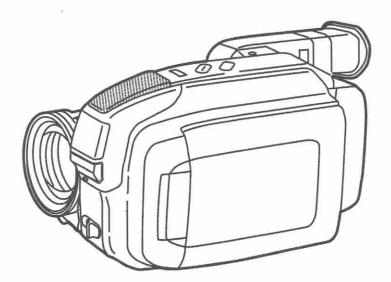


Camcorder

### **Operating Instructions**



## VHS**E** PV-L677

Please read these instructions carefully before attempting to operate this product and save this manual. Spanish Quick Use Guide is included.

Guía para rápida consulta en español está incluida.

VQTW0679 (8)

### 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, it will bring you years of enjoyment. Please take time to fill in the information at right. The serial number is on the tag located on the underside of your Palmcorder. Be sure to **retain this manual** as your convenient Palmcorder information source. Date of Purchase

Dealer Purchased From

Dealer Address

Dealer Phone No.

Model No.

Serial No.

#### Unpack your Palmcorder

These accessories are provided in order to set up or use your Palmcorder.



1 pc. Battery Pack (PV-BP18)

3) Cable (VJAW0032)

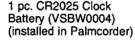


1 pc. Audio/Video

(VYCW0149)

1 pc. Shoulder Strap

1 pc. VHS PlayPak (PV-P1/VYMW0009) and one "AA" battery



1 pc. Wiping Cloth (VFCW0001)



Use this wiping cloth to clean the display screen of finger prints and other smudges.

#### Safety Precautions

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

Your Compact VHS Palmcorder is designed to record and play back in Standard Play (SP) and Super Long Play (SLP) modes. You can also play a Compact VHS Palmcorder recording on your VHS VCR using the VHS PlayPak supplied.

This Palmcorder is equipped with the HQ System to provide excellent video pictures, and is compatible with standard VHS equipment.

It is recommended that only cassette tapes that have been tested and inspected for use in VCR machines with the **MISE** and/or **WIS** mark be used.

This symbol warns the user that uninsulated voltage within the unit may



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.

have sufficient magnitude to cause electric

The above markings are located on the appliance bottom cover.

# Important Safeguards

- Read instructions All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the unit is operated.
- 2. Retain Instructions The safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.
- 3. Heed Warnings All warnings on the unit and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.
- 4. Follow Instructions --- All operating and maintenance instructions should be followed.
- 5. Cleaning Unplug this video unit from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners. Use a dry cloth for cleaning.
- Attachments Do not use attachments not recommended by the video product manufacturer as they may be hazardous.
- 7. Water and Moisture Do not use this video unit near water --- for example near a bath tub, wash bowl, kitchen sink, or laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool, and the like.
- 8. Accessories Do not place this video unit on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The video unit may fall, causing serious injury to a child or adult, and serious damage to the unit. Use only with a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table recommended by the manufacturer, or sold with the video unit. Any mounting of the unit should follow the manufacturer's instructions and should use a mounting accessory recommended by the manufacturer. An appliance and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the appliance and cart combination to overturn.

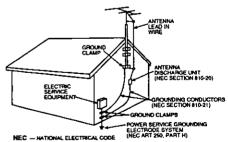


- Ventilation Slots and openings in the cabinet are provided for ventilation and to ensure reliable operation of the video unit and to protect it from overheating. These openings must not be blocked or covered. Never place the video unit on a bed. sofa, rug, or other similar surface, or near or over a radiator or heat register. This video unit should not be placed in a built-in installation such as a bookcase or rack unless proper ventilation is provided or the manufacturer's instructions have been adhered to.
- 10. Power Sources This video unit should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supply to your home, consult your appliance dealer or local power company. For video units intended to be operated from battery power, or other sources, refer to the operating instructions.

11. Grounding or Polarization - This video unit may be equipped with either a polarized 2-wire AC (Alternating Current) line plug (a plug having one blade wider than the other) or 3-wire grounding type plug, a plug having a third (grounding) pin. The 2-wire polarized plug will fit into the power outlet only one way. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet. try reversing the plug. If the plug still fails to fit, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug.

The 3-wire grounding type plug will fit into a grounding type power outlet. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the arounding type plug.

- 12. Power-Cord Protection Power-supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords of plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the unit.
- Outdoor Antenna Grounding If an outside antenna or cable system is connected to the video unit, be sure the antenna or cable system is grounded so as to provide some protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges. Part 1 of the Canadian Electrical Code, in USA Section 810 of the National Electrical Code, provides information with respect to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna discharge unit, size of grounding conductors, location of antenna discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode.



14. Lightning - For added protection of this video unit receiver during a lightning storm, or when it is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the antenna or cable system. This will prevent damage to the video unit due to lightning and power-line surges.



- 15. Power Lines An outside antenna system should not be located in the vicinity of overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can fall into such power lines or circuits. When installing an outside antenna system, extreme care should be taken to keep from touching such power lines or circuits as contact with them might be fatal.
- Overloading Do not overload wall outlets and extension cords as this can result in a risk of fire or electric shock.
- 17. Objects and Liquids Never push objects of any kind into this video unit through openings as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liguid of any kind onto the video unit.
- Servicing Do not attempt to service this video unit yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- Damage Requiring Service Unplug this video unit from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:
  - When the power-supply cord or plug is damaged.

### **P**recautions

- USE & LOCATION
- 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.
- DO NOT AIM YOUR CAMCORDER AT THE SUN OR OTHER BRIGHT OBJECTS
- DO NOT LEAVE THE PALMCORDER 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.

- If any liquid has been spilled onto, or objects have fallen into the video unit.
- c. If the video unit has been exposed to rain or water.
- d. If the video unit does not operate normally by following the operating instructions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions, as an improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the video unit to its normal operation.
- e. If the video unit has been dropped or the cabinet has been damaged.
- f. When the video unit exhibits a distinct change in performance — this indicates a need for service.
- 20. Replacement Parts When replacement parts are required, be sure the service technician has used replacement parts specified by the manufacturer or have the same characteristics as the original part. Unauthorized substitutions may result in fire, electric shock or other hazards.
- Safety Check— Upon completion of any service or repairs to this video unit, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to determine that the video unit is in safe operating order.

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### **Quick Operation Guide**

#### Camera Recording

Charge the Battery Pack fully before operation (see page 7).

Attach a fully charged Battery (see page 7).

Slide the TAPE EJECT switch to open door.

**3 Insert cassette** (see page 10).

Press here to close door.

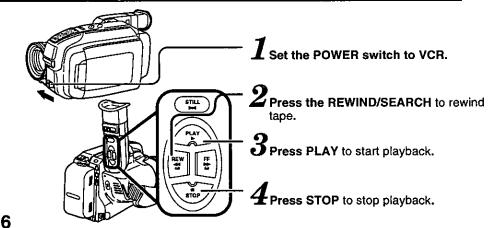
5 Set POWER switch to CAMERA. Built-In Lens Cover opens and POWER Lamp lights.

Slide TAPE SPEED Selector to SP or SLP (see page 10).

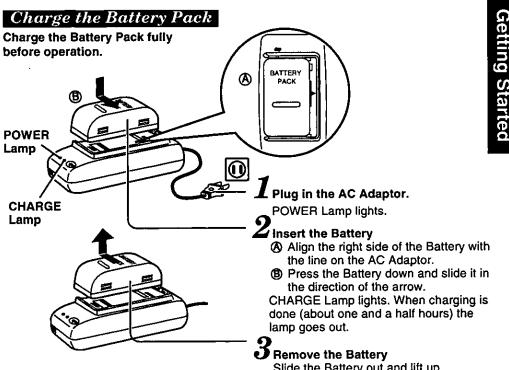
While looking into the Viewfinder, adjust the Vision Adjustment Control to your eyesight.

Press RECORD/PAUSE to start recording. Press RECORD/PAUSE again to pause recording (see page 20).

POWER Lamp To Watch Playback in the EVF (Electronic Viewfinder)



## Supplying Power



#### Note:

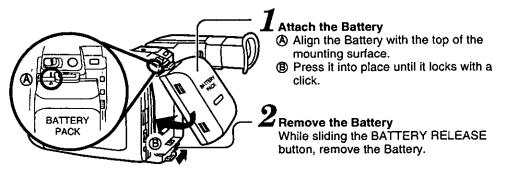
After recharging the Battery Pack about 5 times, use the BATTERY REFRESH feature as explained on page 8.

#### Use the Battery Pack

Slide the Battery out and lift up.

 The useful operation time of the Battery will gradually decrease after repeated use and recharging. The Battery is no longer serviceable if the operation time is very short, even after a sufficient charge.

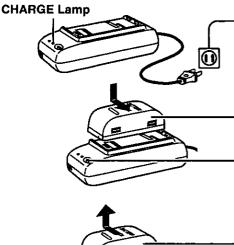
With a fully charged Battery Pack, you will have a maximum of about one and a half hours of continuous use (LCD monitor is off) or about one hour of continuous use (LCD monitor is on). (If the Built-in Light is used, battery operating time decreases.)

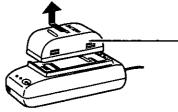


### Supplying Power

#### **Battery Refresh Feature**

This feature completely discharges the Battery before recharging begins. To maintain your Battery's operating capacity, use the refresh feature after about every five charges.





#### **Battery Care**

#### Caution:

- Charge only with specified charger.
- Battery can be charged within a temperature range of 32° F (0° C) and 104° F (40° C).
- Battery may be warm after charging or just after use. This is normal.
- Do not use an insufficiently charged or wornout Battery.

#### Safety precautions:

- Do not get the Battery near, or dispose of in fire.
- Do not directly connect (short circuit) the positive (+) and negative (-) terminals.
- Never attempt to disassemble or reassemble the Battery.



#### U.S.A. CONSUMERS: ATTENTION:

The product you have purchased is powered by a nickel cadmium battery which is recyclable. At the end of its useful life, under various state and local laws, it is illegal to dispose of this battery into your municipal waste stream. Please call 1-800-8-BATTERY for information on how to recycle this battery.

### **I** Plug in the AC Adaptor.

• The POWER Lamp remains lit as long as the AC Adaptor is plugged in.

## 2 Place the Battery into the AC Adaptor.

#### 2

### Press the BATTERY REFRESH button.

The CHARGE Lamp flashes until discharge is complete and then stays lit until the Battery is fully charged.

### $oldsymbol{4}$ Remove the Battery.

- Should you accidentally press the BATTERY REFRESH button, remove the Battery and then re-insert it to begin charging.
- It takes about seven and a half hours when both Battery Refresh and recharging are performed.

#### To avoid damage to the Battery:

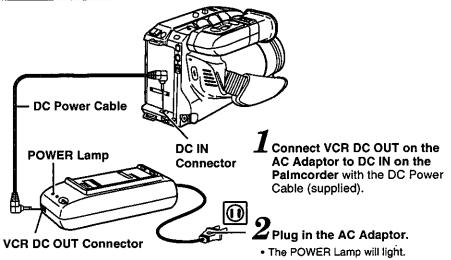
- Do not drop or jar Battery.
- Use Battery with specified units only.
- If Battery is used in extremely high temperatures, a safety device will automatically prevent operation.

#### To prolong battery life:

- While not in use, remove Battery from the Palmcorder and AC Adaptor and store in a cool, dark, dry place.
- Keep Battery terminals clean.

## Supplying Power

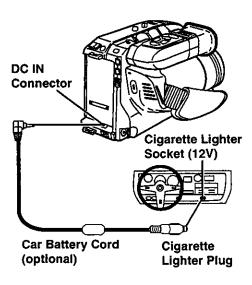
#### AC Adaptor



#### Notes:

- AC Adaptor cannot be used to power the Palmcorder while charging the Battery.
- While not in use, unplug the AC Adaptor from the AC outlet. (When plugged into an AC outlet, the AC Adaptor consumes 1.2W of electric power when not in use.)

#### Car Battery Cord (Optional)



#### Connect a PV-C16 Car Battery Cord (optional) to DC IN on the Palmcorder.

- 2 First, start your car engine, <u>and then</u> insert the Car Battery Cord plug into your cigarette lighter socket.
  - A fuse is located in the lighter plug end of the cord.

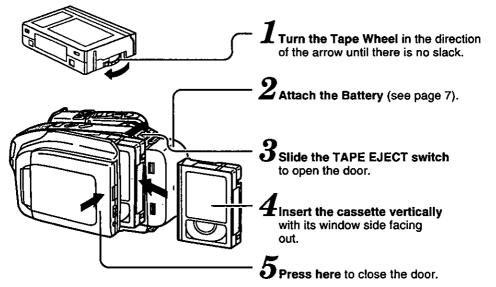
Should fuse replacement be necessary use the exact current rating (in amps).

#### Notes:

- This cord can only be used in vehicles equipped with DC 12V (negative ground) batteries. Use only the specified car battery cord. If you are not sure, check with your local car/truck dealer.
- To avoid blowing the fuse, be sure to start your car engine before inserting the cigarette lighter plug of the Car Battery Cord into the lighter socket.
- Because the car is running while your Palmcorder is in operation, make sure you're in a well ventilated area.
- Disconnect the cigarette lighter plug when your Palmcorder is not being used.

### **Cassette Information**

#### Cassette Insertion/Removal



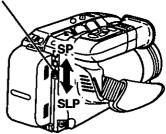
• To remove the cassette, slide the TAPE EJECT switch.

#### Record/Playback Time

Use tapes with the WHSD mark in this unit.

Tape Speed Selector	C	assette typ	e
Position	T-20	T-30	T-40
SP (Standard Play)	20 minutes	30 minutes	40 minutes
SLP (Super Long Play)	1 hour	1 hour 30 minutes	2 hours

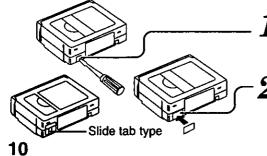
#### TAPE SPEED Selector



• SLP may have slightly more picture noise during playback.

#### Erase Protection Tab

Cassettes have a record tab to ensure that recordings are not accidentally erased.



### L To prevent accidental erasure,

break off the tab with a screwdriver. (If slide type, slide tab open.)

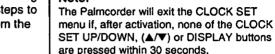
#### To record again,

cover the hole with adhesive tape. (If slide type, slide tab closed.)

Setting the clock is divided into four sections: Time Zone, Davlight Saving Time, Date and Time, and Clock Battery. Follow instructions in the order presented.

#### Setting the Time Zone

The Palmcorder is set to Eastern time zone from the factory. If you live or are traveling in a different time zone, follow the steps to select the appropriate time zone from the menu screen.



The Palmcorder's clock may lose or gain up to two minutes per month. Please adjust as necessary (refer to page 13).

Press CLOCK SET UP A to display the CLOCK SET menu.

Z Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ repeatedly to select 1.SELECT TIME ZONE .



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#### Press DISPLAY to display the SELECT TIME ZONE menu.



 Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ repeatedly to select desired time zone.

**OPress DISPLAY** to fix the Time Zone. The CLOCK SET menu appears.

To exit from the CLOCK SET menu, press DOWN ▼ to select 4.END, and then press DISPLAY.

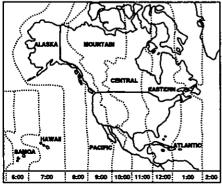
Note: -

When you travel outside the eight time zones shown in the time zone chart at the left, please set the clock manually (see page 13).

Time Zone chart

CLOCK SET

DISPLAY



DOWN

#### Before you begin...



Set the POWER switch to VCR or CAMERA.

#### Note: -

#### Setting the Daylight Saving Time

The clock will automatically adjust to daylight saving time.

The Palmcorder is preset to Daylight Saving Time AUTO. If you do not want the clock to be automatically adjusted to daylight saving time, please select OFF by following steps 1–5.

#### Before you begin...

- Connect the Palmcorder to a power source.
- Set the POWER switch to VCR or CAMERA.
- Note: -

The Palmcorder will exit the CLOCK SET menu if, after activation, none of the CLOCK SET UP/DOWN, ( $\blacktriangle/
abla$ ) or DISPLAY buttons are pressed within 30 seconds.

Daylight saving time feature will not function if time zone is set to Hawaii or Samoa.

Press CLOCK SET UP A to display the CLOCK SET menu.

2 Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ repeatedly to select 2.DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.



**3** Press DISPLAY to display the

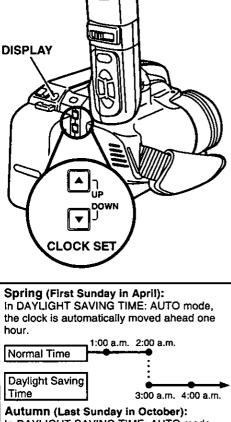
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME menu.



**Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼** to select AUTO or OFF.

5 Press DISPLAY to fix the DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME setting. The CLOCK SET menu appears.

To exit from the CLOCK SET menu, press DOWN ▼ to select 4.END, and then press DISPLAY.



In DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: AUTO mode, the clock is automatically turned back one hour. Daylight Saving

1:00 a.m. 2:00 a.m.

Normal Time

#### Setting the Date and Time

The date and time is calculated, including leap year, up to DEC 31 2095.

#### Before vou begin...

- · Connect the Palmcorder to a power source.
- Set the POWER switch to VCR or CAMERA.

#### Note: -

The Palmcorder will exit the CLOCK SET menu if, after activation, none of the CLOCK SET UP/DOWN, (▲/♥) or DISPLAY buttons are pressed within 30 seconds.

Press CLOCK SET UP A to display the CLOCK SET menu.

Z Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ repeatedly to select 3.DATE/TIME SETTING .

Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ repeatedly (or hold down) to enter the desired numbers, then press DISPLAY to fix that portion and move on.

Adjust the flashing digits for the hour. minute, month, day, and year.

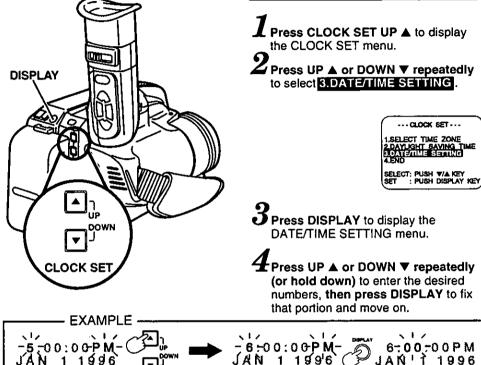
When you finish setting the year, the clock starts operating, and the CLOCK SET menu appears.

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-- DATE/TIME SETTING -12:00:00AM 1 1996

SELECT: PUSH V/A KEY SET : PUSH DISPLAY KEY

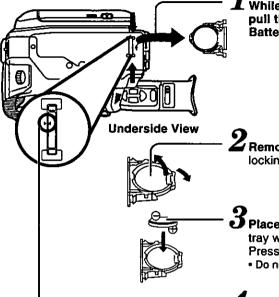
To exit from the CLOCK SET menu, press DOWN ▼ to select 4.END, and then press DISPLAY.



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#### Replacing the Battery

The date and time operates on a miniature battery preinstalled in the underside of your Palmcorder.



While pinching the stopper tabs, pull the Battery Tray out of the Battery Compartment.

Remove the Battery by bending the locking tab outward.

Place the new Battery into the Battery tray with the ⊕ mark facing down.
 Press down until it snaps into place.
 Do not reverse the polarity.

**4 Insert the Battery Tray** until both triangle marks meet.

#### WARNING:

Replace battery with Panasonic PART NO. VSBW0004 (CR2025) only. Use of another battery may present a risk of fire or explosion. Caution-battery may explode if mistreated. Dispose of used battery promptly. Keep away from children. Do not recharge, disassemble or dispose of in fire.

#### Note:

- Make sure your Palmcorder is off when replacing the Battery.
- Keep the Battery out of the reach of children as swallowing it may be harmful.
- Improperly installed, discharged, or missing battery will cause "CLOCK BATTERY" to appear when the DISPLAY button is pressed.
- Battery life is approximately 5 years.

# Electronic Viewfinder/LCD Monitor Indications

#### Tape/Battery Remaining Getting Started The tape remaining and battery charge level can be displayed during recording. Set the POWER switch to CAMERA. Press DISPLAY repeatedly to select the desired display. **EVF/LCD Monitor Indications** 13.000 63 600 AFC SP First Fifth press press 12:00:00AH JAH 1 1997 **Battery Charge** Tape (Initial screen) **Remaining:** Remaining: ١X REC -RÉC (No tape) FULL FULL 12:00AM JAN 1 1997 Fourth Second press press EMPTY EMPTY tx 💭 🖼 SP REC SP REC Third press It will take several seconds for the tape remaining indicator to operate after the tape starts moving. JAN 11997 Recording the Date and Time Z Press DISPLAY . Set the POWER twice to change switch to CAMERA. SP REC SP REC the display to date When placed in only. Press once Record mode, the or twice more to time and date will be remove the date/ recorded on the 12:00:00AM 1 1997 JAN . time display. tape. Note: Only the Date and/or Time indications are recorded on the Tape.

### Display-Off Mode

This feature allows you to remove all Electronic Viewfinder/LCD Monitor Indications except Intelligent Titler (see page 31).

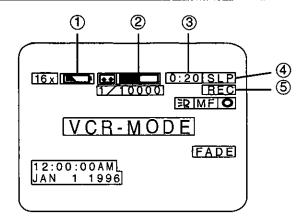
Before inserting a tape, press DISPLAY and STOP together for more than one second to remove the indications except time and date\*.

To display the Electronic Viewfinder Indications again, turn the Palmcorder Power off and then on again.

\* To remove the time and date, press the DISPLAY button repeatedly.



### **Electronic Viewfinder/LCD Monitor Indications**



(1) Battery Remaining Indication (see page 15)

When a battery recharge is necessary, "WARNING LOW BATTERY" will appear in the EVF. The external Power Lamp will start to flash and the Palmcorder will automatically turn OFF in 15 seconds.

#### ② Tape Remaining Indication

- If the Palmcorder is in the camera mode, (RECORD) with no cassette tape inserted, or the record tab is missing, " I will flash for one minute and "CHECK TAPE" will appear for 5 seconds.
- As the tape reaches the end during recording, ". will flash and "TAPE END" will appear for 5 seconds as a warning.

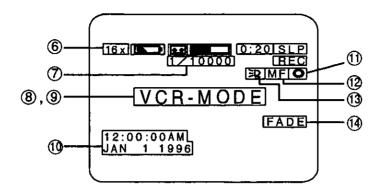
#### **③ 10-Second Reminder**

An elapsed time indicator appears one second for every 10 seconds that recording continues. This is a reminder of how long you have been shooting a particular scene and can help keep your recordings fresh and interesting.

(return to 0:00 and continue)

- ④ TAPE SPEED Indication (see page 10) Indicates the tape speed (SP or SLP).
- ⑤ Operating Mode Indications REC (record) (Appears in large then small characters.)
   PAUSE (Appears in large then small characters.)
   FF (fast forward)
   PLAY REW (rewind)
- The 10-Second Reminder will reset to 0:00 whenever you press the RECORD/PAUSE button.

### **Electronic Viewfinder/LCD Monitor Indications**



- 6 Zoom Magnification level (see page 28).
- ⑦ High Speed Shutter Indication (see page 28).
- **⑧ VCR-MODE Indication**

Appears for one minute if the POWER switch is set to VCR or the RECORD/PAUSE button is pushed in VCR MODE.

③ DEW Indication

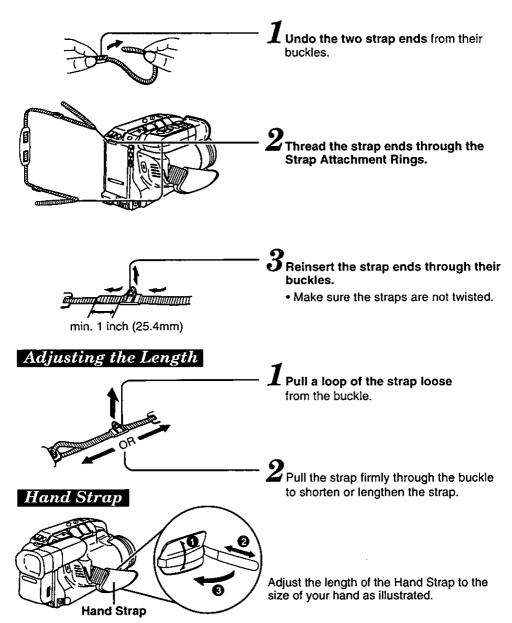
If excessive moisture condenses in the unit, "WARNING DEW DETECTED" will appear, Power Lamp will flash, and the Palmcorder will automatically turn OFF in 15 seconds.

Wait until the indicator no longer flashes when your Palmcorder is turned on before use.

- 1 Date and Time Indication (see page 13).
- (1) Backlight Indication (see page 30).
- 1 Manual Focus Indication (see page 29).
- (1) Light ON/OFF Indication (see page 19).
- ( Fade Indication (see page 30).

## **Attaching the Shoulder Strap**

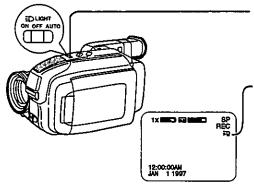
Make sure the Battery Pack is not attached.



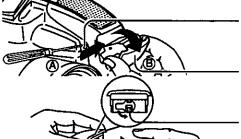
## Built-in Auto Light

### Using the Built-in Auto Light

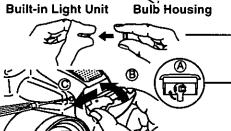
To improve recording indoors or outdoors in dim lighting conditions.







**Built-in Light Unit** 



### DANGER:

When replacing the bulb, use only lamp bulbs (PART NO. VLLW0007) supplied by Panasonic to reduce the risk of fire. Use a cloth or tissue when handling the bulb as finger oils will decrease the bulb life. To prevent possible burn hazard, disconnect the Built-in Light and allow the lamp to cool before replacing.

#### Before you begin...

- Connect the Palmcorder to a power source.
- Set the POWER switch to CAMERA.

#### Set the LIGHT switch to AUTO.

The built-in light automatically turns on and off depending on lighting conditions. Or set the LIGHT switch to ON/OFF to turn the light on and off manually.

**SD** will appear in the EVF while the light is turned on.

#### Caution:

This light becomes hot during operation. Make sure nothing covers the Light during operation.

#### Before you begin...

Set the POWER switch to OFF.

Turn screw counterclockwise and remove.

 $2_{ ilde{ imes}}$  Slide the Built-in Light unit to the right to unlock (B) and remove it.

**J** Turn the Bulb Housing counterclockwise 1/4 of a turn and pull free from the Built-in Light unit.

Using a clean cloth or tissue, replace the bulb.

#### A Replace the Bulb Housing by turning it clockwise. (B) Next, insert the Built-in Light unit and slide it to the left to lock it in place. O Finally, replace the screw.

#### Note:

- Using the light reduces battery operating time.
- . If using the Built-in Light in a hot environment for an extended period of time, be sure to provide ventilation.
- Using the Built-in Light when the Palmcorder is powered by a car battery may shorten bulb life.
- Be sure LIGHT switch is set to OFF when not in use or before placing Palmcorder into an optional carrying case.

### **Camera Recording**

#### Simple Recording

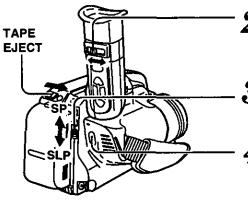
Tally Lamp

#### Before you begin...

- · Connect the Palmcorder to a power source.
- · Insert a cassette with record tab (see page 10).

Set the POWER switch to CAMERA. The built-in Lens Cover opens.





#### WARNING:

• Do not leave the Palmcorder with the EVF aimed directly at the sun as this may cause damage to the internal parts of the EVF.



 When your Palmcorder is aimed at excessively bright objects, or bright lights, a vertical bar may appear in the picture. This is a normal characteristic of the CCD pick-up device. Try to avoid this when possible. 2 With the Viewfinder Eye Cup against your eye, adjust the Vision Adjustment Control to your eyesight.

Slide the TAPE SPEED Selector to SP or SLP (refer to page 10).

Press RECORD/PAUSE to start recording.

The Tally Lamp and REC Indicator are lit during recording.



EVF

Record/Pause mode.

PAUSE

Press the RECORD/PAUSE again to pause the recording.

Set the Power switch to OFF after recording is finished.

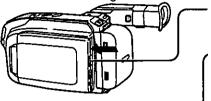
#### To remove the cassette

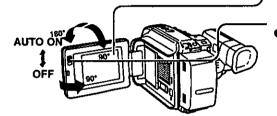
In Record/Pause mode, slide the TAPE EJECT switch (refer to page 10).

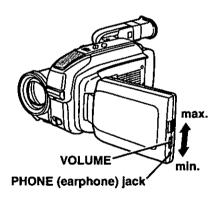


#### Using the LCD Monitor

The LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) monitor can be used while recording.







## Camera Recording

#### Before you begin...

Connect the Palmcorder to a power source.

Press the LCD-OPEN button to unlock the LCD monitor.

#### 2 Swing the LCD monitor fully open and adjust the angle.

 Rotating the LCD monitor while it is only partially open may block the cassette door and cause damage to the Palmcorder body.

## 3 LCD AUTO ON

- Set the LCD-POWER switch to AUTO ON. The LCD monitor will then turn on/off according to the Palmcorder's POWER switch setting.
- When the LCD monitor is turned ON, the Viewfinder automatically turns OFF.
- If the LCD monitor is rotated 180° to face the same direction as the lens/ subject, the Viewfinder turns back on allowing both you and the subject to monitor the recording.

#### LCD POWER OFF

- Set the LCD-POWER switch to OFF to have Viewfinder on only.
- When the LCD monitor is completely closed, it will shut off automatically to save power even if the LCD-POWER switch is left on.
- When the LCD monitor turns off, the Viewfinder turns on automatically.

Start recording (see page 20).

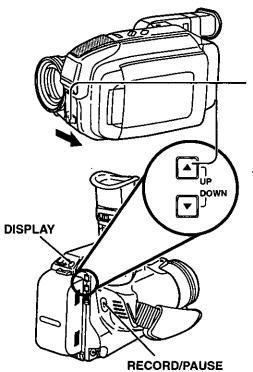
#### Note:

- Using the LCD monitor reduces battery operating time.
- You cannot monitor the sound from the speaker during recording. Connect the earphone (M3 type, not supplied) to PHONE (earphone) jack and adjust the volume of the earphone using the VOLUME control.
- Close the LCD monitor completely when not in use.

### Camera Recording

#### Stand-by Quick Release

Whenever the Palmcorder is left in RECORD/PAUSE mode for 5 minutes, it will automatically switch to Stand-by mode to conserve energy. Activating the Stand-by Quick Release feature allows you to release the Stand-by mode and resume recording by simply pressing the RECORD/PAUSE button. If this feature is not activated, it is necessary to turn the Palmcorder OFF and back on to CAMERA to start recording again. The default setting from the factory is set to the NON-ACTIVE mode.



#### Before you begin...

- Connect the Palmcorder to a power source.
- . Insert a cassette with record tab (see page 10).

Continue holding down the UP **A** button before and after turning the POWER switch to CAMERA until the STAND-BY RELEASE menu screen is displayed.

#### Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ to select ACTIVE or NON-ACTIVE .



#### ACTIVE

You can resume recording from Standby mode by pressing the RECORD/ PAUSE button.

#### NON-ACTIVE

You must set the POWER switch to OFF, and then to CAMERA to release the Stand-by mode.

**OPTERST DISPLAY** to set your selection and exit this screen.

### Easy Edit Stand-by

If you stop recording but plan to resume within 24 hours, use the Edit Standby feature to make a smooth transition between scenes.

Press RECORD/PAUSE while recording.

Set the POWER switch to OFF and leave the cassette in the Palmcorder.

When ready to resume recording, set the POWER switch to CAMERA and press RECORD/PAUSE.

#### Note:

 If it is going to be longer than 24 hours before you resume recording, you will need to use the manual Easy Edit feature described below.

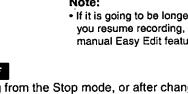
**POWER Switch** 

#### Manual Easy Editing

For proper continuity when taping from the Stop mode, or after changing the Battery Pack.

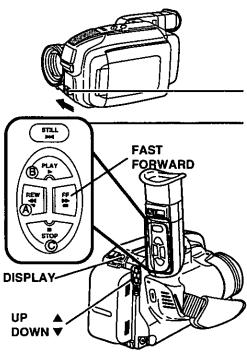
Set the POWER switch to VCR. 2 
Press REWIND/SEARCH to go STILL back a few seconds on the tape. B Press PLAY to review the picture on the Viewfinder. C Press STILL at the location you wish to continue your recording. **3** Set the POWER switch to CAMERA. Press RECORD/PAUSE to continue recording.





### Play Back your Recordings

#### Playback using the Color EVF



#### Special Effects Playback

To rapidly locate a scene Press FAST FORWARD/SEARCH or REWIND/SEARCH for rapid visual search. Press again, or press PLAY to resume normal speed.

#### View a Still Picture

Press STILL to freeze the picture. Press again to resume normal playback.

#### Note:

- During search playback, horizontal noise bars will appear and there will be no audio.
- To protect the tape and the video heads, your Palmcorder's operating modes will revert as follows:

STILL ----- STAND-BY after 5 minutes.

STANDBY -> POWER OFF after 5 minutes when using a Battery Pack.

 When the tape reaches its end during playback, or fast forward, it will rewind automatically.

#### Before you begin...

- Connect the Palmcorder to a power source.
- Insert a recorded cassette.

### $oldsymbol{I}$ Set the POWER switch to VCR.

- 2 
  Press the REWIND/SEARCH button to rewind the tape.
  - B Press PLAY to start playback.
  - C Press STOP to stop playback.

#### Auto Play

When the POWER switch is set to VCR, playback will automatically begin if the record tab has been removed on the cassette.

#### Search Speed

Standard Play (SP) Search is about 3 times the normal speed, and Super Long Play (SLP) Search is about 9 times the normal speed.

#### Tracking Control

#### Auto Tracking

Continuously analyzes the signal of each recording for optimum picture quality.

#### Manual Tracking

To minimize the noise in some recordings, manual tracking may be necessary.

For Noise in Playback mode:

Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ until picture clears. Press DISPLAY to return to Auto Tracking.

For Noise in Still mode:

Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ until picture clears.

V-Lock Control (Reduces jitter in Still mode.) Press DISPLAY and UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ until picture is stable.





### Play Back your Recordings

#### Playback using the LCD Monitor

You can also use the LCD monitor to playback your recording.

AUTO ON

OFF

#### Before you begin...

- Connect the Palmcorder to a power source.
- Insert a recorded cassette.
- Set the POWER switch to VCR.

Press the LCD-OPEN button to unlock the LCD monitor and swing open.

### 2 Set the LCD-POWER switch to AUTO

**ON.** The LCD monitor will then turn on/ off according to the Palmcorder's POWER switch setting.

- When the LCD monitor is turned ON, the Viewfinder automatically turns OFF.
- When not in use, close the LCD monitor. (Faces inward)

## B Playback the tape (see page 24).

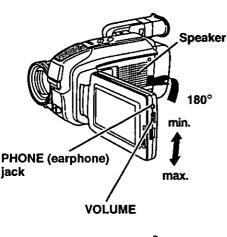
 Adjust the volume of the speaker or earphone (if connected) using the VOLUME control.

# Set the LCD-POWER switch to OFF to have Viewfinder on only when viewing is finished.

- When the LCD monitor is completely closed, it will shut off automatically to save power even if the LCD-POWER switch is left on.
- When the LCD monitor turns off, the Viewfinder turns on automatically.

#### Note:

- Using the LCD monitor reduces battery operating time.
- If you connect the earphone (M3 type, not supplied) to PHONE (earphone) jack, the sound from the speaker will be muted.

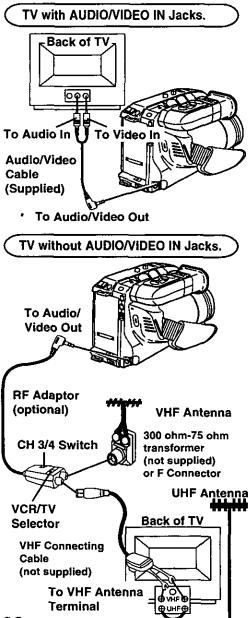




### Play Back your Recordings

#### TV Playback or Viewing

Your Palmcorder may be connected to a TV to play back tapes or to view what you are recording.



#### Before you begin...

Connect the Palmcorder to a power source.

## Z Set the POWER switch to VCR for tape playback.

**Or, set to CAMERA** to view what your Palmcorder is recording.

# 2 Turn the TV ON and set it to LINE INPUT.

Check your TV operating instructions.

#### Note:

If your TV has no VIDEO or AUDIO IN jacks, select CH 3 or 4 on your TV to match the CH 3/4 switch setting on the OPTIONAL PV-RF16 RF Adaptor. Set the VCR/TV selector on the RF Adaptor to VCR for playback.

Start playback or begin a recording.

If you have connected the Palmcorder to your TV using the PV-RF16 RF Adaptor and want to watch TV only:

Set the POWER switch to OFF on the Palmcorder.

Then, set the VCR/TV Selector on the RF Adaptor to TV.

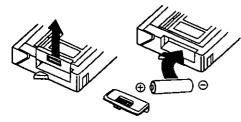
Now, turn the TV ON and select a channel.

#### CATV System Installer

This reminder is provided to call the CATV system installer's attention to Article 820-40 of the NEC in USA (and to the Canadian Electrical Code in Canada) that provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building, as close to the point of cable entry as practical.

### Play Back your Recordings in your VCR

#### Playback using the PlayPak



Load Detector

Insert MISC Cassette

Remove MISC Cassette

## Remove the Battery Compartment lid and insert the AA size battery.

- Make sure polarities are aligned properly.
- When tape loading and unloading time becomes longer than normal, battery replacement is necessary.
- Turn the Tape Wheel on the WHSIP cassette in the direction of the arrow to take up any slack.
- Slide the RELEASE button in the direction of the arrow to open the PlayPak door.

Sinsert the WHSE cassette with the window facing up and to the left. Then, snap the lid shut.

- Be sure the cassette reel area under the PlayPak is free to turn while loading.
- Allow the Load Detector to fully retract before using the PlayPak in your standard VHS VCR.

**1** Slide the RELEASE button and wait for the lid to open.

2 Hold the PlayPak securely in one hand. Using your finger, reach through the hole in the bottom of the PlayPak Adaptor and push the tape out the top.

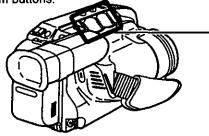


### **Special Features**

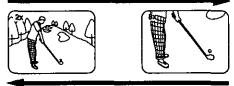
#### Four-Speed Power Zoom

You can gradually zoom in for close ups or zoom out for wide angle shots.

The zooming speed ranges from a slow speed of 16 seconds to a fast 2 seconds according to the pressure applied to the zoom buttons.



#### Zoom In ("T")



#### Zoom Out ("W")

Zoom slowly by lightly pressing the "T" (Telephoto) or the "W" (Wide Angle) side of the POWER ZOOM switch.

Zoom quickly by applying more pressure.
 The magnification level is displayed in the EVF.

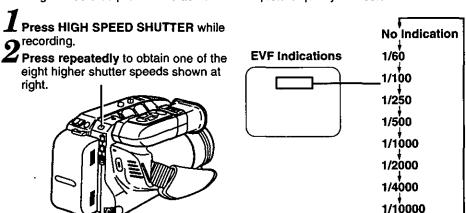
High Speed Shutter To record high speed motion (e.g. a tennis stroke) for improved STILL or SLOW MOTION playback, when watching the tape on this Palmcorder or a VHS 3 or 4 head VCR.

#### **Auto Shutter**

In the AUTO mode (no indication in the EVF), the Palmcorder will automatically adjust the shutter speed from 1/60 to 1/250 according to the brightness of the subject. • AUTO mode is automatically selected whenever the POWER switch is set to CAMERA.

#### **Manual Selection**

The High Speed Shutter indicator flashes when the light level is inadequate. More light should be provided to achieve better picture quality and color.



#### Note:

- For proper color reproduction, it is recommended that you use this feature outdoors. For indoor High Speed Shutter recording, additional halogen or tungsten light should be provided. Fluorescent light will degrade the picture quality.
- This feature requires ample light. More light is required for the fastest shutter speeds.
- The Auto Focus system may not operate properly in insufficient light when using the High Speed Shutter.

#### Auto Focus

The Palmcorder will automatically focus on the subject even during zooming.



Use Manual Focus (MF) when recording:

a subject through glass.

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- a subject that is far from the Palmcorder with objects in the foreground.
- a subject with distinct horizontal stripes.
- a subject not centered in the Viewfinder.
- a subject with a shiny surface.
- an obliquely angled subject.
- a bright, flat subject such as a white wall.

If necessary, press MANUAL FOCUS so that "MF" does not appear in the EVF.

in low light situations.

maximum size).

a scene with fast motions, like a golf swing.

Press MANUAL FOCUS so that "MF" (Manual Focus) appears in the EVF. **EVF Indication** 



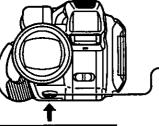
Press and hold the "T" side of the POWER ZOOM switch until the lens is zoomed in all the way (subject at

#### **3** Turn the MANUAL FOCUS control until the picture is in focus.

- It may be necessary to back away from the subject to focus the image properly.
- Press the "W" side of the POWER ZOOM switch to frame the picture as desired.
- Re-focusing may be required when your Palmcorder is aimed at a new scene.

#### Macro Focus (for close-ups)

Auto Focus will function as close as 1/2 inch (12.7mm) from the subject. Press the "W" side of the POWER ZOOM switch to the wide angle position. Then, bring the Palmcorder as close to the subject as desired.



## Special Features

### **Special Features**

#### Backlight

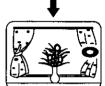
Use when recording a subject that is darker than the surrounding scene, in a shadowed area or when the light source is in back of your subject.



Press the BACKLIGHT button while recording.

When lighting conditions return to normal, press the **BACKLIGHT** button again to disengage.

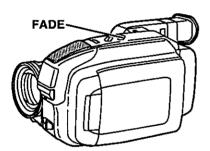


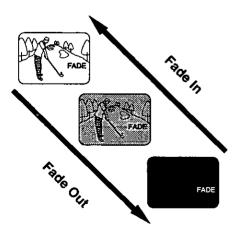


Indication appears in the EVF.

#### **One-Touch** Auto Fade

Make smooth scene transitions for a more professional look.





#### Fade in:

Starting the first scene with "fade in" can be verv effective.

#### During the RECORD/PAUSE mode, press the FADE button to make "FADE" flash in the EVF.

### 2 Press the RECORD/PAUSE button.

The screen will turn black and the recording will start as picture and sound gradually fade in.

#### Fade Out:

Use to create a soft ending or, when used together with fade in, a soft transition from one scene to the next.

Press the FADE button to make "FADE" flash in the EVF while recording.

## 2 Press the RECORD/PAUSE button.

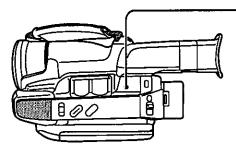
The picture and sound will gradually fade out and the recording will PAUSE.

If FADE is accidentally pressed, simply press it again so that "FADE" disappears in the EVF.

### Intelligent Titler

On selected holidays, such as New Year's Day, the Palmcorder will automatically display the appropriate title when the power is first turned on.

#### Automatic Title Display



#### Before you begin...

- Connect the Palmcorder to a power source.
- Insert a cassette with record tab (see page 10).

To record the automatically displayed title, press the RECORD/ PAUSE button.

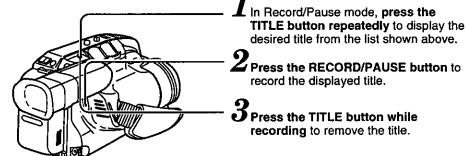
To remove the title while recording, press the TITLE button.

#### Note:

- You can display HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, VACATION, WEDDING DAY, or A SPECIAL DAY by pressing TITLE button repeatedly in Record/Pause mode.
- The Palmcorder will not automatically display a title once it has been removed. To redisplay the title, press TITLE in Record/Pause mode.

Dec. 31-Jan. 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR! / CHEERS!
Feb. 14	VALENTINE'S DAY / BE MY VALENTINE
2nd Sunday in May	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY / WE LOVE YOU!
Last Monday in May	MEMORIAL DAY
3rd Sunday in Jun.	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY / WE LOVE YOU!
Jul. 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
1st Monday in Sep.	LABOR DAY
Oct. 31	HAPPY HALLOWEEN
4th Thursday in Nov.	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Dec. 24–25	MERRY CHRISTMAS / HO! HO! HO!
These Titles must be	HAPPY EASTER
displayed manually.	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
	HAPPY BIRTHDAY
	VACATION
	WEDDING DAY
	A SPECIAL DAY

#### Manual Title Display



### Copying your Tapes (dubbing)

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τv (To View)

**Recording:** 

VCR

(not supplied)

#### Main Operation

#### Before you begin...

- Connect the Palmcorder to VCR as shown below.
- Turn ON both units.

Source (Playing)

Audio/Video Out

Audio/Video Cable

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Monitor with your TV

Set the VCR/TV Selector on the

channel (CH3 or CH4).

recording VCR to VCR.

Turn the TV ON and select its VCR

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(supplied)

To Audio In

To Video In

Palmcorder

- Set the recording VCR's Input Signal Selector to LINE.
- Set the Palmcorder POWER switch to VCR.
- Insert a pre-recorded tape into the Palmcorder and a blank tape with a recording tab into your VČR.
- 2 Press PLAY on the Palmcorder and when you find the starting point, press STILL
- Press PLAY and REC together on your VCR and then immediately press STILL/PAUSE.

REW

VCR Buttons

PLAY

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**BEC** 

- Press STILL on the Palmcorder and press STILL/PAUSE on the VCR to simultaneously start both units.
- VHF Connecting Cable OPress STOP on both units when dubbing is complete.

#### Note:

PAUSE/STILL STOP

- Tapes recorded on other VCRs and used for playback in the Palmcorder must be recorded in SP or SLP mode.
- For technical reasons, dubbing a tape may reduce its quality.

#### CAUTION: -

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

### Palmcorder Accessory System

For ordering instructions, see the Accessory Order Form page.

Accessory #	Figure	Description	Price
PV-A17	A CONTRACTOR	AC Adaptor with DC Power Cable	\$130.00
PV-8P17		2.4Ah Battery Pack	\$50.00
PV-BP18		1.8Ah Battery Pack	\$45.00
PV-BP15		1.2Ah Battery Pack	\$45.00
PV-C16		Car Battery Cord	\$70.00
PV-RF16		RF Adaptor	\$40.00
PV-P1		VHS PlayPak	\$35.00
PV-H18		Soft Sided Carrying Case	\$49.00

### Palmcorder Accessory Order Form

Please photocopy this form when placing an order.

- 1. Palmcorder Model #
- 2. Items Ordered

Accessory #	Description	Price Each	Quantity	Total Price
			Subtota	al
		Your State a	& Local Sales Ta	x
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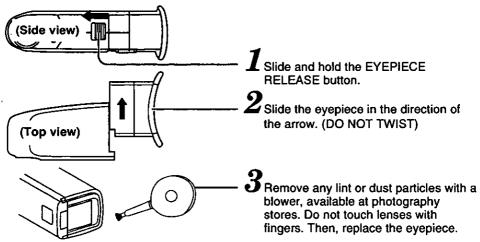
### Notes Regarding Operations

#### Attaching Optical Filters and Lenses

Be careful not to touch the lens itself when attaching optical filters and lenses.

#### Cleaning the EVF (Electronic Viewfinder)

To Remove



FCC Warning: Any unauthorized changes or modifications to this equipment would void the user's authority to operate.

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.

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with Part 15 and part 18 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when operated in a residential environment.

If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, use the equipment in another location and/or utilize an electrical outlet different from that used by the receiver.

If necessary, consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help. You may find the booklet, 'Something About Interference' available from FCC local regional offices helpful.

### Specifications

act VHS Palmcorder: 6V DC 10 W (Max. 13 W) daptor: 24W 1.2W (when not in use.) tandard (525 lines, 60 fields) NTSC color signal ry heads plus flying erase head. helical scanning system k antial color difference field reverse system ntegral color filter Charge Coupled Device (CCD) toom lens, F1:1.6 with auto iris control length: 5.3mm - 84.8mm r zoom function filter diameter: 58mm ch (12.7mm) Liquid Crystal Color Electronic Viewfinder ch (81.2mm) Liquid Crystal Display
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1.20 kg daptor: 0.77 lbs. 0.35 kg
act VHS Palmcorder: 4-7/8 (W) × 4-5/8 (H) × 7 (D) inch
125 (W) × 116 (H) × 177 (D) mm

Designs and specifications are subject to change without notice.

# **Before Requesting Service**

If you have a problem with your Palmcorder, it may be something you can correct yourself. Check the list below for symptoms and corrections.

Correction
<ul> <li>Make sure a Power Source is connected.(pp. 7,9)</li> <li>Make sure the POWER switch is set to VCR or CAMERA. (pp. 20, 24)</li> <li>Check the Dew Indicator. (p. 17)</li> <li>Make sure the battery is fully charged. (p. 7)</li> <li>Make sure all necessary cables are connected correctly and firmly. (p. 26)</li> </ul>
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<ul> <li>Make sure the record tab is still intact. (p. 10)</li> <li>Check the Battery Indicator. (p. 15)</li> <li>Check the Dew Indicator. (p. 17)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Make sure the FOCUS button is set to AUTO. (p. 29)</li> <li>Make sure the unit is ON, with the POWER switch set to CAMERA (p. 20).</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Make sure the unit is set to REC or Record/Pause mode.</li> </ul>
Make sure the HIGH SPEED SHUTTER button is OFF (p. 28).
<ul> <li>Press the Clock Set UP ▲/DOWN ▼ button during playback (Tracking Control) (p. 24).</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Portions of the still picture where the normal speed motion was particularly rapid may produce this effect. This is normal.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Set the POWER switch to CAMERA, and then hold down STOP for 5 seconds (approx).</li> </ul>
• Because the playback signal is not as stable as an off the air TV signal, the top of your TV screer may be bent or unstable when the tape is played back. This symptom is more noticeable when a tape, recorded on another VCR, is played back. To solve this problem, locate the horizontal hold control on your TV. Turn it slowly to correct the wavy picture. If your TV does not have a horizontal hold control or adjusting the control does not help, some modifications may have to be made to the TV set. Technically this is called "Horizontal AFC time constant change." If such a problem exists, please contact your local TV service center. (Some nominal service charges may be required.)

# **Before Requesting Service**

### **Cleaning Care for Video Heads**



**Clogged Video Head** 

(a) Video Head Cleaning: Your Palmcorder will not normally require head cleaning; however, it is possible that the heads may become clogged when playing an old or damaged tape. If the image on your screen resembles the photograph on the left while playing back a tape, the heads may require cleaning.

(b) Cleaning the Heads: It is recommended that head cleaning be performed by a qualified service technician. Please contact your nearest Panasonic Service Center. An alternate solution is to obtain a head cleaning cassette. There are many types of cleaning cassettes, so be sure to follow the cleaning instructions carefully. Excessive use of the cleaning cassette could shorten head life. Use this cassette only when a head clogging symptom occurs.

Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.

### Auto-Reset

The Palmcorder, provided no tape is inserted, will reset the Backlight, High Speed Shutter and Focus to their AUTO or OFF modes if, after activation, none of these buttons are pressed within 5 minutes.

# 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.

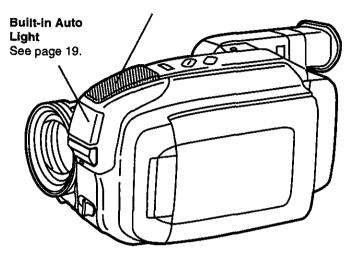
- Please include your **proof of purchase**. (Failure to due so will delay your repair.)
- To further speed your repair please provide an explanation of what is wrong with the unit and any symptom it is exhibiting.

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



### Front View

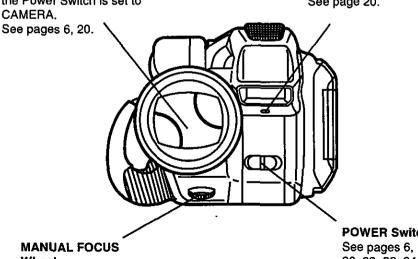
#### **Built-In Twin Capsule** 2-Way Microphone System



#### **Built-In Lens Cover**

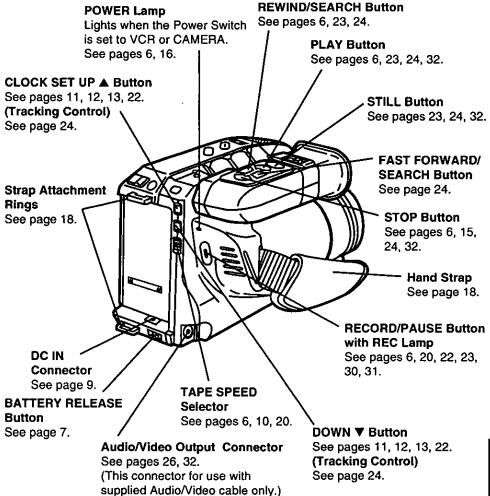
Opens automatically when the Power Switch is set to CAMERA.

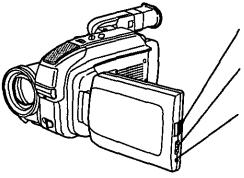
Tally Lamp See page 20.



Wheel See page 29. **POWER Switch** See pages 6, 15, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26.

### Rear View

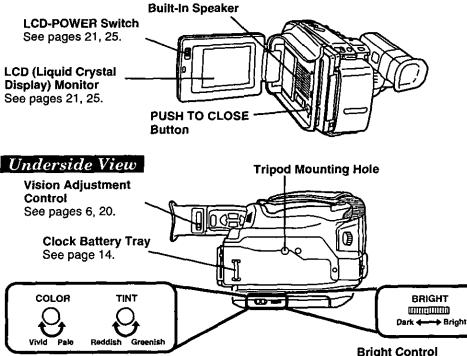




LCD-OPEN button See pages 21, 25.

Volume Control See pages 21, 25.

Earphone Jack (Monaural) Connect the earphone (M3 type, not supplied) to the earphone jack for monitoring the sound during playback or recording. See pages 21, 25.



**\*Tint Control** 

Adjusts the tint for natural fleshtones.

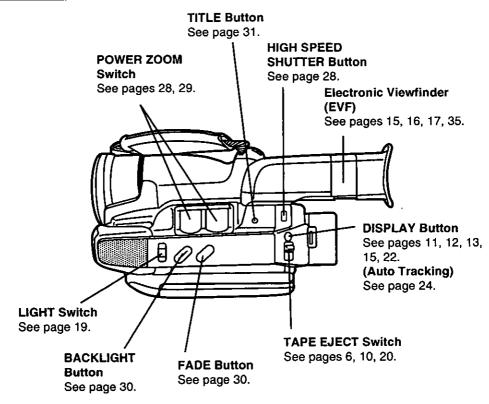
### \*Color Control

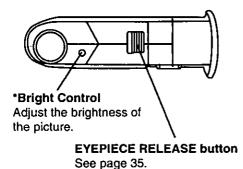
Adjusts the color intensity.

Bright Control Adjusts the brightness of the picture.

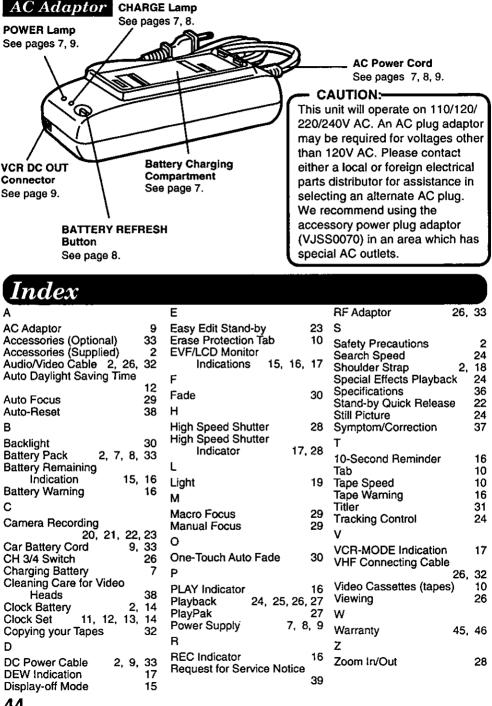
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### PANASONIC/QUASAR Video Products Limited Warranty

Panasonic Consumer Electronics Company or Panasonic Sales Company (collectively referred to as "the Warrantor") will repair this product with new or refurbished parts, free of charge, in the USA or Puerto Rico, in the event of a defect in materials or workmanship as follows (all time periods commence from the date of the original purchase):

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PRODUCT PARTS	LABOR	
CAMCORDER ONE (1) YEAR, EXCEPT CCD IMAGE SENSOR	NINETY (90) DAYS	
CCD IMAGE SENSOR - SIX (6) MONTHS	NINETY (90) DAYS	
VCR ONE (1) YEAR	NINETY (90) DAYS	
A/V MIXER ONE (1) YEAR	NINETY (90) DAYS	
MONITOR-VCR ONE (1) YEAR, EXCEPT CRT	NINETY (90) DAYS	
CRT • TWO (2) YEARS	CRT- NINETY (90) DAYS	
	CUSTOMER PAYS ALL	
	LABOR CHARGES	
	AFTER 90 DAYS	
Monitor-VCR In-home or carry-in Service: 19" (diagonal) CRT / LCD and Larger Monitor-VCR Carry-in Service: 18" (diagonal) CRT / LCD and smaller		
Batteries (if included) - New rechargeable batteries in exchange for defective rechargeable batteries for ten (10) days. Non-rechargeable batteries are not warranted.		
<u>Tape</u> (if included) - New video cassette tape in exchange for a defective video cassette tape for five (5) days.		
In-home, carry-in or mail-in service, as applicable, in the USA can be period by contacting a Panasonic Services Company (PASC) Facto Service Directory. Or call toll free 1-800-545-2672, to locate an auti Carry-in or mail-in service in Puerto Rico can be obtained during th Panasonic Sales Company telephone number listed in the Servicer	ory Servicenter listed in the horized PASC Servicenter. e warranty period by calling the	
This warranty is extended only to the original purchaser. A purchas	e receipt or other proof of the	
date of the original purchase is requires before warranty service is		
This warranty only covers failures due to defects in materials and w		
normal use and does not cover normal maintenance, including, but head cleaning. The warranty does not cover damage which occurs	in chinment, or failures which	
are caused products not supplied by the warrantor, or failures which	h result from accident misuse	
abuse, neglect, mishandling, misapplication, alteration, modification	h faulty installation set-up	
adjustments, improper antenna, inadequate signal pickup, maladjust	stment of consumer controls.	
improper operation, power line surge, improper voltage supply, ligh		
I such as hotel office restaurant or other business or rental use of t	the product, or service by	
anyone other than a PASC Factory Servicenter or a PASC authoriz	ed Servicenter, or damage that	
is attributable to acts of God.	-	
LIMITS AND EXCLUSIONS		
There are no express warranties except as listed above. THE WAR	RANTOR SHALL NOT BE	
LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (IN	CLUDING, WITHOUT	
LIMITATION, DAMAGE TO TAPES) RESULTING FROM THE USE	OF THIS PRODUCTS, OR	
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This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have state to state.	e other rights which vary from	
If a problem with this product develops during or after the warranty dealer or Servicenter. If the problem is not handled to your satisfac Satisfaction Center at the Panasonic Consumer Electronics Compa	tion, then write to the Customer	
SERVICE CALLS WHICH DO NOT INVOLVE DEFECTIVE MATER DETERMINED BY THE WARRANTOR, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION	N, ARE NOT COVERED.	
COSTS OF SUCH SERVICE CALLS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY		

For Your Information

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Customer Service Center 2F-3, One Panasonic Way, Secaucus, NJ 07094 (Headquarters) 201-348-9090 (9:00am-8:00pm Monday-Friday, EST)

#### ACCESSORY PURCHASES

1-800-332-5368 (Consumer Orders Only) Panasonic Services Company 20421 84th Avenue South Kent, WA 98032 (6 am to 6 pm Monday-Friday; 6 am to 10:30 am Saturday; PST) (Visa, Mastercard, Discover card, American Express, Check)

### **AUTHORIZED SERVICENTERS • PARTS DISTRIBUTOR LOCATIONS**

To locate an independent authorized servicenter or parts distributor in your area, within the USA dial toll free 1-800-545-2672, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### PRODUCT REPAIRS

#### Centralized Factory Servicenter

MAIL TO :

Panasonic Services Company 1705 N. Randall Road. Elain, IL 60123-7847

Attention: Camcorder Repair

Please carefully pack and ship, prepaid and insured, to the Elgin centralized repair Factory Servicenter. While there will be added handling delays, you may bring your unit to one of the following locations who will then forward the unit to Elgin for repair.

Customer's in Puerto Rico, please ship or carry in to location below ("Service in Puerto Rico").

#### Factory Servicenters

MICHIGAN

#### CALIFORNIA

6550 Katella Avenue Cypress, CA 90630 Phone (714) 373-7426 Fax (714) 894-8534 800 Dubuque Avenue S. San Francisco, CA 94080 Phone (415) 871-6373 Fax (415) 871-6840 20201 Sherman Way Suite 102 Canoga Park, CA 91306 Phone (818) 709-1775 Fax (818) 709-2165 3878 Ruffin Road Suite A San Diego, CA 92123 Phone (619) 560-9200 Fax (619) 560-1831 COLORADO 1640 South Abilene Suite D Aurora, CO 80012 Phone (303) 752-2024 Fax (303) 752-0610 FLORIDA 3700 North 29th Avenue Suite 102 Hollywood, FL 33020 Phone (954) 925-2880 Fax (954) 925-5224 4710 Eisenhower Boulevard Suite A1 Tampa, FL 33634 Phone (813) 884-4746 Fax (813) 886-4564

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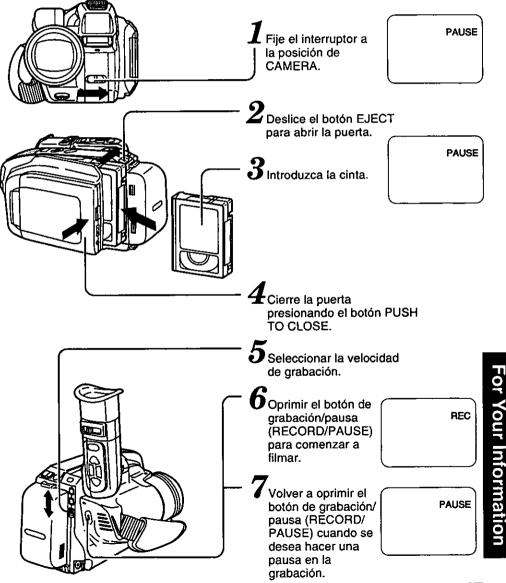
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# Spanish Quick Use Guide/Guía Para Uso Rápido

## PREPARATIVOS

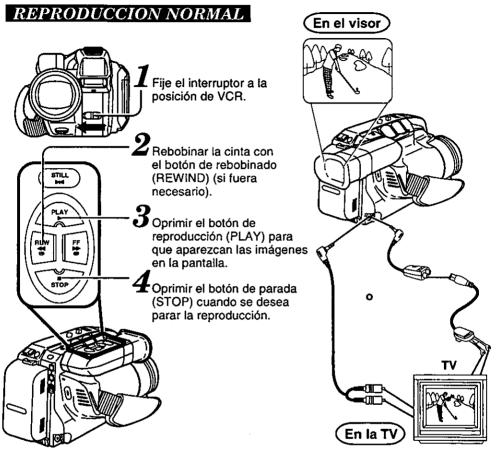
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Oprimir el botón de localización (SEARCH).

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- · Oprimir el botón de pausa/imagen fija (PAUSE/STILL).
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