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## PORTABLE MINDISC RECORDER

MODEL  
**MD-MT15**

### OPERATION MANUAL

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## ACCESSORIES

 Headphones (RPH0H0002AMVZZ) x 1	 AC Adaptor (RADPA3040AMVZZ) x 1	 Analog Cable (QCNWG50362AFZZ) x 1	 Carrying Bag (UBAAGC0002AWNSA) x 1
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**Note:**  
Parts and equipment mentioned in this operation manual other than those in the drawing are not included.

## OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

 Rechargeable Nickel-Metal Hydride Battery (AD-1720BT)	 Car adaptor (AD-CA20X)	 Cassette adaptor (AD-CT14)
 Car mounting unit (AD-1200CU)	 Optical Digital Cable (AD-M1DC)	

For optional accessories, contact your local dealer, call the Sharp Accessories and Supply Center at 1-800-642-2122, or visit SHARP's web site (<http://www.sharp-usa.com>).

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**Caution - use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.**

- This product utilizes batteries as a source of electrical power. At the end of their useful life, please dispose of the spent batteries properly. Consult local environmental authorities for battery disposal options in your area.
- US and foreign patents licensed from Dolby Laboratories Licensing Corporation.
- The letters in brackets contained in the model number indicate the color of the product only. Operation and specifications are unaffected.

## FOR YOUR RECORDS

For your assistance in reporting this unit in case of loss or theft, please record below the model number and serial number which are located on the bottom of the unit.

Please retain this information.

Model number \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial number \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of purchase \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of purchase \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.

### WARNING

FCC Regulations state that any unauthorized changes or modifications to this equipment not expressly approved by the manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

## PRECAUTIONS

### ■ Important

- Do not wear your headphones when you are crossing streets or near traffic.
- Do not use your headphones while driving a motor vehicle, it may create a dangerous traffic hazard and may be illegal. Remember to obey all of the safety rules in your area.
- Do not play the unit at a high volume. Hearing experts advise against extended listening at high volume levels.
- If you experience ringing in your ears, reduce the volume or discontinue use.

### ■ Volume setting

Reduce the volume before starting to play. MiniDiscs, compared to ordinary cassette tapes, have very little noise. If the volume is adjusted according to your usual expectations of noise, you may damage your hearing due to the high volume.

### ■ Concern for others when listening to MiniDiscs

If you are enjoying listening to music, the sound escaping from your headphones may annoy people around you. If you are using the unit in particularly crowded places (such as on trains or buses), reduce the volume to avoid annoying people around you.

### ■ Storing the unit

Avoid using or leaving the unit in the following places.

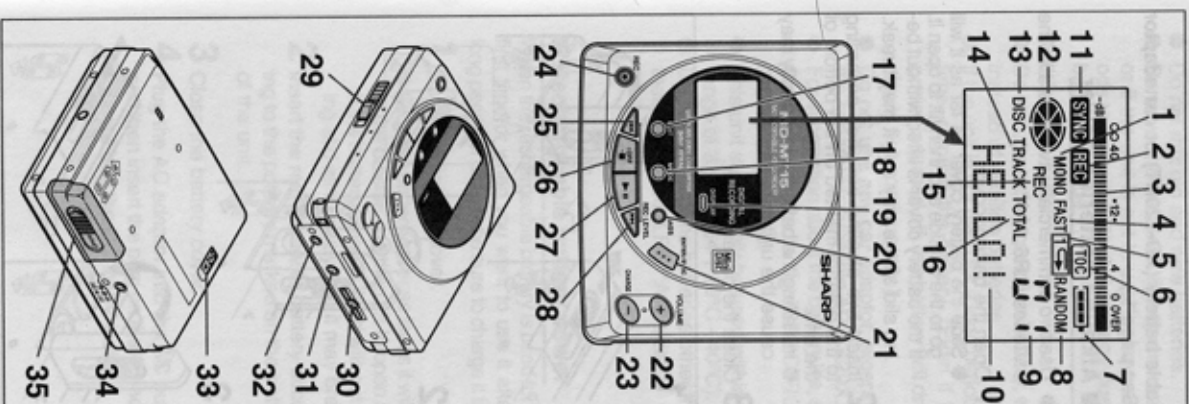
- Places exposed to direct sunlight for many hours (especially in cars with the doors and windows closed) or near heaters.
- (The cabinet may deform, change color or the unit may malfunction.)
- Places exposed to water.
- Places exposed to excessive dust.
- Places where temperatures are excessively high or low.
- Places (bathrooms) where the humidity is extremely high.
- Places with strong magnetic fields such as TVs or loudspeakers.
- Places exposed to vibration.
- Places where sand can easily enter the inside of the unit (beaches etc.).
- If the unit is used near radio tuners or TVs, noise and/or picture interference may result. If you experience these problems, move the unit away from such devices.

### ■ Precautions

To avoid accidental electric shock or other possible problems, observe the precautions listed below.

- Do not disassemble or modify the unit.
- Do not drop or subject the unit to shock.
- Do not use the unit near open flames.
- Do not spill liquid on the unit.
- Do not use an external power supply, other than the 5V DC supplied with this unit, as it may damage it.
- SHARP is not responsible for damage due to improper use. Refer all servicing to a SHARP authorized service center.

## NAMES OF CONTROLS AND INDICATORS



1. Monaural Long-Play Mode Indicator
2. Record Indicator
3. Level Meter
4. Fast Play Indicator
5. Repeat Indicator
6. TOC Indicator
7. Battery Indicator
8. Random Indicator
9. Track Number Indicator
10. Character/Time Information Indicator
11. Synchro Recording Indicator
12. Disc Mode Indicator
13. Disc Name Indicator
14. Track Name Indicator
15. Remaining Recording Time Indicator
16. Total Track Number Indicator

17. Edit/Auto Mark/Time Mark Button
18. Mode Button
19. Display/Character Select Button
20. Bass/Delete Button
21. Enter/Fast Play/Synchro Button
22. Volume Up/Cursor Button
23. Volume Down/Cursor/Charge Button
24. Record/Track Mark Button
25. Fast Reverse/Recording Level Down/Name Select Button
26. Stop/Power Off Button
27. Play/Pause Button
28. Fast Forward/Recording Level Up/Name Select Button

29. Open Lever
30. Headphones Jack
31. Optical/Line Input Jack
32. Microphone Input Jack
33. Hold Switch
34. 5V DC Input Jack
35. Battery Cover

## POWER SOURCE

You can power this unit with AC adaptor or commercially available alkaline batteries (LR6, "AA" size).

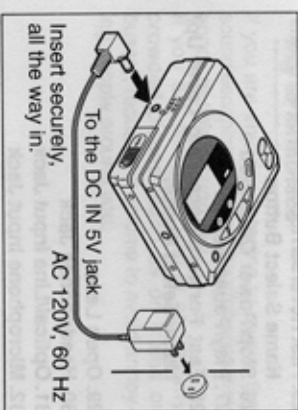
You can also power this unit with a rechargeable battery (AD-T20BT) or car adaptor (AD-CA20X) which are available separately. (See page 1.)

### ■ AC power

- 1 Connect the cord from the AC adaptor to the DC IN 5V jack on the unit.
- 2 Plug the AC adaptor into an AC outlet.

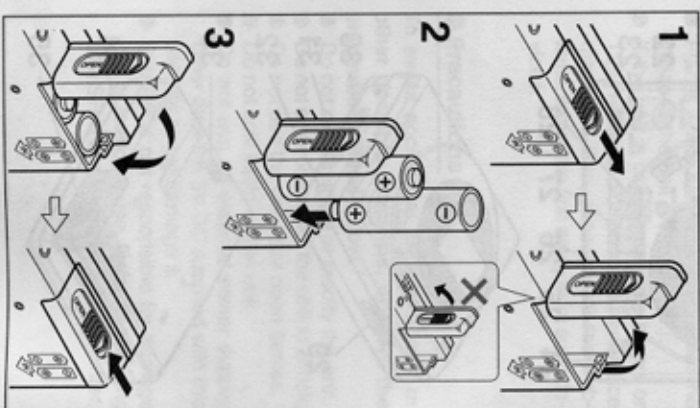
#### Notes:

- When there is thunder or lightning in your vicinity, unplug the AC adaptor from the AC outlet.
- When the unit is not in use for extended periods, remove the AC adaptor from the AC outlet.
- Never use an AC adaptor other than the one specified. Otherwise, problems or serious hazards may be created.
- Do not bend, twist or tie the power cord or put heavy objects on top of it.
- Be sure to hold the plug when removing it. If you pull on the cord, it may break, or the unit may malfunction.



### ■ Alkaline batteries power

- Use two commercially available alkaline batteries (LR6, "AA" size).
- 1 Open the battery cover.
- Slide the battery cover as far as it will go to the outside and then lift to open it. If the battery cover is lifted without being slid all the way out, it may break.
- 2 Insert two alkaline batteries according to the polarity marked on the bottom of the unit.
- Installing the batteries incorrectly may cause the unit to malfunction.
- 3 Close the battery cover.



### Precautions for alkaline battery use:

- Replace all old batteries with new ones at the same time.
- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Remove the batteries if they are weak or if the unit is not in use for long periods to prevent potential damage due to battery leakage.

#### Caution:

- Do not use nickel-cadmium battery, etc. instead of alkaline batteries.
- If the unit is not used for a long period of time, remove the battery. (Even if the power is turned off, the battery will drain slowly but continuously.)
- Do not use any car adaptor except for the separately available AD-CA20X.
- For information about the battery life, see the battery item in the SPECIFICATIONS on page 40.
- This unit should only be used within the range of 32°F - 104°F (0°C - 40°C).
- Do not use alkaline batteries other than those specified (LR6, "AA" size).

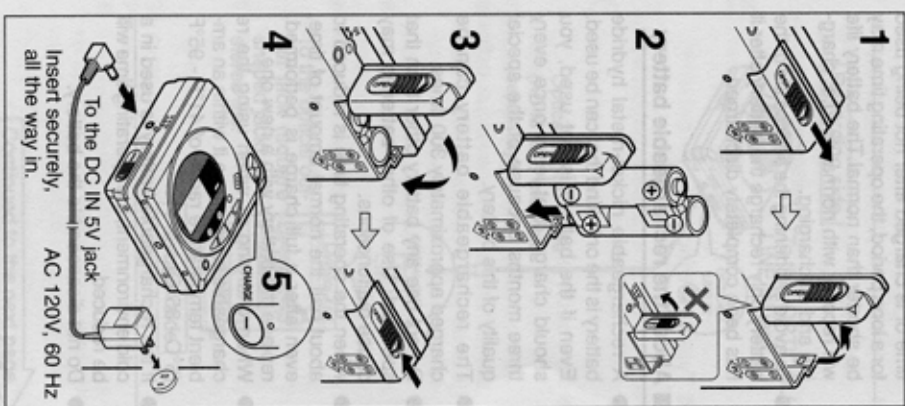
### ■ Rechargeable battery power

When the rechargeable battery is used for the first time or when you want to use it after a long period of disuse, be sure to charge it fully.

- 1 Open the battery cover.
- Slide the battery cover as far as it will go to the outside and then lift to open it. If the battery cover is lifted without being slid all the way out, it may break.
- 2 Insert the rechargeable battery according to the polarity marked on the bottom of the unit.
- 3 Close the battery cover.
- 4 Plug the AC adaptor into the AC outlet, and then insert the plug on the AC adaptor cord into the DC IN 5V jack.

### 5 Press the CHARGE/VOLUME down) button to begin charging.

- " " will appear, and the battery will begin charging.
- After about 4 hours have passed, " " will go out.
- This indicates that the battery charging is about 90% complete.
- To charge the battery fully, continue charging for about 2 more hours. (In this case, you do not need to press the CHARGE button. Even if the CHARGE button is pressed, " " will not appear.)



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## Notes:

- After charging has been completed, the AC adaptor may be left connected. (For example, when charging at night)
- The battery will not be charged when the power to the main unit is turned on.
- Do not force the battery cover too open far.
- Do not use a rechargeable battery or an AC adaptor other than those specified. (See page 1)
- The charging time will vary, depending on the condition of the battery.
- When the battery is charged for the first time or is charged after not being used for a long period, the operating time may be shorter than normal. The battery life will recover with normal use i.e. charging and discharging.
- To avoid shortening the service life of the battery only recharge the battery after it has been completely discharged.

## ■ About the rechargeable battery

- A rechargeable nickel-metal hydride battery is the only kind that can be used. Even if the battery is not used, you should charge it at least once every three months because of the special quality of this battery.
- The rechargeable battery can be charged approximately 300 times.
- Do not use any battery other than that specified. Use of other batteries may cause malfunctions.
- When the operating time is reduced to about half the normal amount of time, even after a full charge is performed, replace the battery with a new one.
- When charging or when using the rechargeable battery, use it within an ambient temperature range of 41°F - 95°F (5°C - 35°C).
- If the rechargeable battery is used in a cold environment, the operating time will be reduced.
- Do not disassemble the battery.

Since the rechargeable battery is vulnerable to damage, please note the following.

- Do not carry the battery in your pocket or a bag together with metal objects (keys, coins, jewelry, etc.). The battery may short out and generate significant amounts of heat.
  - Do not stand or store the battery on a metal plate. This may cause the battery to short-circuit, and is dangerous.
  - Do not short-circuit the terminals as they will become very hot and will damage the battery.
  - Do not dip the battery in water, do not dispose of it in a fire, and do not take it apart.
  - When you want to carry the rechargeable battery, put it into the accessory case included with the separately available AD-T20B1.
- To avoid damaging the battery and shortening its service life, please note the following.**
- Do not drop or subject the battery to shock.
  - Do not insert objects (metal etc.) into the battery compartment of this product or into the rechargeable battery. Do not get the terminals dirty. If the rechargeable terminals are dirty, the operating time may be shortened or it may not be possible to charge the battery.
  - After the rechargeable battery is charged or used, it will get slightly warm. This is normal.

## BEFORE RECORDING

### ■ Type of recording

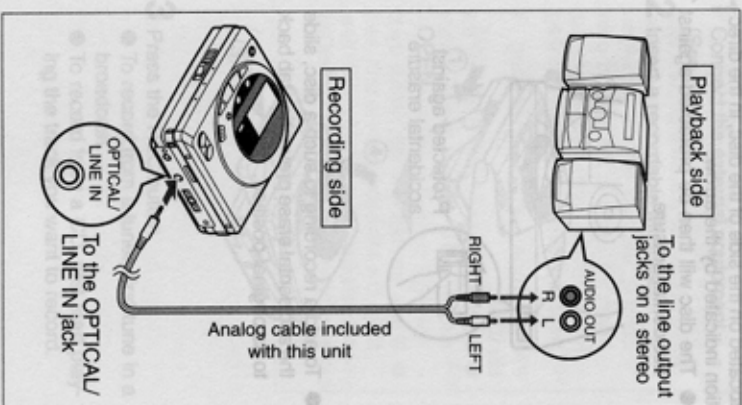
Two types of recording are possible: "Analog recording" and "Digital recording". There are different cables and connections for each type of recording, depending on the jacks on the equipment being connected to the unit.

#### (1) Analog recording

Connect the unit to equipment that has a line output jack, using the analog cable included with this unit.

● **Main equipment:** CD player, MD player, radio cassette player, etc.

● **Cable required:** Analog cable included with this unit.

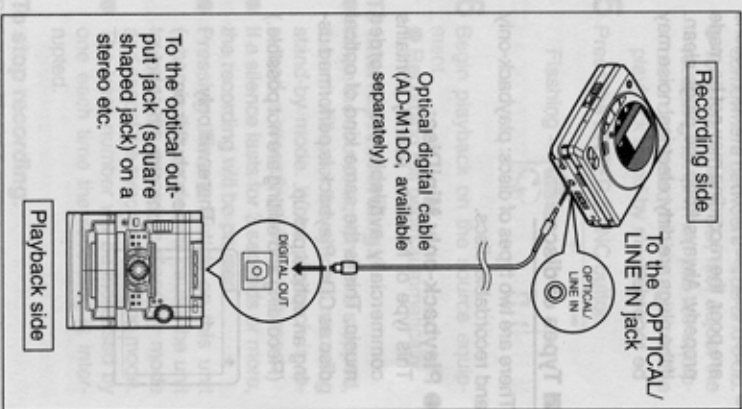


#### (2) Digital recording

Connect the unit to equipment that has an optical output jack using the optical digital cable. Using an optical signal to transfer the music to a MiniDisc allows very high quality recording.

● **Main equipment:** CD player, MD player, DSS tuner, etc.

● **Cable required:** Optional optical digital cable AD-M1DC.



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**Notes:**

- When making important recordings, it is recommended that you use the AC adaptor. A fully charged rechargeable battery or alkaline batteries should be loaded into the unit. Then, even if a power failure occurs, the power source will switch over to the battery automatically.
- When using the rechargeable battery or the alkaline batteries, if the volume level is set to "0", the battery consumption will be less than when listening to the recording while it is being made.
- Insert each plug firmly. If the connections are poor, the recording may not be made properly. Always keep the plugs clean. If the plugs are dirty, electrical noise may be recorded.

**■ Types of discs**

There are two types of discs: playback-only and recordable discs.

**● Playback-only MiniDisc:**

This type of MiniDisc usually contains commercially available pre-recorded music. This is the same kind of optical disc as CDs. Playback is performed using an optical pickup. (Recording and editing are not possible.)



There will only be a shutter on one side (the back).

**● Recordable MiniDisc:**

This is a "raw disc" on which recording can be performed. This is a magneto-optical disc. Recordings are made using a laser and a modulated magnetic field. Repeated recording is possible.

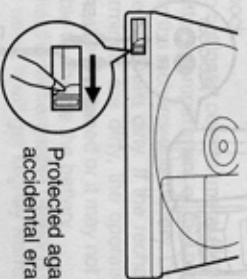


Shutters can be seen on both sides of this type of disc.

**■ To prevent recorded discs from being erased accidentally**

Slide the accidental erase prevention tab, located on the side of the disc, in the direction indicated by the arrow.

- The disc will then be protected against accidental erasure.

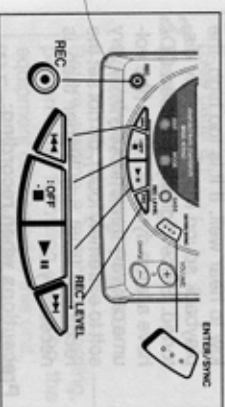


Protected against accidental erasure

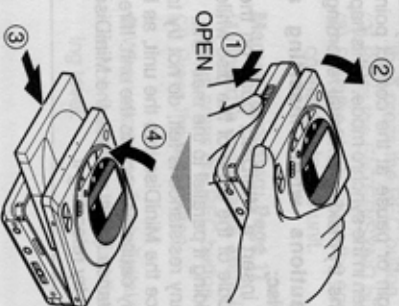
- To add a recording to such a disc, slide the accidental erase prevention tab back to its original position.

**RECORDING USING THE ANALOG CABLE****■ Recording from CDs or MDS (Synchro recording)**

Synchro recording is a method that detects the playback sound from the source equipment. When sound is present, it automatically starts the recording. When the source is silent, the recording will be paused.



- 1 Connect the external equipment. (See page 8.)
- 2 Insert a recordable MiniDisc.



- 3 Press the REC button.
  - To record from a tuner, first tune in a broadcast.
  - To record from a CD, first start playing the track you want to record.

- 4 While playing sound from the external equipment connected to this unit, press the **REVERSE** or **PAUSE** button to adjust the recording level.



- Adjust the recording level so that the maximum sound volume from the source makes the reading swing somewhere between -4dB and 0dB.
- To record from a CD, first adjust the recording level. Then put the equipment connected to this unit into the playback stand-by mode.

- 5 Press the ENTER/SYNC button.



- 6 Begin playback on the source equipment.
  - Recording will begin automatically.

**To interrupt recording:**

- When the source equipment is stopped, the unit will enter the synchro recording stand-by mode. When playback is resumed, a recording will be resumed.
- If a silence lasts for 3 seconds or more, the recording will be paused.
- Pressing the **REVERSE** button on this unit (when in this mode) will cause the unit to enter the recording stand-by mode and cancel the synchro recording mode.
- The track number will be increased by one each time the recording is interrupted.

**To stop recording:**

- Press the **STOP** button.
- If the unit is left unattended after the recording is complete, the power will automatically shut off in approximately 2 minutes.

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### To turn off the power:

Press the **■**/OFF button while in the stop mode.

- After the track number has been written on the disc, the power will shut off automatically. (For details about the TOC, see page 20.)

### To remove the MiniDisc:

Turn off the power and move the OPEN lever in the direction indicated by the arrow.



### ■ Recording from a tuner or a CD (Manual recording)

Manual recordings can be started and stopped as you like.

- 1 Place the unit in the recording stand-by mode. (Perform steps 1 - 4 in the "Synchro recording" section.)
- 2 Press the **▶||** button.
  - Recording will start.
  - To record from a CD, press the **▶||** button, and then start playback on the equipment connected to this unit.
  - Track numbers can be created while recording. (Page 17)

### To interrupt recording:

Press the **▶||** button while recording.

- The unit will enter the recording stand-by mode.
  - To resume recording, press the **▶||** button again.
- The track number will be increased by one each time you interrupt a recording.

### Recordings can not be made in the following situations:

- Recording on a playback-only MiniDisc (commercially available music).
- If a MiniDisc is protected against accidental erasure. (page 9)

### About the recording level:

- If the recording level is too low, the playback sound volume may be too low to hear well. If it is too high, the playback sound may be greatly distorted. Since digitally recorded CDs have a large dynamic range (the volume can vary tremendously from very soft to extremely loud), do not set the recording level any higher than is necessary.

### Precautions when recording:

- Do not jar or bump the main unit while recording. Otherwise, the recording may be unusable.
- Depending on the strength and type of playback signal in the original recording, the new recording may not begin or pause at the correct point when in the synchro mode. If this happens, try making a manual recording.

### Precautions when inserting a MiniDisc:

- To insert a MiniDisc, push on the middle of the edge of the disc while holding it parallel to the main unit.
- If any resistance is felt, do not try to force the MiniDisc into the unit, as it may cause damage to the unit. If resistance is felt, remove the MiniDisc and try reloading it.

## RECORDING USING THE OPTICAL DIGITAL CABLE

This is the method used for recording digital signals from CDs exactly as they are stored on the original. Compared to recordings made from analog inputs, digital recordings have extremely high-quality sound.

- 1 Connect the external equipment. (See page 8.)

### 2 Start recording.

#### Synchro recording: Page 10

Before starting a synchro recording, perform the following steps on the equipment connected to this unit.

- (1) First, put it in the playback mode.
- (2) Next, put it in the pause mode.
- (3) Finally, position it at the beginning of the track you want to record.

- (1) Insert a recordable MiniDisc, and then press the REC button.
- (2) Press the ENTER/SYNC button.
- (3) Start the playback on the equipment connected to this unit.

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- (1) Insert a recordable MiniDisc, and then press the REC button.
- (2) Press the **▶||** button.

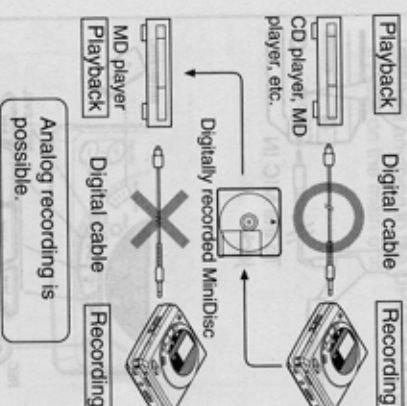
- When recording from digital inputs, it is not necessary to adjust the recording level.

There are cases where digital recording may be impossible.

In the following cases digital recording is impossible, even if you are using digital cables.

When you attempt to make a new digital recording from a track that was digitally recorded on a MiniDisc.

- MiniDiscs are designed so that only first generation digital copies can be made. Further digital copies are prevented by the SCMS (Serial Copy Management System).



### Notes:

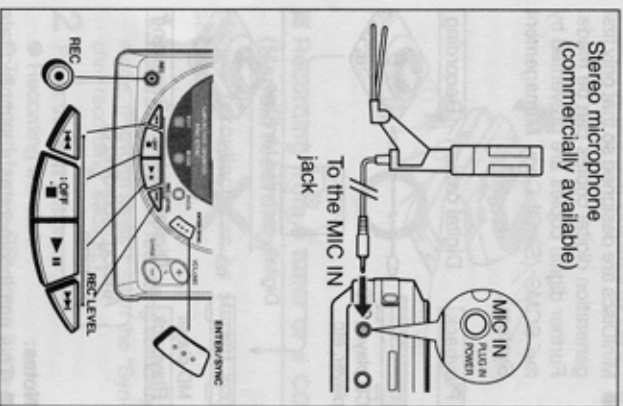
- This unit incorporates a sampling rate converter.

When this unit is connected to digital equipment such as a DSS tuners or a DAT tape recorder that use a different sampling frequency (32 kHz or 48 kHz), recordings can still be made. (The sampling frequency of this unit is 44.1 kHz.)

- When making a digital recording from a portable CD player (if the player has a sound skip prevention function and this function is turned on) the optical output will drop out and digital recording will not be possible. Be sure to turn the sound skip prevention function off.

## Recording from the microphone (Mic synchro recording)

The recording will begin automatically in response to a noise or a person speaking. When the sound stops, the recording will pause. This function is convenient when recording lectures, conferences, etc.



- Connect the stereo microphone to the MIC IN jack.
  - When a microphone is connected to this unit, the unit will automatically switch to input from the microphone.
- Insert a recordable MiniDisc. (See page 10.)

## 3 Press the REC button.

- A monaural, long-play recording mode is available. (Page 17)
- Timed identification marks can be created while recording. (Page 15)

## 4 Press the [REVERSE] or [SKIP] button to adjust the recording level.



- Adjust the recording level so that the maximum sound volume from the source makes the reading swing between -4 dB and 0 dB.
- When the recording level display is changed from "MIC H 21" to "MIC L 20", the sound will be interrupted momentarily. This is normal.

## 5 Press the ENTER/SYNC button to select the synchro recording level. (This level can be changed, even while recording.)

- Refer to the following table.

Mic input	Synchro recording level display	Sound level at which to start recording
MIC SYNC H	21	-24dB
MIC SYNC L	20	-12dB

- When the microphone input is set to "MIC SYNC H", recording will start when the lowest noise is detected. If the unit starts recording too often from small unwanted noises, set the microphone input to "MIC SYNC L".

## 6 When a sound, such as a person speaking, is picked up by the microphone, recording will begin automatically.

- If a silence lasts for 3 seconds or more, the recording will be paused automatically. However, the unit will not pause for about the first 10 seconds after recording has started.

### To interrupt a synchro recording:

Press the [REVERSE] button while recording.

- The Mic synchro recording mode will be canceled, and the unit will enter the recording stand-by mode.
- To resume synchro recording, press the ENTER/SYNC button again.

### To stop recording:

Press the [STOP] button.

## Recording from the microphone (Mic manual recording)

You can start recording manually (anytime you like).

- Put the unit in the recording stand-by mode. (Perform steps 1 - 4 in the "Mic synchro recording" section.)

- Press the [REVERSE] button.
  - Recording will start.

### To interrupt a recording:

Press the [REVERSE] button while recording.

- The unit will enter the recording stand-by mode.
- To resume recording, press the [REVERSE] button again.
- The track number will be increased by one each time you interrupt a recording.

### To stop recording:

Press the [STOP] button.

### Notes:

- If you want to use a microphone, be sure it is a plug-in-power type microphone.
- When a plug-in-power type microphone is plugged in, the main unit will provide power for the microphone's operation.
- If a different type of microphone is plugged in, it may not operate properly or it may cause the unit to malfunction.
- Insert the plug firmly. If you don't, the recording will not be made properly.
- Use a microphone with a 1/8" (3.5 mm) diameter stereo mini plug.
- While making a mic recording, do not connect anything to the OPTICAL LINE IN jack on the main unit.



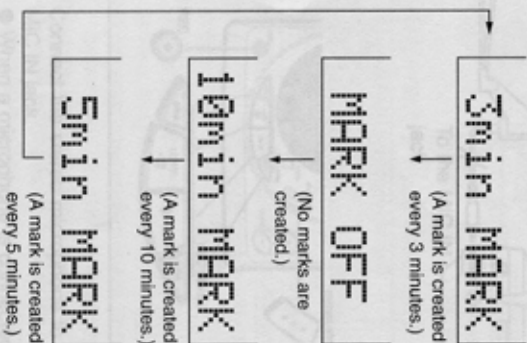
## CONVENIENT RECORDING FUNCTION

### ■ Creating marks while making a mic recording (Timed auto mark function)

Marks can be created at a fixed interval (every 5 minutes is the default setting) so that the beginning of any track can be found. The interval at which marks are created can be changed by the user.

While in the recording stand-by mode or while recording, press the EDIT button.

- Each time the button is pressed, the setting will change as follows:



- The time between marks may vary slightly when compared with the actual recording time.

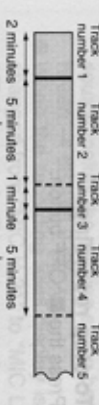
### About the timed auto mark:

Whenever a recording begins, a track number will be created automatically.

- **---**: Track number which is created when a silence lasts for 3 seconds or more during synchro recording.
- **---**: Track number which is created by the timed auto mark function.

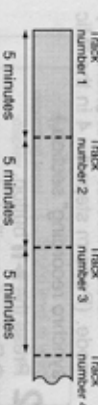
### Example when the setting is for "5 minutes":

#### When making a mic synchro recording



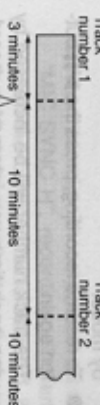
If a silence lasts for 3 seconds or more, a timed auto mark will be created 5 minutes after the previously created track number.

#### When making a mic manual recording

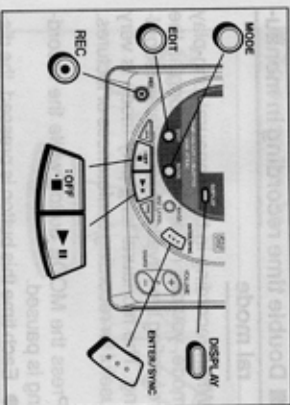


- A timed auto mark will be created every 5 minutes.

#### When the timed auto mark setting has been changed



When the setting is changed to 10 minutes while recording, a timed auto mark will be created 10 minutes after the change is made.



### ■ Recording tracks as a single track

You can record several pieces of music as a single track, disable the auto marker function.

- 1 Press the EDIT button while the recording is paused.



(The display will be blanked out immediately.)

- 2 Press the **▶||** button.
- Recording will start.

#### Note:

When making digital recordings using a CD player or an MD player, track numbers will be created automatically regardless of the setting of the auto marker function.

### Making a track number automatically:

- Press the EDIT button while the recording is paused.
- "AUTO MARK" will be displayed.

### ■ To start recording from the middle of an existing track

You can erase a portion of a track that has been already recorded and make a new recording.

#### Caution:

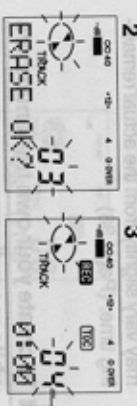
- All of the tracks that follow the newly recorded track will be erased.
- 1 During playback, press the **▶||** button at the point where you want to begin recording.

- 2 Press the REC button.

- To cancel the operation, press the **■/OFF** button.

- 3 Press the ENTER/SYNC button.

- All of the tracks and track names will be erased, following the point where the playback is paused.



Number of the track to be recorded next

- 4 Press the **▶||** button.
- Recording will start.

#### Note:

When there is a track that you don't want to erase after the point on the disc where you want to make a new recording, use the move function to move the track and then make your recording after that point. (See "EDITING", page 26.)

## ■ To check the remaining disc time

While recording, you can check the remaining time available on the disc.

Press the DISPLAY button while recording or while in the recording pause mode.



Remaining recordable time

- When the DISPLAY button is pressed again, the unit will return to the initial display.

### Note:

- The display of the remaining disc time may vary slightly from the actual remaining time. (Page 38)

## ■ To create your own track numbers while recording

You can create your own track numbers at special points in a recording, so that these points can easily be found later.

At any point where you want to create a track number while recording, press the REC button.

- The track number will be written on the disc and the recording will continue uninterrupted.

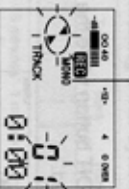
## ■ Double time recording in monaural mode

When recording in the monaural long-play mode, you can record twice as long as the recording time available for a stereo recording. The monaural long-play mode is very useful for recording conferences or lectures.

Press the MODE button while the recording is paused.

- Each time this button is pressed, the display will switch between the stereo mode and the monaural long-play mode.

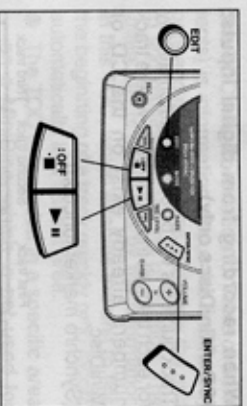
Lights up while in the monaural long-play mode.



### Notes:

- If input is from a stereo source, the sounds from the left and right channels will be combined.
- Although the monitor sound you hear in the headphones while recording is in stereo, recording will be monaural.
- MiniDiscs recorded in the monaural long-play mode may not play on other MD players.
- When a recording is made in the monaural long-play mode, you will be able to play back the MiniDisc twice as fast as the normal playback speed. (Page 24)
- When the unit is stopped after a recording has been made in the monaural long-play mode, the recording mode will return to the stereo mode automatically.

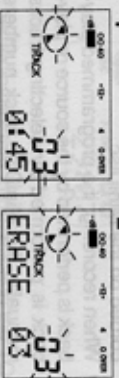
## ■ To erase tracks



### To erase tracks one at a time:

- 1 Start playing the track you want to erase, and press the PAUSE button.
  - The unit will enter the pause mode.

- 2 Press the EDIT button to select "ERASE".



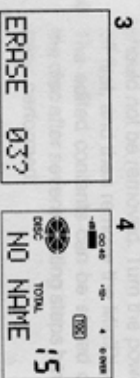
Number of the paused track

- 3 Press the ENTER/SYNC button.

- To cancel the operation, press the /OFF button.

- 4 Press the ENTER/SYNC button again.

- The track will be erased.



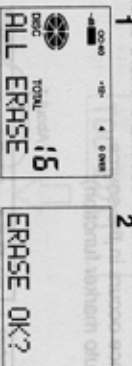
- 5 To erase other tracks, repeat steps 1 - 4.

### To erase all of the tracks at once:

- 1 While in the stop mode, press the EDIT button to select "ALL ERASE".
  - "ALL ERASE" can also be selected by holding down the EDIT button for at least 2 seconds.

- 2 Press the ENTER/SYNC button.

- To cancel the operation, press the /OFF button.



- 3 Press the ENTER/SYNC button again.

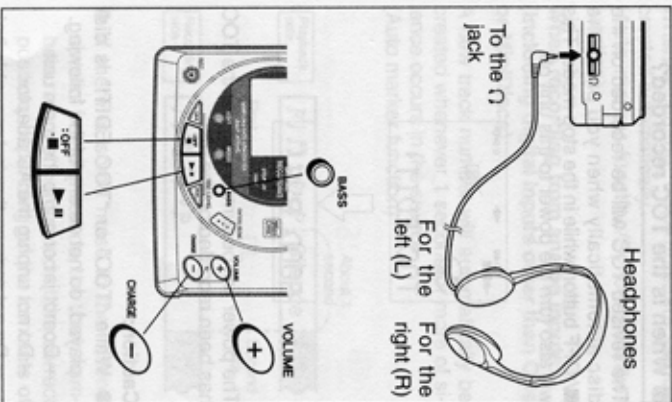
- All of the track numbers, track names, and disc names will be erased.



### Notes:

- Once a track has been erased, it cannot be recovered. Double-check the track number before erasing it.
- When a track is erased, the numbers assigned to the tracks following the erased track will be automatically decreased by one.
- When a track is erased, the track name will be erased at the same time.





### Playback does not start when a MiniDisc is inserted:

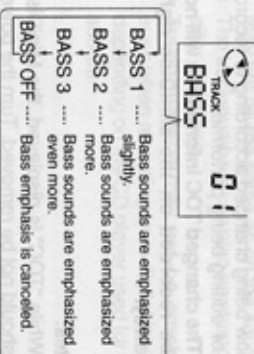
Press the **▶||** button. In the following cases, the auto-play function will not work.

- When the recordable MiniDisc write protection tab is closed (page 9)
- When the auto-play function has been canceled (page 33)

**3** Press the **VOLUME +** button to increase the volume and the **VOLUME -** button to decrease the volume.



**4** Adjust the bass level. Each time the **BASS** button is pressed, the tone will be switched as follows:



- When recording, it is impossible to adjust the bass level (Bass emphasis is canceled).
- The most recent volume or bass settings are saved when the power is turned off.

### To interrupt playback:

Press the **▶||** button during playback. To resume playback, press the **▶||** button again.

### To stop playback:

Press the **■/OFF** button.

### To turn off the power:

Press the **■/OFF** button while in the stop mode.

- If the unit is not operated for at least 2 minutes while in the stop mode, the power will shut off automatically.

### Precautions when making connections:

- Do not remove the rubber pads from the headphones.
- Be sure to hold the plug when removing it. If you pull on the cord, it may break, or the unit may malfunction.

### Interrupted sound:

This product is designed to eliminate interruptions in the sound which can be caused by vibrations. However, if the unit is continuously exposed to vibrations or mechanical shock, the sound may be interrupted momentarily.

### When the sound is distorted:

- If the volume is too high while the bass is being emphasized, the sound may be distorted, depending on the music on the track. If this happens, decrease the bass level or lower the volume level.
- If the volume is increased to "VOL 24" or higher, the bass level will be adjusted automatically. (This is done to reduce the distortion in the sound.)

### To remove the MiniDisc:

Turn off the power and move the **OPEN** lever in the direction indicated by the arrow.

### Resume auto play function:

- When you press the **■/OFF** button to stop playback, or when you turn the power off and then you resume playback, it will resume at the point on the MiniDisc where the playback was halted. If the MiniDisc is removed and inserted, and playback is resumed, playback will start from the first track.

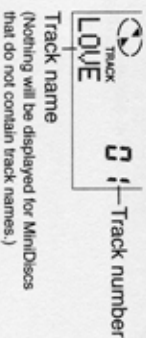
### Caution:

- When the unit is not to be used immediately after a MiniDisc has been inserted, or when you plan to carry the unit, turn off the power or cancel the auto-play function. Otherwise, the auto-play function will be activated and the battery will run down.
- Since the main unit and the AC adaptor can heat up during use, you should avoid allowing the unit to be in direct contact with your skin for any length of time.

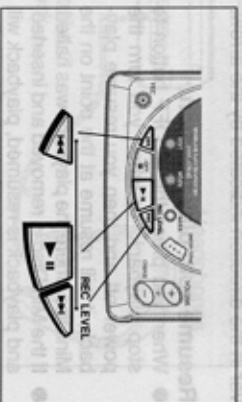
### When using the unit with a car adaptor:

- When you switch off the ignition key during playback, the power to this unit will also be turned off. Then, when the ignition key is switched on, playback will start from the beginning of the track where playback was halted (Resume auto-play function). However, the power to the unit may not be turned off when the ignition is turned off, depending on the type of car.

- 1** Insert the headphones plug into the **OPEN** jack. Push the plug all the way in.
- 2** Insert a MiniDisc. (See page 10.)
  - The power will be turned on automatically, and playback will start from the first track. (Auto-play function)



- After playback of the last track has finished, the unit will stop automatically.



**■ APSS (Auto Program Search System)**

APSS automatically locates the beginning of any track.

**To move to the beginning of the next track:**

Press the **▶▶|** button during playback.

**To re-start the track being played:**

Press the **◀◀|** button during playback. To skip a number of tracks at one time, press the **◀◀|** or **▶▶|** button repeatedly until the desired track number is shown.

To begin playback at a desired track, press the **◀◀|** or **▶▶|** button while in the stop mode to select the track number. Then press the **▶▶|** button.

**Note:**

- When the first track is selected and the **◀◀|** button is pressed, the last track on the disc will be located. When the last track is selected and the **▶▶|** button is pressed, the first track will be located.

**■ Cue and review**

- 1 Load a MiniDisc and begin playback.
- 2 Press and hold down the **▶▶|** button for audible fast forward, or press and hold down the **◀◀|** button for audible fast reverse.

- 3 Normal playback will resume when the **▶▶|** or **▶▶|** button is released.

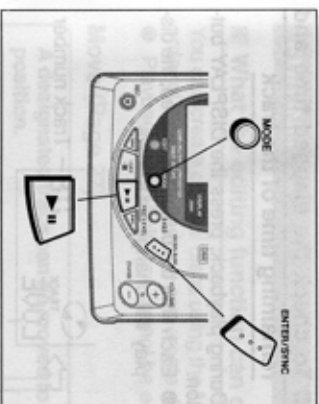
**Notes:**

- When the end of the last track is reached during fast forward, the unit will enter the pause mode. When the beginning of the first track is reached during fast reverse, the unit will enter the playback mode.
- When the unit is in the all track repeat mode, the search will wrap around from the last track to the first, or vice versa.
- Depending on the contents recorded on a MiniDisc, some sounds may be skipped while cueing and reviewing.

**To search very quickly:**

When fast forward or fast reverse is used while in the pause mode, the search will be performed more quickly than during audible fast forward or fast reverse playback.

- In this mode, no sound is heard. Therefore, you should refer to the time display.
- When you lift your finger, the unit will re-enter the pause mode.



**■ To play at double speed (Mono recording only)**

Press the **ENTER/SYNC** button while a MiniDisc recorded in the monaural long-play mode is being played.

- The unit will display "FAST PLAY" and start fast playback.



- When the **ENTER/SYNC** button is pressed again, the unit will return to normal play.

**Notes:**

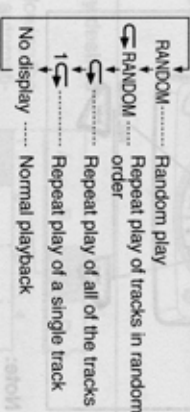
- Depending on the contents recorded on a MiniDisc, it may be difficult to hear them.
- If a track recorded in the stereo mode is reached during fast playback, the fast playback mode will be canceled.
- To re-enter the fast playback mode, press the **ENTER/SYNC** button.

**To interrupt fast playback:**

- Press the **▶▶|** button during playback.
- When the **▶▶|** button is pressed again, the unit will resume fast playback.

**■ Random play or repeat play**

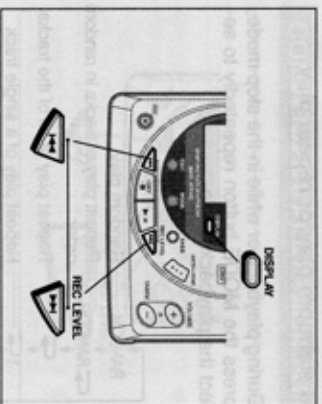
During playback or while in the stop mode, press the **MODE** button repeatedly to select the playback mode.



- If the playback mode is selected while stopped, press the **▶▶|** button to start playback.

**Notes:**

- When "TOC" is displayed, random play or repeat play is impossible.
- In random play the unit will select and play tracks automatically. (You cannot select the order of the tracks.)
- After all of the tracks have been played once each in random order, the unit will stop automatically.
- During random play or repeat play of a single track, cue and review of the previous or next tracks is not possible.
- During random play, the unit cannot find the beginning of any track which has been played.

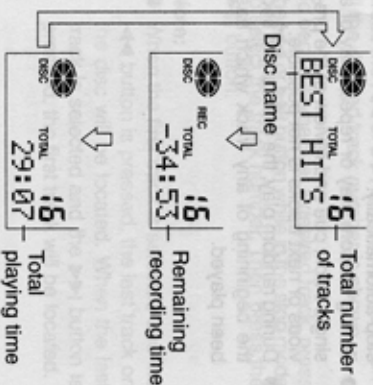


**Note:**  
If character information was not originally recorded on the MiniDisc, "NO NAME" will be displayed.

■ **To check the remaining recording time and the total playing time**

While in the stop mode, press the DISPLAY button.

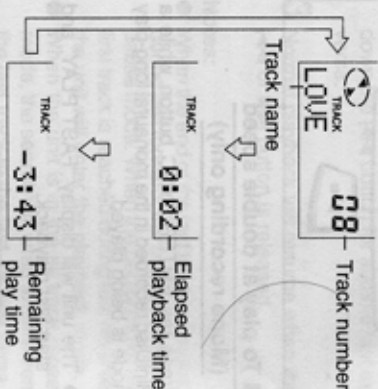
- Each time the button is pressed, the display will change as follows:



■ **To check the elapsed time and remaining time of the track**

During playback, press the DISPLAY button.

- Each time the button is pressed, the display will change as follows:



■ **To display the playing time of an individual track:**

While in the stop mode, press the **◀▶** or **▶▶** button to display the track number and track name, and then press the DISPLAY button to display the playing time for that track.

- Each time the **◀▶** or **▶▶** button is pressed, the playing time of the previous or next track will be displayed.

**EDITING**

■ **What the editing function can do**

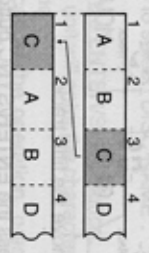
You can create original discs using the MD editing function, on which you can change the order of the tracks and you can create disc or track names.

- Playback-only MiniDiscs cannot be edited.

**Move (Page 27)**

**A designated track can be moved to any desired position.**

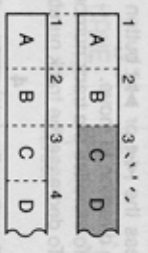
- The numbers assigned to the tracks following the track which is moved will be adjusted automatically.



**Divide (Page 27)**

**A single track can be divided into two at any desired position.**

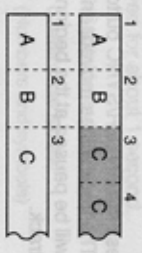
- The numbers of the tracks which come after the newly divided track will be automatically increased by one.



**Combine (Page 28)**

**Two consecutive tracks can be combined into one track.**

- The numbers assigned to the tracks following the combined tracks will be decreased by one automatically.



**Disc/Track name (Page 28)**

**Discs and tracks (up to 255 tracks per disc) can be named. Since track names are displayed when the beginning of each track is located or during playback, you can quickly check the name of each track.**

- Letters (capital letters/lowercase letters), numbers and symbols can be used.

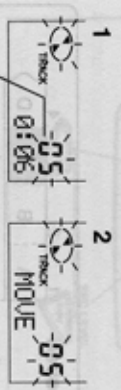
**Name/stamp (Page 30)**

- All of the characters and data on a recorded MD (master MD with tracks and character information) can be transferred onto a recordable MD.

## Move

- 1 Play the track to be moved, and press the **▶||** button.
  - The unit will enter the pause mode.

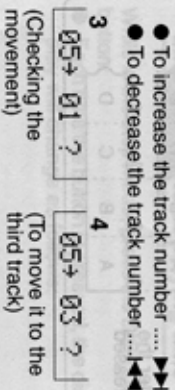
- 2 Press the EDIT button to select "MOVE".



To move the fifth track

- 3 Press the ENTER/SYNC button.
  - To cancel the operation, press the **■**:/OFF button.

- 4 Press the **▶◀** or **▶▶** button to select the direction to move.
  - To increase the track number .... **▶▶**
  - To decrease the track number .... **▶▶**



(Checking the movement) (To move it to the third track)

- 5 Press the ENTER/SYNC button again.
  - The track will be moved, and the unit will be paused at the beginning of the track.

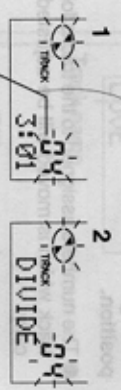
**Note:** When a track has been moved, the other tracks which are affected by the move will be assigned new track numbers automatically.

**Example:** When moving the fifth track to the third track, the old third track will become the new fourth track and the old fourth track will become the new fifth track.

## Divide

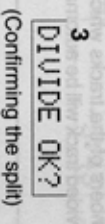
- 1 Start playing the track you want to divide into two. Press the **▶||** button at the point where you want to divide the track.
  - The unit will enter the pause mode.

- 2 Press the EDIT button to select "DIVIDE".



To divide the fourth track

- 3 Press the ENTER/SYNC button.
  - To cancel the operation, press the **■**:/OFF button.



(Confirming the split)

- 4 Press the ENTER/SYNC button again.
  - The track will be divided into two tracks, and the unit will be paused at the beginning of the second of the two tracks.
  - The numbers of the tracks which come after the divided track will be increased by one automatically.

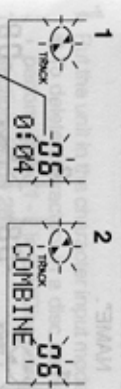
**Notes:** When a track that has a name is divided, the two new tracks will have the same name. However, in the TOC FULL condition, the second track may not be named.

Each disc can hold up to 255 tracks. However, even if the number of assigned tracks has not reached 254, it might not be possible to make any further divisions of tracks.

## Combine

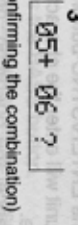
- 1 Start playing the last of the two tracks you want to combine, and press the **▶||** button.
  - The unit will enter the pause mode.

- 2 Press the EDIT button to select "COMBINE".



To combine the fifth and sixth tracks

- 3 Press the ENTER/SYNC button.
  - To cancel the operation, press the **■**:/OFF button.



(Confirming the combination)

- 4 Press the ENTER/SYNC button again.
  - The two tracks will be combined, and the unit will be paused at the beginning of the combined track.
  - The numbers assigned to the tracks following the combined track will be decreased by one automatically.

**To combine two non-adjacent tracks:** First, put the two tracks next to each other in the order you want using the MOVE function (page 27). Then combine them using the COMBINE function.

**When one or both tracks to be combined have a name:** The first track name will be used. However, when the first track does not have a name, the second track name will be used.

**In the following cases, tracks may not be combined.**

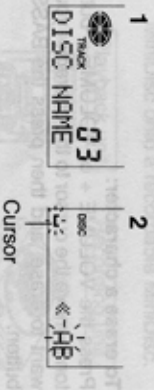
- Tracks recorded in the monaural long-play mode and tracks recorded in the stereo mode.
- Tracks recorded from digital inputs and tracks recorded from analog inputs.
- Tracks whose recording time is less than 12 seconds.

## Disc name

- Discs can be named using a maximum of 100 characters.
- Up to 1,700 characters (approximately) can be used in the disc and track names on a single MiniDisc.

- 1 While in the stop mode, press the EDIT button to select "DISC NAME".

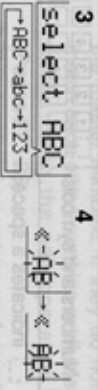
- 2 Press the ENTER/SYNC button.
  - The unit will enter the character input mode.
  - To cancel the operation, press the **■**:/OFF button.



- 3 Press the DISPLAY button repeatedly to select the type of characters.
  - The first 3 characters in the group of the selected characters will be displayed for about 1 second.

ABC (Capital letters)  
abc (Lower-case letters)  
123 (Numbers and symbols)

- 4 Press the **▶◀** or **▶▶** button repeatedly to select the first letter in the name.
  - When the button is pressed continuously, the displayed character will change rapidly.



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**5** When the letter you want is displayed, press the ENTER/SYNC button.

- To enter more letters in the name, repeat steps 3 - 5.

**6** When the disc name has been completely entered, press the EDIT button.

**5** Lights up



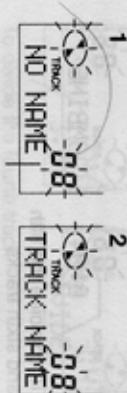
Position where the next letter will be entered

## Track name

Up to 100 characters can be entered for each name.

- 1 Play the track which you want to name, and press the **II** button.
  - The unit will enter the pause mode.

**2** Press the EDIT button to select "TRACK NAME".



Track number that you want to give a track name

**3** Press the ENTER/SYNC button.

- The unit will enter the character input mode.
- To cancel the operation, press the **./OFF** button.

**4** Perform steps 3 - 5 in the "Disc name" section.

**5** When the track name is completely entered, press the EDIT button.

Type of characters	They are selected using the <b>◀</b> or <b>▶</b> button.	Characters (symbols)
Capital letters	<b>A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z</b>	<b>A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z</b> → Returns to <b>A</b> .
Lower-case letters	<b>a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z</b>	<b>a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z</b> → Returns to <b>a</b> .
Numbers and symbols	<b>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9</b> <b>! " # \$ % &amp; ' ( ) * + , - . / : ; &lt; = &gt; ? [ \ ] ^ _ ` {   } ~</b>	<b>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9</b> → Returns to <b>0</b> . <b>! " # \$ % &amp; ' ( ) * + , - . / : ; &lt; = &gt; ? [ \ ] ^ _ ` {   } ~</b> → Returns to <b>!</b> .

◻ indicates a space.

## To change disc names or track names

Some MiniDiscs created on other equipment may have more than 100 characters in a track name or disc name. The characters from the 101st character and on cannot be corrected or changed.

**To delete characters:**

- 1 Put the unit in the character input mode.
  - To delete characters in a disc name, perform steps 1 - 2 in the "Disc name" section. (page 28)
  - To delete characters in a track name, perform steps 1 - 3 on page 29.

**2** Press the VOLUME + or VOLUME - button to move the cursor to the character you want to delete.

**3** Press the BASS button.

- The character will be erased.

**4** Press the EDIT button.

**To add characters:**

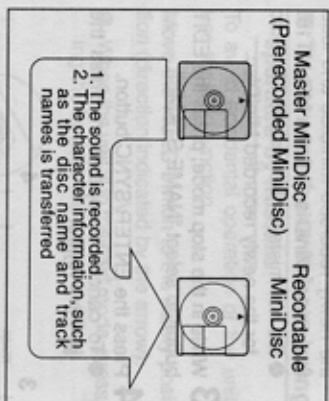
- 1 Put the unit in the character input mode.
  - To add characters to a disc name, perform steps 1 - 2 in the "Disc name" section. (page 28)
  - To add characters to a track name, perform steps 1 - 3 on page 29.

**2** Press the VOLUME + or VOLUME - button to move the cursor to the right of the character, where you want to add a new character.

**3** Perform steps 3 - 5 in the "Disc name" section. (pages 28 - 29)

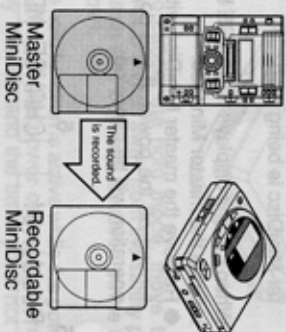
**4** Press the EDIT button.

## Name/stamp



**1** Record the sound from the master MiniDisc onto a recordable MiniDisc.

Playback unit      Recording unit



- Refer to the standard recording method. (Pages 8 - 14)

- At this point, only the sound is recorded. No character information is transferred.

- Check whether the total number of tracks on the newly recorded MiniDisc matches the total number of tracks on the master MiniDisc. If they do not match each other, combine or divide tracks using the edit operation. (Pages 27 - 28)

- This function can not be performed from playback only MiniDiscs.

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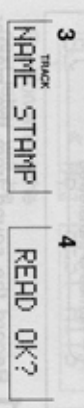


2 When the recording is complete, remove the newly recorded MiniDisc and load the master MiniDisc into the MD-MT15.

● Do not mistake the master MiniDisc for the newly recorded MiniDisc.

3 While in the stop mode, press the EDIT button to select "NAME STAMP".

4 Press the ENTER/SYNC button.  
● To cancel the operation, press the  $\blacksquare$ /OFF button.

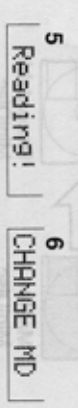


5 Press the ENTER/SYNC button.

● The character information of the master MiniDisc is being read.

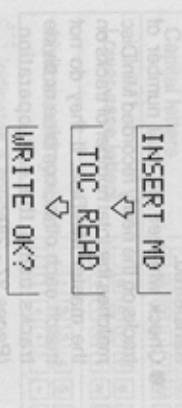
6 When the unit displays "CHANGE MD", remove the master MiniDisc.

● Remove the master MiniDisc without turning off the power. If you do, the operation will be canceled.



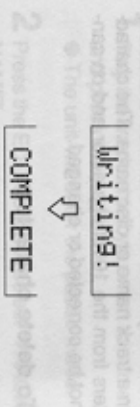
7 Load the newly recorded MiniDisc into the MD-MT15.

● To cancel the operation, press the  $\blacksquare$ /OFF button.



8 Press the ENTER/SYNC button.

● The unit will finish recording the character information and enter the stop mode.



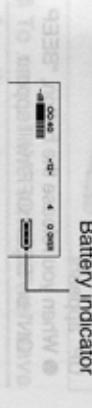
Note:

● If the total number of tracks on the master MiniDisc does not match the total number of tracks on the newly recorded MiniDisc, the unit will display "Can't WRITE" and the power will be turned off. If this happens, adjust the total number of tracks on the newly recorded MiniDisc using the edit operation, and then try again from step 2.

### CONVENIENT OPERATION OF THE UNIT

#### Checking the remaining amount of battery level

The remaining amount of battery level is shown by the battery indicator ( ) during operation.

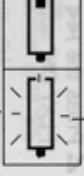


#### < How to read the battery indicator >

When the battery level is high



When the battery level is very low



Since the battery level is very low, you cannot start recording or editing.

● When the battery is completely discharged, the battery indicator will flash. Recharge the battery or replace the alkaline batteries with new ones.

● When the battery has run completely out, "BATT EMPTY" will appear. Then, the power will be disconnected automatically.

#### Notes:

● When using the unit with alkaline batteries or a rechargeable battery, the battery indicator will not correctly display the remaining capacity for approximately 10 seconds after the power has been turned on.

● When an AC adaptor or a car adaptor is used, the battery indicator will not be shown.

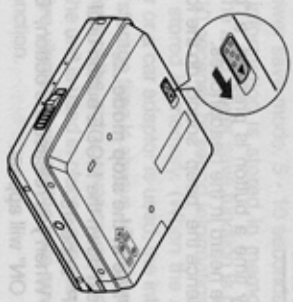
● The number of bars shown in the battery indicator may increase or decrease, depending on the operation being performed. This is normal.

#### To prevent the unit from being operated by mistake

To avoid accidental operation of the unit, use the hold function.

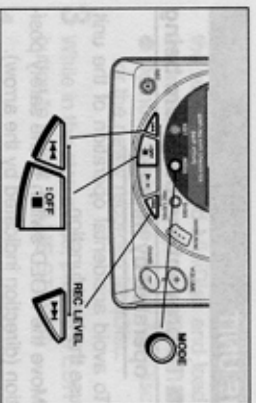
Move the HOLD switch to the safety position (direction indicated by the arrow).

● When the unit is in the hold mode, pressing the buttons will have no effect.



● To cancel the hold mode, move the HOLD switch away from the safety position (the opposite direction of the arrow).

If the hold function is active while the power is turned off, the power cannot be turned on by mistake and the battery will not be accidentally drained.

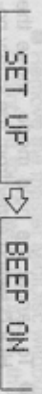


## ■ To eliminate the confirmation sound

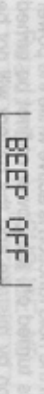
### sound

Every time a button is pressed, a "beep" will be heard in the headphones. To silence the "beep" sound, do the following:

- 1 While in the stop mode ... Hold down the MODE button until "SET UP" appears.
  - When you release the button, "BEEP ON" will appear.



- 2 Press the MODE button.



- 7 ● "BEEP OFF" will appear, and the confirmation sound will disappear.
  - To restore the confirmation sound, select "BEEP ON".
- 3 Press the **■/OFF** button.
  - The normal display will reappear.

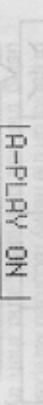
## ■ To cancel the auto-play function

When a MiniDisc is inserted, the power will be turned on automatically, and playback will begin. You can cancel automatic playback.

- 1 While in the stop mode ... Hold down the MODE button until "SET UP" appears.
  - When you release the button, "BEEP ON" or "BEEP OFF" will appear.



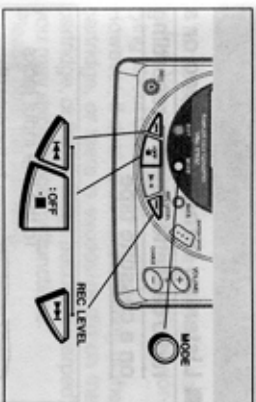
- 2 Press the **▶▶** or **▶▶▶** button until "A-PLAY ON" appears.



- 3 Press the MODE button.

- "A-PLAY OFF" will appear, and the auto-play function will be canceled.
  - To restore the auto-play function, select "A-PLAY ON".

- 4 Press the **■/OFF** button.
  - The normal display will reappear.



## ■ To cancel the auto power save function

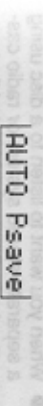
### function

Power consumption can be reduced by controlling the memory storage time. You can cancel the auto power save function.

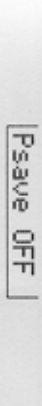
- 1 While in the stop mode ... Hold down the MODE button until "SET UP" appears.
  - When you release the button, "BEEP ON" or "BEEP OFF" will appear.



- 2 Press the **▶▶** or **▶▶▶** button until "AUTO Psave" appears.



- 3 Press the MODE button.



- "Psave OFF" will appear, and the auto power save function will be canceled.
  - To restore the auto power save function, select "AUTO Psave".
- 4 Press the **■/OFF** button.
  - The normal display will reappear.

## About the sound skip guard memory:

During playback, approximately 10 seconds of information is stored in the semiconductor memory. Therefore, even when the pickup cannot read information for a second or two due to an external shock, the sound will continue without interruption because the information stored in memory is used.

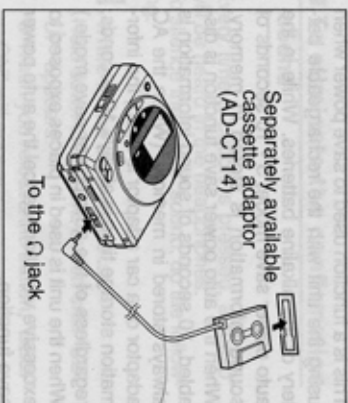
## About the auto power save function:

This is a function used to save power when using the unit with the rechargeable battery or the alkaline batteries. While in the auto power save mode, 5 - 10 seconds of sound information is stored in memory. When the auto power save function is disabled, 10 seconds of sound information is always stored in memory. (When the AC adaptor or a car adaptor is used, the information storage time is always 10 seconds, regardless of the auto power save mode.) When the unit is used in places exposed to excessive vibration, cancel the auto power save function.

## USING WITH OTHER EQUIPMENT

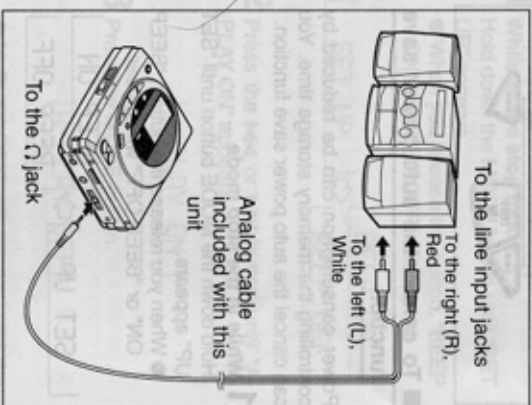
- Before connecting any other equipment, turn off the power to all units.
- Connect the plugs securely.
- Improper connections may cause noise or malfunctions.

### ■ Listening through a car stereo



- The separately available cassette adaptor may not work, depending on your car's stereo.

### ■ Listening through a stereo or a radio cassette player or recording on a cassette tape



- The recording will be made in the analog mode.
- When you want to listen to a disc using a separate stereo system or radio cassette player, it is recommended that you adjust the volume on the MiniDisc unit to maximum.

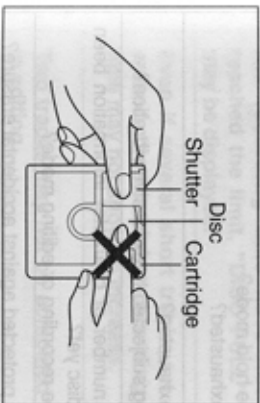
## WHAT IS A MINIDISC?

A MiniDisc is a disc inside a protective cartridge. You can handle it freely without worrying about dust, fingerprints, etc. However, if dust enters the opening of the cartridge, or there is excessive dirt on the cartridge, or the cartridge becomes warped, you may experience malfunctions. Please note the following.

### ■ Handling the MiniDisc

#### Do not touch the disc directly!

Do not open the shutter or touch the disc directly. If the shutter is opened forcibly, it may break.



- Never disassemble a MiniDisc.

### ■ Where not to store discs

Do not store discs in places with high temperatures or humidity. Specifically, do not leave discs in places exposed to direct sunlight or in cars with the doors and windows closed. Do not leave discs in places where sand can get into the cartridge easily (e.g., beaches).

### ■ Helpful tip when attaching a label

When attaching a label to an MD cartridge, be sure to note the following. If the label is not attached properly, the MiniDisc may jam inside the unit and it may not be possible to remove it.

- If the label peels off or partially lifts away, replace it with a new one.
- Do not put a new label on top of an existing one.
- Attach the label only in the specified location. (If it is not within the specified area, it may cause the disc to jam in the unit.)



### ■ Regular cleaning

If the surface of the cartridge becomes dusty or dirty, clean it with a dry cloth.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

### ■ Moisture condensation

In the following cases, condensation may form inside the unit.

- Shortly after turning on a heater.
- When the unit is placed in a room where there is excessive steam or moisture.
- When the unit is moved from a cool place to a warm place.

When the unit has condensation inside, the disc signals cannot be read, and the unit may not function properly.

- If this happens, remove the disc. The condensation should evaporate in approximately 1 hour. The unit will then function properly.

Many potential "problems" can be resolved by the owner without calling a service technician. If something seems to be wrong with this product, check the following before calling your authorized SHARP dealer or service center.

PROBLEM	CAUSE
The unit does not turn on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Is the AC adaptor disconnected?</li> <li>● Is the battery exhausted?</li> <li>● Is the unit in the hold mode?</li> <li>● Has condensation formed inside the unit?</li> <li>● Is the unit being influenced by mechanical shock or by static electricity?</li> </ul>
No sound is heard from the headphones.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Is the volume set too low?</li> <li>● Is the headphones plugged in?</li> <li>● Are you trying to play a MiniDisc with data on it instead of a MiniDisc containing music?</li> </ul>
When the operation buttons are pressed, the unit does not respond.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Is the unit in the hold mode?</li> <li>● Is the battery exhausted?</li> </ul>
Some sounds are skipped.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Is the battery exhausted?</li> <li>● Is the unit being subjected to excessive vibration?</li> </ul>
The MiniDisc cannot be ejected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Has the track number or character information been written on the disc yet?</li> <li>● Is the unit in the recording or editing mode?</li> </ul>
Recording and editing are impossible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Is the MiniDisc protected against accidental erasure?</li> <li>● Is the unit connected properly to the other equipment?</li> <li>● Is the AC adaptor unplugged or did a power failure occur while recording or editing?</li> <li>● Is the unit in the hold mode?</li> <li>● Is an optical signal being output from the external equipment?</li> </ul> <p>Read the operation manual for the external equipment.</p>

#### ■ If trouble occurs

- When this product is subjected to strong external interference (mechanical shock, excessive static electricity, abnormal supply voltage due to lightning, etc.) or if it is operated incorrectly, it may malfunction. If such a problem occurs, do the following:
  - Unplug the AC adaptor from the AC outlet.
  - Remove the battery.
  - Leave the unit completely unpowered for approximately 30 seconds.

- Plug the AC adaptor back into the AC outlet and retry the operation.

If strange sounds, smell or smoke come out of the unit or an object is dropped into the unit, remove the AC adaptor from the AC outlet immediately and contact an authorized SHARP service center.

#### MINDISC SYSTEM LIMITATIONS

MiniDiscs are recorded using a different system than is used for cassette tapes or DAT recordings. Therefore, the following conditions may be encountered, depending on how the disc has been recorded or edited. These are due to system limitations, and should be considered normal.

Even if the maximum recording time of a MiniDisc has not been reached, "DISC FULL" or "TOC FULL" may be displayed.	When the number of tracks used reaches the limit, regardless of the remaining recording time, further recording will be impossible. (Maximum number of tracks: 255) If a MiniDisc has been recorded or edited repeatedly or if a MiniDisc has scratches on it, it may not be possible to record the maximum number of tracks on it.
Even if the number of tracks and the recording time have not reached the limit, "DISC FULL" may be displayed.	If there are scratches on a disc, the unit will automatically avoid recording in those areas. The recording time will be reduced.
Even if several short tracks are erased, the remaining recording time may not show an increase.	When the remaining recording time of a disc is displayed, short tracks less than 12 seconds long may not be included in the total.
Two tracks may not be combined in editing.	For MiniDiscs on which repeated recording and editing operations were performed, the COMBINE function may not work.
The total of the recorded time and time remaining on a disc may not add up to the maximum possible recording time.	A cluster (about 2 seconds) is normally the minimum unit of recording. So, even if a track is less than 2 seconds long, it will use about 2 seconds of space on the disc. Therefore, the time actually available for recording may be less than the remaining time displayed.
When recorded tracks are played back using the cue and review operations, some sounds may be skipped.	If there are scratches on discs, those sections will be automatically avoided (no recording will be placed in those sections). Therefore, the recording time will be reduced.
A track number can be created in the middle of a track.	For MiniDiscs on which repeated recording and editing were performed, some sounds may be skipped while cueing and reviewing.

## ERROR MESSAGES

Error messages	Meaning	Remedy
BATT EMPTY	● The battery is run down.	● Charge the rechargeable battery or replace the alkaline batteries (or use the AC adaptor for power).
BLANK DISC	● Nothing is recorded.	● Replace the disc with a recorded disc.
Can't COPY	● No copy can be made because of the SCMS copyright system.	● Record using the analog cable.
Can't EDIT	● A track cannot be edited.	● Change the stop position of the track and then try editing it.
Can't REC	● Recording cannot be performed correctly due to vibration or shock in the unit.	● Re-record or replace it with another recordable disc.
Can't WRITE	● Editing is impossible.	● Check the number of tracks.
DEFECT	● The disc is scratched.	● If the sound you hear is not right, try recording again.
Din UNLOCK	● Poor connection of the digital cable.	● Replace the disc with another recordable disc.
DISC FULL	● The disc is out of recording space.	● Connect the digital cable securely.
HOLD	● The unit is in the hold mode.	● Replace it with another recordable disc.
LOCKED LOCK ERROR	● The OPEN lever was moved during recording or editing.	● Return the HOLD switch to its original position.
NO DISC	● A disc has not been loaded.	● Turn off the power and remove the MiniDisc.
PB DISC	● You tried to record on a playback-only disc.	● Load a disc.
POWER ?	● Improper power is being supplied.	● Replace it with a recordable disc.
PROTECTED	● The MD is write protected.	● Use one of the specified power sources.
READ ERROR	● The disc is damaged.	● Move the write protection knob back to its original position.
SORRY	● Since a track number is currently being located or written to, the unit cannot accept your command.	● Reload the disc or replace it.
SYSTEM ERR	● You have come to the conclusion that the unit is out of order.	● Replace it with another recorded disc.
TEMP OVER	● The temperature is too high.	● Wait for a while and try the operation again.
TOC ERROR	● A large portion of the disc has been damaged.	● To have it repaired, go to the distributor where you purchased the unit.
TOC FULL	● There is no space left for recording character information (track names, disc names, etc.).	● Turn off the power, and wait for a while.
Tt. Protect	● The track has been protected from being erased.	● Replace it with another recorded disc.
U TOC ERROR	● A large portion of the disc has been damaged.	● Replace it with another recordable disc.
? DISC	● There is an error in the signal from the disc.	● Edit the track with the device on which it was recorded.

## MAINTENANCE

### ■ Cleaning

#### When the unit becomes dirty

Clean it with a soft cloth.  
When the unit is excessively dirty, use a soft cloth dampened in water.  
(External surfaces only)

#### Notes:

- Do not use chemicals for cleaning (gasoline, paint thinner, etc.) It may affect the quality or color.
- Do not apply oil to the inside of the unit. It may cause malfunctions.

#### Clean the headphone plug and the connecting cable plug.

This will prevent noise.

## SPECIFICATIONS

As a part of our policy of continuous improvement, SHARP reserves the right to make design and specification changes for product improvement without prior notice. The performance specification figures indicated are nominal values of production units. There may be some deviations from these values in individual units.

### ■ General

#### Power source:

- DC 5V: AC adaptor (AC 120V, 60 Hz)
- DC 3.0V: Commercially available, "AA" size (LR6), alkaline battery x 2
- DC 2.4V: Optional Rechargeable Nickel-Metal Hydride battery (AD-T20BT) x 1
- DC 4.5V: Optional car adaptor, AD-CA20X (for cars with a 12-24V DC negative ground electrical system)

#### Power consumption:

7.5 W (AC adaptor)

Output power: RMS: 20 mW (10 mW + 10 mW) (0.2% T.H.D.)

#### Charging time:

Approx. 4 hours (90 %)  
Approx. 6 hours (fully charged)  
(When using the AC adaptor included with the unit)

#### Battery life:

When using two, commercially available, high capacity, "AA" size (LR6), alkaline batteries	When using the optional rechargeable battery AD-T20BT (fully charged)
Continuous recording: Approx. 7.5 hours	Continuous recording: Approx. 7.5 hours
Continuous play: Approx. 15 hours	Continuous play: Approx. 12 hours

- The continuous recording time is for analog inputs when the volume level is set to "VOL 0".
- The continuous play time shows the value when the volume level is set to "VOL 15".
- The above values are the standard values when the unit is charged and used at an ambient temperature of 68°F (20°C).
- The operating time when using an alkaline battery may be different, depending on the type and manufacturer of the battery, and on the operating temperature.

**Input sensitivity:**

Recording level	Reference input level	Input impedance
MIC H	0.25 mV	10 k ohms
MIC L	2.5 mV	10 k ohms
LINE	100 mV	20 k ohms

**Output level:**

	Specified output	Maximum output level	Load impedance
Headphones	—	10 mW + 10 mW	16 ohms
LINE	250 mV (-12dB)	—	10 k ohms

**Dimensions:**

Width: 3-7/16" (87.9 mm)  
 Height: 1-3/16" (29.8 mm)  
 Depth: 3-1/8" (79.7 mm)

**Weight:**

0.40 lbs. (180g) without battery

**Input jack:**

Line/optical digital, microphone (powered by the main unit)

**Output jack:**

Headphones (impedance: 19 ohms)

**■ MiniDisc Recorder**

**Type:**

Portable MiniDisc recorder

**Signal readout:**

Non-contact, 3-beam semi-conductor laser pick-up

**Audio channels:**

Stereo 2 channels/monaural (long-play mode) 1 channel

**Frequency response:**

20 - 20,000 Hz (± 3 dB)

**Rotation speed:**

Approx. 400 - 900 rpm

**Error correction:**

ACIFRC (Advanced Cross Interleave Reed-Solomon Code)

**Coding:**

ATRAC (Adaptive Transform Acoustic Coding), 24-bit compressed type

**Recording method:**

Magnetic modulation overwrite method

**Sampling frequency:**

44.1 kHz (32 kHz and 48 kHz signals are converted to 44.1 kHz, and then recorded.)

**Wow and flutter:**

Unmeasurable (less than ±0.001% W, peak)

**MEMO**

PLEASE WRITE IN RUSSIAN  
 MEMO FOR THE USER OF THE RECORDER  
 The recorder is designed to record and reproduce sound signals. It is not intended for recording or reproducing any signals that may be harmful to health or property, or that may be used for any illegal purpose. The user is responsible for the proper use of the recorder. The recorder is not to be used for recording or reproducing any signals that may be harmful to health or property, or that may be used for any illegal purpose. The user is responsible for the proper use of the recorder.

Standard output level: 0dBm (10mW) at 1000Hz  
 Input impedance: 10k ohms  
 Output impedance: 16 ohms  
 Frequency response: 20-20,000 Hz (±3dB)  
 Signal-to-noise ratio: 90dB (A-weighted)  
 Total harmonic distortion: 0.01% (1kHz, 100mV)  
 Dynamic range: 100dB (A-weighted)  
 Crosstalk: -60dB (1kHz)

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