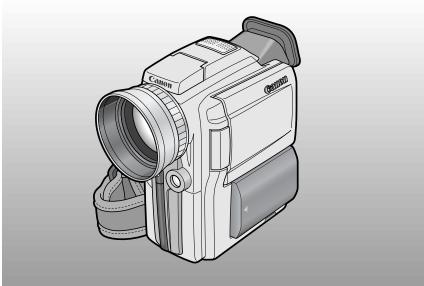
## DIGITAL VIDEO CAMCORDER

# **Instruction Manual**



Canon MVX2i



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#### WARNING:



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

#### WARNING:



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

#### CAUTION:

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK AND TO REDUCE ANNOYING INTERFERENCE, USE THE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES ONLY.

#### CAUTION:

DISCONNECT THE MAINS PLUG FROM THE SUPPLY SOCKET WHEN NOT IN USE.

#### For Users in the UK

When replacing the fuse only a correctly rated approved type should be used and be sure to re-fit the fuse cover

#### CAUTION:

CUSTOMERS IN THE U.K. SHOULD READ THIS BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT.

#### CHANGING THE FUSE

THE MAINS LEAD ON THIS PRODUCT IS FITTED WITH A NON-REWIREABLE (MOULDED) PLUG. INCORPORATING A 3 AMP FUSE. SHOULD THE FUSE NEED TO BE REPLACED AN ASTA OR BSI APPROVED BS1362 FUSE OF THE SAME RATING MUST BE USED.

ALWAYS REFIT THE FUSE COVER AFTER REPLACING THE FUSE NEVER USE THE PLUG WITH THE FUSE COVER OMITTED.

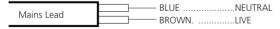
#### CHANGING THE PLUG

IF THE FITTED PLUG IS NOT SUITABLE FOR YOUR SOCKET OUTLETS, IT SHOULD BE CUT OFF AND AN APPROPRIATE PLUG FITTED IN ITS PLACE. IF POSSIBLE FIT AN APPROPRIATE 3 AMP FUSE. IF THE NEW PLUG HAS NO FUSE. THEN FIT A 5 AMP FUSE AT THE DISTRIBUTION BOARD.

#### AC POWER CORD CONNECTION

The wires in the mains lead of this apparatus are coloured in accordance with the following

#### (IMPORTANT)



As the colours of the wires in the mains lead may not correspond with the coloured markings identifying the terminals in your plug, proceed as follows: The wire which is coloured BLUE must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter N or coloured black. The wire which is coloured BROWN must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter L or coloured red. Neither Blue wire or Brown wire is to be connected to the Earth pin of a 3 pin plug.

THE SEVERED PLUG MUST BE DESTROYED IMMEDIATELY TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD.

CA-560 identification plate is located on the bottom.

 Use of CV-150F/CV-250F DV cable is necessary to comply with the technical requirement of EMC Directive.

## **Reference Guide**

Three manuals are supplied with your camcorder: the "Digital Video Camcorder MVX2i Instruction Manual", "DIGITAL VIDEO SOLUTION DISK Software Instruction Manual", and the "DV NETWORK SOLUTION DISK Software Instruction Manual".

- Digital Video Camcorder MVX2i Instruction Manual
  This manual explains the camcorder operations such as recording and playing back still images and movies on a tape or a memory card.
- **DIGITAL VIDEO SOLUTION DISK Software Instruction Manual**This manual explains how to download still images and movies from the memory card to a computer by using the supplied USB cable. You can also add sample images for the card mix function, or the "my camera" settings to the camcorder.

### Windows XP Only

■ DV NETWORK SOLUTION DISK Software Instruction Manual This manual explains how to download still images and movies from the memory card to a computer by using the DV (IEEE1394) cable. You can also perform videoconference and file transfer over the Internet using Windows XP's Windows Messenger. There are several requirements for using this software. For details, please refer to this instruction manual.

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☐: Reference page numbers

🔁 : Functions that can be operated from the body of the camcorder

: Functions that can be operated from the wireless controller

(a): Supplementary notes for camcorder operation

• Capital letters are used to refer to settings displayed in the menus and buttons labelled on the camcorder itself, e.g. Press the MENU button.

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## Thank You for Choosing a Canon

First, we'd like to thank you for purchasing this Canon camcorder. Its advanced technology makes it very easy to use — you will soon be making high-quality videos which will give you pleasure for years to come.

To get the most out of your new camcorder, we recommend that you read this manual thoroughly — there are many sophisticated features which will add to your recording enjoyment.

#### **Getting Started**

To get started we suggest that you master the basic operations of the camcorder first, before moving on to use its full range of features.

 When connecting the camcorder to your personal computer, use the optional CV-150F or CV-250F DV cable.

When connecting the camcorder to your PC equipped with a USB terminal, use the supplied IFC-300PCU USB cable.

Your camcorder is supplied with the following accessories:

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WL-D78 Wireless Controller	Two AA batteries
Lens hood	Lens cap and lens cap cord
BP-512 Battery Pack	CA-560 Compact Power Adapter (including power cord)
Lithium button battery CR1616	S-150 S-video Cable
+	
STV-250N Stereo Video Cable	PC-A10 SCART Adapter (Europe, Asia)
SDC-8M SD Memory Card (with pre-recorded sample images)	Soft case for SD Memory Card
(A)	
IFC-300PCU USB cable	DIGITAL VIDEO SOLUTION DISK DV NETWORK SOLUTION DISK ArcSoft Camera Suite CD

## **Introducing the MVX2i**

#### Mega-pixel CCD

Your camcorder incorporates a megapixel CCD. High-resolution still images can be recorded onto a memory card.

#### **Built-in Flash**



The built-in flash automatically rises up and fires according to the brightness of the surrounding area.

10× Optical Zoom and 200× (card 40×) Digital Zoom

#### **Optical Image Stabilizer**



Canon's optical technology stabilizes your recordings even in long telephoto shots.

#### **Super Night Mode & Night Mode**

Allows you to record even in dark places. The Night mode adjusts automatically to the optimum shutter speed, and the Super Night mode utilizes the Super Night LED to record bright colourful pictures.

#### Still Images



You can record still images like photographs. You can also shoot continuously still images and record them onto a memory card.

### **Memory Card**

You can record still images and movies onto a SD Memory Card or MultiMediaCard. Transfer still images/movies to your PC and use the supplied software to edit or attach them to your e-mail, or merge separate still image into one large panoramic scene.

#### **Direct Printing**

You can print still images by connecting the camcorder to a printer supporting the Direct Print function.

#### **My Camera Function**

You can customize the start up image and shutter sound of the camcorder.

#### **USB Terminal**

Allows high-speed transfer of memory card data to a PC with a built-in USB port. You can organize and edit still images/movies on your PC using the supplied software.

#### **IEEE 1394 DV Terminal**

The DV terminal allows high-quality transfer with virtually no deterioration in quality of images. You can edit and process images by connecting the camcorder to a PC with the IEEE 1394 terminal.

#### Analog Line-in Recording

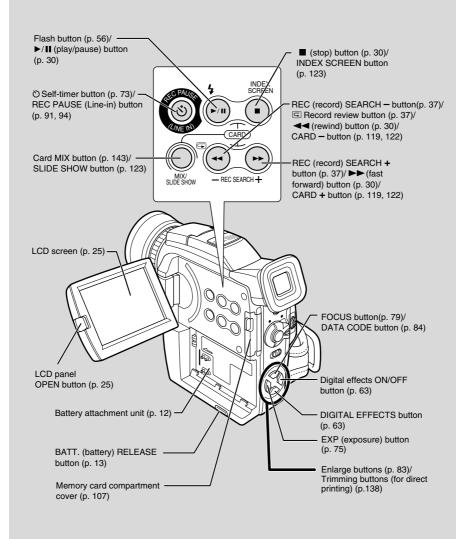
#### **Audio Dubbing/AV Insert Editing**

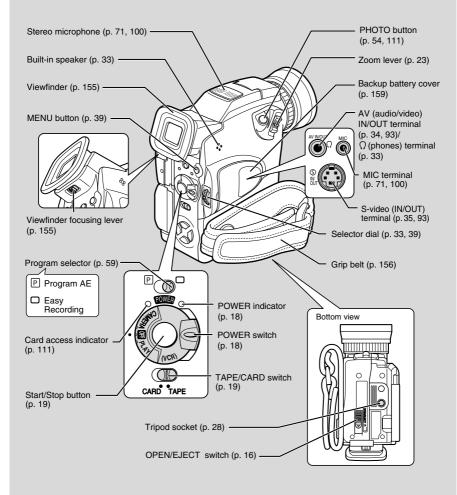
### **Digital Effects**

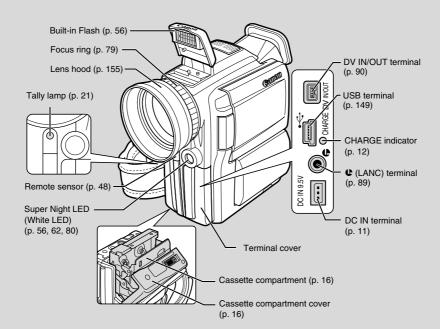


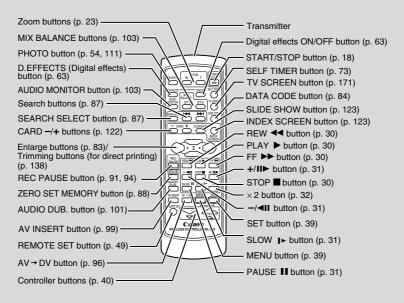
Show your creativity by using the special effects and digital faders. These digital effects and faders can add visual appeal

and greater imaging variety. The multiimage screen captures moving subjects in 4, 9 or 16 sequences of still images.









## **Powering Your Camcorder**

Before operating your camcorder, you will need to use the power adapter to:

### Provide power from a household power socket

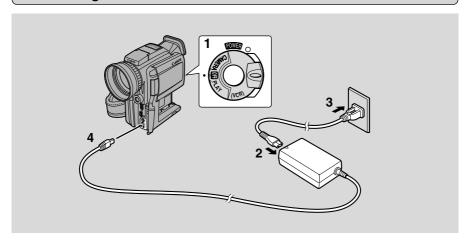
Or

#### Charge a battery pack

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- The power adapter converts current from a household power socket (100–240 V AC, 50/60 Hz) to the DC current used by your camcorder.
- If the adapter is used next to a TV, it may cause bars to appear on the TV move the adapter away from the TV or the aerial cable.
- Do not connect products not expressly recommended to the camcorder's DC terminal. Likewise, do not connect products not expressly recommended to the power adapter.

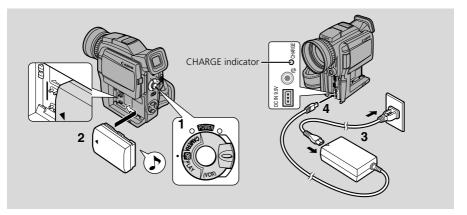
#### **Connecting the Camcorder to a Household Power Socket**



Use the power adapter to provide your camcorder with instant power from a household power socket. Always turn the camcorder off before connecting/removing the power source.

- 1. Set the POWER switch to OFF.
- 2. Connect the power cord to the power adapter.
- 3. Plug the power cord into a household power socket.
- 4. Connect the power adapter to the camcorder's DC IN terminal.
- 5. Disconnect the power adapter from the camcorder after use. Unplug the power cord from the household power socket, then disconnect it from the adapter.

### **Attaching and Charging the Battery Packs**



Your battery pack has been partially charged before it left the factory. It should have enough power for you to check that your camcorder is working properly. Charge the battery pack fully if you want it to power the camcorder for more than a few minutes.

Always turn the camcorder off before connecting/removing the battery.

#### 1. Set the POWER switch to OFF.

- 2. Attach the battery to the camcorder.
  - Remove the battery pack's terminal cover.
  - Align the edge of the battery pack with the line on the camcorder, press lightly and slide it in the direction of the arrow until it clicks into place.
- 3. Connect the power cord to the adapter and plug it into a household power socket.
- 4. Connect the power adapter to the camcorder.
  - The charge indicator flashes red to show that charging is in progress. Single flashes mean that the battery pack is less than 50% charged. Double flashes mean that it is more than 50% charged. The indicator glows steadily when the battery pack is fully charged. If the indicator blinks rapidly and continuously (twice a second), the battery pack may be defective.
  - When the CHARGE indicator flashes, the battery pack is being charged even if the POWER switch is set to a position other than OFF.
- 5. When charging is complete, disconnect the power adapter from the camcorder, unplug the power cord, and disconnect the power cord from the adapter.

# **6. Remove the battery pack after use.**Press the BATT. RELEASE button and remove the battery.



• You can find details for using the batteries in the "Notes on Using the Batteries" ( 157). These notes include charging and recording times and how to install the backup battery.



#### Using the Charge Adapter CR-560 Kit (optional)

The Compact Power Adapter CA-560 supplied with the camcorder can be used along with the CR-560 Kit for 3 different ways to power the camcorder or charge battery packs:

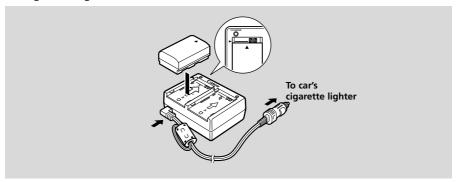
- 1. Charge the BP-500 Series battery packs with power from your car battery.
- 2. Operate the camcorder with power from your car battery.
- 3. Charge the BP-500 Series battery packs from a household power socket.

The Charge Adapter/Car Battery Cable Kit CR-560 includes the following:



# 1. Charge the BP-500 Series battery packs with power from your car battery.

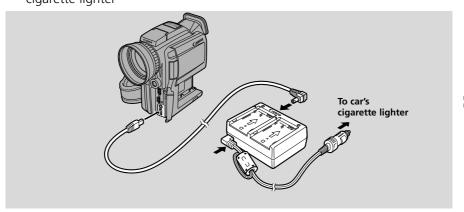
1 or 2 battery pack(s) + Charge Adapter + Car Battery Cable  $\rightarrow$  car's cigarette lighter



• Fast charging for the high-capacity BP-522 and BP-535 (both optional). 15 minutes of charging gives 60 minutes of recording (using the viewfinder).

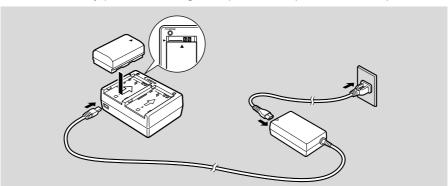
	Time required for full charge
	from car battery or household outlet
BP-512	1 hr. 20 min.
BP-511 (optional)	
BP-522 (optional)	1 hr. 40 min.
BP-535 (optional)	2 hr. 30 min.

**2.** Operate the camcorder with power from your car battery. Camcorder + DC Cable + Charge Adapter + Car Battery Cable → car's cigarette lighter



# 3. Charge the BP-500 Series battery packs from a household power socket.

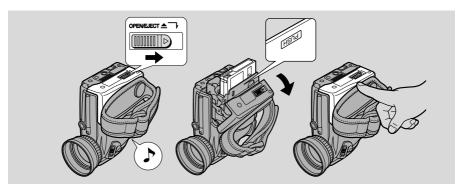
1 or 2 battery pack(s) + Charge Adapter + Compact Power Adapter



• Fast charging for the high-capacity BP-522 and BP-535 (both optional). 15 minutes of charging gives 60 minutes of recording (using the viewfinder).

#### **⋒** Notes:

- For full details of how to use the CR-560, refer to its instruction manual.
- Charge the battery pack in temperatures between 5°C and 40°C (41°F and 104°F).
- The charging time varies depending on the charging conditions.



Only use videocassettes marked with the Mini DY logo.\*

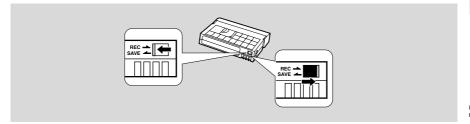
#### **Loading and Unloading**

- 1. Make sure that you have attached a power source.
- 2. Slide the OPEN/EJECT ▲ switch (on the bottom of the camcorder) to release the cassette compartment cover.
  - Pull the cover fully open (while holding the button) and wait a couple of seconds for the cassette compartment to open automatically.
  - The confirmation beep sounds when the cassette cover fully opens.
- 3. Load or unload the cassette.
  - Insert the cassette gently with the window facing the grip belt, and the REC/SAVE tab up.
  - Remove the cassette by pulling it straight out.
- 4. Press the PUSH mark on the compartment until it clicks, and wait for the compartment to close.
- 5. Click the cover back into place.
- \* Mini **DV** is a trade mark.

#### Motes:

- Do not interfere with the cassette compartment while it is opening or closing automatically, and do not attempt to close the cover until the cassette compartment has fully retracted.
- Be careful not to get your fingers caught in the cassette compartment cover.
- Do not leave the cassette in the camcorder after use return it to its case and store it in a cool, clean, dry place.
- When you turn the camcorder's power on, on flashes in the display until you load a cassette.
- With some types of tapes, the remaining tape display may not give an accurate reading ( 172).

#### **Protecting Tapes from Accidental Erasure**



To protect your recording from accidental erasure, slide the tab on the cassette so that it exposes the hole. (This switch position is usually labelled SAVE or ERASE OFF.)

If you load this cassette and put the camcorder in record pause mode (\$\sum 18\$), "THE TAPE IS SET FOR ERASURE PREVENTION" is displayed for approx. 4 seconds and then the \$\overline{\sigma}\$ mark flashes in the display. If you want to record on the cassette again, slide the tab back so that the hole is closed.

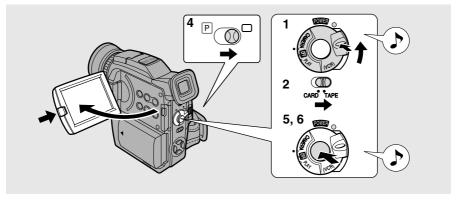
#### **Cassette Handling Precautions**

- To protect the tape heads, transfer cassettes directly from the tape case to the camcorder do not open the tape protect cover or touch the tape itself.
- Do not use cassettes where the tape has been damaged or spliced they may damage the camcorder.
- Do not insert anything into the small holes on the cassette or cover them with cellophane tape.
- Handle cassettes with care dropping them or exposing them to external shocks may cause internal damage.
- Store cassettes in the provided case, first rewinding them to the start of the tape and then storing them upright.
- A cassette with metal plated terminals may become dirty with use, affecting information transfer. Therefore, after using a tape about 10 times, be sure to clean the terminals with a cotton bud.

#### **Cassette Memory Function**

You are unable to use the cassette memory function with this camcorder.

Mastering the Basics



### **Before You Start Recording**

Have you completed the following steps?

- Attaching a power source (\$\square\$11).
- Removing the lens cap (\$\square\$156).
- Fastening the grip belt (\$\square\$156).
- Attaching the lens hood (\$\square\$155).
- Choosing the display: viewfinder (\$\sum 155\$) or LCD screen (\$\sum 25\$).

#### ⋒ Note:

• When you're using the viewfinder, fully close the LCD or rotate the LCD so that it faces into the same direction as the lens ( $\square$ 25).

You may also want to install the backup battery (\$\square\$159\$) in order to set the date and time display ( $\square 51$ ).

### Recording

#### 1. Press and hold the small button on the POWER switch and turn the POWER switch to CAMERA.

- The camcorder automatically sets to record pause mode. PAUSE appears in the display.
- If you have not set the date and time display, SET THE TIME ZONE, DATE AND TIME appears in the display. For setting the time zone, see p. 51. For setting the date and time, see p. 53.
- The camcorder power indicator lights up.
- The confirmation beep sounds.
- The camcorder will turn itself off if you leave it in record pause mode for more than about 5 minutes. To return to record pause mode, turn the POWER switch to OFF and then back to CAMERA.

#### 2. Make sure the TAPE/CARD switch is set to TAPE.

• For recording still images onto a memory card, see p. 111. For recording movies onto a memory card, see p. 116.

#### 3. Load a cassette (11116).

• Start recording when the tape counter has stopped.

#### 4. Slide the program selector to $\square$ .

 This selects the camcorder's Easy Recording program. It allows you to simply point and shoot without making any manual adjustments (□ 60).

# 5. Press and release the start/stop button once to begin recording.

• For still image recording to a cassette, see p. 54.

# 6. Press and release the start/stop button again to pause recording.

- The camcorder returns to record pause mode and PAUSE reappears in the display.
- You can stop and restart recording as often as you like by pressing the start/stop button.

## When You Have Finished Recording

- Replace the lens cap.
- Return the LCD screen flush to the camcorder body.
- Unload the cassette.
- Turn the POWER switch to OFF.
- Disconnect the power source.

#### Motes:

- To check that the camcorder is recording correctly, make a test recording first.
- Before making important recordings, clean the video heads using a Canon DVM-CL Digital Video Head Cleaning Cassette or a commercially available digital video head cleaning cassette.
- To close the LCD panel, rotate it vertically until the screen faces you, then press the LCD panel until it clicks securely closed.
- You cannot monitor the sound from the speaker when recording.
- For tips on how to make better videos, see p. 28.
- For extra recording time, see "Changing the Recording Mode" (\$\square\$20\$).

### **Changing the Recording Mode**



You can select between SP (standard play) and LP (long play). LP extends the tape usage by 1.5 times.

It is not possible to dub audio or insert images to a tape that has been recorded in LP mode.



To change to LP mode, open the menu and select VCR SET UP. Then select REC MODE, set it to LP and close the menu.

#### Motes:

- Depending on the nature and usage condition of the tape, recording/playback in LP mode may cause image or sound distortion. We recommend using the SP mode for important recordings.
- We recommend recording in SP mode when you plan to transfer images taken with the camcorder to your PC.
- If you record in both modes on the same tape, the image may become distorted during playback and the time code may not be written correctly.
- If you play back a tape recorded on another digital equipment on this camcorder, or vice versa, image and sound may become distorted.

### 16:9 (Wide Screen TV Recording)



Produces images in the 16:9 format for playback on wide screen TVs.











To switch 16:9 to ON, open the menu and select CAM.SET UP. Then select 16:9, set it to ON and close the menu.

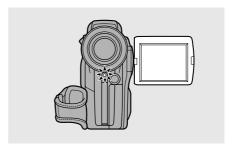
### ⋒ Notes:

- "16:9" is shown in the display when you switch the 16:9 mode on.
- You cannot use the 16:9 mode with the Easy Recording program.
- You cannot use the multi-image screen when setting the 16:9 mode on.
- If you play back a recording made for 16:9 on a normal TV screen, the image will appear to be vertically "squashed" (compressed).

## **Turning Off the Tally Lamp**



The tally lamp lets you know that the camcorder is recording, receiving signals from the wireless controller or counting down for the self-timer. However, its flashing may be reflected into the lens during close-up recording, or when recording through glass.



You may therefore decide to turn it off.



To turn the tally lamp off, open the menu and select SYSTEM. Then select TALLY LAMP, set it to OFF and close the menu.

• The tally lamp no longer flashes during recording, but it will still light up when the camcorder receives a signal from the wireless controller and during the self-timer countdown.

#### **Confirmation/Warning Beeps**



The camcorder's short operation confirmation beeps are indicated by ightharpoonup in the illustrations. Beeps sound upon certain camcorder operations such as when you turn the camcorder on, during the self-timer countdown, right before the camcorder's automatic shut-off, and also upon any unusual condition of the camcorder. Beeps are not recorded on the tape.



To turn the beep off, open the menu and select SYSTEM. Then select BEEP, set it to OFF and close the menu.

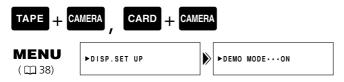
• All camcorder sounds, including the shutter sound that sounds when recording a still image onto a memory card will be turned off.

#### **Demonstration Mode**



You can see a demonstration of the camcorder's main features. To see the demonstration, do either of the following:

- With no cassette or memory card inserted, turn the DEMO MODE on in the TAPE CAMERA menu or CARD CAMERA menu and close the menu.
- Leave the camcorder with no cassette or memory card inserted for five minutes after turning it on.

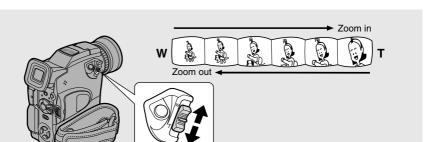


To turn the demonstration mode off, open the menu and select DISP. SET UP. Then select DEMO MODE, set it to OFF and close the menu.

#### ⋒ Note:

• To cancel the demo mode once it has begun: push any button, turn off the power, load a cassette or insert a memory card.

## **Zooming**



#### 10× Optical Zoom

The camcorder's zoom lens allows you to choose the best picture angle for each scene:

- Move the zoom control towards W to zoom out to wide-angle.
- Move it towards T to zoom in to telephoto.

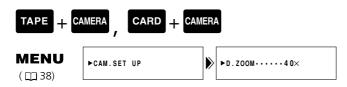
You can also control the speed of zooming:

- Move the control slightly to zoom slowly.
- Move it farther to zoom more quickly. (The farther you move the zoom control, the faster the zoom speed.)

The T and W buttons on the wireless controller adjust the picture angle, but not the zoom speed.

#### 40×/200× Digital Zoom (Card 40×)

Magnifies the camcorder's zoom range by up to  $20\times$  in TAPE CAMERA mode. The zoom control continues to work as usual. You can freely zoom in and out between  $1\times$  and  $200\times$  magnification — the camcorder automatically switches between optical zooming (up to  $10\times$ ) and digital zooming ( $10\times$  to  $40\times$  or  $10\times$  to  $200\times$ ).



To change the digital zoom, open the menu and select CAM.SET UP. Then select D.ZOOM, set it to OFF or  $200\times$  and close the menu.



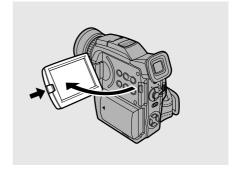
#### **⋒** Notes:

- When zooming, as a rule, keep at least 1 m (3 ft 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in) between you and your subject. However when the zoom is at the wide-angle position, you can focus on a subject as close as 1 cm (<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in).
- Image resolution is slightly lower when the magnification is greater than 10×.
- You cannot use digital zoom in the Night and Super Night recording program.
- You cannot use digital zoom when the multi-image screen is set. The display becomes "--".
- The zoom indicator appears for 4 seconds. When the digital zoom is set to 40×, the zoom indicator extends (light blue). When the digital zoom is set to 200× zoom, the zoom indicator extends again (a darker blue).

## **Using the LCD Screen**

#### **Opening and Closing the LCD Screen**

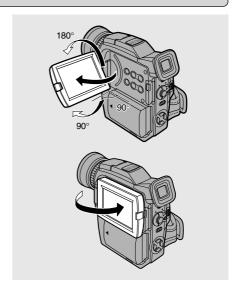
Press the LCD panel OPEN button and open the panel by pulling it away from the camcorder. This automatically switches the LCD screen on and the viewfinder off. Close the LCD panel until it clicks securely closed. When you close the LCD panel, the LCD screen automatically switches off and the viewfinder switches back on.



#### Changing the Angle of the LCD Screen

You can choose the angle of the screen that suits you best by opening and rotating the screen. You can also rotate the LCD screen so that it faces in the direction of the lens  $(\square 27)$ .

You can also push the panel flat against the camcorder until it is flush with the side, with the screen facing outwards.



#### **⋒** Notes:

- Avoid touching the LCD screen when moving the LCD panel.
- Do not hold the camcorder by the LCD panel or the viewfinder.
- Make sure to open the LCD panel at 90° before attempting to rotate it.
- Always rotate the LCD panel vertically into place before closing it or pushing it flat against the side of the camcorder.
- Always fully close the LCD panel until it clicks securely.
- Be careful not to leave the LCD, viewfinder or lens exposed to direct sunlight outdoors or through a window. Doing so could cause damage.

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• Bright light falling on the LCD screen may cause glare that makes it difficult for you to view the image. In this case, switch to using the viewfinder. You can also adjust the brightness of the screen (see "Adjusting the LCD screen" below).

### Adjusting the LCD Screen



You can adjust the brightness of the LCD screen.



Open the menu and select DISP.SET UP from the menu. Then select BRIGHTNESS, adjust the level with the selector dial and close the menu.

A bar showing the level appears in the display.

- Turn the selector dial up to make the display brighter.
- Turn the selector dial down to make the display darker.

#### Motes:

- The camcorder retains your brightness setting even after you turn it off.
- The brightness of the LCD does not affect that of the recorded images or the viewfinder.

#### **About the LCD Screen**

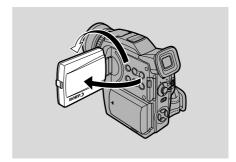
The LCD screen built into this camcorder is a high precision product. However, small black dots or bright points of light (red, blue or green) may appear constantly on the LCD screen. This is not a malfunction of the LCD screen and they are not recorded. (Effective dots: more than 99.99%)

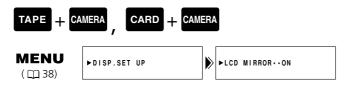
### Allowing the Subject to Monitor Recording



When you turn the LCD panel so that it faces to the same direction as the lens, you can watch yourself during recording or let your subject monitor recording. The viewfinder is also activated when the panel is in this position. ("Adjusting the Viewfinder" 155)

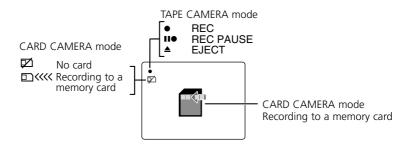
 You can choose the display style, reversed (mirror on) or not (mirror off). The recording itself is unaffected regardless of which one you choose.





To turn the mirror mode off, open the menu and select DISP.SET UP. Then select LCD MIRROR, set it to OFF and close the menu.

The indicators that appear on the LCD screen when LCD MIRROR is turned on:



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## **Tips for Making Better Videos**

#### **Holding the Camcorder**

For maximum stability, grip the camcorder in your right hand and keep your right elbow pressed against your body.

If necessary support the camcorder with your left hand. With practice, you will be able to operate the controls by touch, without taking your eye off the action.



#### **Using a Tripod**

To prevent any unwanted movement, you can mount the camcorder on a tripod, (or any flat surface at a suitable height) and operate it with the wireless controller.

- When you are using a tripod, be careful not to leave the viewfinder exposed to bright sunlight as it may melt. (The light is concentrated by the viewfinder lens.)
- Make sure that the fastening screw of the tripod is no longer than 5.5 mm (1/4 inch), as it will damage the camcorder



### Composition

The most important element in the scene does not have to be in the centre. For a more interesting picture, try to position your subject slightly to one side. Leave some space on the side of the frame that the subject is facing or moving towards.

Do not cut off the top of the subject's head, and do not cut people off at the neck, hips or knees (move a little bit above or below).

Watch out for distracting objects in the background.



#### **Picture Angle**

Instead of zooming while recording, try to choose your picture angle before you begin. A good way to tell a story with video is to begin with a long shot that establishes the situation, and then move in with medium shots and close-ups to show the details. Remember to change your viewpoint for each shot.

Remember that any camcorder movement or change in picture angle should have a definite purpose. Avoid unnecessary or half-hearted movements.



Long shot



Medium shot



Close-up

#### **Camcorder Moves**

Use pans to record a landscape or follow a moving subject. Decide the area you want to cover and stand facing the end of your panning angle. Without moving your feet, turn your waist to the starting position. Start recording, and after a few seconds begin to turn slowly from the waist. Hold the final image for a few seconds before you stop recording.

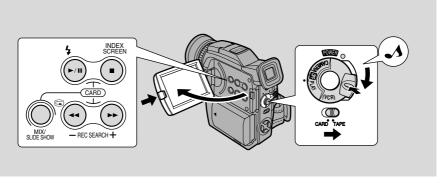
Tilt the camcorder up to exaggerate the height of the subject. Tilt down from the top of a building, for example, as an introduction to subjects at the bottom.











You can use the LCD screen for instant, on-the-spot playback. The camcorder also plays back the sound track via the built-in speaker ( $\square$  33).

- When you play back a tape, you can also close the LCD panel with its screen side facing outward.
- When you wish to use the viewfinder to view playback, close the LCD panel. The built-in speaker does not sound. Use headphones to monitor the sound.

For playing back your recordings on a TV, see p. 34. For using the wireless controller, see p. 48.

#### ⋒ Note:

• To avoid accidental recording, slide the tab on the cassette so that it exposes the hole (the switch position is usually labelled SAVE or ERASE OFF).

#### Attach a power source and turn the POWER switch to PLAY (VCR).

- The power indicator lights up.
- 2. Make sure the TAPE/CARD switch is set to TAPE.
- 3. Load the cassette.
- 4. Press the ► (play) button to start playback.
  - To end playback, press the **■** (stop) button.
  - To wind the tape forwards, stop playback and press the ►► (fast forward) button.
  - To wind the tape backwards, stop playback and press the ◄◄ (rewind) button
  - If the playback picture is rough (mosaic-like noise), clean the video heads using a Canon DVM-CL Digital Video Head Cleaning Cassette or a commercially available digital video head cleaning cassette.

#### **Other Playback Modes**



#### **Playback Pause**

Press the ■ (pause) button. To resume normal playback, press it again, or press the (play) button. The camcorder automatically goes into stop mode after about 5 minutes' playback pause.

#### **Fast Forward Playback**

To play back the recording at about 11.5 times normal speed, press and hold the ►► (fast forward) button during normal playback or press and hold the ►► (fast forward) button during normal fast forward.

#### **Rewind Playback**

For reverse playback at about 11.5 times normal speed, press and hold the ◀◀ (rewind) button during normal playback or press and hold the ◀◀ (rewind) button during normal rewind.

#### **Special Playback**



#### Frame Advance

To play back frame by frame, press the +/ **II** button repeatedly during playback pause.

Press and hold to play back continuous frame advance

#### **Frame Reverse**

To play back in reverse frame by frame, press the –/◀III button repeatedly during playback pause.

Press and hold to play back continuous frame reverse.

#### **Slow Forward Playback**

To play back at about 1/3 normal speed, press the SLOW ▶ button during normal playback.

Press the PLAY ▶ button to return to normal playback.

#### **Slow Reverse Playback**

To play back in reverse at about 1/3 normal speed, press the –/◀▮▮ button and then the SLOW ♪► button during normal playback.

Press the PLAY ▶ button to return to normal playback.



#### **Reverse Playback**

To play back in reverse at normal speed, press the -/ II button during normal forward playback.

Press the PLAY ▶ button to return to normal forward playback.

• The camcorder automatically goes into stop mode after about 2 minutes of paused reverse playback.

#### Forward ×2 Playback

Press the ×2 button during normal playback.

Press the PLAY ▶ button to return to normal playback.

#### Reverse ×2 Playback

Press the –/◀▮▮ button and then the ×2 button during normal playback.

Press the PLAY ▶ button to return to normal playback.

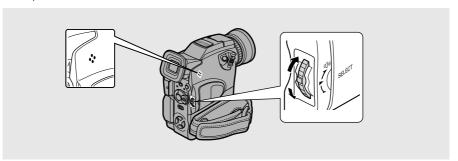
#### ⋒ Notes:

- Mosaic-like noise appears on the screen during some of the special playback modes.
- There is no audio during special playback.

#### **Built-in Speaker**



The camcorder has a built-in speaker so you can review the sound track alongside the picture when you're using the LCD screen to play back. The built-in speaker is monaural. If you are using the viewfinder to play back, use headphones to monitor the sound.







Adjust the speaker volume with the selector dial.

- Pull the selector dial up to increase the volume, and down to lower the volume.
- A bar appears in the display to indicate the current volume. It disappears in 4 seconds.
- You can turn off the volume completely by pulling the selector dial down until OFF appears.

#### ⋒ Notes:

- Sometimes audio may sound distorted when the volume is turned up high. If this happens, turn down the volume.
- The speaker does not sound if PHONES is displayed. Set AV/headphones to AV ( 1 34).

#### **Using the Headphones**

You can also use the headphones to monitor the sound track. Change the setting of the AV/headphones terminal through the menu ( $\square 34$ ).

- You can adjust the headphone volume separately from the built-in speaker.
- The levels you adjust for the built-in speaker and headphones are memorized separately. The camcorder retains your levels even if you turn the camcorder off and back on again.
- The speaker turns off when you use headphones.

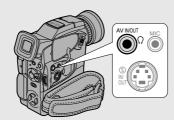
## **Connections for Playback on a TV Screen**

You can connect the camcorder to a TV or VCR in order to play back your recordings. You will need to attach a power source to the camcorder ( $\square$  11). Power off all devices before starting the connections.

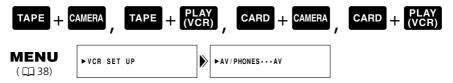
See your TV or VCR instruction manual for further details.

### **Switching the AV/Headphone Terminal**





Through the menu, the camcorder's AV/headphone terminal can be switched to function as either the AV terminal or the headphone terminal.



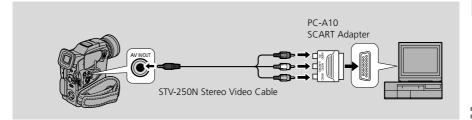
# Open the menu and select VCR SET UP. Then select AV/PHONES and set it to AV or PHONES and close the menu.

When the terminal is switched to PHONES, PHONES appears in the display.

## Using the headphones

 Make sure you switch the AV/headphones terminal to PHONES before using headphones. If the AV/headphones terminal is not switched to PHONES before you use the headphones, noise will come out from the headphones.

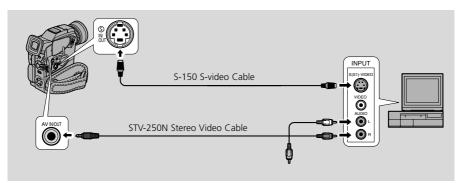
#### If Your TV (or VCR) Has a SCART Terminal (without S (S1)-video)



- Connect the PC-A10 SCART adapter to the TV or VCR's SCART terminal.
- Connect the camcorder to the adapter. Connect the camcorder using the STV-250N Stereo Video Cable. Connect the white plug to the white audio terminal L (left). Connect the red plug to the red audio terminal R (right). Connect the yellow plug to the yellow video terminal VIDEO.
- If you are connecting the camcorder to a TV, set the TV/VIDEO selector on the television to VIDEO.
- If you are connecting the camcorder to a VCR, set the input selector on the VCR to LINE.

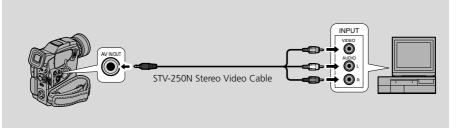
## If Your TV (or VCR) Has an S (S1)-video Input Terminal

For higher picture quality, we recommend playing back recordings on a TV with an S (S1) terminal.



- Use the S-150 S-video Cable to connect the S-video terminals. Use the STV-250N Stereo Video Cable to connect the AUDIO terminals. Connect the white plug to the white AUDIO terminal **L** (left). Connect the red plug to the red AUDIO terminal **R** (right). Do not connect the yellow plug.
- If you are connecting the camcorder to a TV, set the TV/VIDEO selector on the television to VIDEO.
- If you are connecting the camcorder to a VCR, set the input selector on the VCR to LINE.

#### If Your TV (or VCR) Has Audio/Video Input Terminals



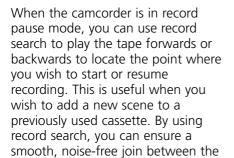
- Connect the camcorder using the STV-250N Stereo Video Cable. Connect
  the white plug to the white audio terminal L (left). Connect the red plug to
  the red audio terminal R (right). Connect the yellow plug to the yellow
  video terminal VIDEO.
- If you are connecting the camcorder to a TV, set the TV/VIDEO selector on the television to VIDEO.
- If you are connecting the camcorder to a VCR, set the input selector on the VCR to LINE.

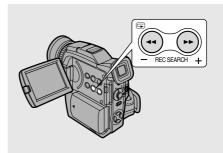
#### ⋒ Note:

• If you are going to use the TV as a monitor while you are recording, remember to keep the TV volume turned down as long as the camcorder's audio terminals are connected. If the sound from the TV speakers is picked up by the microphone, an unpleasant high-pitched squeal, called feedback, may be produced.

### **Searching and Reviewing While Recording**

### **Record Search**







new scene and the old one.

- 1. Press and hold the REC SEARCH + or button on the camcorder while you check the picture in the display.
  - The + button plays the recording forwards and the button plays it backwards.
- 2. Release the button at the point you wish to start recording.
  - The camcorder returns to record pause mode.

### **Record Review**



When the camcorder is in record pause mode, you can use record review to play back the last few seconds of your recording and then return automatically to record pause mode. You can quickly check if a scene has been recorded properly and then go on to shoot the next scene, without producing any noise in the picture.



- 1. Press and release the (record review) button while you check the picture in the display.
  - The camcorder rewinds the tape, plays back the last few seconds, and returns to record pause mode.

### ⋒ Note:

Noise may appear on the screen when you play the tape backwards.

### **Using the Menus**



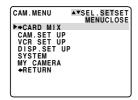
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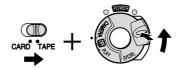
Using the Full Range of Features Many of the camcorder's advanced functions are selected from menus which appear in the display.

There are 4 main menus:

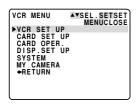
CAM. MENU Camera menu ( 40)
VCR MENU ( 42)
C. CAM. MENU Card camera menu ( 43)
C.PLAY MENU Card play menu ( 45)

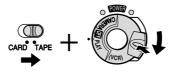
● CAM. MENU TAPE + CAMERA



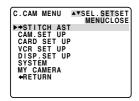


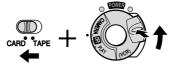
● VCR MENU TAPE + PLAY (VCR)



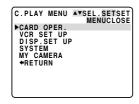


● C.CAM. MENU CARD + CAMERA





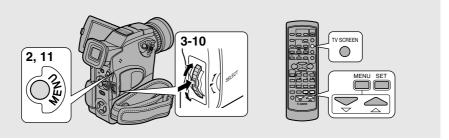
● C.PLAY MENU CARD + PLAY (VCR)





### **Selecting from the Menus**





- 1. Turn the POWER switch and the TAPE/CARD switch to the desired settings.
- 2. Press the MENU button to open the menu.
  - One of the main menus appears, according to the settings of the TAPE/CARD switch and the POWER switch.
- 3. Pull the selector dial up or down and move the arrow to the desired submenu.
- 4. Press the selector dial in to select.
  - The submenu appears.
- 5. Pull the selector dial up or down and move the arrow to the desired function.
- 6. Press the selector dial in to select.
  - The function and its settings only appear.
- 7. Pull the selector dial up or down and move the arrow to the desired setting.
  - If you are setting a function other than the white balance or shutter speed, the function will be set if you skip to step 11.
- 8. Press the selector dial in to select.
  - The function is set and you return to the submenu.
- 9. Pull the selector dial up or down and move the arrow to RETURN.
- 10. Press the selector dial in to select.
  - You return to the main menu.
- 11. Press the MENU button.
  - The main menu disappears.
- ⋒ Notes:
- Pressing the MENU button at any time closes the menu.
- Selecting  $\leftarrow$  RETURN takes you back one menu, or closes the main menu.
- Items that are unavailable, due to the tape or card situation or the settings of other menu items, appear in purple.

- You may often find it more convenient to use the wireless controller to move around the menus. Press its MENU button to open/close the menu and use the arrow keys in place of pulling the selector dial up or down. Push the SFT button to select.
- Pressing the start/stop button or the PHOTO button will close the menu and start recording.
- You can display the menus on a connected TV screen by turning TV SCREEN (\$\sum 171\$) on through the menu or using the wireless controller's TV SCREEN button. See p. 34 for TV connecting instructions.

### List of Menus



Turn to the referred page for a detailed explanation of each function.

CAM. MENU

Set the POWER switch to CAMERA and the TAPE/CARD switch to TAPE There are 6 submenus within the CAM, MENU.

- To card mix submenu
- 2 To camera set up submenu
- 3 To VCR set up submenu
- 4 To display set up submenu
- **5** To system submenu
- **6** To My Camera settings submenu

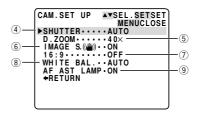
#### CAM. MENU **▲▼SEL.SETSET** MENUCLOSE →CARD MIX CAM.SET UP -VCR SET UP DISP.SET UP 0 4 SYSTEM 6 MY CAMERA **←**RETURN

### Card mix submenu



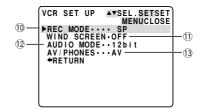
### Camera set up submenu

4	Shutter speed	$\square$	77
(5)	Digital zoom	$\square$	23
6	Image stabilizer	$\square$	58
7	16:9 effect	$\square$	21
8	White balance	$\square$	81
9	AF-Assist Lamp	$\square$	80



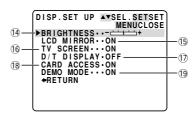
### VCR set up submenu

10 Recording mode	🗀 20
11) Wind screen	
12 Audio mode	🗀 71
13 AV or headphones	🗀 34



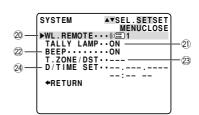
### Display set up submenu

14 Brightness	🗀 26
15 LCD Mirror mode	
16 TV screen	💢 171
17 Date/time display	🗀 53
18 Card access display	💢 109
19 Demo mode	🗀 22



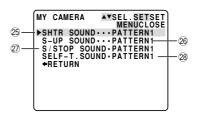
### System submenu

20	Wireless controller	<b></b>	49
21)	Tally lamp	<b>_</b>	21
22	Beep	<b>_</b>	22
23	Time zone/		
	Daylight saving time	<b>1</b>	51
24)	Date/time set	$\mathbf{m}$	53



### My Camera submenu

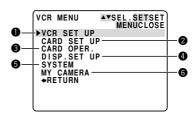
25)	Shutter sound	🗀 150
26	Start-up sound	🗀 150
27)	Start/stop sound	🗀 150
28	Self-timer sound	🗀 150



### VCR MENU

Set the POWER switch to PLAY and the TAPE/CARD switch to TAPE. There are 6 submenus within the VCR MENU.

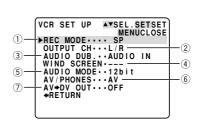
- 1 To VCR set up submenu
- 2 To card set up submenu
- **3** To card operations submenu
- 4 To display set up submenu
- To system submenu
- **6** To My Camera settings submenu



### VCR set up submenu

- ③ Audio dubbing ...... 🖺 100

- 7 Analog-digital converter .... 1 95

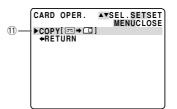


### 2 Card set up submenu



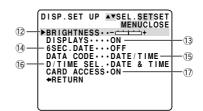
### 3 Card operations submenu

① Copy from tape to card... 🗀 146



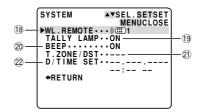
### Display set up submenu

12	Brightness	🗀 26
	Displays	
14)	6-second auto date	🗀 86
15	Data code	🗀 85
16	Date/time select	🗀 84
17)	Card access display	🗀 109



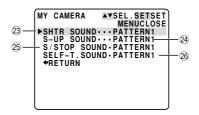
### **6** System submenu

Wireless controller	49
19 Tally Lamp	21
20 Beep	22
② Time zone/	
Daylight saving time	51
22 Date/time set	53



### 6 My Camera submenu

(23)	Shutter sound	Ш	150
24)	Start-up sound	$\mathfrak{D}$	150
25)	Start/stop sound	$\mathfrak{D}$	150
26)	Self-timer sound	m .	150

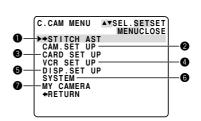


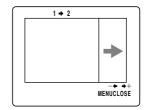
### C. CAM MENU

Set the POWER switch to CAMERA and the TAPE/CARD switch to CARD.

There are 7 submenus within the C. CAM. MENU.

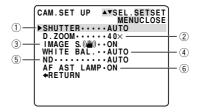
- 1 To stitch assist mode
- 2 To camera set up submenu
- 3 To card set up submenu
- 4 To VCR set up submenu
- **5** To display set up submenu
- **6** To system submenu
- 7 To My Camera settings submenu





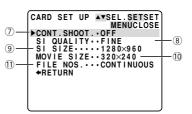
### 2 Camera set up submenu

① Shutter speed	🗀 77
② Digital zoom	🗀 23
③ Image stabilizer	🗀 58
4 White balance	🖽 81
⑤ ND filter	🗀 112
6 AF-Assist Lamp	🗀 80



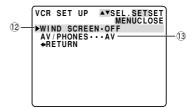
### **3** Card set up submenu

7	Continuous shooting.	🗀 13
8	Still image quality	🗀 108
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10	Movie size	🗀 108
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### **4** VCR set up submenu

12 Wind screen	$\square$	72
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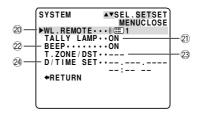
### **5** Display set up submenu

	Brightness	
15	LCD Mirror mode	27
16	TV screen	171
17)	Date/time display	153
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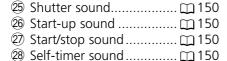
# | DISP.SET UP AVSEL.SETSET | MENUCLOSE | LCD MIRROR.ON | TV SCREEN.ON | D/T DISPLAY.OFF | T/D | CARD ACCESS.ON | DEMO MODE.ON | T/D | CARD ACCESS.ON | DEMO MODE.ON | T/D | CARD ACCESS.ON | DEMO MODE.ON | T/D | CARD ACCESS.ON | T/

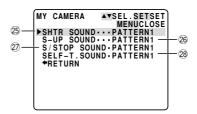
### 6 System submenu

(20)	Wireless controller	Ш	49
21)	Tally lamp	$\square$	21
22	Beep	$\square$	22
23	Time zone/		
	Daylight saving time	$\square$	51
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### My Camera submenu





### C. PLAY MENU

Set the POWER switch to PLAY and the TAPE/CARD switch to There are 5 submenus within the C. PLAY MENU.

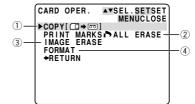
- 1 To card operations submenu
- 2 To VCR set up submenu
- 3 To display set up submenu
- 4 To system submenu
- **5** To My Camera settings submenu



### C. PLAY MENU, cont.

### **1**-1 Card operations submenu (when playing back a single image)

1	Copy from card to tape	$\square$	147
2	Erase all print marks	$\square$	129
3	Image erase	$\Box$	130
<b>(4)</b>	Format	$\Box$	148

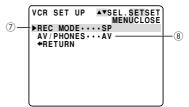


### **1**-2 Card operations submenu (when displaying an index screen)

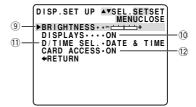
- ⑥ Print mark ...... □ 128

	CARD OPER. AVSEL.SETSET MENUCLOSE	
(5)—	▶⇒PROTECTO-	_
	→PRINT MARK → ←RETURN	<b>—</b> (6

### 2 VCR set up submenu



### 3 Display set up submenu



Using the Full Range of Features

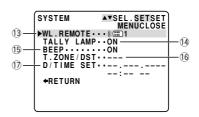
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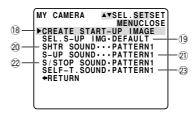
### System submenu

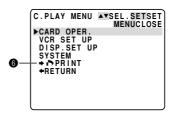
13	Wireless controller	<b>49</b>
14)	Tally Lamp	<u></u> 21
	Beep	
16	Time zone/	
	Daylight saving time	₩51
17)	Date/time set	<b>3</b> 53

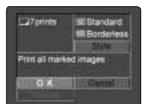
### **6** My Camera submenu

- (18) Create start-up image ..... □ 150
   (19) Select start-up image ...... □ 150
   (20) Start-up sound ...... □ 150
   (21) Start/stop sound ..... □ 150
   (22) Start/stop sound ..... □ 150
   (23) Self-timer sound ..... □ 150
- 6 Direct Printing Mode (☐ 132) (Appears when connecting a printer supporting the direct print function)









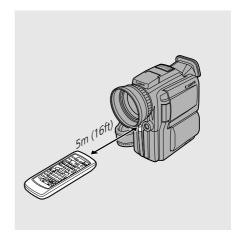
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### **Using the Wireless Controller**

The supplied wireless controller can operate the camcorder from a distance of up to 5 m (16 ft). Point it at the camcorder's remote sensor while you press the buttons.

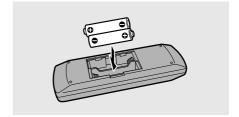
There are some functions that can only be operated with the wireless controller:

- Special playback (☐31)
- Photo/date search (
   ☐ 87)
- Audio mix ( ☐ 103)
- Analog line-in ( \$\square\$ 93)
- AV insert ( <u>□</u> 97)
- Audio dubbing ( 100)



### **Inserting Batteries**

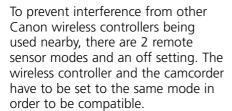
Insert two AA batteries, following the  $\oplus$  and  $\ominus$  markings. Be careful not to reverse the polarity of the batteries.

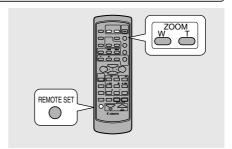


### Motes:

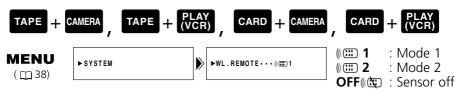
- When using the wireless controller in brightly lit places or outdoors, the effective range decreases.
- The camcorder may have difficulty picking up the remote control signals at extremely close range.
- Do not leave the controller exposed to direct sunlight, or in hot or humid places.
- When the batteries run out, replace them both together.
- If the wireless controller does not work, see p. 50.

### When Operating 2 Canon DV Camcorders (Remote Sensor Mode) 📮 🔊





The wireless controller and the camcorder have been preset to mode 1. If you change the mode on the camcorder, be sure to change the mode on the wireless controller to the same mode.



To turn the remote sensor off:

Open the menu and select SYSTEM. Then select WL.REMOTE, set it to OFF ((A)) and close the menu.

• (() appears in the display.

To change the mode...

...on the camcorder:

Open the menu and select SYSTEM. Then select WL.REMOTE, set it to ((iii) 1 or ((iii) 2 and close the menu.

• The selected mode will appear on the display for 4 seconds.

...on the wireless controller:

Press and hold the REMOTE SET button on the wireless controller.

Simultaneously press the ZOOM W button for mode 1 or the ZOOM T button for mode 2. Continue to press simultaneously for over 2 seconds.

 Be sure to set the wireless controller to the same mode as the camcorder.

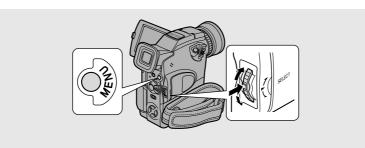
### If your wireless controller is not working:

Make sure the camcorder and the wireless controller are both set to the same mode. Check the mode the camcorder is set to by pushing any button other than the REMOTE SET button on the wireless controller. The camcorder's mode appears in purple for about 4 seconds. Set the wireless controller's mode accordingly by pressing the aforementioned button combinations. If the wireless controller still does not work, change the batteries.

### Motes:

- The mode of the camcorder also appears for 4 seconds when you turn the power on.
- When you replace the batteries, the wireless controller returns to mode 1. Change the mode again if necessary.

### **Setting the Date and Time**



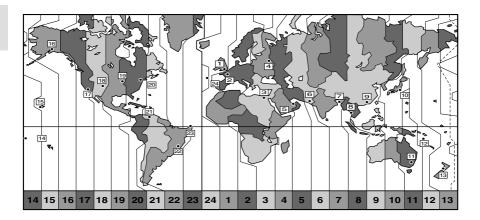
The date and/or time display forms part of the data code. You can choose to display or hide it during playback ( $\square$  84).

Set the date and time display when you first start using your camcorder. Install the backup battery before you begin ( $\square$  159).

• Before you start setting the date and time, select your home time zone from the menu.



- 1. Open the menu and select SYSTEM.
- 2. Select T.ZONE/DST.
  - The time zone display appears on the screen.
  - Your camcorder's time zone is factory-preset to Paris. If you are at another time zone, select your time zone first and daylight saving time (DST) setting if necessary.
- 3. Move up or down the list of time zones with the selector dial. Select the option that represents your time zone.
  - If you are now in daylight saving time, select the time zone with the daylight saving time mark an next to the area.
- 4. Close the menu.



No.	Time zone	No.	Time zone
1	LONDON	13	WELLGTN (Wellington)
2	PARIS	14	SAMOA
3	CAIRO	15	HONOLU. (Honolulu)
4	MOSCOW	16	ANCHOR. (Anchorage)
5	DUBAI	17	L.A. (Los Angeles)
6	KARACHI	18	DENVER
7	DACCA	19	CHICAGO
8	BANGKOK	20	N.Y. (New York)
9	H. KONG (Hong Kong)	21	CARACAS
10	TOKYO	22	RIO (Rio de Janeiro)
11	SYDNEY	23	FERNAN. (Fernando de Noronha)
12	SOLOMON	24	AZORES

### ⋒ Notes:

- Once you have selected your time zone and set the date and time, you do
  not need to reset the clock each time you travel to another time zone. Just
  set the time zone to the one of your destination and the camcorder
  automatically changes the clock.
- The camcorder automatically accounts for the number of days in a month and leap year.

### **Setting the Clock**



After you set the date and time, the date/time and home time zone will be displayed for about 4 seconds each time you turn the power on.



- 1. Open the menu and select SYSTEM.
- 2. Select D/TIME SET.
  - The year display starts to flash.
- 3. Pull the selector dial up or down to change the year. Press the dial in to move to another part of the display.
  - Once you move from the year, the next part of the display starts flashing.
- 4. Set the month, day, hours, and minutes in the same way.
- 5. Press the MENU button when finished, and to start the clock.

### ⋒ Notes:

- To make a change to part of the date and time, press the selector dial in at step 3 to move to the part to be changed. Use the dial to make the change, then close the menu.
- The date can be set to any year between 2002 and 2030.
- If you press the MENU button in the middle of setting the date and time, you leave the menu, and the clock starts.
- If you press the selector dial in after setting the minutes you can set the date and time again from the start.

### **Date and Time Display**



You can choose to display or hide the date and time display during recording. When the date and time display is set to ON, the date and time appear in the lower left-hand corner of the display but the time zone disappears in about 4 seconds. The large, 4-second display will no longer appear when you turn on the power. It is not automatically superimposed on your recordings.



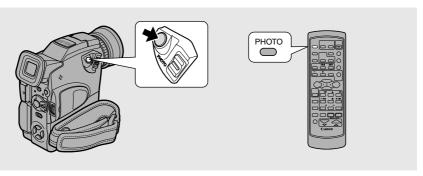
To turn it on, open the menu and select DISP.SET UP. Then select D/T DISPLAY, set it to ON and close the menu.

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### **Recording Still Images onto a Tape**



For recording still images onto a memory card, see p.111.



You can record still images like photographs. The camcorder records the picture and sound to tape for several seconds. The exposure is automatically adjusted.

Copy still images automatically to a memory card ( $\square$  146) for transferring them to a PC for image enhancement and printout. Also, starting your shooting with a still image makes it easy to find the beginning again later with the Photo Search function ( $\square$  87).

You can take a still image at any time during regular video recording, or you can set the camcorder to record pause mode first, before taking a still image.



During record mode

### Press the PHOTO button fully down and the still image will be recorded immediately.

- The camcorder records the image immediately. It records the "photo" to the tape for approximately 6 seconds. During this time the camcorder also records the sound, and the display shows the still image.
- A counter display appears, and counts up as the camcorder records the image.
- The camcorder returns to record pause mode.

### During record pause mode

### 1. Press the PHOTO button halfway down and hold it:

- "PHOTO" flashes at the bottom right of display.
- Exposure is locked.
- During autofocus flashes white in the display as the camcorder adjusts the focus and it is displayed continuously as a green mark when the camcorder is ready to take the still image.

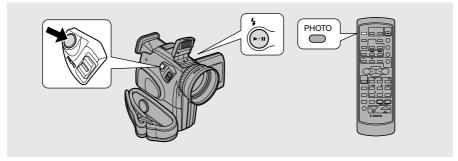
- If the subject is unsuitable for autofocus (☐ 165), the camcorder may not be able to focus, and • may continue to flash white in the display. Continue to hold the PHOTO button halfway down, then adjust the focus manually with the selector dial.
- If you are using manual focus (□79), the mark starts as a continous green mark. Focus with the focus ring.

### 2. Press the PHOTO button fully down to record the still image.

- The camcorder takes the image immediately. It records the "photo" to the tape for approximately 6 seconds. During this time the camcorder also records the sound, and the display shows the still image.
- A counter display appears, and counts up as the camcorder records the picture.
   disappears from the display.
- The camcorder returns to record pause mode.

### ⋒ Notes:

- The camcorder automatically returns to record pause mode after recording a still image for approximately 6 seconds. If you turn the POWER switch to OFF during that time, the camcorder will respond only after recording is complete.
- The wireless controller's PHOTO button has no half-way setting. Press the button fully and the camcorder immediately takes the "photo".



You can take natural-looking flash pictures with appropriate illumination even in dark places using the built-in flash. It also reduces the red-eye effect when shooting people at night or in dark indoor places.

- (Auto): The flash automatically fires according to the brightness of the subject.
- (Red-eye reduction auto): The Super Night LED lights up automatically before the flash to reduce the red-eye effect.
- **1** (Flash on): The flash is forced to fire regardless of the brightness of the subject.
- (Flash off): The flash does not fire. Use this setting when you are shooting in places where flash photography is prohibited.

### **Changing The Setting of the Flash**

TAPE + CAMERA / CARD + CAMERA

### 1. Press the & (flash) button.

The display changes in the following order with each press of the button.

 \$\dagger^{\text{A}}(\text{Auto}) → \infty (\text{Red-eye reduction auto})

- The selected mode appears in the display, with the exception of  ${\bf t}^A$  (Auto), which disappears after 4 seconds.
- When you press the flash button while Auto is selected and 4<sup>A</sup> is not displayed, 4<sup>A</sup> appears. Then, when you press the button while it is displayed, you can change the setting.

### During record pause mode

- 2. Press the PHOTO button halfway down and hold it.
  - The flash automatically rises.
  - ‡ appears green in the display.
- 3. Press the PHOTO button fully down to take the still picture.
  - The flash fires.
  - During recording, the display shows the still image.

### Returning the flash to the body

Press the flash down with your hand.

• Do not return the flash to the body while it is firing.

### Caution:

- Do not fire the flash close to people's eyes.
- Do not fire the flash at drivers while they are driving.
- Do not fire the flash with the flash bulb covered with your hand.

### Motes:

- The practical range of the flash is approximately from 1 m (3 ft 3 3/8 in) to 3 m (9 ft 10 1/8 in). Depending on the recording conditions, the range varies.
- Your camcorder automatically adjusts the flash exposure according to the brightness of the subject (Flash exposure compensation). The flash fires to perform flash exposure compensation before the main firing for taking photos. When ◎ (Red-eye reduction auto) is set, the flash fires to perform flash exposure compensation between the Super Night LED for red-eye reduction and the main firing for taking photos. It takes about 1 second between the lighting of the Super Night LED for red-eye reduction and the main firing.
- In "Red-eye reduction auto" mode, the subject needs to look at the Super Night LED in order to have red-eye reduction effective. The degree of reduction varies on the distance to the subject and also on each individual.
- If the flash is forced to fire (Flash on) in a bright location, the effect of flash photography sometimes may not be obtained.
- The flash does not fire in the following cases:
  - When expouse is locked in Auto or Red-eye reduction auto mode.
     Flash display changes to purple:
  - When a shutter speed of 1/2000 or faster is set in the TAPE CAMERA mode. However, in the case that "Flash on" is selected, the display of the selected shutter speed flashes (in purple) for four seconds, then changes to "1/1000" (yellow), and the flash fires.

The flash display flashes in red:

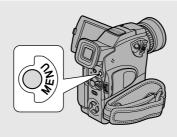
– When an abnormality occurs during charging (  $\square$  164).

The flash display disappears:

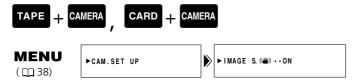
- When multi-image screen is selected.
- When you are recording movies onto a tape.
- The flash does not fire if \$\fmu\$ does not appear green in the display when you press the PHOTO button. Set it to "Flash on" mode when necessary.
- The O (red-eye reduction auto) cannot be used in stitch assist mode.
- The flash cannot be used in the Night or Super Night recording program.
- When the flash is fired with a lens hood or an optional tele-converter attached to the camcorder, its shadow may be recorded.
- When a tape recorded using a flash is played back on different equipment, the image may flicker.







With most camcorders, even the slightest hand movements will be noticeable during telephoto recording. However, the MVX2i's Optical Image Stabilizer allows you to obtain steady recordings even at high magnification. Unlike electronic image stabilizers, it causes no loss of picture quality. The Optical Image Stabilizer can compensate for a wide range of camcorder movements — you can record stable images even if you are shooting from a moving car.



# To turn the image stabilizer off, open the menu and select CAM.SET UP. Then select IMAGE S. (41), set it to OFF and close the menu.

- The ((4)) mark disappears from the display when the stabilizer is off.
- The image stabilizer cannot be turned off when the program selector is set to the ☐ (Easy Recording) position.

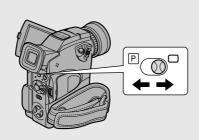
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- Keep the image stabilizer turned off when the camcorder is mounted on a tripod.
- The image stabilizer is designed to deal with a normal degree of camcorder shake
- The image stabilizer is not as effective as usual during the Low Light, Night and Super Night mode.

Using the Full Range of Features

### **Using the Various Recording Programs**





The camcorder provides you with a choice of 9 recording programs. They use different combinations of camcorder settings in order to adjust the exposure and other functions to match the recording situation.

- For simple point-and-shoot operation, select the Easy Recording program. Slide the program selector to the  $\square$  position.
- For normal shooting conditions, slide the program selector to ▶ (program AE) mode. Open the program menu and select AUTO (☐ 60).
- For various other recording conditions, the camcorder has 7 more specialised AE (auto exposure) programs.

### Availability of functions in each recording program

Position of program selector	P	P <sub>E</sub>							
Recording Program	(Easy Recording)	Auto	Sports	Portrait	Spotlight	Sand & Snow	Low Light	Night	Super Night
Digital Zoom	0	O X							
Shutter speed		O A							
Focus	A	0							
White balance		0							
Exposure		0							
Image stabilizer (ON/OFF)	ON	0							
Digital effects	×	0 0*							
16:9	×	0							
Card mix	×				(	)			

 $\bigcirc$  : Available  $\qquad$  : Not available  $\qquad$  A : Automatic function only

<sup>\*</sup> You cannot use the multi-image screen in the Night or Super Night recording program.

### **Setting the Program AE Mode**







- 1. Slide the program selector to P (program AE) mode.
- 2. Press the selector dial in to display the program menu.
- 3. Pull the selector dial up or down and select the program.
- 4. Press the selector dial in to select the desired program.
  - The program appears in the display.

### ⋒ Notes:

- The name of your selected recording program appears constantly on the left of the display, with the exception of Auto, which disappears after 4 seconds.
- Avoid changing programs during recording as the brightness of the image may change suddenly.
- If you switch the camcorder from the  $\square$  program to the  $\blacksquare$  program, the camcorder returns to the Auto program.
- When recording in dark places, a bright light in the scene may cause a vertical light bar ("smear") to appear. This is a normal feature of camcorders.

### **Easy Recording**

The simplest way to use the camcorder is with the program selector set to the  $\square$  position. The camcorder will take care of focus, exposure and other adjustments, leaving you free to point and shoot.



### **Auto**

This is the same as the Easy Recording program, except that you now have the option of using any of the camcorder's manual functions.



### **Sports**

This program is useful for recording high-speed sports scenes in brightly lit conditions. Normal playback will be slightly jerky, but you will get clear images which can be analysed frame by frame during slow or paused playback.



### **Portrait**

Use this program outdoors to make subjects stand out from a softened foreground and background. It works well for still lives and close-ups. The effect is most noticeable when the zoom position is between the middle range and the telephoto end. Focus manually for maximum accuracy, and be careful when recording action scenes, as this program may cause fast moving objects to shudder.



### **Spotlight**

This program is designed for recording spotlit scenes, such as on a stage. The exposure is automatically adjusted for glare-free recordings of subjects lit by a concentrated light source.



### Sand & Snow

Use this program in places where the background is so bright that the subject appears underexposed in the display — a sunny beach or ski resort, for example. You may notice some shudder when recording moving subjects.



### **Low Light**

This program allows you to record in dimly lit places. The shutter speed is fixed at a slow speed. It is generally best used for close-ups of slow or stationary subjects, as moving subjects may leave a trailing after-image. However, you can take advantage of this to



create special effects, by rapid zooming or by panning along with a moving subject. Image quality will not be as good as in normal lighting conditions, and autofocus may not work as good as in other modes.

### Night

This program automatically adjusts the shutter speed according to the brightness of the subject even in dark places (night time, etc.) to shoot subjects brightly in colour. It is useful when you record in locations with dark and light places (such as in amusement parks).



• You can record subjects without after-image even in light places.

### **Super Night**

Use this program to shoot in very dark places. The Super Night LED lights up, allowing you to shoot subjects in the centre of the display brightly in colour.



- Use this recording program for recording at close range (up to 2 m).
- The range of the Super Night LED is limited. Check the picture on the screen when recording.

### Motes:

Concerning Night and Super Night recording program:

- Night and Super Night cannot be used in CARD CAMERA mode.
- Moving subjects may leave a trailing after-image.
- Though subjects can be shot brightly, the image quality may not be as good as in normal lighting condition.
- White points etc. may appear in the display.
- Autofocus may not work as well as usual (in such case, adjust the focus manually).
- The flash does not fire when recording a still image.

### **Using Digital Effects**

Use the camcorder's digital effects for more interesting productions.

• Faders: Start or end scenes on a tape with a fade to or from

black ( 164). Fade Trigger, Wipe, Corner, Jump, Flip,

Puzzle, Zigzag, Beam, Tide

• Effects: Add flavour to your recordings (\$\sup\$66).

Art, Black and White, Sepia, Mosaic, Ball, Cube, Wave,

Color Mask, Mirror

• Multi-image Screen: Divides the display to show 4, 9 or 16 still images. Has 4

transition speed options: fast, moderate, slow and

manual ( 1 69).

### Availability of digital effects by mode

	TAPE CAMERA	РНОТО	TAPE PLAY (VCR)	CARD CAMERA	CARD PLAY (VCR)
Faders	0	×	0	×	×
Effects	0	0	0	<b>O</b> 1)	×
Multi-image Screen	<b>○</b> <sup>2)</sup>	<b>○</b> <sup>2)</sup>	0	×	×

○ : Available

X: Not available

- 1): Black and White only
- <sup>2)</sup>: Cannot be used in Night and Super Night recording program.
- The types of digital effects you can use depends on the setting of the TAPE/CARD switch, the POWER switch and the recording program.

### **⋒** Notes:

- When you do not wish to use digital effects, press the DIGITAL EFFECTS button and select D.EFFECT of from the digital effects menu. Press the ON/OFF button to close the menu.
- The camcorder retains your chosen digital effect setting until you change it.
- Digital effects can be selected but not operated on a blank blue screen (appears in TAPE PLAY (VCR) mode). The display continues to flash.
- Digital effects operated during TAPE PLAY (VCR) mode are not recorded onto the original tape.
- Digital effects can be added to another tape when dubbing using the AV out terminal (TAPE PLAY (VCR) mode), but not the DV out terminal.
- You cannot operate digital effects while photo/date searching.
- If you slide the program selector to 

  (Easy Recording) while the digital effect display is flashing, it will disappear from the display and reappear when you return to 

  (Program AE) mode.
- The digital effect display will flash for 2 seconds after setting, even if DISPLAYS is set to OFF in the menu.

### **Faders**

### Fade Trigger (FADE-T)

The image gradually fades in.



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### Wipe (WIPE)

The image begins as a thin vertical line in the centre of the screen and expands sideways until it fills the whole screen.



The image is wiped off from both sides of the screen.

### **Corner Wipe (CORNER)**

The image appears from the corners until it fills the whole screen.



The image is wiped off from the corners

### Jump (JUMP)

A small image appears from the left, jumps into the centre and enlarges until it fills the whole screen.



The image shrinks, jumps from the centre to the left and disappears.

### Flip (FLIP)

The image flips into the screen.



The image flips out of the screen.

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### **Faders**

### Puzzle (PUZZLE)

The image appears in 16 pieces.

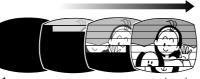
The pieces move around until the puzzle is solved.



The image divides into 16 pieces. The pieces move around and disappear.

### Zigzag (ZIGZAG)

The image appears in zigzag from the top of the screen.



White stripes appear in zigzag from the bottom of the screen until they cover the whole image.

### Beam (BEAM)

The screen turns yellow, forms a beam and the full image appears.



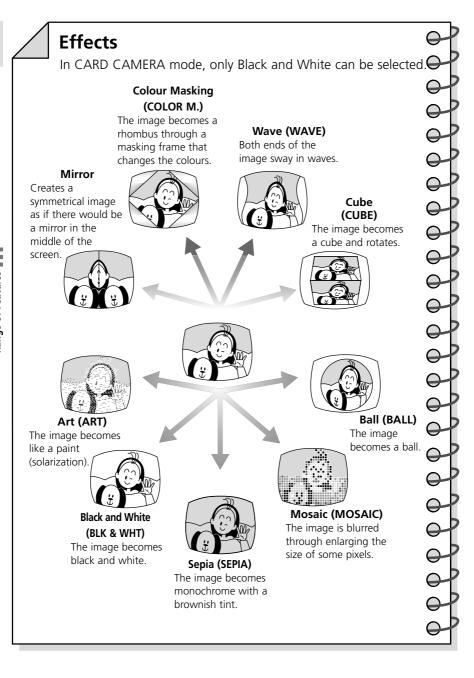
A yellow beam appears in the middle of the screen and expands until it covers the whole image.

### Tide (TIDE)

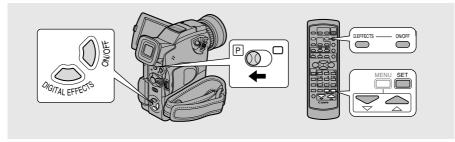
The image appears from both sides like tides.



The image disappears from both sides like tides.



Digital effects can be set with the controls on the body of the camcorder or the wireless controller.



### **Operating Faders**



Sound and image fade together.

When operating faders in TAPE CAMERA mode, make sure the program selector is set to **P**.



### Select fader

- 1. Press the DIGITAL EFFECTS button to open the digital effects menu.
  - D.EFFECT **THE**, FADER, EFFECT and MULTI-S appear.
- 2. Select FADER.
  - The settings appear.
- 3. Select the desired setting.
  - You return to the digital effects menu.
- 4. Press the DIGITAL EFFECTS button to close the menu.
  - The name of your selected fader flashes in the display.

### Fader on/off

- 5. Press the ON/OFF button.
  - The name of your selection stops flashing.
  - Each time you press the ON/OFF button, the chosen fader is activated (display lights continuously) or deactivated (display flashes).
- **6.** In TAPE CAMERA mode:

Fade in- Press the start/stop button. Fade out- Press the start/stop button.

In TAPE PLAY (VCR) mode:

Fade in- Press the ▶ (play) button. Fade out- Press the ■ (pause) button.

### **Operating Effects**



Sound records/plays back normally.

When operating effects in TAPE CAMERA or CARD CAMERA mode, make sure the program selector is set to **P**.



Select effect

- 1. Press the DIGITAL EFFECTS button to open the digital effects menu.
  - D.EFFECT **DEE**, FADER, EFFECT and MULTI-S appear.
- 2. Select EFFECT.
  - The settings appear.
- 3. Select the desired setting.
  - You return to the digital effects menu.
- 4. Press the DIGITAL EFFECTS button to close the menu.
  - The menu disappears and the name of your selected setting flashes in the display.

Effect on/off

- 5. In TAPE PLAY (VCR) mode, press the ▶ (play) button.
- 6. Press the ON/OFF button.
  - The name of your selection stops flashing and takes effect on the display.
  - Each time you press the ON/OFF button, the chosen effect is activated or deactivated.



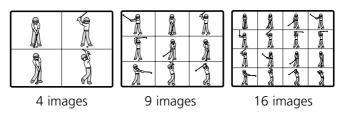
- 1. Press the DIGITAL EFFECT button.
  - BLK&WHT flashes in the display.
- 2. Press the ON/OFF button.
  - The effect is activated and the image appears in black and white.

### **Using the Multi-Image Screen**



Divides your display image into 4, 9 or 16 smaller images with the Image Capture feature. With this feature, the camcorder captures the current scene being shot or replayed. Choose the transition speed — manual, fast (every 4 frames), moderate (every 6 frames\*) or slow (every 8 frames\*) — at which to capture a moving subject, such as a person playing tennis or golf. Sound is recorded normally.

\* In Low Light mode: moderate (every 8 frames), slow (every 12 frames)



### Operating the Multi-image Screen

When operating the multi-image screen in TAPE CAMERA mode, make sure the program selector is set to 
and set to any program other than the Night or Super Night recording program.

In TAPE PLAY (VCR) mode, you can only operate the multi-image screen in the following playback modes:

When M.S.SPEED is set to MANUAL: Still picture playback, slow forward/reverse playback

When M.S.SPEED is set to FAST, MODERATE or SLOW: Still picture playback



### Select multi-image screen

- 1. Press the DIGITAL EFFECTS button to open the digital effects menu.
  - D.EFFECT **THE**, FADER, EFFECT and MULTI-S appear.
- 2. Select MULTI-S.
  - M.S. SPEED and M.S. SPLIT settings appear.
- 3. Select M.S. SPEED.
  - MANUAL, FAST, MODERATE and SLOW settings appear.
- 4. Select the desired setting.
  - You return to the digital effects menu.
- 5. Select MULTI-S again.
  - M.S. SPEED and M.S. SPLIT settings appear.
- 6. Select M.S.SPLIT.
  - 4, 9, 16 settings appear.

### 7. Select the desired setting.

• You return to the digital effects menu.

### 8. Press the DIGITAL EFFECTS button to close the menu.

- The digital effects menu disappears.
- MULTI-S flashes in the display.

### Multi-image screen on/off

#### 9. Push the ON/OFF button.

- MULTI-S stops flashing.
- Manual: As you press the ON/OFF button, scenes will be captured one
  after another the indicated number of times. If you push and hold the
  ON/OFF button for more than a second, the last image captured will be
  erased.
- The currently recording image is framed in blue. The frame disappears after the last image is captured.
- Automatic: The camcorder will capture the indicated number of images at the indicated speed.

### 10.In TAPE CAMERA mode, push the start/stop button or the PHOTO button to begin recording.

• The multi-image screen is recorded to the tape.

### Motes:

- You can operate the multi-image screen from record or record pause mode.
- After all the images have been captured, press the ON/OFF button quickly to cancel the multi-image screen.
- If you are operating the multi-image screen in TAPE PLAY (VCR) mode and you stop or pause the tape, or press any other playback button or the date/photo search button, the multi-image screen will be cancelled. (This does not apply with the MANUAL multi-image speed.)
- You cannot use digital zoom or the 16:9 mode when the multi-image screen is set. The display becomes "--".

### **Audio Recording**

### **Selecting the Audio Mode**



The comcorder can record sound on a tape in two audio modes — 16-bit and 12-bit. The 16-bit mode produces the higher sound quality (slightly superior to CD) while the 12-bit mode records on two channels (stereo 1), leaving two channels free (stereo 2) for you to add new sound later.

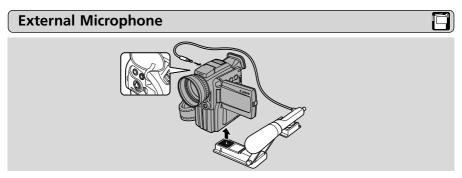


## To switch to the 16-bit mode, open the menu and select VCR SET UP. Then select AUDIO MODE, set it to "16 bit" and close the menu.

• "16 bit" is shown in the display for approximately 4 seconds.

### **⋒** Notes:

- For details on adding new sound, see p. 100.
- For details of playing back a tape that has new sound on stereo 2, see p. 103.
- When you record to the MVX2i from a camcorder with DV terminal outputs, the audio mode becomes automatically set to 12 bit.
- In TAPE PLAY (VCR) mode, the audio mode takes effect when doing analog line-in recording or AV insert. When you do DV in recording, the setting automatically changes to that of the digital device connected to the camcorder.



For greater creative control over audio recording, you can connect an external microphone to the camcorder via the MIC terminal. When using the MIC terminal, use a microphone with a built-in power supply (condenser microphone). It is possible to connect almost any stereo microphone with a plug diameter of 3.5 mm (1/8 in), however, their audio levels will be different from that of the built-in microphone.

Attach the microphone to the optional SA-1 Adapter Bracket.

### **⋒** Note:

• When using an external microphone, use a microphone cable not longer than 3 m (9 ft 10 1/8 in) to avoid electromagnetic inerference.

### Wind Screen



The camcorder has an automatic wind screen to prevent wind noise from interfering with the sound track. Make sure it's off when you want the microphone to be as sensitive as possible. Use the wind screen when recording in windy places such as the beach or near buildings.



To turn it on, open the menu and select VCR SET UP. Then select WIND SCREEN, set it to ON and close the menu.

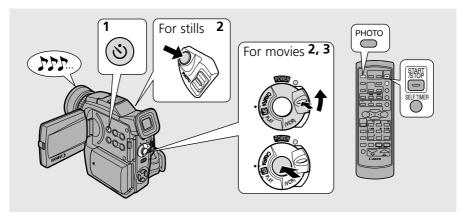
• WS **ON** is shown in the display when you turn the wind screen on.

### Motes:

- The wind screen can be used for audio dubbing with the built-in microphone in TAPE PLAY (VCR) mode as well as recording (when AUDIO DUB. is set to MIC. IN in VCR SET UP submenu).
- The wind screen does not operate when an external microphone is connected to the MIC terminal.

## **Setting the Self-Timer**





This is useful when you wish to include yourself in the picture when recording movies or still images to a tape or memory card.



1. Press the  $\heartsuit$  self-timer button on the body of the camcorder or

## the SELF TIMER button on the wireless controller.

- SELF T appears in the display.
- To have the subject monitor recording, rotate the LCD panel 180° (\$\square\$27).

## For movies

## 2. Press the start/stop button.

- The camcorder starts to record after a 10-second countdown period (or after 2 seconds when you use the wireless controller). The time remaining counts down in the display (e.g. "5 SEC").
- SELF T disappears from the display when recording begins.
- The tally lamp starts flashing.
- 3. Press the start/stop button to end recording.

For stills

## 2. Press the PHOTO button on the camcorder body or the wireless controller.

• The camcorder automatically adjusts the focus 2 seconds before the countdown is complete. The ● mark flashes white then turns green after the focus and exposure are set. If you are using the wireless controller, the ● mark starts flashing immediately after you press the PHOTO button.

- The camcorder takes the picture for approximately 6 seconds.
- In TAPE CAMERA mode, the camcorder returns to record pause mode after recording to a tape. If you're in CARD CAMERA mode, the currently recording image appears after recording onto a memory card.

## **⋒** Note:

• To cancel the self-timer, press the  $\mathfrak V$  self-timer button, start/stop button (when recording a movie) or PHOTO button (when recording a still image).

## **Adjusting Exposure Manually**

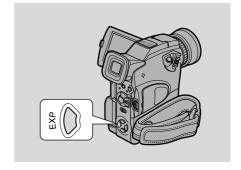


## **Exposure Lock**



CARD + CAMERA

When you are recording in situations where the lighting may change suddenly, you can lock the exposure at the current level in order to control the brightness of the image.



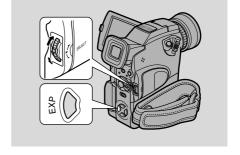
To lock the exposure, press the EXP button. Press it again to return to auto exposure.

## **Exposure Adjustment**

TAPE + CAMERA

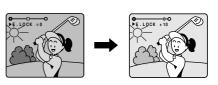
CARD + CAMERA

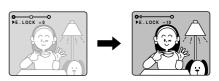
When the exposure is locked, you can adjust it manually, making the picture brighter or darker in order to deal with difficult lighting conditions. The camera's iris can be manually set to any position from fully closed to fully open.



To make the recorded image brighter, pull the selector dial up (to a maximum of +11). This may be necessary if the background is very bright, or if the subject is lit from behind.

To make the recorded image darker, pull the selector dial down (to a minimum of –11). This may be necessary if the background is very dark, or if the subject is spotlit.





# Using the Full Range of Features

## **⋒** Notes:

- The standard exposure level depends on which recording program you have selected.
- Exposure lock is cancelled if you change recording programs.
- You cannot use exposure lock or adjustment when the program selector is set to the ☐ (Easy Recording) position.
- If you zoom while the exposure is locked, the brightness of the scene may change.

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## Using the Full Range of Features

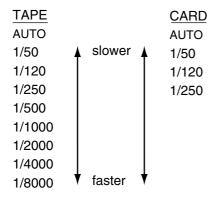
## **Setting the Shutter Speed**



Set the shutter speed manually to take stable shots of quickly moving subjects.



- 1. Make sure the camcorder is set to the P (program AE) mode.
- 2. Press the selector dial in and choose AUTO from the program menu.
- 3. Open the menu and select CAM.SET UP.
- 4. Select SHUTTER.
- 5. Press the selector dial in to select the desired shutter speed.



- Only shutter speeds up to 1/250 are available when using a memory card.
- 6. Close the menu.

## Guidelines for shooting using high shutter speeds

• When shooting with a shutter speed of 1/1000 or higher, do not shoot the sun directly.

## Recommended shutter speeds when shooting:

- People doing outdoor sports such as golf or tennis

1/2000 or 1/4000 (or 1/8000 to freeze the action even more clearly)

- Moving cars or trains or other rapidly moving vehicles such as roller coasters

1/1000, 1/500 or 1/250

 People doing indoor sports such as basketball



1/120

## 🖮 Notes:

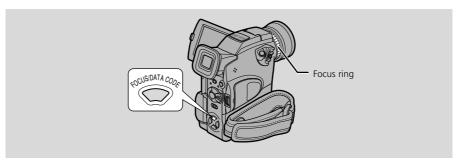
- You cannot set the shutter speed in any recording program other than AUTO.
- The image may not appear smooth when a high shutter speed is set.
- The camcorder returns to the auto shutter setting when you slide the program selector to  $\square$  (Easy Recording), or change the recording program.
- If you set the shutter speed to 1/500 or above in TAPE CAMERA mode and then switch the camcorder to CARD CAMERA mode, the shutter speed will automatically change to 1/250.

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## **Adjusting Focus Manually**



The camcorder focuses automatically. All you have to do is point and the subject in the centre of the screen will usually be in sharp focus. It may happen that a subject is not suitable for autofocus. Use the manual focusing function to adjust the focus.



### 1. Press the FOCUS button to turn the autofocus off.

- MF appears in the display.
- The focus remains locked at the point set by autofocus.

## 2. Rotate the focus ring to set the focus.

- Rotate the focus ring clockwise to move the focus farther away.
- Rotate the focus ring counterclockwise to bring the focus nearer.
- If you zoom in on your subject after turning off the autofocus, it may not stay in focus. It is generally best to adjust the zoom first and then the focus.

## **⋒** Notes:

- The camcorder will return to autofocus when selecting the ☐ (Easy Recording) program.
- Autofocus can not be turned off in ☐ (Easy Recording) program.
- See "Troubleshooting" on p. 165 for a list of subjects that may not be suitable for autofocus.

## **Infinity Focus**

Use this function when you wish to focus on faraway subjects such as mountains or fireworks

Press the focus button more than 3 seconds in step 1 above to record in infinity focus mode. The MF $\infty$  icon will appear on the display.  $\infty$  will disappear when you operate the zoom or the focus ring and the camcorder will change to manual focus.

## **Turning Off the AF-Assist Lamp**

The AF-assist lamp (Super Night LED) lights up to illuminate the subject in the centre of the screen if necessary in order to focus in dark places.



To turn the AF-assist light off, open the menu and select CAM.SET UP. Then select AF and set it to OFF.

## ⋒ Notes:

- The camcorder may not focus automatically even though the AF-assist lamp is lighting (in such cases, adjust the focus manually).
- The AF-assist lamp lights brightly. Consider turning off the AF-assist lamp in public places such as in restaurants or theaters.
- Turn the AF-assist lamp off in places where flash photography is prohibited.

## **Setting the White Balance**



The camcorder's auto white balance system compensates for a wide range of lighting conditions.

Although slight variations are unavoidable, colours will appear natural in virtually every situation.

In some cases, you will get better results by setting the white balance yourself, or using one of the two preset modes:

- 小 Indoor Mode
  - Under halogen or studio/video lighting
  - Subject is of one dominant colour
  - Close ups
- \* Outdoor mode
  - In daylight, especially for close-ups and when the subject is of one dominant colour



- 1. Make sure the camcorder is set to the P (program AE) mode.
- 2. Open the menu and select CAM.SET UP.
- 3. Select WHITE BAL.
- 4. a) For the indoor, outdoor or auto settings, press the selector dial in to choose the setting.
  - ♣/★ appears in the display when you set the white balance to indoor/outdoor mode.
  - b) To set the white balance yourself, point the camcorder at a white object (such as a sheet of paper) and zoom in until it fills the display. Then press the selector dial in to select SET
    - Make sure to continue pointing the camcorder at the white object until you have finished setting the white balance.
    - The 🗻 display flashes then remains lit.
    - Depending on the light source, the flashing may at times continue. The result will still be better than with the auto setting and you can continue recording.
- 5. Close the menu.



Setting the white balance manually will probably work better than auto white balance when shooting:

Subjects with one dominant colour, such as sky, sea or forest



Close-ups



In rapidly changing lighting conditions



In places lit by certain types of fluorescent or mercury vapour lights



## ⋒ Notes:

- Turn the digital zoom off (if necessary) to set a more accurate white balance.
- If you have set the white balance and lighting conditions change, reset the white balance.
- Try to record with light from a single source. Correct white balance cannot be obtained for two types of lighting at once.
- You cannot set the white balance or choose the indoor/outdoor mode when the program selector is set to the  $\square$  (Easy Recording) program.
- The white balance returns to the AUTO setting when you slide the program selector to (Easy Recording).
- The camcorder retains the setting even if you turn the camcorder off.
- During normal outdoor shooting, setting to AUTO may provide better results

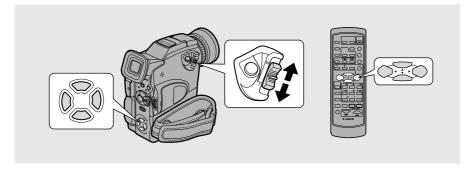
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## **Enlarging the Image during Playback**



You can enlarge the image up to 5 times during TAPE PLAY (VCR) and CARD PLAY (VCR) mode. You can also move the image up, down, to the right or left.

Movies played back from a memory card cannot be enlarged.





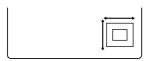


## During Playback

- 1. Move the zoom lever toward T.
  - The image is magnified by 2 times.
  - To further enlarge the image, move the zoom lever toward T. To shrink the image below 2 times magnification, move the zoom lever toward
  - A frame appears, indicating the enlarged portion of the image.
- 2. Move the image to the right and left by pressing the ◀ or ▶ button.

Move the image up and down by pressing the  $\triangle$  or  $\nabla$ button.

• The image and the frame indicating the position move.



3. To cancel, move the zoom lever toward W until the frame disappears.

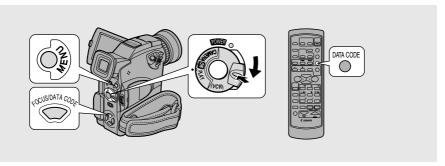


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## **Displaying Date, Time and Camcorder Data (Data Code)**

A data code, containing the date and time the recording was made and other camcorder data (shutter speed and exposure settings) is automatically recorded on a special data section of the tape.

 Only the date and time appear in the data code when using a memory card.



During TAPE PLAY (VCR) mode, the data code can be displayed or hidden while the camcorder is in play, slow or still mode.

Camcorder data may be displayed as "---" during fast forward, rewind, reverse playback, forward and reverse  $\times 2$  playback.

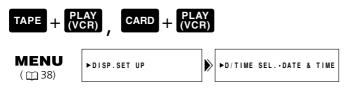
## Press the DATA CODE button. When using a cassette, press it while the camcorder is in play, slow or still mode.

- Press it once to display, once more to hide it.
- The data code will also be displayed on a TV screen connected to the camcorder.

## **Selecting Date/Time**



Select whether you want the date, the time, or both to show up on your data code display.



To change the date and time combination, open the menu and select DISP.SET UP. Then select D/TIME SEL, set it to DATE, TIME or DATE & TIME and close the menu.

## **Setting the Data Code**



You can also choose to display camcorder data (shutter speed and exposure settings) in cassette data codes.



To change, open the menu and select DISP.SET UP. Then select DATA CODE, set it to DATE/TIME, CAMERA DATA or CAM. & D/T and close the menu.

Possible data code combinations for cassettes:

DATA CODE (tape only) D/TIME SEL.	Date/Time	Camcoder data	Date/Time & Camcoder data
Date	1.JAN.2002	F1.8 1/250	F1.8 1/250 1.JAN.2002
Time	12:00:00 AM	F1.8 1/250	F1.8 1/250 12:00:00 AM
Date & Time	12:00 AM 1.JAN.2002	F1.8 1/250	F1.8 1/250 12:00 AM 1.JAN.2002

## **⋒** Notes:

- The data code will read "---" in the following situations:
  - During playback of a blank section of tape.
  - If the tape was recorded before entering the date and time in the camcorder's memory.
  - If the tape was recorded on a camcorder without a data code function.
  - If noise or tape damage prevents the data code from being read.
- If a recording made on MVX2i is played back on a different DV camcorder, the data code may not be displayed correctly.
- The data code will appear in the display even if DISPLAYS ( 171) has been set to OFF through the menu.

The 6-second auto date appears for 6 seconds to mark the changeover of a day if the tape was being recorded at 12:00 midnight. It also appears for 6 seconds when you start playback and have the data code turned off. The 6-second auto date will adjust for any time zone changes you have indicated.



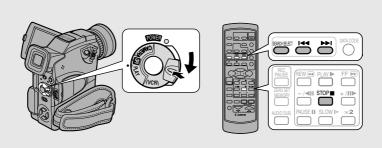
To turn the 6-second auto date on, open the menu and select DISP.SET UP. Then select 6SEC. DATE, set it to ON and close the menu.

## ⋒ Note:

• When 6SEC.DATE is turned on but DISPLAYS ( 171) is turned off, the six-second auto date will still appear for 6 seconds.

## **Searching the Tape (Photo Search/Date Search)**





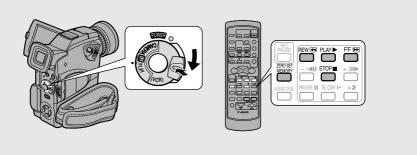
This allows you to move quickly through still pictures recorded anywhere on a tape (photo search) or between different days or areas of recording (date search) on a tape.



- 1. Press the SEARCH SELECT button to choose between photo/date search.
  - PHOTO SEARCH or DATE SEARCH appears in the display for 4 seconds.
- 2. Press the ◄◄ and ►► buttons to move backwards or forwards through the still images or between different days of recording.
  - Press once to move to the start of the previous/next still image or day on the tape.
  - You can press more than once to move to the corresponding still image or day (up to a maximum of 10 times), e.g. press the ►► button 5 times to move forward 5 still images or days.
  - PHOTO SEARCH/DATE SEARCH appears in the middle of the display alongside the I◄◄ or ►► mark and number to search through. You can change direction easily by pressing the button for the opposite direction.

## ⋒ Notes:

- Press (stop) to stop searching.
- If you begin a search very close to the start of a recorded still image during photo search, the camcorder may skip straight past it.
- When you have set the time zone, date search also looks for the change in date based on the adjusted time.
- A date/time zone cannot be identified if the total recording time on that day/time zone was less than 1 minute.
- Date search playback may start just before or after the beginning of the located section.
- If the data code is not displayed correctly you will not be able to operate the date search correctly.



Use the wireless controller to mark a point on a tape that you want to return to following playback.



- Press the ZERO SET MEMORY button on the wireless controller during playback at a point you want to return to later.

  - Press the ZERO SET MEMORY button once more to cancel the zero set memory.
- 2. When you have finished playback, fast forward or rewind the tape. The tape stops automatically when it reaches the zero set position.
  - RTN►► or **◄◄RTN** appears in the display.
  - The tape counter with **M** indication disappears from the display and the time code reappears.

## ⋒ Notes:

- The zero set memory may not function correctly where there is a break between recordings on the tape.
- You can also use zero set memory to mark a position on a tape in TAPE CAMERA mode. When you then play back the tape, pressing rewind will take you back to the pre-marked position.
- If you remove the tape while the zero set memory is set, the memory is cancelled and the tape counter reverts to time code.
- The camcorder remembers your setting even if you turn it off and back on again or move the program selector.

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## **Editing to a VCR**

By connecting the camcorder to a VCR, you can edit your recordings in order to remove unwanted scenes — or combine different shots to create your own video productions.

## **Preparations**

- 1. Connect the camcorder to the VCR.
  - See "Connections for Playback on a TV Screen" on p. 34.
- 2. Prepare the TV and VCR.
  - Turn on the TV and set the TV/VIDEO selector to VIDEO.
  - Turn on the VCR, and set its input selector to LINE. Load a blank cassette, and put the VCR in record pause mode.
  - See your TV and VCR instruction manuals for details.
- 3. Turn the camcorder's POWER switch to PLAY (VCR), and move the camcorder's TAPE/CARD switch to TAPE.
  - Make sure the AV/headphone terminal is set to AV through the menu ( 34). If PHONES appears in the display, switch the terminal.
- 4. Load your recorded cassette.

## **Editing**



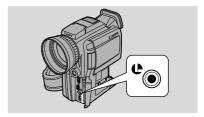
- 1. Find a point on your recorded cassette slightly before the section you wish to copy.
- 2. Start to play it back while you monitor the picture on the TV.
- 3. Start recording on the VCR as soon as the section you wish to copy appears on the screen.
- 4. Pause the VCR at the end of the section you wish to copy, then stop playback on the camcorder.
- 5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 until your edited recording is complete.

## 🕋 Note:

• The quality of the edited tape will be slightly lower than that of the original.

## (LANC) Terminal

The **t** terminal allows you to connect the camcorder to equipment. Some buttons on editing equipment may operate differently from those on the camcorder.



## Motes:

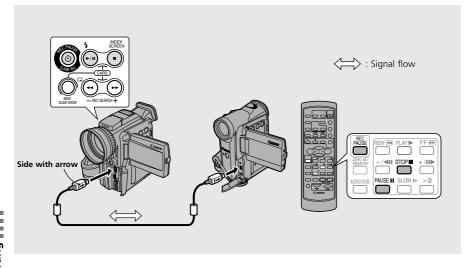
- **(LANC)** is a trademark. It stands for Local Application Control Bus System.
- We cannot guarantee the results when connecting to equipment not bearing the LANC ♠ symbol.

## Editing |

## **Dubbing to/from a Tape with Digital Video Equipment**

Digital video equipment fitted with the DV terminal lets you edit, copy and transfer data digitally, with virtually no generation loss in image and sound quality. The DV terminal is for both line-in and line-out, since a single DV cable can handle data in both directions.

- If a digital VCR is connected and an anomalous signal is sent from the VCR, the images recorded on the tape may also be anomalous (although it may not appear so on the TV image), or not recorded at all.
- You are unable to dub tapes recorded with the copyright protective signal.



## **Preparations**

Example dubbing to the camcorder

- 1. Connect the camcorder and the other digital device.
  - Connect the Canon CV-150F DV cable (optional) with the sides of the plugs marked with the arrows facing as shown above.
- 2. Prepare the other device.
  - Turn on the power and load a recorded cassette.
- 3. Turn the camcorder's POWER switch to PLAY (VCR), and move the camcorder's TAPE/CARD switch to TAPE.
  - DV IN appears in the display.
- 4. Load a blank cassette.

## **Dubbing**



- 1. Find a point on your recorded cassette slightly before the section you wish to copy and set it to playback pause mode.
- 2. Press the REC PAUSE button on the wireless controller.
  - The camcorder enters record pause mode.
- 3. Start playback on the other digital device while you monitor the picture.
- 4. Press the pause button.
  - Recording starts.
- 5. When you get to the point where you wish to stop recording, press the stop button or the pause button.
  - Recording stops.
- 6. Stop playback on the other device.

## ⋒ Notes:

- Blanks between recordings on the playback tape are recorded as anomalous images on the tape that is being recorded to.
- When dubbing to a tape via the DV terminal, make sure that AV → DV is not displayed on the screen. If so, set AV → DV OUT to OFF (□96).





## **Concerning Copyrighting**

## Copyright precaution

Certain pre-recorded video tapes, films and other materials, as well as some television programmes are copyrighted. Unauthorized recording of these materials may violate copyright protection laws.

## Copyright signals

When playing back:

If you try to play back a tape that contains copyright control signals for the protection of software, "COPYRIGHT PROTECTED PLAYBACK IS RESTRICTED" appears in the display for a few seconds and then the camcorder displays a blank blue screen; you cannot view the contents of the tape.

## When recording:

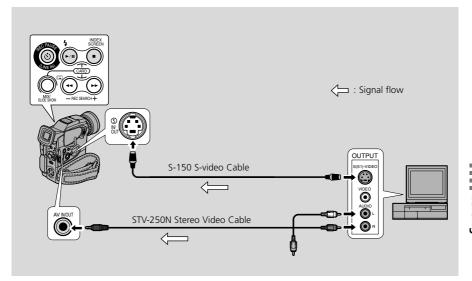
If you try to record from software that contains copyright control signals for the protection of software, "COPYRIGHT PROTECTED DUBBING RESTRICTED" appears in the display; you cannot record the contents of the software.

You cannot record copyright protection signals to a tape using this camcorder.

## Recording from a VCR, TV or Analog Camcorder (Analog Line-in)

You can record a video played on your VCR or analog camcorder (for digital camcorders, see p. 90) or a TV program onto a tape in the MVX2i, if the TV or other device has audio/video outputs.

- If an anomalous signal is sent from the TV or VCR, the images recorded on the tape may also be anomalous (although it may not appear so on the TV image), not recorded at all, or COPYRIGHT PROTECTED DUBBING RESTRICTED may appear in the display.
- You are unable to dub tapes recorded with the copyright protective signal.
- For higher picture quality, we recommend using the S-150 S-video cable when doing analog line-in recording.



You cannot use headphones while doing analog line-in recording. If you have the AV/headphones terminal set to headphones, it will automatically switch to AV for analog line-in recording. PHONES disappears from the display.

## **Preparations**

Example recording from a VCR

## 1. Connect the camcorder to the VCR.

## 2. Prepare the device.

- Set the TV/Video selector on the television to Video. For further details, see "Connections for Playback on a TV Screen" on p. 34.
- Turn on the VCR. Load your recorded cassette, and put the VCR in playback pause mode.
- See your TV and VCR instruction manuals for details.





- 3. Turn the camcorder's POWER switch to to PLAY (VCR), and move the camcorder's TAPE/CARD switch to TAPE.
- 4. Load a blank cassette.

## **Dubbing**



- 1. Find a point on your recorded cassette slightly before the section you wish to copy and set it to playback pause mode.
- 2. Press the REC PAUSE button on the wireless controller.
  - S-video and AV IN/OUT terminals work as input terminals.
  - The camcorder enters record pause mode.
- 3. Start playback on the other device or turn on the TV to see the desired program while you monitor the picture.
- 4. Press the pause button.
  - Recording starts.
- 5. When you get to the point where you wish to stop recording, press the stop button or the pause button.
  - Recording stops.
- 6. Stop playback on the other device.

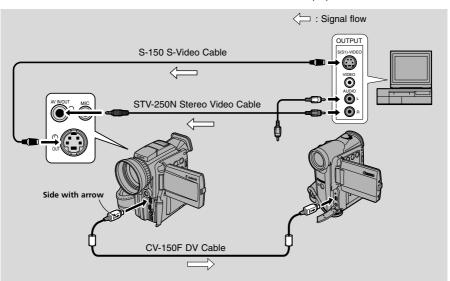
## Mote:

• You can monitor the picture in the viewfinder or LCD screen.

## Digitally Outputting Analog Video and Audio Signals (Analog-Digital Converter)

Connecting the camcorder to your VCR or 8 mm video camera allows conversion of recorded analog video and audio signals to digital signals in an instant. The digital signals can be output to the other equipment with a DV terminal. The camcorder's DV terminal works exclusively as an output terminal.

- There may be cases where analog-digital conversion cannot be done properly, depending on the signals output from the connected equipment. For example: Signals that include the copyright protective signal, or anomalous signals such as ones that include ghost signals, etc.
- You cannot use your headphones during digital conversion. Even if the AV/headphone terminal is set to "PHONES" through the menu, it will automatically be set to "AV", and "PHONES" will disappear from the display.
- You are recommended to use power from a household power socket with the power adapter.
- Do not operate with a cassette inserted to the camcorder.
- Turn off the power of all equipment before performing connections.
- Refer also to the instruction manuals of the other equipment connected.



Above illustration shows the connection using a S-video cable. You can also connect to the VIDEO terminal instead ( \( \sigma 36 \)).

## **Turning the Analog-Digital Converter On**



**MENU** ( ( 38)



To turn the analog-digital converter on, open the menu and select VCR SET UP. Then select AV → DV OUT, set it to ON and close the menu.

OR

Press the AV → DV button on the wireless controller.

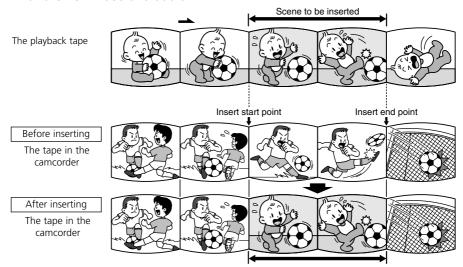
### Caution:

- For normal use, set AV → DV OUT to OFF (so that AV → DV does not appear in the display). If it is set to ON, you cannot input digital signals through the camcorder's DV terminal.
- When connecting to a PC equipped with a DV terminal, you may not be able to transfer converted signals to your PC, depending on the software you are using, and the specifications of your PC and its settings.

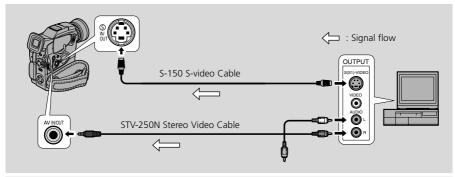
## Edit

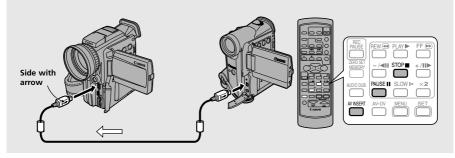
## **Recording Over Existing Scenes (AV Insert Editing)**

You can insert and replace images/audio recorded on the camcorder's tape with other images/audio recorded with other video equipment using both, analog line-in or DV in terminals. Original video and audio will be replaced with the new video and audio.



The video and audio of the new scene replace that of the old.





## **Preparations**

## The tape in the camcorder:

When using the MVX2i's AV insert function, only record to tapes recorded in SP mode.

If there are non-recorded portions or portions recorded in a mode other than SP mode on the tape, recording will stop.

## The playback tape:

Use only tapes without non-recorded portions.

If there are non-recorded portions or changes in the recording mode, you may not be able to insert AV correctly.

You cannot insert AV in the following cases:

- The playback tape has been poorly recorded.
- During special playback: fast forward playback, rewind playback or slow playback etc. (analog only).

### TV:

You cannot insert AV from a TV program with anomalous synchronized signals, such as when the program itself received poor signals.

## Example recording from a VCR

1. Connect the camcorder to the VCR.

## 2. Prepare the VCR and TV.

- Set the TV/Video selector on the televison to Video. For further details, see "Connections for Playback on a TV Screen" on p. 34.
- Turn on the VCR and load a recorded cassette.
- See TV and VCR instruction manuals for details.

## 3. Turn the camcorder's POWER switch to PLAY (VCR) and load a recorded cassette.

- Make sure the REC/SAVE tab on the cassette has been slid to REC (closed position).
- 4. Move the camcorder's TAPE/CARD switch to TAPE.

## **Editing**

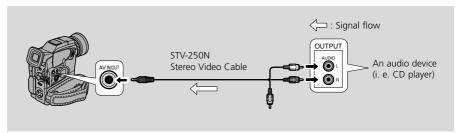


- 1. On the VCR, locate a point 3 seconds before the scene to be inserted. Set the VCR to playback pause mode.
- 2. On the camcorder, press PLAY and locate the recording start point. Set the camcorder to playback pause mode.
  - You can use the playback buttons on the body of the camcorder or the special playback functions on the wireless controller in the same way as in playback mode.
- 3. Press the AV INSERT button.
  - AV INSERT and **II** appear in the display.
- 4. Play back the cassette in the VCR.
- 5. To start inserting, press the PAUSE button on the camcorder.
   ● ■ Changes to .
- 6. To stop inserting, press the STOP button on the camcorder.
  - Inserting stops and AV INSERT disappears from the display. The camcorder returns to stop mode.
  - If instead of pressing STOP you press PAUSE, the camcorder returns to the AV insert pause mode.
  - If you set the zero set memory at the position on the tape where you want to stop inserting, every time you return to that point, the camcorder will cancel its AV inserting and enter stop mode.
- 7. Stop playback on the VCR.



You can add sound to the original sound on a pre-recorded tape from audio devices (AUDIO IN) or with the internal or external microphone (MIC. IN). The original sound will not be erased. For best results, add sound to tapes that have been recorded with this camcorder in SP mode with 12-bit sound. If there are non-recorded portions on the tape, or portions recorded in a mode other than SP mode, or with 16-bit or 12-bit 4-channel sound, dubbing will stop. If your tape has not been recorded in SP mode with 12-bit sound, we recommend dubbing your original tape onto a blank tape using the MVX2i's analog line-in function, then dubbing audio onto the new tape. Make absolutely sure to set the audio mode of the new tape to 12-bit and the recording mode to SP.

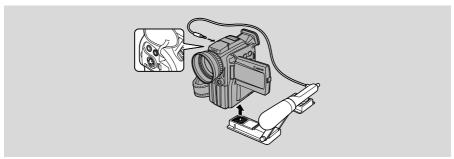
### To connect other audio devices:



## ⋒ Notes:

- Do not use the yellow video terminal.
- The AV terminal doesn't put out any video, so connect the S-video terminals and check your TV, or check the LCD or the viewfinder as you add new sound. Always check the new sound with the speaker.

## To connect an external microphone:



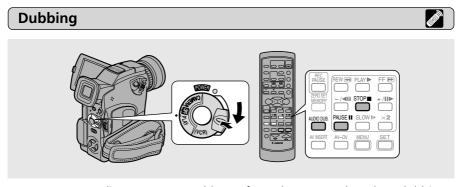
## **⋒** Notes:

- When you add sound using the built-in microphone make sure not to connect any cables to the MIC terminal.
- To use your TV to monitor video, connect the S-video terminal (□ 35) or the AV terminal (use only the video plug) to your TV. You can monitor the sound with headphones only when using the S-video terminal (□ 33).

## **Preparations**

Turn the camcorder's POWER switch to PLAY (VCR) and move the camcorder's TAPE/CARD switch to TAPE. Load a recorded cassette.

 Make sure the REC/SAVE tab on the cassette has been slid to REC (closed position).



Do not connect/disconnect any cables to/from the camcorder when dubbing audio or preparing to dub audio.



- 1. Open the menu and select VCR SET UP.
- 2. Select AUDIO DUB.
- 3. Select AUDIO IN or MIC. IN and close the menu.
- 4. Locate the point where you wish to start audio dubbing, then press the PAUSE button.
  - You can use the playback buttons on the body of the camcorder or the special playback functions on the wireless controller in the same way as in playback mode.
  - The camcorder becomes set to playback pause mode.

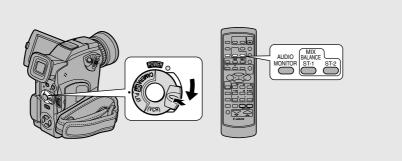
- 5. Press the AUDIO DUB. button.
  - AUDIO DUB. and **II** appear on the display.
- 6. Press the PAUSE button (and start play on the other audio device if AUDIO IN).
  - Audio dubbing starts.
  - Direct your voice into the microphone.
  - ◆III changes to ◆.
- 7. When you get to the point where you wish to stop dubbing, press the STOP button (and then stop play on the other audio device if AUDIO IN).
  - Audio dubbing stops and AUDIO DUB. disappears from the display.
  - The camcorder returns to stop mode.
  - You can also set zero set memory (\$\subset\$88) at the place you want to stop audio dubbing, then every time you return to that position, audio dubbing will cancel.
  - If instead of pressing STOP you press PAUSE, the camcorder will return to the playback pause mode.

## Motes:

- You cannot use the DV terminal while adding sound.
- You might want to adjust the audio mix ( 103) when playing back a tape with added sound.
- There may be a loss of sound quality if you add sound to a tape recorded on a camcorder other than the MVX2i.
- After adding sound 3 or more times to the same place on a tape, there may be some loss in sound quality.

## **Setting the Audio Mix**





When you play back a tape that was recorded in 12-bit mode, you can set the audio output to play: stereo 1 (the original sound), stereo 2 (any new sound, dubbed to the tape after recording), or mix the balance between the two.

• Audio from the 16-bit mode only contains stereo 1 sound and so you cannot/do not need to select the audio mix. The same is true for the 12-bit stereo 1 mode, unless new sound has been added post-recording.



## 1. Choose the output.

- Press AUDIO MONITOR on the wireless controller.
- Starting with the last selected setting, 4 settings appear as you push the button:
  - STEREO1 for just stereo 1.
  - STEREO2 for just stereo 2.
  - MIX/FIXED for an equal mix of stereo 1 and 2.
  - MIX/VARI. (mix variable) for when you wish to mix the balance between stereo 1 and 2.
- To simply choose STEREO1, STEREO2 or MIX/FIXED, make sure your choice appears on the display.
- If you choose MIX/VARI., you can go on to mix the balance.
- Use the ST-1/ST-2 keys to mix the balance. A bar showing the mix appears on the screen for 4 seconds.

## **⋒** Note:

 When you have chosen the output, STEREO1, STEREO2, MIX/FIXED or MIX/VARI. is shown in the top left of the display for a few seconds. If you turn the power off the output is set to STEREO1.



## **Selecting Audio Output Channels**



When you play back a tape whose audio has been recorded on multiple channels, you can change the output channels of that sound.



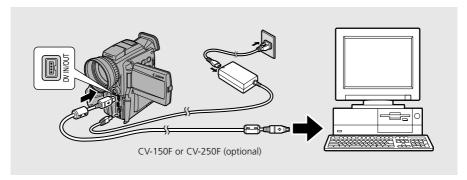
- 1. Load a tape recorded with multiple-channel audio.
- 2. Open the menu and select VCR SET UP. Then select OUTPUT CH, set it to the desired setting and close the menu.
  - Refer to the following list.

	Playback sound		
OUTPUT CH setting	Tape recorded with stereo sound	Tape recorded on multiple channels	
L/R	L+R channels	main + sub	
L/L	L channel only	main only	
R/R	R channel only	sub only	

## Connecting to a PC Using a DV Cable

You can download still images/movies recorded onto a tape or memory card with your camcorder to a computer by connecting to a computer equipped with a DV (IEEE1394) terminal or IEEE1394 capture board. With Windows XP's Windows Messenger, you can use the supplied software to perform a videoconference over the Internet, or upload files from the computer to the memory card and use the camcorder as a card reader/writer.

- There are several requirements for using this software. For details, please refer to the DV NETWORK SOLUTION DISK Software Instruction Manual.
- While connected we recommend powering your camcorder from a household power socket using the power adapter.
- For transferring still images and movies from a memory card to your PC using a USB cable, see p. 149.



For details on how to connect the camcorder to a computer, and install and operate the software, refer to the DV NETWORK SOLUTION DISK Software Instruction Manual.

## **⋒** Notes:

- Operation may not work correctly, depending on the software you are using, and the specifications of your PC and its settings.
- See your PC instruction manual for details.

### **Cautions:**

- Do not disconnect the DV cable, remove the memory card, or turn off the camcorder or the computer while data is being transferred (while the camcorder's card access indicator is flashing). Doing so may damage the memory card's data.
- The image files on your memory card and the image files you have stored (downloaded) to the hard disk drive of your computer are your valuable, original data files. If you wish to use image files on your computer, be sure to make copies of them first, and use the copied file, retaining the original.

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## **Memory Card Introduction**

The camcorder can record, store and manage still images/movies on 2 types of memory cards: the SD Memory Card (supplied with the camcorder) or the MultiMediaCard (commercially available). The SD Memory Card has the protect switch to protect your recordings from accidental erasure. The SD Memory Card and the MultiMediaCard fit into the same slot.

SD Memory Card SDC-8M

Back

Terminals

Protect

Front

## You can find the explanations in the following order:

- Preparations ( 107-110)
- Recording Still Images to a Memory Card (□111-115)
- Recording Movies to a Memory Card (\$\square\$116-118)
- Playing Back a Memory Card (☐ 121-123)
- Settings of Still Images/Movies (☐ 124-126)
- Preventing Accidental Erasure (Protect) (\$\square\$ 127)
- Marking a Still Image for Printing (Print Mark) (\$\square\$128)
- Erasing Still Images/Movies (☐ 130)
- Using Printers Supporting the Direct Print Function (Optional) (☐ 132-140)
- Combining Images and Recording Them to a Tape (Card Mix) (☐ 141-145)
- Copying Still Images to and from a Tape (\$\square\$146, 147)
- Formatting a Memory Card (\$\square\$148)
- Connecting to a PC Using a USB Cable (\$\square\$149)
- Using the My Camera Function (☐ 150)

You can use most of the camcorder's functions when recording to a memory card, such as the various recording programs ( $\bigcirc$  59), self-timer ( $\bigcirc$  73), shutter speed ( $\bigcirc$  77), white balance ( $\bigcirc$  81) and other manual adjustments. Available functions are marked with a the CARD + CARD +

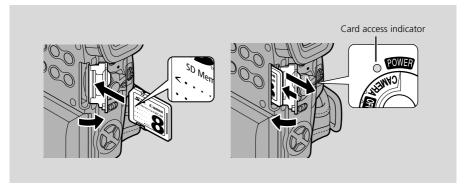
 If you use memory cards other than the supplied one, make sure to format them with the camcorder (□ 148).

## **Important**

- Inserting or removing the memory card without first setting the POWER switch to OFF can result in data damage.
- This camcorder uses only SD Memory Cards ( \*\*) or
   MultiMediaCards. You cannot use any other types of memory cards.
- \* **S** logo is a trademark.



## **Inserting and Removing the Memory Card**



## 1. Turn the POWER switch to OFF.

 When removing the memory card, make sure the card access indicator is off.

## 2. Open the memory card compartment cover in the direction of the arrow.

## 3. Insert or remove the memory card.

- Push the memory card all the way in.
- Remove the memory card by pushing the card in and letting it spring out.

Do not attempt to pull the memory card out without first pushing it in.

### 4. Close the cover.

• When inserting the memory card, do not attempt to close the cover forcefully without the memory card properly inserted.

## Motes:

- When you set the camcorder to CARD PLAY (VCR) mode, the last image recorded appears. If there are no images recorded on the memory card, NO IMAGES appears in the display.
- Do not touch the memory card terminals.

# Using a Memory Card

## **Selecting the Still Image Quality**



Still image Quality: Superfine, Fine, Standard



To change the image quality, open the menu and select CARD SET UP. Then select SI QUALITY, set it to SUPER FINE or STANDARD, and close the menu.

• The image quality may not differ between the settings depending on the subject.

## Selecting the Image Size of Still Images and Movies



Image Size: Still image:  $1280 \times 960$  pixels/ $640 \times 480$  pixels Movie:  $320 \times 240$  pixels/ $160 \times 120$  pixels



Still Image



To change the image size of a still image, open the menu and select CARD SET UP. Then select SI SIZE, set it to "640  $\times$  480" and close the menu.

• "640" appears in the display.



To change the image size of a movie, open the menu and select CARD SET UP. Then select MOVIE SIZE, set it to "160  $\times$  120" and close the menu

• "160" appears in the display.

### Maximum Number of Still Images on an 8 MB Memory Card and Their File Sizes

Image Size	1280 × 960		640 × 480	
Image Quality	No of Images	File Size per Image	No of Images	File Size per Image
Superfine	Approx. 6 images	850 KB	Approx. 34 images	175 KB
Fine	Approx. 10 images	550 KB	Approx. 50 images	120 KB
Standard	Approx. 18 images	300 KB	Approx. 84 images	65 KB

Maximum Recording Time of Movies on an 8 MB Memory Card and Their File Sizes

Image Size	Max. Recording Time	Total File Size	File Size per Second
320 × 240	10 seconds	1.4 MB	140 KB/sec
160 × 120	30 seconds	2.3 MB	77 KB/sec

<sup>\*</sup> The actual number varies on the shooting conditions and subjects. Sample images already recorded on the supplied SD Memory Card are to be included in the total number.

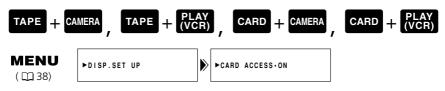
#### **⋒** Notes:

- Still images are compressed and recorded in the JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group) format, and movies in the Motion JPEG format.
- Refer to p. 174 for memory card display.
- The remaining number of images that can be recorded on the memory card may sometimes decrease by 2 images at once.

#### **Card Access Display**



The operating states of the memory card are shown in the middle of the display.



To turn the card access display off, open the menu and select DISP. SET UP. Then select CARD ACCESS, set it to OFF and close the menu.

#### **File Numbers**



The still images/movies are automatically assigned file numbers from 0101-9900 and stored in folders of 100 images each. Each folder is numbered from 101 to 998 and recorded on the memory card. Sample images have been pre-recorded on the supplied SD Memory Card, entering folder number 100 (folder name is "100canon").

Set the image file numbers so that they reset each time a new memory card is inserted, or so that they count up

Three images are recorded on the card.

#### CONTINUOUS

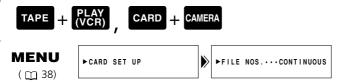
continuously.

Numbering is continuous between cards, so that the first file number assigned on a new memory card is 1 more than the last file number assigned on the previous memory card. When the file numbers are set to CONTINUOUS, each image taken is assigned a different number, avoiding duplication of numbers. This is convenient when you want to manage your images on a PC. We recommend keeping the file numbers set to CONTINUOUS.

When you change the card and take a picture.

#### RESET

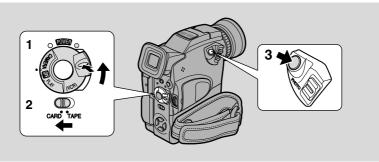
Each time you insert a new memory card, the file number resets to its default value (101-0101). If the card already contains files, the next available number is assigned.



To change the file numbering, open the menu and select CARD SET UP. Then select FILE NOS., set it to RESET and close the menu.

#### Recording Still Images onto a Memory Card





You can record still images onto a memory card. In addition to the still images you record directly onto the memory card, you can record images from a tape in the camcorder, or images input via the DV terminal or AV terminal onto the memory card.

- When you are using an SD Memory Card, make sure the protect switch is set to allow recording.
- Make sure a memory card with enough memory available is inserted into the camcorder.
- While the card access indicator flashes, do not disconnect the power source or remove the memory card. Doing so could result in data damage.

## 1. Press and hold the small button on the POWER switch and turn the POWER switch to CAMERA.

#### 2. Move the TAPE/CARD switch to CARD.

- The number of images that can still be recorded on the memory card, and other information appear in the display.
- The camcorder will turn itself off if you are using a battery and do not operate the camcorder for more than 5 minutes. Set the POWER switch to OFF and then back to CAMERA.

#### 3. Press the PHOTO button halfway and hold it.

- Exposure is locked.
- During autofocus flashes white in the display as the camcorder adjust the focus and it is displayed continuously as a green mark when the camcorder is ready to take the still image.

#### 4. Press the PHOTO button fully down to record the still image.

- disappears from the display. The shutter sound sounds and simultaneously the display appears to close for an instant as if it were a shutter releasing.
- The card access indicator flashes and the card access display appears in the display (See "The indicators that appear in the LCD display when LCD MIRROR is turned on" on page 27).





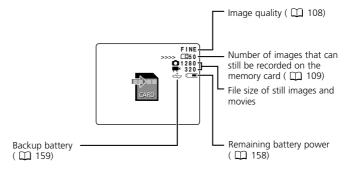
- To use the self-timer (□ 73), set the self-timer before step 3, and then press the PHOTO button fully down.
- The wireless controller's PHOTO button has no half-way setting. Press the button fully and the camcorder immediately takes the image.
- When the subject is too bright (overexposure) in CARD CAMERA mode, OVEREXP. will flash in the display. We recommend that you use the built-in ND filter to reduce light entering lens.



### Open the menu and select CAM. SET UP. Then select ND and set it to OFF and close the menu.

• When exposure is locked, OVEREXP. does not appear.

# The indicators that appear in the display when recording to a memory card:



#### **Memory Card Indication:**

🗖 flashing in red: No card

☐ in green: 6 or more images
☐ in yellow: 1 to 5 images
☐ in red: No more images

• All indicators light in green when a memory card is played back.

• The remaining capacity indication varies depending on the recording condition. The remaining number may sometimes not decrease or decrease by 2 images at a time.

#### **Continuous Shooting**

You can record still images shot continuously to a memory card.



- 1. Open the menu and select CARD SET UP. Then select CONT.SHOOT. and set it to ON and close the menu.
- 2. Press and hold the PHOTO button while you record still images.
  - While you press the PHOTO button, still images are continuously recorded onto the memory card.
- 3. Release the PHOTO button to finish recording.

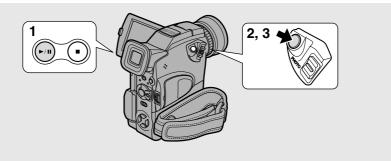
Maximum continuous shots at one time

Still Images Size	Built-in Flash	Frames per Second	Maximum Continuous Shots
1280 × 960	Flash on/off	Approx. 2 frames	10 images
640 × 480	Flash on	Approx. 2 frames	10 images
	Flash off	Approx. 3 frames	30 images

<sup>\*</sup> The actual number varies on the shooting conditions and subjects.

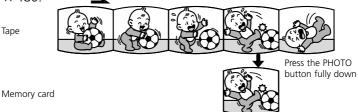
#### **⋒** Note:

• The practical range of the flash is approx. from 1 m (3 ft 3 3/8 in) to 2.3 m (7 ft 6 1/2 in) when shooting continuously.



Record an image from a tape onto a memory card as still images. To automatically record multiple still images from a tape to a memory card, refer to "Copying Still Images from Tape to Memory Card" ( 146).

- The still image's data code will reflect the date and time it has been recorded to the memory card.
- The image size of a still image recorded from tape onto a memory card will be  $640 \times 480$ .





- 1. Play back the tape.
- 2. When the image you wish to record appears in the display, press the PHOTO button halfway down and hold it.
  - The tape is set to playback pause mode and the number of images that can still be recorded on the memory card appears in the display.
- 3. Press the PHOTO button fully down to record the still image to the memory card.
  - The card access indicator flashes.

#### ⋒ Notes:

- You can also set the tape to playback pause mode in step 1 and record the image with only 1 full press of PHOTO button.
- If you record an image onto a memory card that was originally recorded in the 16:9 mode for wide screen TV's, the image will appear to be vertically "squashed" (compressed).
- The shutter sound doesn't sound in TAPE PLAY (VCR) mode.

# **Using a Memory Card**

#### Recording Still Images from Other Devices (VCR, TV or Other Digital Camcorders)



You can record images from a VCR or TV connected through the S-terminal or AV terminal (analog line-in), as well as images from other digital camcorders connected through the DV terminal onto the memory card as still images. Refer to p. 34, 90 for connecting instructions.

- The data code of the still image will reflect the date and time it has been recorded onto the memory card.
- The image size of a still image recorded from analog or digital devices onto a memory card will be  $640 \times 480$ .

#### **Preparations**



- 1. Connect the camcorder to the other device.
- 2. Prepare the other device.
- 3. Load a memory card into the camcorder.
- 4. Turn the camcorder's POWER switch to PLAY (VCR) and the TAPE/CARD switch to TAPE.
  - There is no need to load a cassette if you only record still images onto a memory card. If a cassette is inserted, make sure the cassette is in stop mode.

#### Recording

- 1. Start playback on the other device.
- 2. When the image you wish to record appears in the display, press the PHOTO button halfway down and hold it.
  - The image appears as a still image in the display.
  - The number of images that can still be recorded on the memory card appears in the display.
- 3. Press the PHOTO button fully down to record the image to the memory card.
  - The card access indicator flashes.

#### ⋒ Notes:

- When dubbing to a tape via the DV terminal, make sure that AV→DV is not displayed on the screen. If so, set AV→DV OUT to OFF (1196).
- If you record an image onto a memory card that was originally recorded in the 16:9 mode for wide screen TV's, the image will appear to be vertically "squashed" (compressed).
- The shutter sound doesn't sound in TAPE PLAY(VCR) mode.
- The wireless controller's PHOTO button has no half-way setting. Press the button fully and the camcorder immediately takes the "photo".



#### **Recording Movies onto a Memory Card**





You can record movies onto a memory card. Transferring the movie to a PC allows you to view it on the PC or to attach it to your e-mail (please refer to the DIGITAL VIDEO SOLUTION DISK Software Instruction Manual for detailed instructions).

In addition to the movie you record directly onto the memory card, you can record movies from a tape or input via the AV terminal (analog line-in) or the DV terminal onto the memory card.

The sound of the movie recorded to a memory card will be monaural.

- Make sure a memory card with enough memory available is inserted into the camcorder.
- When you are using an SD Memory Card, make sure the protect switch is set to allow recording.
- While the card access indicator flashes, do not disconnect the power source. Doing so could result in data damage.



- 1. Turn the POWER switch to CAMERA.
- 2. Move the TAPE/CARD switch to CARD.
- 3. Press the START/STOP button.
  - $\bullet$  You can record up to 10 seconds in 320  $\times$  240 and 30 seconds in 160  $\times$  120.
  - Press the START/STOP to end recording.
  - The camcorder starts to write the movie to the memory card when recording is finished.

#### Motes:

- For using the self-timer ( 73), set the self-timer before step 3, and then press the START/STOP button.
- Do not load/unload a tape during recording. Sound will not be recording during this operation.

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#### **Recording Movies from a Tape**



You can record a movie from a tape to a memory card.

• The data code of the movie will reflect the date and time it has been recorded to the memory card.



- 1. Turn the POWER switch to PLAY (VCR).
- 2. Move the TAPE/CARD switch to TAPE.
- 3. Play back the cassette.
- 4. When the image you wish to record appears in the display, press the START/STOP button.
  - You can record up to 10 seconds in 320  $\times$  240 and 30 seconds in 160  $\times$  120.
  - Press the START/STOP to end recording.
  - The camcorder starts to write the movie to the memory card when recording is finished.
  - You can also start recording during record pause mode by pressing the Start/Stop button.

#### ⋒ Note:

• If you record a movie to a memory card that was originally recorded in the 16:9 mode for wide screen TVs, the image will appear to be vertically "squashed" (compressed).



# Recording Movies from Other Devices (VCR, TV or Other Digital Camcorders)





You can record images from a VCR or TV connected through the S-terminal or AV terminal (analog line-in), as well as images from other digital camcorders connected through the DV terminal onto the memory card as movies. Refer to p. 34, 90 for connecting instructions.

• The data code of the movie will reflect the date and time it has been recorded onto the memory card.

#### **Preparations**



- 1. Connect the camcorder to the other device.
- 2. Prepare the device.
- 3. Insert a memory card into the camcorder.
- 4. Turn the camcorder's POWER switch to PLAY (VCR) and the TAPE/CARD switch to TAPE.
  - There is no need to load a cassette if you only record a movie onto the memory card. If a cassette is inserted, make sure the cassette is in stop mode.

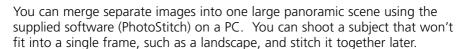
#### Recording

- 1. Start playback on the other device.
- 2. When the image you wish to record appears in the display, press the START/STOP button.
  - You can record up to 10 seconds in 320  $\times$  240 and 30 seconds in 160  $\times$  120
  - Press the START/STOP to end recording.
  - The camcorder starts to write the movie to the memory card when recording is finished.
  - You can also start recording during record pause mode by pressing the Start/Stop button.



- When dubbing to a tape via the DV terminal, make sure that AV → DV is not displayed on the screen. If so, set AV → DV OUT to OFF (□96).
- If you record a movie to a memory card that was originally recorded in the 16:9 mode for wide screen TVs, the image will appear to be vertically "squashed" (compressed).

#### **Recording Panoramic Images (Stitch Assist)**



#### Recording

Photo Stitch detects the overlapping portions of adjoining images and merges them. When recording, try to include a distinctive item (landmark, etc.) in the overlapping portions.



- 1. Turn the POWER switch to CAMERA and the TAPE/CARD switch to CARD.
- 2. Open the menu and select → STITCH AST.
  - Select the direction with the CARD +/- button. Press the CARD + button to move clockwise, press the CARD - button to move counterclockwise.
- 3. Set the recording program and zoom on the subject.
  - If necessary, set the focus and exposure manually.
  - After the first image, recording program, zoom, exposure and flash mode cannot be changed.
- 4. Press the PHOTO button to record the first image.
  - Direction and number of recorded images will be shown on the display.
- 5. Orient the camcorder so that the second frame overlaps a small portion of the first image and press the PHOTO button to take the next image.



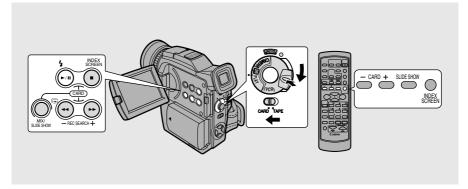
- Do not worry about minor discrepancies in the overlapped area because the computer software can compensate for them when the images are merged.
- You can retake images by pressing the CARD button to return to the previous image.
- A maximum of 26 images may be recorded.
- Follow the same steps to shoot subsequent images in the sequence.
- 6. Finish the sequence by pressing the MENU button after the last image has been recorded.
  - Refer to the DIGITAL VIDEO SOLUTION DISK Software Instruction Manual for instructions on how to stitch them together.

#### ⋒ Notes:

- The overlapped area should be set between 30 to 50% of the frame. Discrepancies above and below the frame can be automatically compensated if within 10%.
- Make sure that no moving subject is included in the overlapping area.
- Do not try to stitch images that include both distant and close items. Objects may appear warped or doubled up.
- The © (red-eye reduction auto) of the flash cannot be used in stitch assist mode.
- There will be no continuous shooting even if it is set to ON.

#### **Playing Back a Memory Card**





Play back and view still images/movies recorded on a memory card. (For details on connecting to a TV, see "Connections for Playback on a TV Screen" on p. 34.) You can also enlarge the still images up to 5 times while viewing (\$\square\$ 83).

• The camcorder may not be able to copy or play, etc., still images/movies recorded on a non-Canon camcorder.

#### Caution:

- You may not be able to play back the following still images/movies on this camcorder, or the image quality may change when played back with this camcorder:
  - Still images/movies that have not been recorded with this camcorder but downloaded from a PC (excluding the sample images on p. 153-154)
  - Still images/movies that have been recorded with this camcorder but have subsequently been enhanced on a PC
  - Still images/movies whose image file names have been changed on a PC
- You may not be able to play back still images/movies recorded on the memory card with other camcorders or digital cameras on this camcorder, and the still images may not be printed correctly with printers supporting the direct print function.

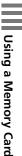
#### There are 3 ways to view still images/movies:

- Single still images/movies
- Slide show: One after the other automatically in order of recording
- Index screen: Six still images/movies at once

When the camcorder is in playback pause mode, you can use the card search function to move quickly through still images/movies recorded anywhere on a memory card to find a still image/movie you want to view (Card Search function).

Make sure a memory card that has still images/movies recorded on it is inserted into the camcorder.

While the card access indicator flashes, do not disconnect the power source. Doing so could result in data damage.



# Using a Memory Card

#### Single Image



- 1. Turn the POWER switch to PLAY (VCR).
- 2. Move the TAPE/CARD switch to CARD.
  - The last still image/movie recorded appears in the display.
  - Movies will be displayed with the first scene as a still image.
- 3. Search for the desired still image/movie by pressing the CARD +/- buttons.
  - Press + to view the next still image/movie and to view the previous still image/movie.
  - Pressing + at the last still image/movie will take you to the first still image/movie. Pressing at the first still image/movie will take you to the last still image/movie.

Movies: Pressing ►/II plays back the movie and will show the last scene as a still image when playback ends. Pressing ►/II during playback will stop the movie and the scene is shown as a still image. Pressing ►/II again will restart the playback.

#### Card Search Function

You can quickly search for still images/movies while viewing thumbnails (small images).



# With a still image/movie in the display, press and hold the CARD +/- button.

- Press the + button to search forwards and press the button to search backwards.
- When you release the button, the thumbnail displays as full size still image/movie.
- The image size is not displayed during the search.

#### Slide Show



# With a still image/movie in the display, press the SLIDE SHOW button.

- Still images are automatically played back one after another.
- Movies are played back normally.

#### To stop the slide show, press the SLIDE SHOW button.

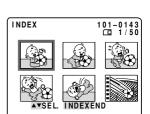
• The slide show starts or stops each time you press the SLIDE SHOW button.

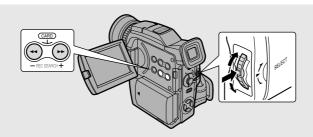
#### Index Screen

Up to 6 still images/movies appear at once, allowing you to search quickly through the still images/movies. Movies will be displayed with the first scene as a still image, indicated by a movie frame.



- With an still image/movie in the display, press the INDEX SCREEN button.
  - Up to 6 images appear in the display.
- 2. Move the frame to the still image/movie you wish to view.
  - Turn the selector dial downwards to go to the previous still image/movie and upwards to go to the next still image/movie.
  - Turning the dial upwards at the last still image/movie will take you to the next index screen. Turning the dial downwards at the first still image/movie will take you to the previous index screen.
  - Jump to the next/previous index screen with the CARD +/- buttons.
- 3. Press the INDEX SCREEN button.
  - The still image/movie you have marked fills the whole display.





You can easily erase unwanted still images/movies recorded to the memory card while viewing them, protect them from accidental erasure, or mark a still image for printing. (File Operation)

• File Operation is set in CARD PLAY (VCR) mode.

#### ● Preventing accidental erasure (Protect O¬¬)

Select important still images/movies and protect them from accidental erasure.

- If a memory card is formatted, however, all still images/movies, including protected still images/movies, will be permanently erased.
- Movies can only be protected when the first or last scene is displayed as a still image. They cannot be protected during playback pause.
- The pre-recorded sample images provided on the supplied SD Memory Card are already protected.

There are 2 ways to protect still images/movies (including the ways to cancel the setting).

- 1. CARD + PLAY → File Operation menu SINGLE ( 126)
- 2. CARD + PLAY → Card Operations submenu INDEX ( □ 127)

#### ■ Marking a still image for printing (Print Mark ►)

A still image on a memory card must be marked before it can be printed. The camcorder supports the DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) print format.

Still images can be automatically printed on a DPOF-supporting Canon Printer.

- Movies cannot be marked for printing.
- The maximum number for print marks on the camcorder is limited to 200.

There are 3 ways to mark a still image for printing (including the ways to cancel the setting).

#### To mark a still image for printing or erase print marks one at a time

- 1. CARD + PLAY → File Operation menu SINGLE ( 126)
- 2. CARD + PLAY → Card Operations submenu INDEX ( 128)

#### To erase all print marks

3. CARD + PLAY → Card Operations submenu SINGLE ( 129)

#### Erasing still images/movies

Erase still images/movies singly or all at once.

- You cannot erase protected still images/movies. Cancel image protection first in order to erase an image.
- When movies are displayed with the first and last scene as still images, you can erase them. When the camcorder sets to playback pause mode by press pause button during playing back movie, you cannot erase them.
- Erase still images/movies with caution. Once a still image/movie has been erased, it cannot be restored.

There are 2 ways to erase a single still image/movie.

To erase still images/movies one at a time

1.  $\frac{\text{CARD}}{\text{CARD}} + \frac{\text{PLAY}}{\text{(VCR)}} \Rightarrow \text{File Operation menu } \text{SINGLE} ( \square 126)$ 

To erase still images/movies one at a time or erase all still images/movies on the memory card at once

2. CARD + PLAY → Card Operations submenu SINGLE (□ 130)

SINGLE: When playing back still images/movies in CARD PLAY (VCR) mode

INDEX: When displaying an index screen in CARD PLAY (VCR) mode

#### File Operation (FILE OPER.)





- 1. With a still image/movie in the display, press the selector dial in to open the FILE OPER. menu.
  - PROTECT On, PRINT MARK , and IMAGE ERASE settings appear.
  - If you select **\( \rightarrow \)** RETURN, the menu disappears from the display.

To protect a still image/movie

- 2. Select PROTECT on and press the selector dial in.
  - The On protect mark appears on the still image/movie.
  - Now you are unable to erase this still image/movie.
  - Press the selector dial again to cancel it.
  - If you select **\( \rightarrow \)** RETURN, the menu disappears from the display.
  - To cancel image protection, select PROTECT and press the selector dial in. disappears and now you can erase this still image/movie.

To mark a still image for printing (Print Mark)

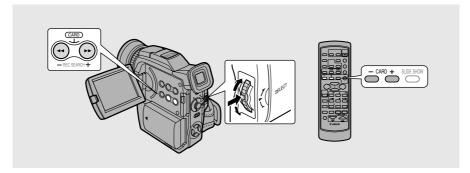
- 2. Select PRINT MARK , set the number of prints with the selector dial and press the selector dial in.
  - The **>** print mark appears on the still image.
  - If you select **ERETURN**, the menu disappears from the display.
  - To cancel a print mark, select PRINT MARK →, set the number of prints to 0 (Zero) with the selector dial and press the selector dial in. → disappears.

To erase a still image/movie

- 2. Select IMAGE ERASE and press the selector dial in.
  - ERASE THIS IMAGE? NO YES appears in the display.
  - If you select **\(\sime\)** RETURN, the menu disappears from the display.
- 3. Select YES and press the selector dial in.
  - The still image/movie is erased.
  - One still image/movie before the erased still image/movie appears.

#### **Preventing Accidental Erasure (Protect)**





This section describes how to protect the still image/movie from the Card Operation submenu when displaying an index screen in CARD PLAY (VCR) mode (including the way to cancel the setting).

You can also protect a still image/movie through File Operation menu  $(\Box 126).$ 

#### Protecting a Still Image/Movie While Viewing an Index Screen



Make sure a memory card that has still images/movies recorded on it is inserted into the camcorder.

#### 1. With a still image/movie in the display, press the INDEX SCREEN button.

- Up to 6 still images/movies appear in the display.
- Move the frame to the still image/movie that you wish to protect (Index Screen **□** 123)
- 2. Open the menu and select CARD OPER.
- 3. Select ⇒PROTECT O<sub>¬</sub>.
- 4. Press the selector dial in.
  - The On protect mark appears on the still image/movie.
  - Now you are unable to erase this still image/movie.
  - Press the selector dial again to cancel it.
- 5. Close the menu.

#### Mote:

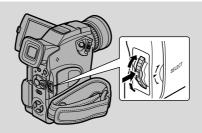
 To cancel image protection, move the frame to the protected still image/movie and press the selector dial in step 3. The on protect mark disappears.



#### Marking a Still Image for Printing (Print Mark)







This section describes how to mark the still image for printing from Card operation submenu in CARD PLAY (VCR) mode (including the way to cancel the setting).

- When displaying an index screen, you can mark the still image for printing.
- When playing back a single still image, you can erase all print marks.
- Movies cannot be marked for printing. The frame on the index screen will turn purple, indicating that the movie cannot be selected for print mark.
- The maximum number for print marks on the camcorder is limited to 200. You can also mark a still image for printing through File Operation menu (□ 126).

#### Marking a Still Image for Printing While Viewing an Index Screen



Make sure a memory card that has a still image recorded on it has been inserted into the camcorder.

- 1. With a still image in the display, press the INDEX SCREEN button.
  - Up to 6 images appear in the display.
  - Move the frame to the still image that you wish to mark for printing (Index Screen 

     ☐ 123).
- 2. Open the menu and select CARD OPER.
- 3. Select → PRINT MARK → and set the number of prints with the selector dial.
- 4. Press the selector dial in.
  - The print mark appears next to the still image.
- 5. Close the menu.

#### ⋒ Notes:

- To cancel a print mark, move the frame to the print-marked a still image, set the number of prints to 0 (Zero) with the selector dial and press the selector dial in. The print mark disappears.
- If there are a large number of images recorded on the memory card, it may take time for a print mark to appear on a still image.

#### **Erasing All Print Marks**

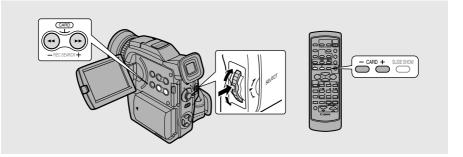


Make sure a memory card that has a still image recorded on it has been inserted into the camcorder.

- 1. With a still image in the display, open the menu and select CARD OPER.
- 2. Select PRINT MARKS ALL ERASE.
  - ERASE ALL PRINT MARKS > ? YES NO appears in the display.
- 3. Select YES.
  - The print mark disappears from the still image.
- 4. Close the menu.

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This section describes how to erase the still image/movie from the Card Operation submenu when playing back a single still image/movie in CARD PLAY (VCR) mode. (SINGLE or ALL)

You can also erase a still image/movie through File Operation menu ( 126).



Make sure a memory card that has still images/movies recorded on it is inserted into the camcorder.

To erase still images/movies one at a time

- 1. Select the still image/movie you wish to erase.
  - Use the index screen ( 123) or card search function ( 122) if necessary and make sure the still image/movie you wish to erase fills the display.
  - If you use the index screen, press the INDEX SCREEN button after selecting the still image/movie. The still image/movie you selected fills the whole display.
- 2. Open the menu and select CARD OPER.
- 3. Select IMAGE ERASE.
  - CANCEL, SINGLE and ALL settings appear.
  - To cancel erasing, select CANCEL and close the menu.
- 4. Select SINGLE.
  - ERASE THIS IMAGE? NO YES appears in the display.

#### 5. Select YES.

- The still image/movie erases and the previous still image/movie appears for erasing.
- To erase another single still image/movie, move to that still image/movie with the CARD +/– buttons, and select YES.
- If the still image/movie you are trying to erase is a protected still image/movie, YES appears in purple and is unselectable.
- If you select NO, you return to step 4.

#### 6. Close the menu.

To erase all still images/movies on the memory card at once

#### 1. Open the menu and select CARD OPER.

#### 2. Select IMAGE ERASE.

- CANCEL, SINGLE and ALL settings appear.
- To cancel erasing, select CANCEL and close the menu.

#### 3. Select ALL.

• ERASE ALL IMAGES? [EXCEPT FOR • IMAGES] NO YES appears in the display.

#### 4. Select YES.

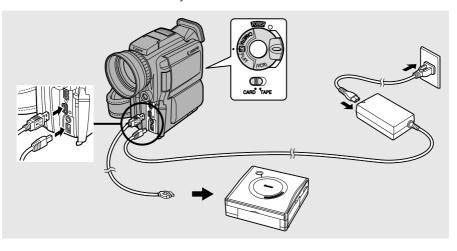
- All still images/movies except the protected ones are erased.
- If you select NO, you return to step 2.
- 5. Close the menu.

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#### **Using Printers Supporting the Direct Print Function (Optional)**

You can print still images by connecting the camcorder directly to a printer supporting the direct print function. It can also be used with the print mark settings ( $\square$  128).

- Printers supporting the direct print function (As of August 2002): Canon CP-10/CP-100 Card Photo Printer, Canon Bubble Jet Printer \$820D/\$830D/\$530D
- Two direct interface cables are supplied with the Card Photo Printer. Use the cable with the USB logo on the connector (DIF-100).
- We recommend that you use a household power source to power the camcorder when it is connected to the printer.
- Also refer to the instruction manual of the respective printer for further details.
- Observe following precautions during printing, otherwise printing may not be performed correctly.
  - Do not turn off the camcorder or the printer.
  - Do not change the position of the TAPE/CARD switch.
  - Do not detach the interface cable.
  - Do not open the memory card cover.
  - Do not remove the memory card.



#### Connecting the printer to the camcorder

- 1. Turn the POWER switch of the camcorder to OFF.
- 2. Attach a power source to the printer.
- 3. Connect the printer to the camcorder using the interface cable.
- 4. Turn on the power of the printer.
  - If your printer is not equipped with a power switch, it turns on when attaching a power source. Move on to step 5.

# 5. Turn the POWER switch on the camcorder to PLAY (VCR) and the TAPE/CARD switch to CARD.

• "Print" SEE " appears when the printer is correctly connected to the camcorder (does not appear with movies, or still images that cannot be played back with the camcorder).

#### **Printing**

You can set the number of copies ( $\square$  134), standard/multiple ( $\square$  135), paper size ( $\square$  135) and bordered/borderless ( $\square$  135), or trim the image ( $\square$  137).



During Playback (Single Image)

- 1. Select the still image you wish to print.
- 2. Press the selector dial in.
  - The print dialog appears.



3. Make sure that [Print] is selected and press the selector dial in.



- Printing starts and, when it is completely finished, the display will return to playback mode.
- If you wish to continue printing, select the next still image with the CARD+ or CARD- button.

#### **Printing Errors**

• If an error occurs during printing, error messages such as "NO INK", "PAPER JAM" or "NO PAPER" will display. Select [Stop] or [Restart] with the selector dial and press the selector dial in.

- With the Card Photo Printer, the [Restart] setting may not appear with some error messages. In that case, select [STOP].
- With the BJ Printer, the [Continue] and [Stop] options may appear with some error messages. The error number is displayed on the operation panel of the Bubble Jet Printer. Please refer to the Bubble Jet Printer Quick Start Guide for the remedies corresponding to the error numbers.

#### **Cancel Printing**

Press the selector dial in while the [Now printing] dialog is displayed. A confirmation dialog displays. Make sure that [OK] is selected and press the selector dial in.







• With the Card Photo Printer, a print in progress cannot be stopped. Printing of the next still images will be cancelled and the display will return to playback mode. With the BJ Printer, printing stops even if it is incomplete and the paper is fed through.

#### Selecting the number of copies

You can set the number of copies to a maximum of 9 prints.

1. Pull the selector dial up or down so that [SET] appears next to [Copies] and press the selector dial in.



2. Pull the selector dial up or down to specify the number of copies and press the selector dial in.



#### Setting the print style

If you wish to change the print style, change the style settings before trimming.

#### Card Photo Printer:

Image	Standard	Prints 1 still image per page.	
	Multiple*	Prints 8 copies of the same still image on one page.	
Borders	Borderless	orderless Prints right to the edges of the page.	
	Bordered	Prints with a border.	

<sup>\*</sup> Can only be selected when printing on card size paper.

#### **BJ Printer:**

Paper Size*		Select the paper size from the following: [Card #1],	
		[Card #2], [Card #3], [LTR] or [A4] Paper. For the	
		usable paper type, refer to the Bubble Jet Printer	
		User Guide.	
Borders	Borderless	Prints right to the edges of the page	
	Bordered	Prints with a border	

<sup>\*</sup> Recommended paper size: card size

# 1. On the print dialog, pull the selector dial up or down to select [Style] and press the selector dial in.

• The dialog for selecting the style appears.



Card Photo Printer: Selecting the Image Style (Standard/Multiple)

#### 2. Press the select dial in.

• The dialog for selecting the image style appears.



<sup>• [</sup>Borders] cannot be selected when the image style is set to [Multiple].

3. Pull the selector dial up or down to select [Multiple] and press the selector dial in.



4. Press the Menu button.

BJ Printer: Selecting the Paper Size

- 2. Press the selector dial in.
  - The dialog for selecting the paper size appears.



3. Pull the selector dial up or down to select the paper size and press the selector dial in.



4. Press the MENU button.

Selecting the Borders (Bordered/Borderless)

- 2. Pull the selector dial down.
  - The dialog for selecting the [Borders] appears.



#### 3. Press the selector dial in.

• [Bordered] and [Borderless] settings appear.



4. Select [Borderless] and press the selector dial in.



#### 5. Press the Menu button.

#### Motes:

- With the [Bordered] option, the area of the printed image is practically the same as the recorded image.
- If [Borderless] or [Multiple] is selected as the print style, the centre portion of the recorded image is printed at an enlarged size. As a result, the image's top, bottom and sides may be cropped slightly.
- The [Borders] setting cannot be selected when the image style is set to [Multiple]. The image will be printed with the borders set to [Borderless].

#### **Trimming (Printing a Portion of an Image)**

If you wish to change the print style, change the style settings before trimming.

- 1. On the print dialog, select [Trimming] and press the selector dial in.
  - The trimming frame appears at the centre of the image.



#### 2. Trim the image.

Changing the Size of the Trimming Frame:

Move the zoom lever toward T to shrink the frame, and toward W to enlarge the frame.

You can cancel the trimming setting by moving the zoom lever toward W when the trimming frame is already set to the maximum size. The trimming frame disappears. If you press the MENU button, you return to the print dialog.



#### Moving the Trimming Frame:

Use the ▲ and ▼ buttons to move the frame up or down, and the ▶ or ◀ buttons to move the frame to the right or left.



#### 3. Press the MENU button.

- You return to the print dialog.
- The trimming setting is cancelled when you select another image using the CARD +/- buttons.



# 4. Pull the selector dial up or down to select [Print] and press the selector dial in.

• Printing starts and when it is completely finished, the display will revert to the playback mode.

#### About the Color of the Frame:

White: No trimming settings.

Green: Recommended trimming size.

Red: The image is magnified beyond recommended size. The image may

**138** print out coarsely.

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- Trimming can only be set for one image at a time.
- The trimming setting is cancelled with the following operations.
  - When you turn off the camcorder.
  - When you detach the interface cable.
  - When you expand the trimming frame beyond its maximum size.

#### **Printing Still Images Marked for Printing**

You can print still images marked for printing automatically. If you wish to print more than 1 copy of a still image, set the number of copies when you mark it for printing.

- You cannot select the [Trimming] setting with still images marked for printing. You can select only the style (Standard/Multiple, Bordered/Borderless).
- If you connect to a direct print supporting printer and select → ► PRINT without having marked a still image for printing, [Set print mark] will be displayed.





▶⇒i⇒PRINT

- 1. Connect the printer to the camcorder.
- 2. Turn the POWER dial to PLAY (VCR) and the TAPE/CARD switch to CARD.
- 3. Press the MENU button.
  - C. PLAY MENU settings appear.
- 4. Pull the selector dial up or down to select → ▶ PRINT and press the selector dial in.
  - The print dialog appears.



- 5. If you wish to print without changing the style settings, make sure [OK] is selected and press the selector dial in.
  - Printing starts and, when it is completely finished, the display will return to playback mode.
  - For changing the style settings, see "Setting the Print Style" (\(\sum 135\)).



#### Cancel Printing

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Press the selector dial in while the [Now printing] dialog is displayed. A confirmation dialog displays. Make sure that [OK] is selected and press the selector dial in.



• With the Card Photo Printer, a print in progress cannot be stopped. Printing of the next still images will be cancelled and the display will return to playback mode. With the BJ Printer, printing stops even if it is incomplete and the paper is fed through.

#### **Restarting Printing**

- Open the C.PLAY menu and select → ▶ PRINT. Select [Restart] on the print dialog and press the selector dial in. The remaining still images will be printed.
- Printing cannot be restarted in the following circumstances:
  - When you have changed the print mark settings.
  - If you have deleted a still image marked for printing.

#### **Printing Errors**

- If an error occurs during printing, error messages such as "NO INK", "PAPER JAM" or "NO PAPER" will display. Select [Stop] or [Continue] with the selector dial and press the selector dial in.
- With the Card Photo Printer, the [Restart] setting may not appear with some error messages. In that case, select [STOP].
- With the BJ Printer, the [Continue] and [Stop] options may appear with some error messages. The error number is displayed on the operation panel of the Bubble Jet Printer. Please refer to the Bubble Jet Printer Quick Start Guide for the remedies corresponding to the error numbers.

#### When Disconnecting the Interface Cable:

Follow below procedure when disconnecting the interface cable.

- 1. Disconnect the cable from the camcorder and printer.
- 2. Turn off the camcorder.

# Using a Memory Card

#### **Combining Images (Card Mix)**



Enhance the appearance of your recordings by combining still images from the memory card with camcorder recordings. You may select from pre-recorded cartoon-like frames, or create personal frames and titles that can be layered over movies or still images. In addition, you can combine your recordings with animations from the memory card.

• You cannot combine movies recorded onto the memory card with the camcorder recordings.

#### This section explains following procedures:

Combining Still Images from a Memory Card with Camcorder Recordings ( 141)

Combining Animations from a Memory Card with Camcorder Recordings (\$\sup\$144)

Recording the Combined Image onto a Tape ( 145)

#### Motes:

 Some card mix sample images have been pre-recorded onto the supplied memory card. However, you can add more sample images from the supplied DIGITAL VIDEO SOLUTION DISK.

Card Chroma Key: 3 Card Luminance: 3 Camera Chroma Key: 2 Card Animation: 4

• For instruction on how to add sample images to the memory card, refer to "Adding Sill Images from Your Computer to the Memory Card" in the DIGITAL VIDEO SOLUTION DISK Software Instruction Manual.

#### Combining Still Images from a Memory Card with Camcorder Recordings

#### Select from 3 types of Card Mix effects:

#### CARD CHROMA (Card chroma key)

Combine the image you are recording with a still image as a frame. The image will be shown instead of the blue area of the still image. When recording your own "frame", make sure that the area you wish the other image to appear is blue.

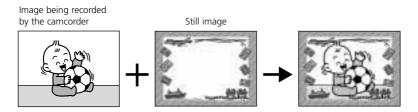
Adjustment of the MIX LEVEL: blue area of the still image.



#### **CARD LUMI. (Card luminance key)**

Combine the image you are recording with illustrations or titles. The image will be shown instead of the light area of the still image. Create your own title or illustration by drawing or writing on a white paper and recording it to the memory card.

Adjustment of the MIX LEVEL: light area of the still image



#### CAM. CHROMA (Camera chroma key)

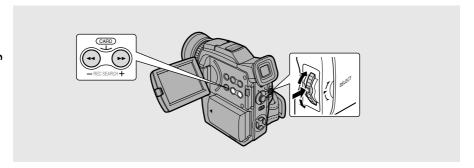
Combine the image you are recording with a still image as the background. Shoot the subject in front of a blue background, such as a blue curtain, and the subjects not blue will be superimposed on the still image.

Adjustment of the MIX LEVEL: blue area of the image you are recording



#### Mix level

The mix level bar appears. Adjust the mix level using the – and + at the ends of the bar as guides.





Make sure a memory card that has images recorded on it and a cassette have been inserted into the camcorder.

Select

- 1. Make sure the camcorder is set to the P (program AE) mode.
  - You cannot use Card Mix in the Night or Super Night recording program.
- 2. Open the menu and select ⇒ CARD MIX.
- 3. Press the CARD +/- buttons to select the still image to be combined.
- 4. Select MIX TYPE.
  - CARD CHROMA, CARD LUMI., CAM. CHROMA and C.ANIMATION settings appear.
- 5. Select the desired setting.
  - Your currently recording image is combined with the pre-recorded still image.
- 6. Select MIX LEVEL.
- 7. Adjust the mix level.
  - Turning the selector dial upwards adjusts to the right and turning downwards adjusts to the left.
- 8. Close the menu.
  - CARD MIX flashes in the display.

On/Off

- 9. Press the CARD MIX button.
  - CARD MIX stops flashing.
  - Your currently recording image is combined with the pre-recorded still image.
  - Each time you press the card MIX button, your selection is activated (display lights continuously) or deactivated (display flashes).

#### **Combining Animations from a Memory Card with Camcorder Recordings**

Combine the image you are recording with animation.

Select from 3 types of Card Animation effects.

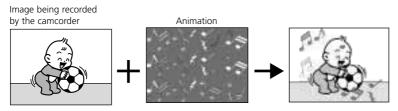
Corner: Animation appears on the upper left and the lower right corner in

the display.

Straight: Animation appears on the top and bottom in the display and

moves on the right and left.

Random: Animation moves randomly in the display.



12 animation samples have been pre-recorded on the supplied memory card. These sample images are protected.

Adjustment of the MIX LEVEL: blue area of the animation image.



Make sure a memory card that has animations recorded on it and a cassette have been inserted into the camcorder.

#### Select

- 1. Make sure the camcorder is set to the P (program AE) mode.
  - You cannot use Card Mix in the Night or Super Night recording program.
- 2. Open the menu and select ⇒ CARD MIX.
- 3. Press the CARD +/- buttons to select the animation to be combined.
- 4. Select C.ANIMATION.
- 5. Select ANIMAT.TYPE.
  - CORNER, STRAIGHT and RANDOM settings appear.
- 6. Select the desired setting.
  - Your currently recording images is combined with the pre-recorded animation.

- 7. Select MIX LEVEL.
- 8. Adjust the mix level.
- 9. Close the menu.
  - CARD MIX flashes in the display.

On/Off

#### 10. Press the card MIX button.

- CARD MIX stops flashing.
- Your currently recording image is combined with the pre-recorded animation.
- Each time you press the card MIX button, your selection is activated (display lights continuously) or deactivated (display flashes).

#### Recording the Combined Image onto a Tape

For movies

#### 1. Press the start/stop button to start and stop recording.

• The combined images are recorded onto the tape.

For still images

#### 1. Press the PHOTO button halfway down and hold it.

• • flashes white in the display as the camcorder adjusts the focus and it is displayed continuously as a green mark when the camcorder is ready to take the image.

# 2. Press the PHOTO button fully down to record the image to the tape.

- • disappears from the display.
- The combined images are recorded onto the tape for approximately 6 seconds.

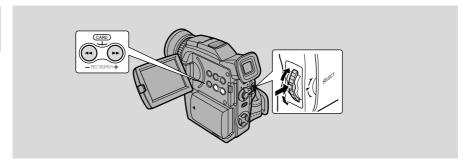
#### 🗎 Note:

• If you change the position of the POWER switch or TAPE/CARD switch, select your still image for Card Mix again.

# Copying Still Images from Tape to Memory Card







Copies multiple still images from a tape to the memory card, using the Photo Search function.

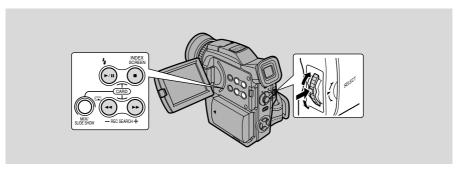
- The still images' data codes will reflect the date and time the copies are made.
- The image size of a still image copied from tape to memory card will be  $640 \times 480$ .



Make sure a memory card that has enough memory available and a recorded tape have been inserted into the camcorder.

- 1. Locate the first still image on the tape that you wish to copy and stop the tape at a point before that image.
  - All the still images on the tape after that point will be copied onto the memory card.
  - If you want to copy all the images on a tape, rewind the cassette to the beginning.
- 2. Open the menu and select CARD OPER.
- 3. Select COPY [55] → CD .
  - CANCEL and EXECUTE settings appear.
- 4. Select EXECUTE.
  - Select CANCEL to stop copying.
  - Tape and card information appear in the display and copying starts.
  - NOW COPYING [ appears in the display.
  - The camcorder automatically performs the Photo Search function to locate still images and copying starts. The currently copying image appears in the display.
  - Copying stops when the tape is finished or the memory card is full. When the memory card is full, CARD FULL will appear in the display.
- 5. Press the stop button when your desired images have finished copying.

# Copying Still Images from Memory Card to Tape 📮 🥒



Copies multiple still images from the memory card to a tape.

• The still images' data codes will reflect the date and time the copies are made.



Make sure a memory card that has images recorded on it and a cassette that has enough recordable space have been inserted into the camcorder.



1. Locate the point on the cassette where you want to start copying and set it to stop.

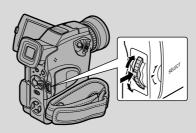


- 2. Select the first image you wish to copy by using the CARD +/- buttons.
  - Still images on the memory card including and after that image will be copied onto the tape.
  - If you want to copy all the still images on the memory card, select the first image.
- 3. Open the menu and select CARD OPER.
- 4. Select COPY [☐→].
  - CANCEL and EXECUTE settings appear.
- 5. Select EXECUTE.
  - Select CANCEL to stop copying.
  - Tape and card information appear in the display and copying starts.
  - NOW COPYING [☐→] appears in the display.
  - Each image is copied for about 6 seconds on the tape.
  - Copying stops when all the images have been copied or the tape is full.
- 6. Press the **■** button when your desired images have finished copying.









Format new memory cards, if you get the message CARD ERROR, or to permanently and quickly erase all the still images/movies on a memory card, including protected still images/movies (this includes the pre-recorded card mix sample images).

The SD Memory Card supplied with this camcorder has already been formatted for you.

- Be cautious when formatting recorded memory cards. All still images/movies will be permanently erased.
- If you use memory cards other than the supplied one, make sure to format them with the camcorder, not a PC or other device.



MENU ( m 38) ►CARD OPER.



Make sure a memory card is inserted into the camcorder.

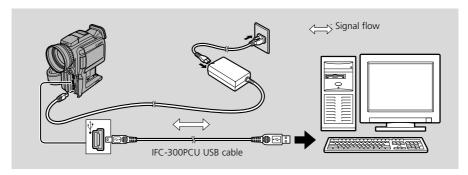
- 1. Open the menu and select CARD OPER.
- 2. Select FORMAT.
  - CANCEL and EXECUTE settings appear.
- 3. Select EXECUTE.
  - Select CANCEL to cancel formatting.
  - FORMAT THIS CARD? NO YES appears to confirm.
- 4. Select YES.
  - Formatting starts.
  - If you select NO, you return to step 3.
- 5. Close the menu.

# Connecting to a PC Using a USB Cable

You can download still images/movies from a memory card to a PC connected via the USB interface. By using the provided software, you can organize and store still images/movies and print out still images with added titles or frames.

Use the USB cable and the Canon DIGITAL VIDEO SOLUTION DISK/ArcSoft Camera Suite CD with the camcorder.

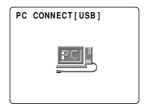
• For transferring still images and movies from tape or memory card to your PC using a DV cable, see p. 105.



For details on how to connect the camcorder to a PC and install and operate the software, refer to the Canon DIGITAL VIDEO SOLUTION DISK Software Instruction Manual.

• Refer also to your PC manual.

"PC CONNECT[USB]" appears to indicate that the camcorder is connected to the PC with a USB cable.



#### **Cautions:**

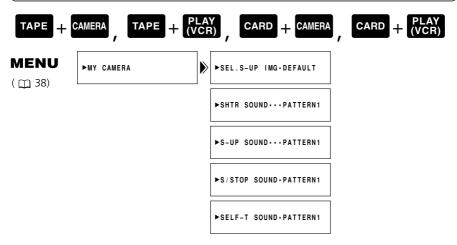
- Do not disconnect the USB cable, remove the memory card, or turn off the camcorder or the computer while data is being transferred (while the camcorder's card access indicator is flashing). Doing so may damage the memory card's data.
- The connection may not work properly depending on the specifications and settings of the software and PC.
- The image files on your memory card and the image files you have stored (downloaded) to the hard disk drive of your computer are your valuable, original data files. If you wish to use image files on your computer, be sure to make copies of them first, and use the copied file, retaining the original.

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# **Using the My CAMERA Function**

You can change the start-up image and sound, shutter sound, start/stop sound and self-timer sound.

Changing the Start-up Image, Start-up Sound, Start/Stop Sound, Shutter Sound or Self-Timer Sound



- 1. Press the MENU button.
  - The main menu appears.
- 2. Select MY CAMERA.
- 3. Select the item you wish to set.
  - When you select the start-up image, OFF, DEFAULT, PATTERN1 and PATTERN2 appear. The image saved as DEFAULT cannot be changed.
  - When you select an item other than the start-up image, PATTERN1, PATTERN2 and PATTERN3 appear. Moving the ▶ before the setting allows you to check the sound.
- 4. Select the setting and close the menu.

#### **Creating a Start-up Image**

You can create a start-up image by using a still image recorded on the memory card.

Record a still image with your camcorder, or download a still image from the ZoomBrowser EX (for Windows) or ImageBrowser (for Macintosh) contained in the DIGITAL VIDEO SOLUTION DISK, and set it as start-up image.

 For instructions on how to download the start-up image, refer to the DIGITAL VIDEO SOLUTION DISK Software Instruction Manual or the PDF manual "ZoomBrowser EX Software User Guide" or "ImageBrowser Software User Guide" contained in the DIGITAL VIDEO SOLUTION DISK. Make sure a memory card with enough available memory is inserted into the camcorder.



- 1. Turn the POWER switch to PLAY (VCR) and the TAPE/CARD switch to CARD.
- 2. Open the menu.
- 3. Select MY CAMERA.
- 4. Select CREATE START-UP IMAGE.
  - SET THIS AS START-UP IMAGE? YES NO appears.
- 5. Select the image you wish to save as start-up image with the CARD +/- buttons.
  - SAVE AS → ORIGINAL1, → ORIGINAL2, CANCEL appears.
- 6. Select ORIGINAL1 (ORIGINAL2).
  - OVERWRITE ORIGINAL1 (ORIGINAL2)? YES NO appears.
- 7. Select YES.
  - The start-up image will be saved. The start-up image that was saved in the same location will be erased.
  - If you select NO, you return to step 6.

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#### Other Information and Precautions

The camcorder formats memory cards in DCF (Design rule for Camera File system).

Still images/movies recorded on a memory card with this camcorder can also be transferred to a PC with the use of the following products made for SD Memory Cards or MultiMediaCards:

PC Card Adapter: Holds a memory card then inserts into the PC card slot found on most types of laptop PCs.

FD Adapter: Holds a memory card then inserts into a PC's floppy disk drive.

# Memory Cards confirmed to operate with this camcorder (as of June 2002)

SD Memory Card—

Panasonic: 8 MB, 16 MB, 32 MB, 64 MB SanDisk: 8 MB, 16 MB, 32 MB, 64 MB

MultiMediaCard—

SanDisk: 8 MB, 16 MB, 32 MB, 64 MB

 However, we cannot guarantee that all of these memory cards work properly.

If you mistakenly erase the card mix sample images provided on the SD Memory Card, they can be downloaded from the following home pages:\*

http://www.canon-europa.com/products/products.html http://www.canon-asia.com/

http://www.canon.com.au

\*If you are unable to connect the camcorder to a PC using a USB cable, you will need a PC Card Adapter or USB Card Reader to be able to download to a memory card.

#### **Memory Card Operating Precautions**

- If you purchase additional memory cards, format them with the camcorder, not a PC or other device. There have been cases where memory cards formatted with a PC or other device do not function properly.
- We recommend saving backups of memory card images on your PC's hard drive or other external memory device. Image data may be damaged or lost due to a defect in a memory card, or if a memory card is exposed to static electricity. Contents of a memory card cannot be compensated for should data become damaged or lost.
- Do not remove the power source or the memory card while the card access indicator flashes.

- Do not use memory cards in places subject to strong magnetic fields.
- Do not disassemble memory cards.
- Do not bend or drop memory cards, or expose them to strong vibrations or external shocks.
- Do not get memory cards wet.
- Do not remove the memory card's label or affix other labels. Affix labels to the memory card's case.
- Do not leave memory cards in places subject to high temperature or high humidity.
- Moving a memory card rapidly between hot and cold temperatures may cause condensation to form on it, leading to malfunctions. Avoid this problem by placing the memory card in a plastic bag and letting it slowly adjust to temperature changes before removing it from the bag. If condensation should occur, maintain the memory card at a constant temperature and let the moisture evaporate naturally.
- Do not touch the memory card's terminals or let dust or dirt come in contact with the terminals. Store and carry memory cards in their case to protect the terminal area.
- There is only one correct way to insert memory cards into the camcorder.
   Do not forcefully insert the memory cards backwards or upside down. This could damage the memory card or the camcorder.

#### **Sample Images**

• The following are the sample images that have been pre-recorded on the supplied SD Memory Card. There are a total of 27 images: 8 card chroma key images, 5 card luminance key images, 2 camera chroma key images and 12 card animation images.

#### Card chroma key

















# Using a Memory Card

#### **Card luminance key**









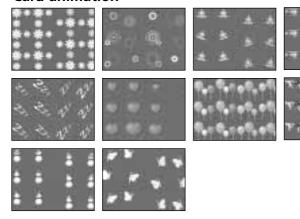


#### Camera chroma key





#### **Card animation**



• The pre-recorded sample images on the supplied SD Memory Card are intended solely for the personal enjoyment gained from combining them with personal videos taken with this camcorder. Do not use the pre-recorded sample images for any other purpose.

#### **SD Memory Card SDC-8M Specifications**

Capacity	8 MB
Interface	SD Memory Card standard
Operating temperature range	0°C-40°C (32°F-140°F)
Dimensions	$32 \times 24 \times 2.1 \text{ mm } (1^{1}/_{4} \times 1 \times 1^{1}/_{8})$
Weight	2 g (¹/8 oz)

Weight and dimensions are approximate.

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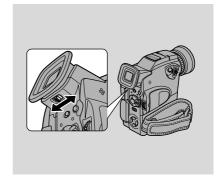
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For more information, please visit their website www.photoessentials.com

## **Preparing the Camcorder**

#### **Adjusting the Viewfinder**

- Set the camcorder to TAPE CAMERA mode. Adjust the viewfinder focusing lever to suit your eyesight.
- To view with the viewfinder, make sure the LCD panel is either turned so that the subject can monitor viewing, or totally closed with the screen facing inwards.

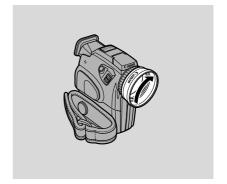


Be careful not to leave the viewfinder exposed to bright sunlight, or it will melt. (The light is concentrated by the viewfinder lens.) Do not direct the viewfinder to the sun.

#### **Attaching the Lens Hood**

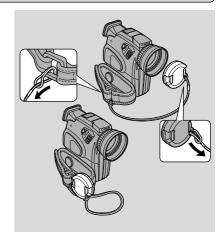
Since the lens hood cuts stray light that may cause flare and ghost images and protects the lens, be sure to attach the hood when you are recording.

- 1. Align the hood to the lens with the Canon logo facing to the left.
- 2. Twist it into position (clockwise), so that the Canon logo is to the top.
  - Make sure attach the hood to the camcorder horizontally.



#### **Preparing the Lens Cap**

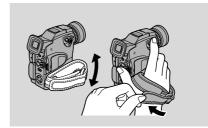
- Attach the cord to the grip belt, and then to the lens cap, passing the cord through the hole on the lens cap from front side.
- Hook the lens cap on to the grip belt while you are recording, and place it over the lens when you have finished.



#### **Fastening the Grip Belt**

- Rotate the viewfinder downwards.
- Release the Velcro fastening and hold the camcorder with your right hand while you adjust the belt with your left.

Your index finger should reach the zoom control and photo button, and your thumb should reach the start/stop button comfortably.



# **Notes on Using the Batteries**

#### **Charging and Recording Times**

- These times vary the safest policy is always to have 2 or 3 times as many battery packs as you think you will need.
- You will get more recording time if you turn the camcorder off between shots, instead of leaving it in record pause mode.
- Charge the battery pack in temperatures between 5°C and 40°C (41°F and 104°F).
- The charging time varies depending on the charging conditions.

Battery Pack	Time needed for full recharge
BP-512	1 hr. 20 min.
BP-511 (optional)	1 hr. 20 min.
BP-522 (optional)	2 hr. 15 min.
BP-535 (optional)	3 hr. 15 min.

Battery	Max. Reco	rding Time	Typical Recording Time*		
Pack	Using the Viewfinder	Using the LCD Screen	Using the Viewfinder	Using the LCD Screen	
BP-512	2 hr. 15 min.	1 hr. 50 min.	1 hr. 15 min.	60 min.	
BP-511	2 hr. 15 min.	1 hr. 50 min.	1 hr. 15 min.	60 min.	
BP-522	4 hr. 40 min.	3 hr. 50 min.	2 hr. 30 min.	2 hr. 5 min.	
BP-535	7 hr. 25 min.	6 hr. 10 min.	4 hr.	3 hr. 25 min.	

- \* Typical Recording Time: Approximate times for recording with repeated operations such as start/stop, zooming and power on/off. The actual time may be shorter.
- You can use the battery pack between 0° and 40°C (32° to 104°F), but it works best between 10° and 30°C (50° to 86°F). Operating time will be shorter than usual at low temperatures like a ski ground. For better operating results, the battery pack can be warmed in your pocket or someplace and then used.
- If the battery pack starts to give you much less operating time than usual (at normal temperatures), it has reached the end of its life and must be replaced.
- These figures show how long you can view playback with the LCD, after attaching a fully-charged battery pack. Playback time will be shortened at low temperatures.

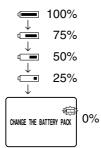
Battery pack	Playback time (using the LCD screen)
BP-512	1 hr. 50 min.
BP-511 (optional)	1 hr. 50 min.
BP-522 (optional)	3 hr. 50 min.
BP-535 (optional)	6 hr. 10 min.

#### **How Much Power Is Left?**

The indicator in the display shows you approximately how much charge the battery pack has left:

#### Motes:

- When the power is completely exhausted, "CHANGE THE BATTERY PACK" appears in the display for 4 seconds and the empty battery mark starts to flash. The power indicator light also flashes.
- The indicator is not constant it varies with the condition under which battery pack and camcorder are used.



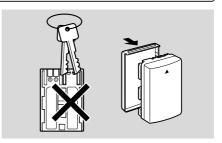
#### When to Recharge

You can recharge a lithium ion battery pack whenever it is convenient. Unlike a conventional battery pack, it does not have to be fully discharged first. However, as the battery pack will naturally discharge itself over time, it is best to charge it the same day you plan to use it, or the day before.

#### **Taking Care of the Battery Pack**

#### Always attach the terminal cover.

 Do not allow any metal objects to touch the terminals, as this can cause a short circuit and damage the battery pack. Attach the terminal cover whenever the battery pack is not being used.



#### Keep the terminals clean.

 The camcorder, adapter or battery pack will not work properly if the terminals are dirty. Attach the terminal cover whenever the battery pack is not being used.

#### Storing the battery pack.

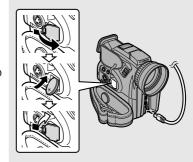
• Storing a charged battery pack for long periods of time (about 1 year) can shorten its lifecycle or affect performance. We recommend to discharge the battery pack in the camcorder fully and to store it in a dry place. If you do not use the battery pack for long periods of time, charge it fully and discharge it fully in the camcorder at least once a year before returning it to storage.

#### **Installing the Backup Battery**

Open the backup battery cover and insert the CR1616 lithium battery with the + side facing outwards. Click the cover back into place.

This backup battery allows the camcorder to retain the date and time and other settings when the main power source is removed. It has a life span of about a year.

When it needs replacing (or if it has not been installed), the ➡ mark flashes in the display. Remove the old battery by pushing



it up, releasing and lifting it out. Make sure to attach a power source to the camcorder first, so it will retain your chosen settings when you change the battery.

#### **DANGER!**

#### Treat the battery pack with care.

- Keep it away from fire (or it might explode).
- Do not expose the battery pack to temperatures higher than 60°C (140°F). Do not leave it near a heater, or inside a car in hot weather, for example.
- Do not try to disassemble or modify it.
- Do not drop or knock it.
- Do not get it wet.

#### WARNING!

- The battery used in this device may present a fire or chemical burn hazard if mistreated. Do not recharge, disassemble, heat above 100°C (212°F) or incinerate.
- Replace the battery with a CR1616 made by one of the following companies: Panasonic, Hitachi Maxell, Sony, Toshiba, Varta or Renata. Use of other batteries may lead to fire or explosions.
- The used battery should be returned to the supplier for safe disposal.

#### Cautions:

- Do not pick up the battery using tweezers or other metal tools this will cause a short circuit.
- Wipe the battery with a clean, dry cloth to ensure proper contact.
- Keep the battery pack out of reach of children if it is swallowed, contact
  a physician immediately, as the battery case may break down and the
  battery fluids damage the stomach and intestines.
- Do not disassemble, heat or immerse the battery in water, to avoid the risk of explosion.

#### **Cautions**

#### Avoid high temperatures and high humidity.

- Do not leave the camcorder inside a car in hot weather, for example.
- Be careful of heat radiating from video lighting equipment.
- Do not take the camcorder into a humid room.

#### Avoid sudden changes in temperature.

• If you take the camcorder from a cold place to a warm place, condensation may form on the lens and internal parts ( \sum 163).

#### Do not point the lens or viewfinder at strong light sources.

- Never point it at the sun, and do not leave it aimed at a bright subject.
- Be especially careful when leaving the camcorder on a tripod.

#### Avoid magnetic or electric fields.

• Do not use the camcorder close to TV transmitters, portable communication devices or other sources of electric or magnetic radiation. They may cause picture interference, or permanently damage the camcorder.

#### Do not expose the camcorder to water.

- The camcorder is not waterproof. If water, mud or salt (seawater) gets inside the camcorder or cassette, it may lead to damage.
- Cover the camcorder when you are recording in rain or mist.
- There is a risk of electric shock if water gets inside the camcorder contact qualified service personnel as soon as possible.

#### Do not expose the camcorder to dust or sand.

- Do not use or store the camcorder in dusty or sandy places. If dust or sand gets inside the camcorder or cassette, it may lead to damage.
- Sand and dust can damage the lens be especially careful on windy days. Always attach the lens cap after use.

#### Handle the camcorder gently.

- Vibration or shock can cause damage.
- Do not use the viewfinder or LCD panel as a carrying handle.

#### Do not disassemble the camcorder.

• This is very dangerous as there is a risk of electric shock — if the camcorder does not function properly, take it to qualified service personnel.

If you do not intend to use the camcorder for a longer time, store it in a dry place free of dust and at temperatures no higher than 30°C (85°F). After storage, check each part and function of your camcorder to make sure everything is still working properly.

#### ⋒ Note:

 These cautions also apply to accessories such as battery packs and cassettes.

#### Maintenance

#### **LCD**

- Clean the LCD screen using a commercially available cleaning cloth for glasses.
- Moving the camcorder between hot and cold temperatures may cause condensation (water droplets) to form on the surface of the screen. Wipe the screen with a soft, dry cloth.
- At low temperatures, the display may appear to be much darker than usual. This is not a malfunction. As the screen warms up, the display will return to normal.

#### Camcorder body and lens

• Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the camcorder body or lens. Never use chemically treated cloth or volatile solvents such as paint thinner.

#### Video heads

- When mosaic-like noise appears on the playback picture, the video heads may be dirty. When the video heads are badly contaminated, the camcorder may show a blank blue screen or a warning.
- For the best picture possible, after using the camcorder for approximately 20 hours, clean the video heads using Canon's DVM-CL Digital Video Head Cleaning Cassette. If the "noise" remains, repeat the cleaning (up to maximum of 5 times).
- Do not use a wet-type cleaning cassette, as this can cause damage.



#### **Using the Camcorder Abroad**

#### **Power sources**

 You can use the compact power adapter to operate your camcorder and charge battery packs in any country/area where the electricity supply is between 100 and 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz. Contact your Canon dealer for information about plug adapters for overseas use.

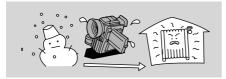
#### TV playback

Although you can always play back your recordings on the LCD screen, your camcorder can only be connected to TVs which use its PAL system. This TV system is used in the following countries/areas:
 Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brunei, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liberia, Malaysia, Malta, Mozambique, the Netherlands, New Zealand, North Korea, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Yemen, former Yugoslavia, Zambia.

#### Condensation

Condensation may form on the camcorder when it is moved from a cold place to a warm place. Using the camcorder while condensation is present can damage both the tape and the camcorder.

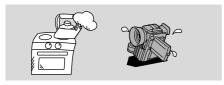
Condensation may become a problem:



When you take the camcorder from a cold place to a warm room



When a cold room is heated rapidly



When the camcorder is left in a humid room



When the camcorder is taken from an airconditioned room to a warm, humid place

#### Protecting the camcorder from condensation

 Before you take the camcorder to a warm or humid place where condensation is likely to be a problem, unload the cassette and put the camcorder in a plastic bag. Wait until the camcorder reaches room temperature before you take it out of the bag.

#### What happens when condensation is detected

- "CONDENSATION HAS BEEN DETECTED" is displayed for approximately four seconds. The power indicator flashes and the I mark flashes in the display. If there is a cassette in the camcorder, it stops automatically and "REMOVE THE CASSETTE" is displayed for approximately 4 seconds and flashes in the display. If you have the beep turned on, it will sound. Remove the tape, otherwise it may be damaged.
- The camcorder may not detect the condensation immediately the condensation warning may not start flashing for 10 to 15 minutes.
- You cannot load a cassette when condensation is detected.

#### What you should do

- Remove the cassette, leave the cassette compartment open, and turn the camcorder off.
- Leave it in a dry place until the condensation evaporates. After the condensation warning stops flashing, wait at least another hour before trying to use the camcorder.

Refer to this checklist first if you have any problems with your camcorder. Possible explanations are given for each problem on the list — turn to the page numbers in parentheses for more information.

Make sure that the camcorder is properly connected if you are using it with a TV or VCR. Consult your dealer or service outlet if problems persist.

#### Recording/Playback

#### **Problem**

Nothing happens when I press the buttons.

#### The camcorder turned itself off.

- The cassette compartment stopped mid-operation while loading/unloading a cassette.
- ☑ The start/stop button does not work.
- The 1 mark flashes red in the display during charging the flash.
- There is no picture in the display.
- There is a blank blue screen in the display.

#### Cause and/or what to do about it

- The camcorder is not set to the appropriate mode ( 
   \sum 18, 30).
- The cassette is not loaded or is set for erasure prevention ( \( \subseteq 16-17 \)).
- The cassette has reached the end.
- The power source is not properly connected, or the battery pack is exhausted or not properly attached ( □ 11-15, 158).
- The function cannot be used in that recording program ( \sum 59).
- The camcorder was in record pause mode for more than about 5 minutes ( ☐ 18, 111, 175).
- The battery pack is exhausted ( 12-15, 158).
- The battery pack's power is exhausted. Recharge or change to a new battery pack (☐ 12-15).
- The cassette is not loaded or is set for erasure prevention ( \( \subseteq 16-17 \)).
- The cassette has reached the end.
- The camcorder is malfunctioning. Remove and then replace power source
- The camcorder is not set to the appropriate mode ( \( \subseteq 18, 30 \)).
- You are attempting to play back or record copyright protected material ( ☐ 92).
- The video heads are badly contaminated ( ☐ 161).

#### The camcorder does not focus.

- The camcorder is on manual focus ( 79).
- The viewfinder lens needs adjusting ( 155).
- The lens is dirty ( 161).

#### ⋒ Note:

• Some subjects are not suitable for autofocus. In these situations, you will often get better results using manual focus (\$\sum 79\$). Focus on something which is about the same distance away, lock the focus, and then point the camcorder at your original, hard-to-focus subject.







Horizontal stripes

Many subjects at different distances

Behind glass

Without much contrast (e.g. a white wall)









Reflective surfaces (e.g. shiny car surfaces)

Fast moving objects

Dark subjects

Night scenes

#### Recording/Playback (Cont.)

#### **Problem**

- Some/all of the digital effects do not work.
- ☑ The ► (play) button does not work.
- There is a bright stripe on the screen.



The playback picture is rough (with mosaic-like noise).

#### Cause and/or what to do about it

- There are a number of restrictions on using the digital effects ( ☐ 63-68).
- The camcorder is not set to TAPE PLAY (VCR) mode (□30).
- The cassette is not loaded ( 16).
- The cassette has reached the end.
- When recording in dark places a bright light in the scene may cause a vertical light bar ("smear") to appear. This is a normal feature of camcorders.

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- There is no picture on the TV screen.
- There is no picture on the TV screen, even though the tape is moving.
- There is no sound coming from the speaker during playback.

- AV/PHONES is not set to AV in the menu.
- AV → DV OUT (Analog-digital converter) is not set to OFF.
- The video heads need cleaning ( 🖽 161).
- The TV/VIDFO selector on the TV isn't set to VIDEO ( 35-36).
- The speaker has been turned off with the selector dial ( $\square 33$ ).
- Headphones are being used.

#### Memory card operations

#### **Problem**

- ☑ The memory card will not insert.
- 2 The mark flashes red in the display even though a memory card has been inserted.
- Nothing happens when I press the buttons.

#### Cause and/or what to do about it

- It is not turned the right way  $(\square 107)$ . Turn it the right way and try inserting again.
- Turn the camcorder's power off and back on again and remove and reinsert the card. If the mark continues to flash, format the memory card.
- The camcorder is not set to CARD CAMERA or CARD PLAY (VCR) ( 111, 122) mode.
- The memory card is not inserted  $(\Box 107).$
- You are using an SD Memory Card and it is set for erasure prevention. Change the position of the protect switch.
- The memory card is full. Erase images ( 130) or insert a new memory card.
- The power source is not properly connected, or the battery pack is exhausted or not properly attached  $(\Box 11-15, 158).$
- The function cannot be used in that recording program (\$\square\$59).
- The memory card is not loaded  $(\Box 107).$

Additional Information

The PHOTO button does not work.

- You are using an SD Memory Card and it is set for erasure prevention. Change the position of the protect switch.
- The memory card is full. Erase images (☐ 130) or insert a new memory card.
- You have reached the maximum file number. Set the file numbering to RESET through the menu (
  110) and insert a new memory card.
- You are using an unformatted memory card. Format the card (
  148).
- **12** The image cannot be erased.
- The image is protected ( 127).
- You are using an SD Memory Card and it is set for erasure prevention. Change the position of the protect switch.

#### Miscellaneous

#### **Problem**

The wireless controller does not work.

#### Cause and/or what to do about it

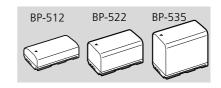
- The remote sensor mode is set to OFF((♠) in the menu ( □ 49).
- The remote sensor modes of the wireless controller and the camcorder itself are different ( ☐ 49).
- The batteries are dead or not inserted.
- ☑ The power indicator is flashing.
- 2 The camcorder malfunctions.
- Check the screen displays ( 171).
- External interference may cause the camcorder's microprocessor to malfunction temporarily. If random letters appear in the display or if normal operation is interrupted, remove and then replace the power source.
- The DV cable is connected correctly, but there's nothing in the display.
- The camcorder becomes warm during use.
- Remove the cable and then reconnect it or turn the power off and back on again.
- This is not a malfunction.

<sup>\*</sup> Charging with the CA-920 Compact Power Adapter or CH-910 Dual Battery Charger/Holder (optional)

# **Optional Accessories**

#### **BP-500 Series Battery Packs**

When you need extra battery packs, select from the following: BP-511, BP-512, BP-522 and BP-535.



# CR-560 Charge Adapter/Car Battery Cable Kit

Connect the car battery cable to power your camcorder or recharge battery packs on the move. The car battery cable plugs into your car's cigarette lighter socket and runs off a 12-24 V DC negative ground battery.

Also, when used with the CA-560

Also, when used with the CA-560 Compact Power Adapter, this charge adapter can charge the BP-500 series lithium ion battery packs from a mains outlet.



#### **TL-34 Tele-converter**

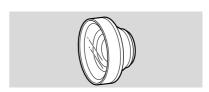
This tele-converter lens increases the focal length of the camcorder lens by a factor of 1.7.

- The image stabilizer is not as effective as usual when the tele-converter is attached.
- The minimum focusing distance with the Tele-converter is 3 m (9 ft 10 1/8 in); 3 cm (11 3/4 in) on maximum wide angle.



#### WD-34 Wide-converter

This lens decreases focal length by a factor of 0.7, giving you a wide perspective for indoor shots or panoramic views.



#### FS-34U Filter Set

Neutral density and MC protector filters to help you take control of difficult lighting conditions.



#### VL-10Li Battery Video Light

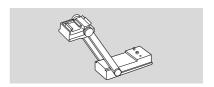
This compact yet powerful video light can be used for both indoor and outdoor shooting.

- Use the BP-900 Series battery packs to power the light. Approximate usage times are as follows: BP-915 60 min. BP-930 120 min. BP-945 170 min.
- Charge the BP-900 Series battery packs with the CA-920 Compact Power Adapter (optional).



#### **SA-1 Adapter Bracket**

Attaches a video light or microphone securely to the camera.



#### **Zoom Remote Controller ZR-1000**

When this product is plugged into the LANC terminal of a Canon camcorder, it is possible to control functions such as the start and stop of recording and the zoom and focusing functions while the camcorder is mounted on a tripod, without touching the camcorder body itself.



#### SC-1000 Soft Carrying Case

A handy camcorder bag with padded compartments and plenty of space for accessories.



Additional nformation

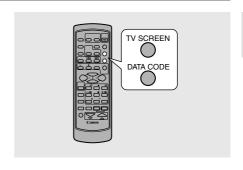


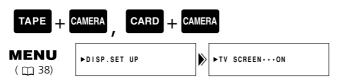
This mark identifies genuine Canon video accessories. When you use Canon video equipment, we recommend Canon-brand accessories or products bearing the same mark.

## **Screen Displays**

To display the date and time, press the DATA CODE button. See also p. 84.

Press the wireless controller's TV SCREEN button or turn TV SCREEN on through the menu to see the other displays on the TV screen. (The displays appear white on-screen.) They will not be added to any recordings you make with the camcorder.





To turn TV SCREEN off, open the menu and select DISP. SET UP. Then select TV SCREEN, set it to OFF and close the menu.

For instructions on how to hook the camcorder up to your TV, see p. 34.

#### **Turning Off the LCD Screen Displays**



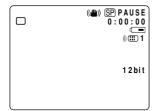
You can turn off the displays to give you a clear screen for playback.



To turn the display off, open the menu and select DISP. SET UP. Then select DISPLAYS, set it to OFF <PLAYBK> and close the menu.

- If you turn the displays off, the LCD screen will be completely blank (including connected TV screen), but the camcorder will continue to show warning/caution displays when necessary, and the data code appears in the display if it is set to ON.
- When operating the camcorder, the displays appear for 2 seconds. However, the displays do not disappear when displaying an index screen.

indicates a flashing display.



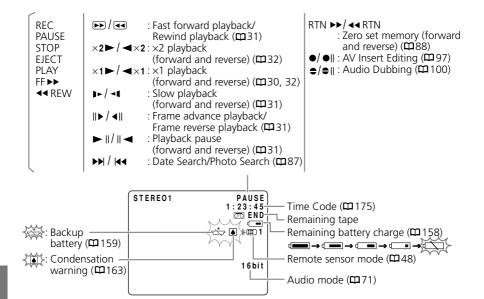
When inserting a tape in TAPE CAMERA mode (battery pack attached)

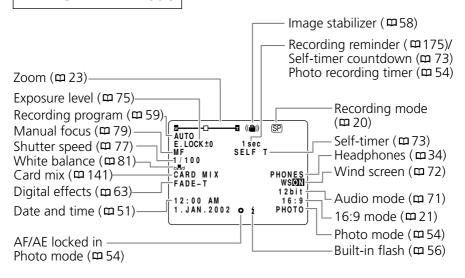
• The displays of remote sensor mode and audio mode disappear after 4 seconds.



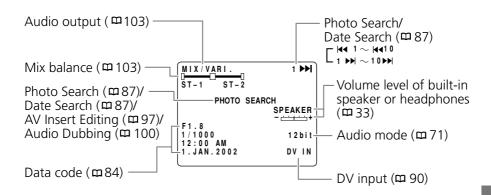
When inserting a tape in TAPE PLAY (VCR) mode

• The displays of remote sensor mode and volume level disappear after 4 seconds.

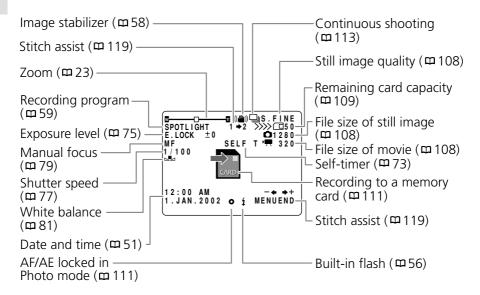




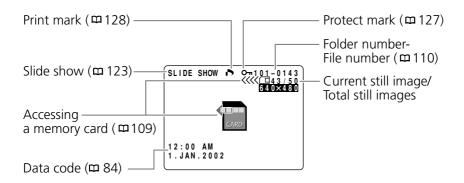
#### TAPE PLAY (VCR) mode



#### **CARD CAMERA mode**



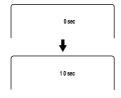
#### CARD PLAY (VCR) mode





#### Time Code

This records counter information, including hour, minute, second, and frame number on a special data code area on the tape itself. It is reset automatically when a new tape is loaded. In TAPE CAMERA mode, the frame number doesn't appear in the display.



#### Recording reminder

When you start recording, the camcorder counts from OSEC to 10SEC. Shots which are shorter than ten seconds may be difficult to edit later. On the other hand, if you are not planning to edit the recording, remember that a shot which does not contain action should generally last no longer than 10 seconds.



#### "AUTO POWER OFF"

The camcorder will turn itself off if you leave it in record pause mode for more than about 5 minutes. This display appears 20 seconds (approx.) before the camcorder turns off.

#### **Caution Phrases**

The camcorder displays various caution phrases for approx. 4 seconds.

SET THE TIME ZONE, DATE AND TIME Time zone, date and time are not set. This message appears each time you turn the power on until you set the time zone, date and time ( $\square$  51).

CHANGE THE BATTERY PACK

Battery pack is exhausted. Replace or charge the battery pack. ( $\bigcirc$  158).

THE TAPE IS SET FOR ERASURE PREVENTION

Replace the tape or change the position of the protect switch on the cassette ( $\mathfrak{Q}$ 17).

REMOVE THE CASSETTE

The camcorder stopped operating to protect the cassette. Remove the cassette and retry the operation from the beginning ( $\square$  163).

CHECK THE DV INPUT

DV cable is not connected, or the connected digital device is turned off ( $\square$  90).

CONDENSATION HAS BEEN DETECTED Condensation has been detected in the camcorder  $(\square 163)$ .

TAPE END

Tape reached the end. Rewind or remove the tape.

CHECK THE CASSETTE [REC MODE]

Recording is made in a mode other than the SP mode. Audio dubbing or AV insert not possible (\$\square\$98, 100).

CHECK THE CASSETTE [AUDIO MODE]

Recording is made in 16-bit or 12-bit 4-channel mode. Audio dubbing not possible ( $\square$  100).

CHECK THE CASSETTE [BLANK]

Camcorder detected a blank section on the tape. Audio dubbing or AV insert not possible (\$\square\$98, 100).

HEADS DIRTY, USE CLEANING CASSETTE Displayed immediately after you start recording when the video heads are dirty. Clean the video heads ( $\square$  161).

COPYRIGHT PROTECTED PLAYBACK IS RESTRICTED

You attempted to playback a copyright protected tape ( \$\square\$ 92).

Additional nformation You attempted to copy a copyright protected tape. May also be displayed when an anomalous signal is sent during Analog Line-in recording (\$\square\$192, 93).

#### Memory card caution phrases

NO CARD

Memory card not inserted into the camcorder  $(\square 107)$ .

THE CARD IS SET FOR ERASURE PREVENTION

The SD Memory Card is set for erasure prevention. Replace the card or change the position of the protect switch ( $\square$  106).

NO IMAGES

No images are recorded on the memory card  $(\square 107)$ .

CARD ERROR

A memory card error occurred. The camcorder cannot record/play back. The error may be temporary. If CARD ERROR disappears after 4 seconds and I flashes red, turn the camcorderís power off, remove the card and reinsert the card. If I changes to green, you can continue recording/playback (I 112).

CARD FULL

No free space remaining on the memory card. Replace with another memory card or erase images  $(\square 130)$ .

NAMING ERROR

File or folder numbers have already reached the maximum value ( $\square$  110).

UNIDENTIFIABLE IMAGE

The image is recorded in a JPEG format or any format that is not compatible with the camcorder, or the image contains corrupted data ( $\square$  121).

PRINT MARK ERROR

The marked file cannot be edited ( $\square$  128).

THIS IMAGE CANNOT BE RECORDED

Depending on the signal, some analog images cannot be recorded on the memory card as still image ( $\square$  115).

MEMORY CARD COVER IS OPEN The cover or the memory card compartment is open.

# Messages that may appear when connecting to a printer supporting the direct print function

Below caution phrases may be displayed when the camcorder is connected to a printer supporting the direct print function. Please refer to the manual of each printer for remedies.

With the BJ Printer, the error number is displayed on the operation panel. Please refer to the BJ Printer Quick Start Guide for the remedies corresponding to the error numbers.

No Paper

Paper cassette is not correctly inserted or out of paper.

Paper Jam

The paper jammed during printing.

No Ink

The ink cartridge has not been inserted or has run out of ink.

Ink Cassette Error

The ink cassette is experiencing a problem.

Recharge the printer battery

The printer battery is depleted.

Communication Error

The printer is experiencing a data transmission error.

Could not print X images

You attempted to use the DPOF print settings to print X images that are from another camcorder, that have a different format, or that have been edited on a computer.

Cannot Print!

You attempted to print an image from another camcorder, one recorded in a different format, or one that has been edited on a computer.

Set print mark

You attempted to print an unmarked still image from the CARD PLAY menu [ → ▶ PRINT].

Additional Information You attempted to trim an image with an image size of  $160 \times 120$ .

Readjust trimming

The style has been changed after the trimming settings were set.

Paper has been changed

The paper size has been changed between print setting from the print dialog and the start of printing.

Incompatble paper size

You attempted to print on paper that cannot be used with the camcorder.

Paper and ink do not match

The ink cannot be used with the selected paper type.

Printer In Use

The printer is printing the data from a memory card inserted into the computer or printer. The printer automatically starts printing the images from the camcorder after completing the current printing.

Printer Warming Up

Printer is warming up. When it is ready, the printer starts printing automatically.

Low Ink Level

The ink tank needs to be replaced soon. Prepare a new ink tank. If you select [Continue] in the error screen, you can restart printing.

Paper Level Error

Adjust the paper selection lever to the proper position.

Waste Tank Full

You can restart printing by pressing the RESUME/CANCEL button on the BJ Printer. Please request replacement of the waste tank to the shop where you purchased the printer or the nearest Canon customer support center listed in the Bubble Jet Quick Start Guide.

Printer Cover Open

Close the front cover of the printer.

Install a print head in the printer.

Printer Error

Turn off the printer, then turn it on again. If the error persists, please consult the nearest Canon customer support center listed in the Bubble Jet Quick Start Guide.

Media Type Error

Set the paper option in the style setting to a paper size that can be used with the printer.

# Additional Information

# **Specifications**

extremely high quality prints.

MVX2i	
Power Supply (rated):	7.4 V DC
Power Consumption (while recording with the AF turned on):	3.9 W (Using viewfinder), 4.8 W (Using LCD screen)
Television system:	CCIR standard (625 lines, 50 fields) PAL colour signal
Video recording system:	2 rotary heads, helical scanning DV system (Consumer digital VCR SD system) Digital component recording
Audio recording system:	Tape: PCM digital sound 16 bit (48kHz/2ch), 12 bit (32kHz/4ch) Card: PCM digital sound 16 bit (16 kHz/1ch)
Îmage sensor:	1/4" CCD (charge coupled device), approx. 1,330,000 pixels (card: approx. 1,230,000 effective pixels, tape: approx. 1,000,000 effective pixels)
Tape format:	Videocassettes bearing the Mini <b>DY</b> mark.
Tape speed:	SP: 3/4 ips (18.83 mm/s), LP: 1/2 ips (12.57 mm/s)
Maximum recording time (with an 80 min. cassette):	SP: 80 min., LP: 120 min.
Fast forward/ rewind time:	Approx. 2 min. 20 sec. (with a 60 min. cassette)
Lens:	F/1.8–2.1, 10× power zoom, f=4.1-41 mm
Focusing system:	TTL autofocus, manual focusing possible
Minimum focusing distance:	1 m (3ft 33/8 in) 1 cm (3/8 in) on maximum wide angle)
Maximum shutter speed:	1/8,000 sec. (1/250 sec. when using a memory card)
Minimum illumination:	0.5 lx (using the Night program in TAPE CAMERA mode)
Recommended illumination:	More than 100 lx
Filter diameter:	34 mm
Viewfinder:	0.5 in, TFT colour LCD, approx. 113,000 pixels
LCD screen:	2.5 in measured diagonally, TFT colour, approx. 200,000 pixels
Microphone:	Stereo electret condenser microphone
Recording media:	SD Memory Card, MultiMediaCard
Number of recording	Still image: 1280 × 960, 640 × 480 pixels
pixels:	Movie: $320 \times 240$ pixels (approx. 10 sec.)*, $160 \times 120$ pixels (approx. 30 sec.)*, $12.5$ frames/sec.
* The figures in brackets represen	t the maximum length of one movie clip.
Image format:	Design rule for Camera File system (DCF), Exif 2.2 compliant*
* This compared or supports Fuif 2	Digital Print Order Format (DPOF) compliant (only images marked for printing)

images marked for printing)

\* This camcorder supports Exif 2.2 (also called "Exif Print"). Exif Print is a standard for enhancing the communication between camcorders and printers. By connecting to an Exif Print-compliant printer, the camcorder's image data at the time of shooting is used and optimized, yielding

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File format:	Still Image: JPEG (compression mode: Superfine, Fine, Standard), Movie: Motion JPEG
Estimated SD Memory	1280 × 960: Superfine 6 images/Fine 10
Card SDC-8M capacities	images/Standard 18 images
(approx.)*:	640 × 480: Superfine 34 images/Fine 50 images/
	Standard 84 images
	cord varies depending on the images. Remember that the sample ed SD Memory Card are included in the total number.
Maximum continuous	1280 × 960: 10 images (2 frames/sec.)
shots:	$640 \times 480$ : Flash on: 10 images (2 frames/sec.),
	Flash off: 30 images (3 frames/sec.)
USB terminal:	mini-B
DV Terminal:	Special 4-pin connector (conforms to IEEE1394)
AV/headphones terminal:	ø 3.5 mm minijack
	Audio input: –10 dBV/at least 40 kohms, (L, R),
	unbalanced output: –10 dBV (47 kohm load)/ less than 3 kohms,
	unbalanced
	Video: 1 Vp-p/75 ohms unbalanced
S-video terminal:	1 Vp-p (Y signal), 0.3 Vp-p (C signal)
MIC terminal input:	ø 3.5 mm stereo minijack, – 57 dBV (with 600 ohm
wic terminal input.	mic)/ at least 5 kohms
LANC & terminal:	ø 2.5 mm mini minijack
Operating temperature:	0°-40°C (32°-104°F)
Dimensions:	60 × 119 × 118 mm (2 3/8 × 4 5/8 × 4 5/8 in)
Weight:	530 g (1lb 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> oz)
BP-512 Battery Pack	
Battery type:	Rechargeable lithium ion battery
Rated voltage:	7.4 V DC
Operating temperature:	0°–40°C (32°–104°F)
Battery capacity:	1100 mAh
Dimensions:	38 × 21 × 55 mm (1 1/2 × 7/8 × 2 5/8 in)
Weight:	70 g (2 1/2 oz)
CA-560 Compact Pov	wer Adapter
Power supply:	100–240 V AC, 50/60 Hz
Power consumption:	34 W
Rated output:	9.5 V, 2.7 A DC
Operating temperature:	0°C-40°C (32°F-104°F)
Dimensions:	57 × 28 × 104 mm (2 1/4 × 1 1/8 × 4 1/8 in)
Weight:	180 g (6 3/8 oz) (without power cable)
Weight and dimensions are a	approximate.

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# Menu at a Glance

Use the list below to quickly navigate the camcorder's menu. Functions are listed alphabetically.

First make sure the camera is set to				Then select it from this	
runction	TAPE CAMERA	TAPE PLAY (VCR)	CARD CAMERA	CARD PLAY (VCR)	submenu and set.
16:9 effect	0				CAM.SET UP
6-sec. Date		0			DISP.SET UP
AF-assist lamp	0		0		CAM.SET UP
Animation type	0				→ CARD MIX
Audio dubbing		0			VCR SET UP
Audio mode	0	0			VCR SET UP
AV/headphones	0	0	0	0	VCR SET UP
$AV \rightarrow DV$ out		0			VCR SET UP
Веер	0	0	0	0	SYSTEM
Brightness	0	0	0	0	DISP.SET UP
Card access display	0	0			DISP.SET UP
Card mix	0				→ CARD MIX
Continuous shooting			0		CARD SET UP
Copy - card to tape				0	CARD OPER.
Copy - tape to card		0			CARD OPER.
Create start-up image				0	MY CAMERA
Data code		0		0*	DISP.SET UP
Date/time display	0		0		DISP.SET UP
Date/time select		0		0	DISP.SET UP
Date/time set	0	0	0	0	SYSTEM

<sup>\*</sup> Only the date and time appear in the data code when using a memory card.

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Function	First make sure the camera is set to				Then select it from this
runction	TAPE + CAMERA	TAPE PLAY (VCR)	CARD CAMERA	CARD PLAY (VCR)	submenu and set.
Demo mode	0		0		DISP.SET UP
Digital zoom	0		0		CAM.SET UP
Displays		0		0	DISP.SET UP
Erase				0	CARD OPER.
Erase all print marks				0	CARD OPER.
File numbers		0	0		CARD SET UP
Format				0	CARD OPER.
Image stabilizer	0		0		CAM.SET UP
LCD Mirror mode	0		0		DISP.SET UP
Mix level	0				◆ CARD MIX
Mix type	0				◆ CARD MIX
Movie Size		0	0		CARD SET UP
ND filter			0		CAM.SET UP
Output channel		0			VCR SET UP
Print mark				0	CARD OPER.
Protect				0	CARD OPER.
Recording mode	0	0		0	VCR SET UP
Remote sensor mode	0	0	0	0	SYSTEM
Select start-up image				0	MY CAMERA
Self-timer sound	0	0	0	0	MY CAMERA
Shutter sound	0	0	0	0	MY CAMERA

Information	Additional

Function	First make sure the camera is set to				Then select it from this
runction	TAPE CAMERA	TAPE PLAY (VCR)	CARD CAMERA	CARD PLAY (VCR)	submenu and set.
Shutter speed	0		0		CAM.SET UP
Start/stop sound	0	0	0	0	MY CAMERA
Start-up sound	0	0	0	0	MY CAMERA
Still image quality		0	0		CARD SET UP
Still image size			0		CARD SET UP
Stitch assist			0		→ STITCH AST
Tally lamp	0	0	0	0	SYSTEM
Time zone/DST	0	0	0	0	SYSTEM
TV screen	0		0		DISP.SET UP
White balance	0		0		CAM.SET UP
Wind screen	0	0			VCR SET UP

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