may be deformed and the surface finish may peel off.
- Do not keep rubber or plastic products in contact with the Camcorder for a long period of time.

Do not use benzine, thinner or alcohol for cleaning the Camcorder.

- The Camcorder body may be deformed and the surface finish may peel off.
- Before cleaning, detach the Battery or pull out the AC Cable from the AC Jack.
- Wipe the Camcorder with a soft dry cloth. To remove stubborn stains, wipe with a cloth that is soaked in a detergent diluted with water and afterwards finish wiping with a dry cloth.
- For storing or transporting the Camcorder, place it in a bag or case lined with soft pads so as to prevent the coating on the camera body from being worn.

After use, be sure to take the Cassette out and detach the Battery from the Camcorder or pull out the AC Cable from AC Jack.

- If the Cassette is left in the Camcorder, the tape sags and deteriorates.
- If the Battery is left on the Camcorder for a long time, the voltage drops excessively, and the Battery will not function even after it is recharged.




■ About AC Adaptor

- If the temperature of the Battery is extremely high or extremely low, the [CHARGE] Lamp may continue flashing, and the Battery may not be charged. After the temperature of the Battery has decreased or increased sufficiently, charging starts automatically.

If the [CHARGE] Lamp continues to flash even after the Battery temperature has decreased or increased sufficiently, the Battery or AC Adaptor may be faulty. In this case, please contact a dealer.

- If the Battery is warm, charging takes a longer time than normal.
- If you use the AC Adaptor near a radio, radio reception may be disturbed. Keep the AC Adaptor 3 feet (1 meter) or more away from radio.
- When using the AC Adaptor, it may generate whirring sounds. However, this is normal.
- After use, be sure to pull out the AC Cable from the AC Jack. (If they are left connected, a minute amount of current is consumed.)
- Always keep the electrodes of the AC Adaptor and Battery clean.

■ Condensation

If you turn the Camcorder on when condensation occurs on the head or the tape, Condensation Indication [] (yellow or red) blinks on the Viewfinder or the LCD Monitor and the messages [] DEW DETECT or [] EJECT TAPE (only when the tape is inserted) appear. In this case, follow the procedure below.

When [] in yellow:

Dew is slightly adhering to the head or the tape.

When [] in red:

Dew has adhered to the head or the tape.

1 Remove the tape if it is inserted.

- It takes about 20 seconds to open the Cassette Holder. This is not a malfunction.

2 Leave the Camcorder with the Cassette Compartment Cover closed to cool or warm it to the ambient temperature.

When [] blinks in yellow

- You cannot use the Tape Recording/Playback Mode. Leave the Camcorder for about 30 minutes.
- However, you can use the Card Recording Mode or Picture Playback Mode when the cassette is not inserted.

When [] blinks in red

- The Power Indicator Lamp blinks for about 1 minute and then the Camcorder automatically turns off. Leave it for about 2 to 3 hours.

3 Turn the Camcorder on again, set it to the Tape Recording/Playback Mode and then check if the condensation indication disappears.

Especially in cold conditions, dew may be frozen. In this case, it may take more time before the condensation indication disappears.

Watch for Condensation even before the Condensation Indication is displayed.

- The condensation indication may not appear depending on circumstances. When condensation occurs on the lens or the Camcorder, it also may occur on the head and the tape. Do not open the Cassette Compartment Cover.

When the Lens Is Fogged:

Set the [OFF/ON] Switch to [OFF] and leave the Camcorder in this condition for about 1 hour. When the lens temperature becomes close to the ambient temperature, the fog disappears naturally.

■ Video Head Clogging and Care

If the heads (the parts that make contact with the tape) are dirty, mosaic-pattern noise may appear on the playback image, or the screen as a whole becomes black. If the heads are extremely dirty, recording performance deteriorates, and, in the worst case, the Camcorder cannot record at all.

Causes of Dirty Heads

- Large quantity of dust in the air
- High-temperature and high-humidity environment
- Damaged tape
- Long operating hours

Using Panasonic cleaning cassette (AY-DVMCLA)

1 Set the Mode Dial to Tape Playback Mode.

- The One-Touch Navigation icon is displayed on the lower right of the screen.



2 Insert the Head Cleaner into the Camcorder in the same manner as a Video Cassette.

3 Move the Joystick Control [], and approximately 20 seconds later, move the Joystick Control []. (Do not rewind the tape.)

4 Take out the Head Cleaner. Insert a Video Cassette and start recording. Then, play the tape back to check the recorded image.

5 If the image is not still clear, repeat Steps 1 to 4. (Do not use the Head Cleaner 3 times or more consecutively.)

Notes:

- Do not rewind every time you use the Head Cleaner. Rewind only when the tape reaches the end, and then use it again from the beginning in the same manner as before.
- If the heads become dirty soon after cleaning, the tape may be damaged. In this case, immediately stop using that Cassette.
- Do not clean the heads excessively. (Excessive cleaning may cause excessive wear of the heads. If the heads are worn, images cannot be played back even after the heads are cleaned.)

- If the dirty heads cannot be cleaned with the Head Cleaner, the Camcorder needs to be cleaned at a Servicerenter. Please consult a dealer.
- Head cleaning due to dirty heads is not considered a malfunction of the product. It is not covered by the warranty.

Periodical Check-up

To maintain the highest image quality, we recommend replacement of worn parts, such as heads, etc., after approximately 1000 hours of use. (This, however, depends on operating conditions, such as temperature, humidity, dust, etc.)

■ Optimal Use of the Battery

Battery Characteristics

This Battery is a rechargeable lithium ion battery. Its ability to generate power is based upon the chemical reaction that takes place inside it. This reaction is susceptible to the surrounding temperature and humidity, and, if the temperature is too high or too low, the operating time of the Battery becomes shorter. If the Battery is used in an extremely cold environment, the Battery may operate only for about 5 minutes. If the Battery becomes extremely hot, a protective function may operate, and the Battery may become unusable for a while.

Be Sure to Detach the Battery after Use

Be sure to detach the Battery from the Camcorder. (If it is left attached to the Camcorder, a minute amount of current is consumed even when the Camcorder power is off.) If the Battery is left attached to the Camcorder for a long time, over-discharge takes place. The Battery may become unusable after it is charged.

Disposing of an Unusable Battery

- The Battery has a limited life.
- Do not throw the Battery into fire because it may cause an explosion.

Always Keep the Terminals of the Battery Clean

Prevent the terminals from getting clogged with dirt, dust, or other substances. If you drop the Battery accidentally, check to see if the Battery body and terminals are deformed. Attaching a deformed Battery to the Camcorder or AC Adaptor may damage the Camcorder or AC Adaptor.

■ Cautions for Storage

Before storing the Camcorder, take the Cassette out and detach the Battery.

Store all the components in a dry place with a relatively stable temperature.

(Recommended Temperature: 15 °C to 25 °C (59 °F to 77 °F), Recommended Humidity: 40 % to 60 %)

Camcorder

- Wrap it with a soft cloth to prevent dust from getting into the Camera.
- Do not leave the Camcorder in places that expose it to high temperature.

Battery

- Extremely high temperatures or low temperatures will shorten the life of the Battery.

- If the Battery is kept in smoky or dusty places, the terminals may rust and cause malfunctions.
- **Do not allow the Battery terminals to come in contact with metal objects (such as necklaces, hairpins, etc.). This can result in a short circuit or heat generation and, if you touch the Battery in this condition, you may be badly burned.**
- Store the Battery in a completely discharged state. To store the Battery for a long period of time, we recommend you charge it once every year and store it again after you completely use up the charged capacity.

Cassette

- Before storing it, rewind the tape to the beginning. If the Cassette is left for more than 6 months with the tape stopped midway, the tape sags (although it depends on the storage condition). Be sure to rewind to the beginning.
- Store the Cassette in its case. Dust, direct sunlight (ultraviolet rays), or humidity may damage the tape. Dust contains hard mineral particles, and dusty Cassettes damage the heads of the Camcorder and other components. Develop a habit of returning the Cassette back to its case.
- Once every half year, wind the tape to the end and then rewind it to the beginning. If the Cassette is left for 1 year or longer without winding or rewinding, temperature and humidity changes may cause the Cassette to deform due to swelling, shrinking, and so forth. The wound tape may stick to itself.
- Do not place a Cassette near highly magnetic substances or equipment.
- The surface of tape is covered with extremely minute magnetic particles, upon which signals are recorded. Magnetic necklaces, toys, etc., have magnetic force that is stronger than you may normally expect, and they may erase the contents of a recording or may cause noise in images and sounds.

Card

- When the Card is being read, do not remove the Card, turn off the power, or subject it to vibration or impact.
- Do not leave the Card in places where there is high temperature or direct sunlight, or where electromagnetic waves or static electricity are easily generated.
- Do not bend or drop the Card. The Card or the recorded content may be damaged.
- After use, be sure to remove the Card from the Camcorder.
- After usage, store the supplied SD Memory Card in the enclosed bag.
- Do not touch the terminals on the back of the Card with your fingers. Do not allow dirt, dust or water to enter it.
- Keep the Memory Card out of reach of children to prevent swallowing.

■ LCD Monitor/Viewfinder/Lens Hood

LCD Monitor

- In a place with drastic temperature changes, condensation may form on the LCD Monitor. Wipe it with a soft dry cloth.
- If your Camcorder is extremely cold when you turn its power on, the image on the LCD Monitor is slightly darker than usual at first. However, as the internal temperature increases, it goes back to the normal brightness.

Extremely high precision technology is employed to produce the LCD Monitor screen featuring a total of approximately 105,000 pixels. The result is more than 99.99 % effective pixels with a mere 0.01 % of the pixels inactive or always lit. However, this is not a malfunction and does not affect the recorded picture.

Viewfinder

- Do not direct the Viewfinder or Lens to the sun. Internal components may be seriously damaged.
- When the Camcorder is used with a large capacity Battery attached to it, it is not practical to look in the Viewfinder from behind the Battery.

Extremely high precision technology is employed to produce the Viewfinder screen featuring a total of approximately 113,000 pixels. The result is more than 99.99 % effective pixels with a mere 0.01 % of the pixels inactive or always lit. However, this is not a malfunction and does not affect the recorded picture.

Lens Hood

- When you wish to attach the Tele Conversion Lens (not supplied), Wide Conversion Lens (not supplied), MC Protector (not supplied), or ND Filter (not supplied), rotate these in a clockwise direction.
- If you push the [W/T] Lever toward [W] during recording with the filter and conversion lens attached to the Camcorder, 4 corners of the image may become dark (vignetting). For details, please refer to the operating instructions of your accessories.


Before Requesting Service (Problems and Solutions)

Power/Body

The Camcorder power cannot be turned on.

- Is the battery fully charged? Use a fully charged battery.
- The battery protection circuit may have operated. Attach the battery to the AC adaptor for 5 to 10 seconds. If the Camcorder still cannot be used, the battery is faulty.

The Camcorder power is turned off automatically.

- If you set [ POWER SAVE] to [5 MINUTES] and do not operate the Camcorder for about 5 continuous minutes, the power is automatically turned off for tape protection and power conservation. To resume recording, turn the [OFF/ON] switch to [OFF]. Then turn it to [ON] again. (p. 49)

The Camcorder power does not stay on long enough.

- Is the battery low? If the remaining battery power indication is flashing or the message [LOW BATTERY] is displayed, the battery has run down. Charge the battery or attach a fully charged battery. (pp. 11~12)
- Has condensation occurred? When you carry the Camcorder from a cold place into a warm place, condensation may occur inside it. If so, the power is turned off automatically, disabling all operations except for taking cassettes out. Wait until the condensation indication disappears. (p. 55)


Battery runs down quickly.









- Is the battery fully charged? Charge it with the AC adaptor. (p. 11)
- Are you using the battery in an extremely cold place? The battery is affected by ambient temperature. In cold places, the operating time of the battery becomes shorter.
- Has the battery worn out? The battery has a limited life. If the operating time is still too short even after the battery is fully charged, depending on the usage, the battery has worn out and can no longer be used.

The Camcorder cannot be operated though powered up.

The Camcorder does not operate normally.

- Remove the cassette and then press the [RESET] button. (p. 60) If normal conditions are not restored yet, turn off the power. Then, about 1 minute later, turn on the power again. (Conducting the above operation when the Access Lamp is on may destroy the data on the card.)

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| <p>The cassette cannot be removed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the power lamp comes on when opening the cassette cover? (pp. 13~14) Make sure that the battery and the AC adaptor are properly connected. (pp. 11~12) Is the battery in use discharged? Charge the battery and remove the cassette. Close the cassette cover completely, and fully open it again. (pp. 13~14) |
| <p>No operation other than cassette removal can be performed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has condensation occurred? Wait until the condensation indication disappears. (p. 55) |
| <p>Recording</p> |
| <p>Recording does not start although power is supplied to the Camcorder and the cassette is correctly inserted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the accidental erasure prevention slider on the cassette open? If it is open (set to [SAVE]), recording cannot be performed. (p. 14) Is the tape wound to the end? Insert a new cassette. Is the Recording Mode set? When in the Playback Mode, recording cannot be performed. (p. 22) Has condensation occurred? No operation other than cassette removal can be performed when condensation occurs. Wait until the condensation indication disappears. (p. 55) Is the cassette cover open? If the cover is open, the Camcorder may not operate normally. Close the cassette cover. (pp. 13~14) |
| <p>The screen has changed suddenly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the demonstration started? In the Tape Recording mode, if you set [ DEMO MODE] >> [ON] without inserting a cassette or a card, the demonstration starts. For normal use, set this function to [OFF]. (p. 19) |
| <p>A cassette cannot be inserted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has condensation occurred? Wait until the condensation indication disappears. |
| <p>Auto focus function does not work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is manual focus mode selected? If auto focus mode is selected, focus is automatically adjusted. There are some recording subjects and surroundings for which the auto focus does not operate correctly. (p. 60) If so, use the manual focus mode to adjust the focus. (p. 31) Is the MagicPix function set? When the MagicPix function is working, focusing shifts into the manual mode. |

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| <p>Indications</p> |
| <p>A sentence is displayed in red or yellow in the screen center.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the contents and respond to them. (pp. 49~50) |
| <p>The remaining tape time indication disappears.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The remaining tape time indication may disappear temporarily during Still Advance Playback or other operation. If you continue ordinary recording or playback, the indication is restored. |
| <p>The remaining tape time Indication does not match the actual remaining tape time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If scenes of less than 15 seconds are continuously recorded, the remaining tape time cannot be correctly displayed. In some cases, the remaining tape time indication may show remaining tape time that is 2 to 3 minutes shorter than the actual remaining tape time. |
| <p>A function indication such as mode indication, remaining tape time indication, or time code indication is not shown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you set [ SETUP] >> [ DISPLAY] >> [OFF], indications other than the tape running condition, warning, and date indications disappear. |
| <p>Playback (Sound)</p> |
| <p>Sound is not played back from the built-in speaker of the Camcorder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the volume too low? During playback, push the [ / VOL +] lever to display the volume indication and adjust it. (p. 32) |
| <p>Different sounds are reproduced at the same time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you set [ SETUP] >> [ 12bit AUDIO] >> [MIX]? If you set [ AUDIO REC] >> [12bit] and dub audio to a recorded tape, you can hear the sound on recording and the sound dubbed at a later time. To hear the sounds separately, set to [ST1] or [ST2]. (p. 19) Have you set [ SETUP] >> [ AUDIO OUT] >> [STEREO] and reproduced a picture containing the main sound and sub sound? Set to [L] to hear main sound, and set to [R] to hear the sub sound. (p. 53) |
| <p>Playback (Pictures)</p> |
| <p>Mosaic-pattern noise appears on images during cue or review playback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This phenomenon is characteristic of digital video systems. It is not a malfunction. |
| <p>Horizontal stripes appear on images during cue and review playback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horizontal stripes may appear depending on the scene, but this is not a malfunction. |

Although the Camcorder is correctly connected to a TV, playback images cannot be seen.







- Have you selected video input on the TV? Please read the operating instructions of your TV and select the channel that matches the input terminals used for the connection.

Playback picture is not clear.

- Are the heads of the Camcorder dirty? If the heads are dirty, playback image cannot be clear. Clean the heads by using the head cleaner for digital video. (pp. 55~56)
- If the terminal for the AV cable is soiled, noises may appear on the screen. Wipe the soil off the terminal with a soft cloth, and then connect the cable to the AV terminal.
- Is a picture containing a copyright protection signal (copy guard) being recorded? When a protected picture is played back by the Camcorder, mosaic-like patterns appear on the picture.

Card

Recorded pictures are not clear.

- Have you set [ BASIC] >> [ PICT. QUALITY] >> [ (Normal)]? If recording is done with it set to [ (Normal)], pictures with fine details may include a mosaic-like pattern. Set [ PICT. QUALITY] >> [ (High)]. (p. 23)

A file recorded on a card cannot be deleted.

- Is the file locked? Locked files cannot be deleted. (p. 35)
- For the SD Memory Card, if its write protect switch is set to [LOCK], then deletion is disabled. (p. 53)

Photoshot playback images do not look normal.

- The picture may be damaged. In order to prevent the loss of image data, backing up on a cassette or a personal computer is recommended.

Even if a card is formatted, it cannot be used.

- Either the Camcorder or the card may be damaged. Please consult a dealer.

During playback, [UNPLAYABLE CARD] is displayed.

- The image was either recorded in a different format, or data is damaged.

Others

The indication disappears, the screen is frozen, or no operation can be performed.

- Turn off the power to the Camcorder. If the power cannot be turned off, press the [RESET] button (p. 60), or detach the battery or AC adaptor and then reattach it. After that, turn on the power again. If normal operation is still not restored, detach the power connected, and consult the dealer who you purchased the Camcorder from.


[PUSH THE RESET SWITCH] is displayed.

- An irregularity in the Camcorder has been automatically detected. Remove the cassette or the card for data protection and then press the [RESET] Button with the protection on the Lens Cap. The Camcorder will be activated.
- An irregularity in the Camcorder has been automatically detected. Remove the cassette or the card for data protection and then press the [RESET] Button. The Camcorder will be activated.
- If you do not press the [RESET] Button, the power to the Camcorder is turned off automatically about 1 minute later.
- Even after you press the [RESET] button, the indication may still appear repeatedly. If so, the Camcorder needs repair. Detach the power connected, and consult the dealer who you purchased the Camcorder from. Do not attempt to repair the appliance by yourself.

Even if connected by the USB cable, the Camcorder is not recognized by the PC.


- Is the USB driver installed? For information, refer to page 39.

When the USB cable is disconnected, an error message will appear on PC.

- To disconnect the USB cable safely, double-click the [] icon in the task tray and follow the instructions on the screen.

The Camcorder malfunctions on editing, dubbing from digital video equipment.

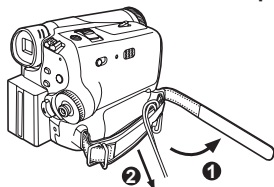
- If a tape is recorded in multiple modes such as SP and LP (recording mode), 12bit and 16bit (sound recording mode), recorded and unrecorded parts, the Camcorder may malfunction at a point where the mode switches. When you edit, do not record in multiple modes.

The Warning/Alarm indication [] appears when the Camcorder is operated in the Web Camera mode.

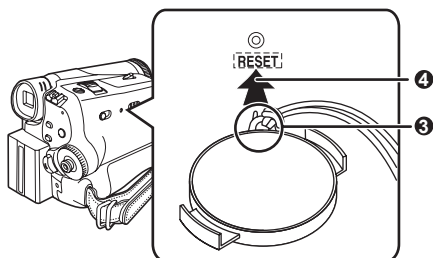
- Did you press the [MENU] Button or the Recording Start/Stop Button? You cannot use the menu or record onto the Tape/Card in the Web Camera mode.
- Did you attempt to play a tape without inserting it? Insert a tape.
- Did you attempt to play a tape with copyright protection (copy guard)? Pictures of the tape with copyright protection (copy guard) cannot be displayed on the PC. (The audio of the tape can be played.)
- Is the Video Stream Driver installed? (p. 42)

Using the RESET button

- 1** Undo Grip Belt end ① and pull Lens Cap Cord ② downward to loosen Grip Belt.



- 2** Use projection ③ on the Lens Cap to press the [RESET] Button ④.



Explanation of Terms

■ Digital Video System

In a digital video system, images and sounds are converted into digital signals and recorded on a tape. This complete digital recording is capable of recording and playback with minimal image and sound deterioration.

In addition, it automatically records data, such as Time Code and Date/Time, as digital signals.

Compatibility with S-VHS or VHS Cassettes

Because this Camcorder employs a digital system for recording image and sound data, it is not compatible with conventional S-VHS or VHS video equipment that employs an analog recording system.

The size and shape of the Cassettes are also different.

Compatibility with Output Signals

Because AV signal output from the AV signal output Jack is analog (the same as conventional video systems), this Camcorder can be connected with S-VHS or VHS video or a TV for playback.

■ Focus

Auto Focus Adjustment

The Auto Focus System automatically moves forward and backward the focusing lens inside the Camcorder to bring the subject into focus so that the subject can be seen clearly.

However, the Auto Focus System does not function properly for the following subjects or under the following recording conditions.

Please use the Manual Focus Mode instead.

- 1) Recording a subject whose one end is located closer to the Camcorder and the other end farther away from it**
 - Because Auto Focus makes adjustments at the center of an image, it may be impossible to focus on a subject that is located in both foreground and background.
- 2) Recording a subject behind dirty or dusty glass**
 - Because the focus is on the dirty glass, the subject behind the glass will not be focused.
- 3) Recording a subject in dark surroundings**
 - Because the light information that comes through the lens decreases considerably, the Camcorder cannot focus correctly.
- 4) Recording a subject that is surrounded by objects with glossy surfaces or by highly reflective objects**
 - Because the Camcorder focuses on the objects with glossy surfaces or on highly reflective objects, the subject may become blurry.
- 5) Recording a fast-moving subject**
 - Because the focus lens-inside moves mechanically, it cannot keep up with the fast-moving subject.
- 6) Recording a subject with little contrast**
 - Because the Camcorder achieves focus based upon the vertical lines of an image, a subject with little contrast, such as a white wall, may become blurry.

■ Time Code

Time Code signals are data that indicate time measured in hours, minutes, seconds, and frames (30 frames per second). If this data is included in a recording, an address is assigned to each image on the tape.

- The Time Code is automatically recorded as a part of the sub-code at each recording.
- When a new (previously unrecorded) Cassette is inserted, the Time Code automatically starts from zero. If a recorded Cassette is inserted, the Time Code picks up from the point where the last scene was recorded. (In this case, when the Cassette is inserted, the zero display [0h00m00s00f] may appear, but the Time Code starts from the previous value.)
- The Time Code cannot be reset to zero.
- Unless the Time Code is continuously recorded from the beginning of a tape, accurate editing may not be possible. To ensure that the Time Code will be recorded with no breaks, we recommend the use of the Blank Search Function (p. 23) before recording a new scene.

Specifications

Digital Camcorder

Information for your safety

Power Source:

DC 7.2/7.9 V

Power Consumption:

Recording

4.5 W

Recording Format:

Mini DV (Consumer-use Digital Video SD Format)

Tape Used:

6.35 mm digital video tape

Recording/Playback Time:

SP: 80 min.; LP: 120 min. (with DVM80)

Video

Recording System:

Digital Component

Television System:

EIA Standard: 525 lines, 60 fields NTSC color signal

Audio

Recording System:

PCM Digital Recording

16 bit (48 kHz/2ch), 12 bit (32 kHz/4ch)

Image Sensor:

1/6-inch CCD Image Sensor

Lens:

Auto Iris, F1.8, Focal Length; 1.9-53.2 mm, Macro (Full Range AF)

Filter Diameter:

30.5 mm

Zoom:

28:1 Power Zoom

Monitor:

2.5-inch LCD

Viewfinder:

Color Electronic Viewfinder

Microphone:

Stereo

Speaker:

1 round speaker 20 mm

Standard Illumination:

1,400 lx

Minimum Required Illumination:

2 lx (MagicPix Mode)

Video Output Level:

1.0 Vp-p, 75 ohm

Audio Output Level (Line):

316 mV, 600 ohm

USB:

Card reader/writer function, USB 2.0 compliant (Full-Speed)

No copyright protection support

Digital Interface:

DV Input/Output Jack (IEEE1394, 4-pin)

Dimensions:

Approx. 81 (H) × 63.5 (W) × 114 (D) mm

Approx. 3-1/4 (H) × 2-1/2 (W) × 4-1/2 (D) inch

Weight:

Approx. 0.41 kg (0.90 lbs.)

(without Battery and DV cassette)

Operating Temperature:

0 °C–40 °C (32 °F – 104 °F)

Operating Humidity:

10 % – 80 %

Card Memory Functions

Recording Media:

SD Memory Card (8 MB /16 MB /32 MB /64 MB /128 MB /256 MB /512 MB /1 GB (Maximum))

Please confirm the latest information on the following website.

<http://panasonic.co.jp/pavc/global/cs>

(This Site is English only.)

Still picture recording file format:

JPEG (Design rule for Camera File system, based on Exif 2.2 standard), DPOF corresponding

Still Image Size:

640 × 480 pixels (VGA)

WEB Camera

Compression:

Motion JPEG

Image Size:

320 × 240 pixels (QVGA)

AC Adaptor

Information for your safety

Power Source:

AC 110 – 240 V, 50/60 Hz

Power Consumption:

19 W

DC Output:

DC 7.9 V, 1.4 A (Camcorder Operation)

DC 8.4 V, 0.65 A (Battery Charging)

Dimensions:

61 (W) × 32 (H) × 91 (D) mm

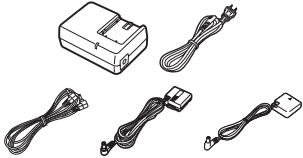





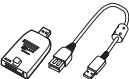

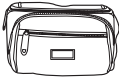
2-6/16 (W) × 1-4/16 (H) × 3-9/16 (D) inch

Weight:

Approx. 0.11 kg (0.24 lbs.)

Weight and dimensions are approximate values. Specifications may change without prior notice.

Camcorder Accessory System

| Accessory # | Figure | Description | Price |
|--|---|--|------------------|
| PV-DAC14 |  | AC Adaptor with AC Cable and DC Cables | Call For Pricing |
| CGR-DU06A/1B |  | 640 mAh/Rechargeable Lithium Ion Battery Pack | Call For Pricing |
| CGA-DU12A/1B |  | 1 150 mAh/Rechargeable Lithium Ion Battery Pack | Call For Pricing |
| CGA-DU21A/1B |  | 2 040 mAh/Rechargeable Lithium Ion Battery Pack | Call For Pricing |
| PV-DDC9 |  | DV Interface Cable (i.LINK) (4-pin to 4-pin) | \$55.00 |
| RP-SDH01GU1A RP-SDH512U1A RP-SDH256U1A/W RP-SD128BU1A/W RP-SD064BPPA/W RP-SD032BPPA |  | 1 GB SD Memory Card 512 MB SD Memory Card 256 MB SD Memory Card 128 MB SD Memory Card 64 MB SD Memory Card 32 MB SD Memory Card | Call For Pricing |
| BN-SDUSB2E |  | USB Reader/Writer for SD Memory Card (compatible with MultiMediaCard) | Call For Pricing |
| BN-SDPC2E |  | SD PCMCIA Adaptor (compatible with MultiMediaCard) | Call For Pricing |
| PV-HB002 |  | Carrying Case | Call For Pricing |

• Please refer to page 63, when placing an order.

Camcorder Accessory Order Form

Please photocopy this form when placing an order.

1. Camcorder Model # _____
2. Items Ordered _____

| Accessory # | Description | Price Each | Quantity | Total Price |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Subtotal | | | | |
| Your State & Local Sales Tax | | | | |
| Shipping & Handling | | | | 6.95 |
| Total Enclosed | | | | |

3. Method of payment (check one)

- Check of Money Order enclosed (NO C.O.D.SHIPMENTS)
- VISA Credit Card # _____
- MasterCard Expiration Date _____
- Discover Customer Signature _____

Make Check or Money Order to: PANASONIC ACCESSORIES

(Please do not send cash)

4. Shipping information (UPS delivery requires complete street address)

Ship To:

Mr. _____
 Mrs. _____
 Ms. _____

First _____ Last _____

Phone #: _____
 Day () _____

Street Address _____

Night () _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

TO OBTAIN ANY OF OUR CAMCORDER ACCESSORIES YOU CAN DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
 VISIT YOUR LOCAL PANASONIC DEALER
 OR
 CALL PANASONIC'S ACCESSORY ORDER LINE AT 1-800-332-5368
 [6 AM-5 PM M-F, 6 AM-10:30 AM SAT, PACIFIC TIME]
 OR
 MAIL THIS ORDER TO: PANASONIC SERVICES COMPANY ACCESSORY ORDER OFFICE
 20421 84th Avenue South Kent, WA. 98032

Request for Service Notice

Please photocopy this form when making a request for service notice.

Request for Service Notice:

In the unlikely event this product needs service.

- Please include your **proof of purchase**.
(Failure to do so will delay your repair.)
- To further speed your repair, please provide an explanation of what is wrong with the unit and any symptom it is exhibiting.

Mail this completed form and your Proof of Purchase along with your unit to:

Panasonic Services Company
1705 N. Randall Road
Elgin, IL. 60123-7847
Attn: Camcorder Repair

Limited Warranty

PANASONIC CONSUMER ELECTRONICS COMPANY,
DIVISION OF PANASONIC CORPORATION OF NORTH
AMERICA
One Panasonic Way Secaucus, New Jersey 07094

PANASONIC SALES COMPANY, DIVISION OF
PANASONIC PUERTO RICO, INC.,
AVE. 65 de Infantería, Km. 9.5 San Gabriel Industrial
Park, Carolina, Puerto Rico 00985

Panasonic/Quasar Video Products Limited Warranty

Limited Warranty Coverage

If your product does not work properly because of a defect in materials or workmanship, Panasonic Consumer Electronics Company or Panasonic Sales Company (collectively referred to as "the warrantor") will, for the length of the period indicated on the chart below, which starts with the date of original purchase ("warranty period"), at its option either (a) repair your product with new or refurbished parts, or (b) replace it with a new or a refurbished product. The decision to repair or replace will be made by the warrantor.

| Product | Parts | Labor | Service | Contact Number |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Camcorder | One (1) Year (except CCD Image Sensor) CCD Image Sensor - 6 (Six) Months | Ninety (90) Days Ninety (90) Days | Carry-In or Mail-In | 1-800-211-PANA(7262) |
| DVD/VCR Deck, A/V Mixer | One (1) Year | Ninety (90) Days | Carry-In or Mail-In | 1-800-211-PANA(7262) |
| TV/VCR, TV/DVD, TV/DVD/VCR Combination | One (1) Year (except CRT) CRT - Two (2) Years | Ninety (90) Days Ninety (90) Days | Carry-In: 21" CRT and Smaller In-Home or Carry-In: 22" CRT and Larger | 1-800-211-PANA(7262) |
| TV/HDR Combination | One (1) Year (except CRT) CRT - Two (2) Years | Ninety (90) Days Ninety (90) Days | In-Home or Carry-In | 1-888-843-9788 |
| Rechargeable Batteries (in exchange for defective item) | Ten (10) Days | Not Applicable | Carry-In or Mail-In | 1-800-211-PANA(7262) |
| Tape (in exchange for defective item) | Five (5) Days | Not Applicable | Carry-In or Mail-In | 1-800-211-PANA(7262) |
| Memory Cards (in exchange for defective item) | Ninety (90) Days | Not Applicable | Carry-In or Mail-In | 1-800-211-PANA(7262) |

During the "Labor" warranty period there will be no charge for labor. During the "Parts" warranty period, there will be no charge for parts. You must carry-in or mail-in your product or arrange for in-home service, as applicable, during the warranty period. If non-rechargeable batteries are included, they are not warranted. This warranty only applies to products purchased and serviced in the United States or Puerto Rico. This warranty is extended only to the original purchaser of a new product which was not sold "as is". A purchase receipt or other proof of the original purchase date is required for warranty service.

Carry-In, Mail-in or In-Home Service

For Carry-In, Mail-In or In-Home Service (as applicable) in the United States call toll free contact number listed above or visit Panasonic Web Site: <http://www.panasonic.com>

For assistance in Puerto Rico call Panasonic Sales Company (787)-750-4300 or fax (787)-768-2910.

In-Home service, if applicable, requires clear, complete and easy access to the product by the authorized servicer and does not include removal or re-installation of an installed product. It is possible that certain in-home repairs will not be completed in-home, but will require that the product, or parts of the product, be removed for shop diagnosis and/or repair and then returned.

Limited Warranty Limits And Exclusions

This warranty ONLY COVERS failures due to defects in materials or workmanship, and DOES NOT COVER normal wear and tear or cosmetic damage, nor does it cover markings or retained images on the picture tube resulting from viewing fixed images (including, among other things, letterbox pictures on standard 4:3 screen TV's, or non-expanded standard 4:3 pictures on wide screen TV's, or onscreen data in a stationary and fixed location). The warranty ALSO DOES NOT COVER damages which occurred in shipment, or failures which are caused by products not supplied by the warrantor, or failures which result from accidents, misuse, abuse, neglect, mishandling, misapplication, alteration, faulty installation, set-up adjustments, misadjustment of consumer controls, improper maintenance, power line surge, lightning damage, modification, or commercial use (such as in a hotel, office, restaurant, or other business), rental use of the product, service by anyone other than a Factory Servicenter or other Authorized Servicer, or damage that is attributable to acts of God.

THERE ARE NO EXPRESS WARRANTIES EXCEPT AS LISTED UNDER "LIMITED WARRANTY COVERAGE". THE WARRANTOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE USE OF THIS PRODUCT, OR ARISING OUT OF ANY BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY. (As examples, this excludes damages for lost time, cost of having someone remove or re-install an installed unit if applicable, or travel to and from the servicer, loss of media or images, data or other memory or recorded content. The items listed are not exclusive, but are for illustration only.)

ALL EXPRESS AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING THE WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, ARE LIMITED TO THE PERIOD OF THE LIMITED WARRANTY.

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the exclusions may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. If a problem with this product develops during or after the warranty period, you may contact your dealer or Servicenter. If the problem is not handled to your satisfaction, then write to the warrantor's Consumer Affairs Department at the addresses listed for the warrantor.

PARTS AND SERVICE (INCLUDING COST OF AN IN-HOME SERVICE CALL, WHERE APPLICABLE) WHICH ARE NOT COVERED BY THIS LIMITED WARRANTY ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Customer Services Directory

Obtain Product Information and Operating Assistance; locate your nearest Dealer or Servicenter; purchase Parts and Accessories; or make Customer Service and Literature requests by visiting our Web Site at:

<http://www.panasonic.com/consumersupport>

or, contact us via the web at:

<http://www.panasonic.com/contactinfo>

You may also contact us directly at:

1-800-211-PANA (7262),

Monday-Friday 9 am-9 pm; Saturday-Sunday 10 am-7 pm, EST.

For hearing or speech impaired TTY users, TTY : 1-877-833-8855

Accessory Purchases

Purchase Parts, Accessories and Instruction Books online for all Panasonic Products by visiting our Web Site at:

<http://www.pasc.panasonic.com>

or, send your request by E-mail to:

npcparts@us.panasonic.com

You may also contact us directly at:

1-800-332-5368 (Phone) 1-800-237-9080 (Fax Only) (Monday – Friday 9 am to 8 pm, EST.)

Panasonic Services Company

20421 84th Avenue South,

Kent, WA 98032

(We Accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express, and Personal Checks)

For hearing or speech impaired TTY users, TTY : 1-866-605-1277

Product Repairs

Centralized Factory Servicenter

MAIL TO :

Panasonic Services Company

1705 N. Randall Road,

Elgin, IL 60123-7847

Attention: Camcorder Repair

Please carefully pack and ship, prepaid and insured, to the Elgin Centralized Factory Servicenter. Customer's in Puerto Rico, please ship or carry in to location below ("Service in Puerto Rico").

Service in Puerto Rico

Panasonic Puerto Rico, Inc. Panasonic Sales Company

Factory Servicenter:

Ave. 65 de Infantería, Km. 9.5, San Gabriel Industrial Park,

Carolina, Puerto Rico 00985

Phone (787)750-4300, Fax (787)768-2910

As of December 2004





Spanish Quick Use Guide/Guía Para Uso Rápido

Precauciones para su seguridad**ADVERTENCIA:**

Para evitar incendios y descargas eléctricas, no exponga este equipo a la lluvia ni a la humedad.

Su ^{Mini} DV Camcorder está diseñada para grabar y reproducir en el modo de Reproducción Estándar (SP) y modo Largo (LP).

Se recomienda el uso sólo de cintas de cassette que hayan sido probadas e inspeccionadas para su uso en aparatos VCR con la marca ^{Mini} DV.

| | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
|  | <p>PRECAUCIÓN RIESGO DE DESCARGA ELÉCTRICA NO ABRIR</p> |  |  | <p>Este símbolo tiene por finalidad alertar al usuario acerca de la presencia de tensión sin aislación en el interior del producto, que puede tener la intensidad suficiente como para causar descargas eléctricas. Por lo tanto, hacer contacto con cualquier pieza en el interior de la unidad es peligroso.</p> |
| <p>PRECAUCIÓN: PARA REDUCIR EL RIESGO DE DESCARGA ELÉCTRICA, NO quite LA CUBIERTA (O PARTE POSTERIOR). EL APARATO NO TIENE EN SU INTERIOR PIEZAS QUE PUEDAN SER REPARADAS POR EL USUARIO. SOLICITE TODA REPARACIÓN A PERSONAL DE SERVICIO CUALIFICADO.</p> | | |  | <p>Este símbolo tiene por finalidad alertar al usuario de la presencia de importantes instrucciones de operación y mantenimiento en la literatura incluida con la unidad. Por lo tanto, lea detenidamente la literatura incluida para evitar problemas.</p> |

La etiqueta de régimen está pegada en la base de la cubierta del cargador.

Este dispositivo cumple con la parte 15 de las Reglas del FCC. El funcionamiento está sujeto a las dos siguientes condiciones: (1) Este dispositivo puede no causar interferencias perjudiciales, y (2) este dispositivo debe aceptar cualquier interferencia recibida, incluyendo interferencias que pueden causar un funcionamiento no deseado.

Nota:

Este equipo ha sido puesto a prueba y se encontró que cumple con la Parte 15 de las reglas del FCC. Estos límites están diseñados para proveer una protección razonable contra interferencias cuando se opera en un ambiente residencial.

Si este equipo causa interferencias en la recepción de radio o televisión, lo cual se puede comprobar al apagar y encender el equipo, utilice el equipo en otra ubicación y/o utilice un tomacorriente diferente al que está utilizando el receptor.

Si es necesario, consulte con el distribuidor o un técnico experto de radio/TV para solicitar ayuda. Puede encontrar útil el folleto 'Información sobre las interferencias' disponible en las oficinas regionales del FCC local.

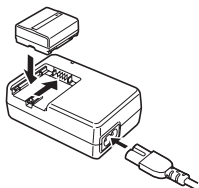
Advertencia del FCC:

Para asegurar la conformidad continua del FCC, utilice solamente el cable de interfaz blindado cuando conecte una cámara de video digital a una computadora de acuerdo con las instrucciones incluidas aquí. También, cualquier cambio sin autorización o modificaciones a este equipo anularían la autoridad del usuario para operarlo.

Guía rápida

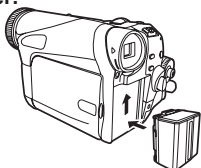
Cómo utilizar la batería

- 1 Coloque la batería en el adaptador de ca y cárguela.



- Antes de usar, cargue completamente la batería.
- Debido a que la batería no se cargará cuando el cable de entrada de ca esté conectado al adaptador de ca desconéctelo del adaptador de ca.
- El indicador [CHARGE] se encienden y la carga comienza.
- Cuando el indicador [CHARGE] se apaga, se ha terminado la carga.

- 2 Coloque la batería cargada en el Camcorder.



Inserción de un cassette

- 1 Deslice el botón [OPEN/EJECT] ① hacia el frente y tire hacia abajo para abrir la tapa del compartimiento del cassette.

- Para proteger la cinta, el soporte del cassette no podrá expulsarse, si la tapa no está completamente abierta.

- 2 Después de abrir el soporte del cassette, inserte un cassette.



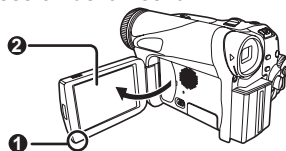
- 3 Cierre el soporte del cassette presionando la marca [PUSH] ②.

- 4 Sólo después de que el soporte de cassette esté completamente guardado, cierre la cubierta del compartimiento del cassette presionando la marca ③.



Inserción de una tarjeta de memoria

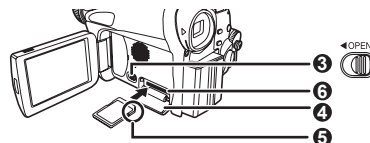
- 1 Usando su pulgar presione la perilla [OPEN▼] ① y saque la pantalla LCD ② en la dirección de la flecha.



- 2 Deslice el botón [◀OPEN] ③ para abrir la cubierta de la ranura de tarjeta ④.

- 3 Mientras sostiene la tarjeta de memoria con su esquina cortada hacia la derecha ⑤ insértela en la ranura de tarjeta ⑥.

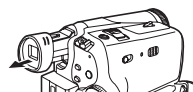
- 4 Cierre bien la cubierta de ranura de tarjeta ④.



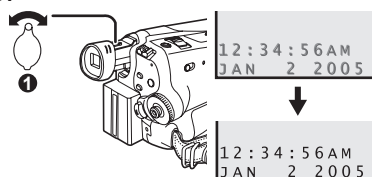
Cómo utilizar el visor

Antes de utilizar el visor, ajuste el campo visual para que las visualizaciones dentro del visor sean claras y fáciles de leer.

- 1 Extienda el visor.

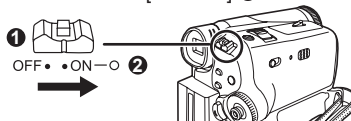


- 2 Ajuste rotando la perilla ocular correctora ①.

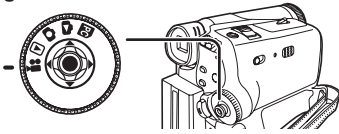


Grabación de una cinta

- 1 Ajuste el interruptor [OFF/ON] ① a [ON].
 - El indicador [POWER] ② se enciende.



- 2** Ajuste el selector de modo en modo de grabación de cinta.



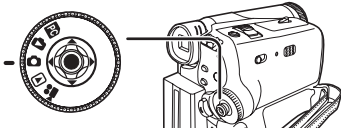
- 3** Presione el botón de inicio/parada de grabación.
• Comienza la grabación.



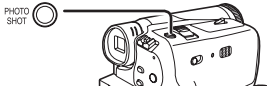
- 4** Presione el botón de inicio/parada de grabación nuevamente para detener la grabación.

Grabación de una imagen fija en tarjeta (Photoshot)

- 1** Ajuste el selector de modo en modo de grabación de tarjeta.

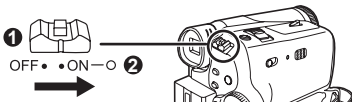


- 2** Presione el botón [PHOTO SHOT].



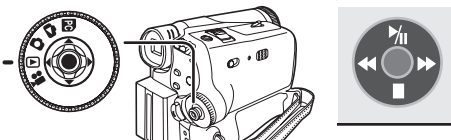
Reproducción de una cinta

- 1** Ajuste el interruptor [OFF/ON] ① a [ON].
• El indicador [POWER] ② se enciende.

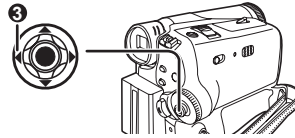


- 2** Ajuste el selector de modo en modo de reproducción de cinta.
• El icono del sistema de navegación de un toque aparece en la parte inferior derecha de la pantalla.

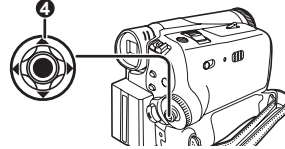
[Icono de navegación de un toque]



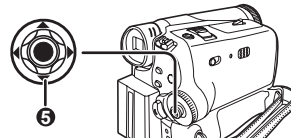
- 3** Mueva el joystick [◀] ③ para rebobinar el cassette.



- 4** Mueva el joystick [▶] ④ para iniciar la reproducción.



- 5** Mueva el joystick [▼] ⑤ para detener la reproducción.

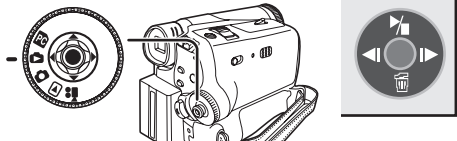


Reproducción de una tarjeta de memoria

- 1** Ajuste el selector de modo en modo de reproducción de foto.

- El icono del sistema de navegación de un toque aparece en la parte inferior derecha de la pantalla.

[Icono de navegación de un toque]



- 2** Comience la reproducción.

Joystick [▲] : Comienzo de una presentación
Parada de la presentación

Joystick [▼] : Borra las imágenes

Joystick [◀] : Reproducción de la foto anterior

Joystick [▶] : Reproducción de la foto siguiente

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