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Camcorder

Operating Instructions



VHS**E** PV-L858

Please read these instructions carefully before attempting to operate this product. Please save this manual.

Spanish Quick Use Guide is included.

Guía para rápida consulta en español está incluida.

VQTW0688(A)

Things You Should Know

Thank you for choosing Panasonic!

You have purchased one of the most sophisticated and reliable products on the market today. Used properly, it will bring you years of enjoyment. Please take time to fill in the information below. The serial number is on the tag located on the underside of your Camcorder. Be sure to retain this manual as your convenient Camcorder information source.

Date of Purchase	
Dealer Purchased From	
Dealer Address	
Dealer Phone No.	
Model No.	
Serial No.	

Unpack your Camcorder

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



1 pc. Shoulder Strap

1 pc. CR2025 Clock

Battery (VSBW0004)

(installed in Camcorder) (see page 17)

(VYCW0149)

(see page 21)

1 pc. Battery Pack (PV-BP18)



1 pc. Remote Control Holder (VGQ6893) (see pages 21, 28)



1 pc. 8-Function Remote (VSQW0038) with one CR2025 Battery



Remote has been loaded with battery. (see page 28)

1 pc. Audio/Video Cable (VJAW0039) (see pages 31, 51)



1 pc. PC Connection cable (RS232C-3P) (LSJA0185/LSJA0190) (see page 59)



1 pc. Wiping Cloth (VFCW0001)

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

(PV-P1/VYMW0009) and one "AA" battery (see page 32)

1 pc. VHS PlayPak



1 pcs. Driver Software Floppy Disk for Windows 95 (VFTW0006) (see page 60)



Things You Should Know

Safety Precautions

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

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

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

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



The above markings are located on the appliance bottom cover.

FCC Warning: To assure continued FCC compliance, the user must use only provided shielded interfacing cable with ferrite cores when connecting to computer. Also, any unauthorized changes or modifications to this equipment would void the users authority to operate.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device and a RF Lighting device, pursuant to part 15 and Part 18 of the FCC Rules.

These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

-- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.

- -- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- -- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- -- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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Important Safeguards

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



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

- 11. Grounding or Polarization This video unit may be equipped with either a polarized 2-wire AC (Alternating Current) line plug (a plug having one blade wider than the other) or 3-wire grounding type plug, a plug having a third (grounding) pin. The 2-wire polarized plug will fit into the power outlet only one way. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet, try reversing the plug. If the plug still fails to fit, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug. The 3-wire grounding type plug will fit into a grounding type power outlet. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the arounding type plug.
- 12. Power-Cord Protection Power-supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them. Paying particular attention to cords of plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the unit.
- 13. Outdoor Antenna Grounding If an outside antenna or cable system is connected to the video unit, be sure the antenna or cable system is grounded so as to provide some protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges. Part 1 of the Canadian Electrical Code, in USA Section 810 of the National Electrical Code, provides information with respect to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna discharge unit, size of grounding conductors, location of antenna discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode.



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

Important Safeguards

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

- b. If any liquid has been spilled onto, or objects have fallen into the video unit.
- c. If the video unit has been exposed to rain or water.

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

Precautions

USE & LOCATION

- TO AVOID SHOCK HAZARD ... Your Camcorder and power supply should not be exposed to rain or moisture. Do not connect the power supply or operate your Camcorder if it gets wet. Your Camcorder has been designed for outdoor use, however it is not designed to sustain direct exposure to water, rain, sleet, snow, sand, dust, or a direct splashing from a pool or even a cup of coffee. This action could permanently damage the internal parts of your Camcorder. Do not attempt to disassemble this unit. There are no user serviceable parts inside. Unplug your Camcorder from the power supply before cleaning.
- . DO NOT AIM YOUR CAMCORDER AT THE SUN OR OTHER BRIGHT OBJECTS.
- DO NOT LEAVE THE CAMCORDER WITH THE EVF AIMED DIRECTLY AT THE SUN AS THIS MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE INTERNAL PARTS OF THE EVF.
- DO NOT EXPOSE YOUR CAMCORDER TO EXTENDED HIGH TEMPERATURE ... Such as, in direct sunlight, inside a closed car, next to a heater, etc... This action could permanently damage the internal parts of your Camcorder.
- AVOID SUDDEN CHANGES IN TEMPERATURE ... If the unit is suddenly moved from a cold place to a warm
 place, moisture may form on the tape and inside the unit.
- · DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAMCORDER OR THE POWER SUPPLY TURNED ON WHEN NOT IN USE.
- STORAGE OF YOUR CAMCORDER ... Store and handle your Camcorder in a manner that will not subject it to
 unnecessary movement (avoid shaking and striking). Your Camcorder contains a sensitive pick-up device which
 could be damaged by improper handling or storage.

CARE

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

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Special Features

Four-Speed Power Zoom	
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for the Self Demo screen to appear in the

EVF/LCD Monitor.

Quick Operation Guide Camera Recording Charge the Battery Pack fully before operation (see page 9). L Attach a fully charged Battery (see page 9). 2Slide the TAPE EJECT switch to open door. **3** insert cassette (see page 12). **4** Press here to close door. $oldsymbol{\partial}$ Set POWER switch to CAMERA. Built-In Lens Cover opens and POWER S Lamp lights. Slide TAPE SPEED Selector to SP or SLP (see page 12). POWER Lamp While looking into the Viewfinder, adjust the Vision Adjustment Control to your eyesight. Press RECORD/PAUSE to start recording. Press RECORD/PAUSE again to pause recording (see page 23). lectronic Viewfinder) To Watch Playbac $oldsymbol{I}$ Set the POWER switch to VCR. $2_{ t Press the REWIND/SEARCH to rewind}$ STILL tape. **3** Press PLAY to start playback. FF Press STOP to stop playback.



With a fully charged Battery Pack, you will have a maximum of about 1.8 hours of continuous use (LCD monitor is off) or about 1 hour of continuous use (LCD monitor is on). (The actual operating time may vary due to operation conditions. If the Built-in Light is used, battery operating time decreases.)



L Attach the Battery

- Align the Battery with the top of the mounting surface.
- B Press it into place until it locks with a click.

2 Remove the Battery While sliding the BATTERY RELEASE button, remove the Battery.

Supplying Power

Battery Refresh Feature

This feature completely discharges the Battery before recharging begins.

To maintain your Battery's operating capacity, use the refresh feature after about every five charges.

CHARGE Lamp



Battery Care

Caution:

- Charge only with specified charger.
- Battery can be charged within a temperature range of 50° F (10° C) and 95° F (35° C).
- Battery may be warm after charging or just after use. This is normal.
- Do not use an insufficiently charged or wornout Battery.

Safety precautions:

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

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ATTENTION:



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

 $oldsymbol{I}$ Plug in the AC Adaptor.

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

Z Place the Battery into the AC Adaptor.

Press the BATTERY REFRESH button.

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

Remove the Battery.

- Should you accidentally press the BATTERY REFRESH button, remove the Battery and then re-insert it to begin charging.
- It takes about 7 and a half hours when both Battery Refresh and recharging are performed.

To avoid damage to the Battery:

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

To prolong battery life:

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





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

TAPE SPEED Selector

Record/Playback Time

Use tapes with the VHSE mark in this unit.

Tape Speed Selector	Cassette type		
Position	T-20	T-30	T-40
SP (Standard Play)	20 minutes	30 minutes	40 minutes
SLP (Super Long Play)	1 hour	1 hour 30 minutes	2 hours

• SLP may have slightly more picture noise during playback.

Erase Protection Tab

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





MENU Mode

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Setting the Clock

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

Setting the Time Zone

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



Time Zone chart



Note:

When you travel outside the eight time zone chart.apove, please set the clock manually (see page 16).

Before you begin...

- · Connect the Camcorder to a power source.
- Set the POWER switch to CAMERA.
- Note:
- When the POWER switch is set to VCR, the CLOCK SET menu will be displayed.
- The Camcorder's clock may lose or gain up to two minutes per month. Please adjust as necessary (refer to page 16).



display the MENU.

To exit from the MENU mode, press the MENU button.







WARNING:

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

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

Electronic Viewfinder/LCD Monitor Indications

Tape/Battery Remaining

The tape remaining and battery charge level can be displayed during recording.



Display-Off Mode

This feature allows you to remove all Electronic Viewfinder/LCD Monitor Indications except Intelligent Titler (see pages 47~49). Before inserting a tape, press DISPLAY and STOP together for more than one second to remove the indications except time and date*.

To display the Indications again, turn the Camcorder Power off and then on again.

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



Electronic Viewfinder/LCD Monitor Indications

1) Battery Remaining Indication -

12:00:00AM JAN 1 1998

- When a battery recharge is necessary, "WARNING LOW BATTERY" will appear in the EVF. The external Power Lamp will start to flash and the Camcorder will automatically turn OFF in 15 seconds.
- ② Tape Remaining Indication
- If the Camcorder is in the camera mode (RECORD), with no cassette tape inserted, or the record tab is missing, "..." will flash for one minute and "CHECK TAPE" will appear for 5 seconds.
- As the tape reaches the end during recording, "••• will flash and "TAPE END" will appear for 5 seconds as a warning.

③ 10-Second Reminder

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

0:00 0:10 0:20 59:50

(return to 0:00 and continue)

The 10-Second Reminder will reset to 0:00
whenever you press the RECORD/PAUSE
button.

 ④ TAPE SPEED Indication (see pages 12, 45) Indicates the tape speed (SP or SLP or T.LAPSE).
 ⑤ Operating Mode Indications

(Appears in large then small characters.) PAUSE (Appears in large then small characters.) FF (fast forward) PLAY REW (rewind)

Electronic Viewfinder/LCD Monitor Indications



- **(6)** Zoom Magnification level (see page 33).
- ⑦ Digital E.I.S. Indication (see page 40).
- (8) Digital Wipe Indication (see page 42).
- (9) Digital Zoom Indication (see page 39).
- (1) Negative/Positive Indication (see page 38).
- 1) Still/Strobe Indication (see page 41).
- ⑦ VCR-MODE Indication
 - Appears for one minute if the POWER switch is set to VCR or the RECORD/PAUSE button is pushed in VCR MODE.
- **(3)** DEW Indication

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

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

- (Time Lapse Indication (see page 45).
- (5) Security Mode Indication (see page 43).
- (Message Mode Indication (see page 50).
- 1 Wide Screen Indication (see page 41).
- (B) Date and Time Indication (see page 16).
- (19 Backlight Indication (see page 33).
- 2 Manual Focus Indication (see page 34).
- ② Light ON/OFF Indication (see page 22).
- 2 High Speed Shutter Indication (see page 35).
- Fade Indication (see page 36).
- Color Digital Fade Indication (see page 37).
- Scolor Digital Filter Indication (see page 38).

Attaching the Shoulder Strap and Remote Control Holder Make sure the Battery Pack is not attached. Getting Started Undo the two strap ends from their buckles. $2_{ ext{Remove the buckle from one end of}}$ the strap. 3 Thread the strap (with no buckle) through the Control Holder so that it faces outward. (B) Then reinsert the buckle. Thread the strap ends through the Strap Attachment Rings. 2 - 1 **O**Reinsert the strap ends through their Thaninanna buckles. • Make sure the straps are not twisted. min. 1 inch (25.4mm) Dinsert the Remote into the Remote Control Holder for storage. Adjusting ength $oldsymbol{I}$ Pull a loop of the strap loose from the buckle. 2 Pull the strap firmly through the buckle to shorten or lengthen the strap. Hand Strap Adjust the length of the Hand Strap to the size of your hand as illustrated. Hand Strap

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Built-in Auto Light

Using the Built-in Auto Light Before you begin...

To improve recording indoors or outdoors in dim lighting conditions.



Replacing the Bulb



DANGER:

When replacing the bulb, use only lamp bulbs (PART NO. VLLW0015) supplied by Panasonic to reduce the risk of fire. Use a cloth or tissue when handling the bulb as finger oils will decrease the bulb life. To prevent possible burn hazard, remove the lens equer and allow the lamp to cool before replacing. • Connect the Camcorder to a power source. • Set the POWER switch to CAMERA.

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

 $\exists \mathbf{Q}$ will appear in the EVF while the light is turned on.

Caution:

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

Before you begin...

· Set the POWER switch to OFF.

When ordering replacement bulbs, use PART No. VULS0001

Push in on the both sides of the lens cover to unlock and pull it straight out from the Camcorder.

2 Using Tweezers or Needle-nose pliers, carefully remove the bulb from the Camcorder.

 If you have trouble replacing the bulb, please take the unit to your nearest service center for assistance.

Using a clean cloth or tissue, replace the bulb.

Push the lens cover straight back into place.

Note:

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



Using the LCD Monitor

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







Before you begin...

· Connect the Camcorder to a power source.

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

Swing the LCD monitor fully open and adjust the angle.

Caution:

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

Set the POWER switch to CAMERA.

- The LCD monitor turns on and off according to the POWER switch setting.
- When the LCD monitor is fully open, the Viewfinder automatically turns OFF.
- When the LCD monitor is completely closed, the Viewfinder turns on automatically.
- By rotating the LCD monitor 180°, so that it faces the same direction as the lens, the Viewfinder turns back on allowing you and the subject to monitor the recording.

4 Rotate the BRIGHT control to adjust the brightness of the LCD monitor.

O Start recording (see page 23).

Note:

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

Stand-by Quick Release

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





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Easy Edit Stand-by

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

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Note:

Press RECORD/PAUSE while

Z Set the POWER switch to OFF and leave the cassette in the Camcorder.

OWhen ready to resume recording, set

• If it is going to be longer than 24 hours before

manual Easy Edit feature described below.

you resume recording, you will need to use the

press RECORD/PAUSE.

the POWER switch to CAMERA and

recording.



Manual Easy Editing

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



Connect the Camcorder to a power source.

recommended to use the AC Adaptor for a

Insert a cassette with record tab (see page 12).

For extended periods of recording, it is

• Set the POWER switch to CAMERA.

Before you begin...

power source.

Programmed Recording

You can program the Camcorder to start and stop recording at a preset time. You can also do an Interval Recording which allows you to record 5 or 10 second intervals per minute.

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MENU

DISPLAY

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DOWN

Press the MENU button to display the MENU mode. Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ repeatedly to select PROGRAMMED - MENU --- PAGE 1/2 REC. ; AUTOMANUA MP; ON Y RELEASE; OFF STAND-BY F SELECT: PUSH V/A KEY SET : PUSH DISPLAY KE FND : PUSH MENU KEY **2** Press the DISPLAY button to display the current time in the EVF. To change the start time, press the **DISPLAY button repeatedly. Each** press increases FIELDE: 10:20PM the time by 30 LECT : PUSH V/A KEY T : PUSH DISPLAY minutes. START : PUSH REC/PAUSE CANCEL : PUSH MENU KEY 10:20:00PM Press DOWN ▼ to select REC TIME. Press the DISPLAY button repeatedly to select one of the recording lengths shown at left.

INTERVAL*2 INTERVAL*1 10 SEC/MIN. 5 SEC/MIN.

RECORD/ PAUSE

*1 Interval 5 SEC/MIN: A 5 second recording is performed each minute.

10MIN. - 20MIN. - 30MIN. - TO TAPE END

*2 Interval 10 SEC/MIN: A 10 second recording is performed each minute.

Note:

- The start time cannot be set for over 24 hours in advance from the current time.
- The Camcorder will automatically shut itself off when the tape reaches its end or 12 hours after an Interval recording is started.
- Set the POWER switch to OFF to cancel the Programmed Recording feature.



START : 10:30PM

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4 After setting the START and REC TIME, press the REC/PAUSE button to place the

Camcorder in stand-by mode.



The Camcorder will automatically start recording at the preset time and turn itself off when the recording is finished. U

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8-Function Remote Control

To Store Your Remote Control



Remote Control Operation

Operate the major functions of your Camcorder from up to 16 feet (5 m) (approx.) away. Aim the Remote Control at the Remote Sensor of the Camcorder and press the desired buttons.

Remote Sensor

Replace the Battery

Replace battery with Panasonic PART NO. VSBW0004 (CR2025) only. Use of another battery may present a risk of fire or explosion. Caution-battery may explode if mistreated. Dispose of used battery promptly. Keep away from children. Do not recharge, disassemble or dispose of in fire This holder (supplied) can be attached to the shoulder strap (see page 21). When the Remote is not in use, slide it into the holder as shown.

Controlled Functions

Rec/Pause (see page 23) T (telephoto) Zoom W (wide angle) Zoom Play (see page 29) Fast Forward/Search (see page 30) Rewind/Search (see page 29) Stop (see page 29) Still (see page 30)

Important Note:

 After 5 minutes in the Rec/Pause mode, the Camcorder will shut off to conserve battery life.
 If Camcorder is needed within 30 minutes, press the REC/PAUSE button down for about one second. This will resume power in the Record mode.

If more than 30 minutes have elapsed, set the POWER switch to OFF and then back to CAMERA before recording again.





Press the LCD-OPEN button to unlock

- . When the LCD monitor is fully open,
- When the LCD monitor is in the closed position, you can view your recording

- Adjust the volume of the speaker or
- monitor using the BRIGHT control.

supplied) to PHONE (earphone) jack, the sound

Basic Operation

Playing Back your Recordings

Special Effects Playback



Before you begin...

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

To rapidly locate a scene

Press PLAY then press FAST FORWARD/SEARCH or REWIND/ SEARCH for rapid visual search. Press again, or press PLAY to resume normal speed.

View a Still Picture

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

Search Speed

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

Note:

· During search playback, horizontal noise bars will appear and there will be no audio.

. To protect the tape and the video heads, your Palmcorder's operating modes will revert as follows:

STILL STAND-BY after 5 minutes.

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

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

Tracking Control

Auto Tracking

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

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

For Noise in Playback mode: Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ until picture clears up. Press DISPLAY to return to Auto Tracking.

For Noise in Still mode: Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ until picture clears up.

V-Lock Control (Reduces jitter in Still mode.)

Press DISPLAY and UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ until picture is stable.

Playing Back your Recordings

TV Playback or Viewing

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

TV with AUDIO/VIDEO IN Jacks. Back of TV ဝဓ္ To Audio In **To Video In** Audio/Video

To Audio/Video Out

Cable

(Supplied)

TV without AUDIO/VIDEO IN Jacks.



Before you begin...

· Connect the Camcorder to a power source.

 $oldsymbol{l}$ Set the POWER switch to VCR for tape playback.

Or, set to CAMERA to view what your Camcorder is recording.

m Z Turn the TV ON and set it to LINE INPUT.

Check your TV operating instructions. Note:

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

O Start playback or begin a recording.

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

Set the POWER switch to OFF on the Camcorder.

Then, set the VCR/TV Selector on the RF Adaptor to TV. Now, turn the TV ON and select a

channel.

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

U asic Operation

Playing Back your Recordings in your VCR

Playback using the PlayPak



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

Four-Speed Power Zoom / Backlight

Four-Speed Power Zoom

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

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



Backlight

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





Select a level that makes the subject appeanelearly-in the EVF.

Before you begin...

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

Zoom In ("T")



Zoom Out ("W")

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

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

Before you begin...

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

There are three levels of backlight compensation. Press the BACKLIGHT button to obtain the desired level while recording.

When lighting conditions are normal, press the BACKLIGHT button until the indicator disappears in the EVF.

EVF Indications



Special Features



Auto Focus

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



Manual Focus Use Manual Focus (MF) when recording:

· a subject through glass.

- a subject that is far from the Camcorder with objects in the foreground.
- · a subject with distinct horizontal stripes.
- · a subject not centered in the Viewfinder.

- Before you begin...
- Connect the Camcorder to a power source.
- Set the POWER switch to CAMERA.

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

- a subject with a shiny surface.
- · an obliquely angled subject.
- a bright, flat subject such as a white wall.
- · in low light situations.
- a scene with fast motions, like a golf swing.



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

High Speed Shutter

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

Before you begin...

- Connect the Camcorder to a power source.
- Set the POWER switch to CAMERA.
- Insert a cassette with record tab (see page 12).

Auto Shutter

In the AUTO mode (no indication in the EVF), the Camcorder will automatically adjust the shutter speed from 1/60 to 1/350 according to the brightness of the subject.

• AUTO mode is automatically selected whenever the POWER switch is set to CAMERA.

Manual Selection

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



L Press HIGH SPEED SHUTTER while

2 Press repeatedly to obtain one of the eight higher shutter speeds shown

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



Fade

One-Touch Auto Fade (BLACK or WHITE only)

Make smooth scene transitions for a more professional look.



Before you begin...

· Connect the Camcorder to a power source. Set the POWER switch to CAMERA.

Fade In:

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





press the FADE button to make "FADE" flash in the EVF.

Press the RECORD/PAUSE button. The screen will turn black and the recording will start as picture and sound gradually fade in.

Fade Out:

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



Press the MODE SEL button

repeatedly to select BLACK or WHITE fade.

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

Press the RECORD/PAUSE button. The picture and sound will gradually fade out and the recording will PAUSE.

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


To create more effects: You can stop the fade at any time by pressing the MODE SEL button (other than BLACK, WHITE, and RANDOM modes). Pressing the FADE button will continue the fade.

Note:

 Other than BLACK and WHITE modes, the audio is not affected by the fade operation.

Color Digital Filter

This feature adds any of the six colors to the whole screen just like a color filter. The addition of color will give your recordings special nuance.

Before you begin...

- Connect the Camcorder to a power source. Set the POWER switch to CAMERA.
- Insert a cassette with record tab (see page 12).



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L Hold down the D. FILTER, NEG/POS button for 2 seconds (approx.) to view or record a negative image.

- The NEG. filter changes the picture from a positive to a negative image.
- 2 Press the D. FILTER, NEG/POS

button repeatedly until the desired color filter appears.



3 Press the D. FILTER, NEG/POS button repeatedly until the normal image appears.

Note:

- During Digital Wipe or Digital Still/Strobe/Wide, the Color Digital Filter will not activate.
- · Colored images will revert back to a normal image when viewed in still mode.

Digital Zoom

This feature allows you to increase the magnification of the Power Zoom.



Digital E.I.S.

Digital Electronic Image Stabilization System

This feature helps stabilize the picture in situations such as walking or shooting from a moving vehicle.



Before you begin... • Set the POWER switch to CAMERA.

Still / Strobe / Wide

Before you begin...

Slide the DIGITAL SELECT switch to STILL/STROBE.













STILL

Use this feature to record a still image from the current camera picture. Press the STILL/STROBE button once. Press two more times to return to normal recording.

STROBE

Use this feature to record a strobing progression of still images, (in 1/6 of a second intervals).

Press the STILL/STROBE button twice. Press once to return to normal recording.

WIDE SCREEN

Use this feature to fill the entire screen of your Wide Screen TV.

Hold down the STILL/STROBE button for more than 3 seconds while in Strobe mode (see above).

Press once again to return to a normal sized picture recording.

Note:

- Wide screen recordings must be played back using a wide screen (16×9 aspect ratio) TV or the picture will appear distorted.
- If you add titles (see pages 47~49) while recording in the Wide mode, they will appear distorted when played back on a wide screen (16×9 aspect ratio) TV.

Special Features

Digital Wipe

This feature makes it possible to replace the current recorded scene with a memorized scene.



Security Mode

Great for amateur surveillance applications. You can select Motion, Audio, or Motion• Audio Security mode.

Before you begin...

- Connect the Camcorder to a power source. For extended Camcorder use, the AC Adaptor is recommended as the power source.
- Insert a cassette with record tab (see page 12).
- Set the POWER switch to CAMERA.





Motion Security recording may start, regardless of subject motion, when...

- the background is plain, such as a white wall.
- the Carncorder is pointed at something with distinct horizontal, vertical or oblique stripes, such as a window shade.
- the brightness suddenly changes.

Motion Security recording may not start when...

- · motion is very slow or very fast.
- moving object is very small.
- motion is in 1 corner of the viewing area.
 in low light situations (MOTION SECU-
- RITY will flash if the light level is
- inadequate.)
 the background has distinct horizontal or vertical stripes.
- the background is plain, such as a white wall.

Audio Security recording may start when...

The mic picks up wind noise (even a breeze).

Audio Security recording may not start when:...

• The sound is too abrupt.

In Record/Pause mode, hold down the SECURITY MODE button for about 2 seconds to place the Camcorder in Motion Security stand-by mode.

2 Press the SECURITY MODE button

once for Audio Security stand-by mode. Or, press twice for Motion-Audio Security stand-by mode. (If no cassette tape is inserted, "[+++]" will flash.)



- The Camcorder will start recording approximately 3 seconds after motion and/or audio is detected.
- The date and time are also recorded if
- displayed (see page 16).Recording will stop 30 seconds after the motion and/or audio ceases.

Press the SECURITY MODE button once, twice, or three times, depending

once, twice, or three times, depending on the current mode, to cancel the Motion Security feature.

Note:

- Make sure the Camcorder is firmly secure before activating Motion Security feature. If the Camcorder is moved, Motion Security recording will start.
- While normal recording is being performed, the Camcorder cannot be placed in Motion, Audio, or Motion-Audio Security stand-by mode.
- or Motion-Audio Security stand-by mode.
 While Camcorder is in Motion, Audio, or Motion-Audio Security stand-by mode, Record /Pause, Stand-by mode, Digital E.I.S., Color Digital Fade, One-Touch Auto Fade, Negative/ Positive Transposer and Time Lapse mode can not be activated.



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Audio Sensitivity

You can choose HIGH or LOW Audio sensitivity during Audio or Motion•Audio Security recording. The Camcorder is set to LOW at the factory.

Before you begin...

- Connect the Camcorder to a power source.
- Insert a cassette with record tab (see page 12).

During Audio Security or Motion-Audio Security stand-by mode (see page 43), press UP \blacktriangle or DOWN \checkmark to select HIGH or LOW.



HIGH

Camcorder is sensitive to sound (normal conversation etc.) up to approx. 32.8 feet (10m).

LOW

Camcorder is sensitive to sound (normal conversation etc.) up to approx. 3.28 feet (1m).

- The Audio Sensitivity setting screen will revert to Audio or Motion•Audio Security stand-by mode after five seconds.
- The Audio Sensitivity setting will revert to LOW when Palmcorder is turned off.

Note:

- Because the Audio Security feature may be activated by surrounding natural noises, the Camcorder should be placed in as quiet a place as possible.
- When setting the Audio sensitivity level, the recording location should be taken into consideration.
- The performance level may vary depending on the spaciousness of the area used as well as differences in noise reflection and resonance.
- A test should be done to confirm that performance is satisfactory.



Time Lapse

You can use this feature for security purposes by recording over a long period of time (up to 6 hours with a T-40 tape).



VHSE type camcorders or **VHS** type

VCRs.

To cancel Time Lapse mode: Select TIME LAPSE; OFF from the menu screen. Special

Features

Tally Lamp

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You can choose to have the Tally lamp come on or stay off during recording. The default setting from the factory is ON mode.

Before you begin...

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





I Press the MENU button to display the MENU mode. Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ repeatedly to select TALLY LAMP.





ON:

Tally Lamp comes on during recording.

OFF:

Tally Lamp and REC Lamp stay off during recording.

3 Press the MENU button to set your selection and exit the Menu mode.



Intelligent Titler

Automatic Title

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

Before you begin...

• Connect the Camcorder to a power source.

Press the MENU button to display the MENU mode. Press UP A or DOWN ▼ repeatedly to select TITLE.

- Set the POWER switch to CAMERA.
- Insert a cassette with record tab (see page 12).



ND-BY RELEASE ; OFF T: PUSH V/A KEY : PUSH DISPLAY KE : PUSH MENU KEY KE **2** Press the DISPLAY button to select AUTO/MANUAL.

- MENU --- PAGE 1/2 TALLY LAMP

J Press the MENU button to set your selection and exit the Menu mode.

4 To record the automatically displayed title, press the RECORD/ PAUSE button. (refer to page 48 for Automatic/ Manual Title Display List.)

 ${f \partial}$ To remove the title while recording, press the TITLE button.

Note:

- To remove the title before recording, press the TITLE button repeatedly until the On Screen Display disappears.
- You can display HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, VACATION, WEDDING DAY, or A SPECIAL DAY by pressing the TITLE button repeatedly in Pause (Record mode).
- · The Camcorder will not automatically display a title once it has been removed. To redisplay the title, press TITLE in Pause (Record mode).



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Intelligent Titler

Automatic/Manual Title Display List

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

Manual Title



Before you begin...

• Connect the Camcorder to a power source. • Set the POWER switch to CAMERA.

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- Insert a cassette with record tab (see page 12).

I Make sure that TITLE, in the Menu mode, is set to AUTO/MANUAL. (see steps 1~3 on page 47.)

2 In Pause (Record mode), press the TITLE button repeatedly to display the desired title from the list shown above.

3 Press the RECORD/PAUSE button to record the displayed title.

4 Press the TITLE button while recording to remove the title.

Note:

• To redisplay the title, press TITLE in Pause (Record mode).



Message Mode

You can leave audio/video messages for family or friends.

Before you begin...

- Connect the Camcorder to a power source.
 For extended Camcorder use, it is recommended to use the AC Adaptor as a power source.
- Insert a cassette with record tab (see page 12).
 Set the POWER switch to CAMERA.



Note:

- Only one message can be recorded.
- If the tape is ejected or the battery (when used) becomes depleted while in Stand-by mode, the Message mode will be cancelled. To playback the message (tape is inserted and/or new power source is attached), Set the POWER switch to VCR and press the PLAY button.
- The MENU, TITLE and SECURITY MODE buttons are not activate during Message mode.
- Title display cannot be displayed during Message mode.
- The Message button is not <active> when in Time Lapse mode and Programmed Rec stand-by.



PHOTO REC Indications



- ① Image Page Remaining Indication (see page 54)
 - The number of the image pages left in the selected mode.
 - When no memory remains, 00 will flash.
 - Approx 30 images can be stored in "NORMAL" mode, Approx 15 images can be stored in "FINE" mode.
 - (The number of pictures given for each mode applies when all the pictures are taken in the same mode.)

② REC MODE Indication

- The current REC MODE (NORMAL or FINE).
- Image Size is 640 X 480 pixels.

③ Recording Mode Indication

• The POWER switch is set to PHOTO.

④ Image Status Indication

- When an image is captured, the image status is displayed. **PROCESSING** :
- Displayed while camera processes a captured image.
- Sliding the POWER switch to CAMERA while "PROCESSING" is displayed may cause the image to appear distorted. Also, do not change the recording mode while "PROCESSING" is displayed.

COMPLETED :

- Displayed after image has been completely processed.
- You can capture another image as soon as "COMPLETED" disappears.

PHOTO PLAY Indications



- (5) Image Status Indication (continued)
 - PLEASE WAIT:

Displayed during image selection from the Multi Image Playback screen. Also displayed during image deletion.

• Sliding the POWER switch to CAMERA while "PLEASE WAIT" is displayed may cause the image to appear distorted. Also, do not change the recording mode while "PLEASE WAIT" is displayed

NO PICTURE:

Displayed when no image is captured, or when all the images are deleted from memory.

- (6) The currently selected image is underlined in red.
- ⑦ The current Multi Image Playback page number.

Special Features



Note:

The following Features are not active during PHOTO mode. Color Digital Filter

- Fade
- Digital Zoom
- Digital E.I.S. • Still/Strobe / Wide • Digital Wipe
- Audio Sensitivity Security Mode
- Intelligent Titler Time Lapse
- Message Mode

With this function, you can not record sound.

- Before you begin... · Connect the Camcorder to a power source. Press the LCD-OPEN button to unlock the LCD monitor. Swing it fully open and adjust the angle. 2 Set the POWER switch to PHOTO. The built-in Lens Cover opens and POWER Lamp lights. Make sure the POWER switch is fully rotated to the PHOTO position. **J** Slide the PHOTO MODE Selector to рното REC MODE : PUSH MENU KEY Press the MENU button to display the REC MODE screen. Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ to --- REC MODE --select the desired NORMAL mode (refer to FINE page 52) and then press the PUSH W/A KEY PUSH DISPLAY KEY **DISPLAY** button **OPress the RECORD button** to capture the image. • When you press the RECORD button, the two image status screens shown below will be displayed as the image is processed. You may capture another image as soon as "COMPLETED" disappears. 29 NORMAL COMPLETED PROCESSING · Set the electronic shutter to a higher
 - speed when shooting in bright surroundings such as outdoors. This helps eliminate blurring of the still image.



Image playback screen.

To delete specific image pages

You can delete unwanted images and increase the remaining image memory. Warning : Once deleted, images cannot be restored.

Before you begin...

- Connect the Camcorder to a power source.
- Set the POWER switch to PHOTO and slide the PHOTO MODE selector to PLAY.



• To delete other specific image pages, repeat steps 1 - 4.

To delete all image pages

You can delete all images from memory with one easy operation. Warning : Once deleted, images cannot be restored.

Before you begin...

- Connect the Camcorder to a power source.
- Set the POWER switch to PHOTO and slide the PHOTO MODE selector to PLAY.



When it becomes impossible to record, playback, or delete image pages while in PHOTO mode, please delete all memorized image pages by doing the following. While holding down NEG/POG, STILL and BACKLIGHT at the same time, slide the POWER switch from OFF to PHOTO.

All image page deletion will be completed in about 30 seconds. Slide the POWER switch to OFF, and then to PHOTO. You can now record, playback, or delete image pages normally.

Using the image as a Wipe

You can use the still image, captured in PHOTO Mode, as a WIPE screen for title memory. (See page 54.)

Before you begin...

· Connect the Camcorder to a power source. • Set the POWER switch to PHOTO and slide

Set the DIGITAL SELECT Switch to **DIGITAL WIPE.** (Refer to page 42.)

Image screen that you want to use

the PHOTO MODE selector to PLAY.





old S Slide the POWER switch to CAMERA.

• The memorized scene is displayed in the EVF for one second and "MEM." is displayed while the scene is memorized.

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4 Select the WIPE MODE button (see page 42), and then press the START button to start the WIPE effect. The memorized image gradually replaces the current recording.

Note :

The selected scene will be cleared when the Camcorder is turned off.





PC Connection

Digital PhotoShot Software

A live image or stored still image in the Camcorder's memory can be transferred directly to your PC (Personal Computer). Likewise, the PC's memory can be transferred directly to Camcorder via an **RS-232C** connection.

You can also download title images from Panasonic's web site on the Internet (www.panasonic.com/photoshot).

System Requirements:

- IBM PC/AT or compatible.
- Windows 95.
- 486 CPU or higher. (Pentium® recommended.)
- RAM: 8MB
- 2MB minimum available hard disk space.
- · 256 color monitor (full color recom-
- mended). • 3.5 inch 1.44MB floppy disk drive (for installation).
- RS-232C serial port (D-Sub 9-pin). An adaptor (D-Sub 9-pin male to a D-Sub female) is required for a D-Sub 25-pin.
- Mouse or other pointing device. · Microsoft, Windows, and Windows 95 are
- registered trademarks of Microsoft in the United States and other countries. All product/brand names are trademarks
- or registered trademarks of the respective holders.



Connect the supplied PC connecting cable to the PC connection jack on the Camcorder and a serial port on the PC (Personal Computer).

(Please refer to the PC's instruction book to clarify what port should be used to connect.)

- Before connecting the Camcorder to the PC, make sure the PC power is off to insure that images are transferred properly.
- · While the camcorder is connected to a PC and the software is opened, you tape recording is not possible.

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PC Connection

Software Installation (Windows 95)

- Turn on the PC (Personal Computer) and start up Windows.
- **2** Insert the Digital PhotoShot disk (Windows 95) into a floppy disk drive.
- Select "<u>Run...</u>" from the Windows 95 start menu.



 Type in A:\setup.exe and click OK.
 It is assumed that your 3.5 inch floppy disk drive is assigned as "A" drive. If not, replace "A" with the appropriate letter.



- 5 Follow the instructions as they appear on your PC screen.
- 6 When the installation has been completed, "Setup has finished installing the application on your computer. You may launch the application by selecting the icons installed." appears. Click the Finish button to complete Setup.

Running the Software (Windows 95)

From the Windows 95 Start Menu, select Programs/Digital PhotoShot.

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Palmcorder Accessory System

For ordering instructions, see the Accessory Order Form page.

Accessory #	Figure	Description	Price
PV-A17	K C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	AC Adaptor with DC Power Cable	\$130.00
P-V215		3.0Ah Battery Pack	\$60.00
PV-BP17/ P-V214		2.4Ah Battery Pack	\$50.00
PV-BP18/ P-V611		1.8Ah Battery Pack	\$45.00
PV-BP15/ P-V213		1.2Ah Battery Pack	\$45.00
PV-AA6		"AA" Battery Case	\$20.00
PV-C16		Car Battery Cord	\$70.00
PV-RF16		RF Adaptor	\$40.00
PV-P1		VHS PlayPak	\$35.00
PV-H18		Soft Sided Carrying Case	\$49.00

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Palmcorder Accessory Order Form

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Please photocopy this form when placing an order.

2.	Items	Ordered	

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Notes Regarding Operations

Attaching Optical Filters and Lenses

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

Cleaning the EVF (Electronic Viewfinder)

To Remove



Turn the EVF Eyepiece counterclockwise 1/8 of a turn.

2Pull free.

Remove any lint or dust particles with a soft clean cloth being careful not to scratch the glass surfaces.

3 To re-install EVF

Line up the marks on the Eyepiece with the grooves inside the EVF shaft and attach. Turn the EVF clockwise 1/8 of a turn to lock in place.

For Your Information

Specifications

Power Consumption:

Power Source:

Video Signal: Video Recording System:

Audio: Pick-Up System: Pick-Up Device: Lens:

Viewfinder: LCD Monitor: Memory: Image Size: Image Storage:

Dimensions:

Image Format: Minimum Illumination Required:

Earphone Jack: External Microphone Jack: Operating Temperature: Operating Humidity: Weight: Compact VHS Camcorder: DC 6V AC Adaptor: 110/120/220/240V AC, 50/60 Hz Battery: Nickel-Cadmium Type DC 6V Compact VHS Camcorder: 6V DC 8.5 W (Max. 11.5 W) AC Adaptor: 24W 1.2W (when not in use.) EIA Standard (525 lines, 60 fields) NTSC color signal 4 rotary heads plus flying erase head. Helical scanning system 1 track Sequential color difference field reverse system One integral color filter Charge Coupled Device (CCD) 23:1 zoom lens, F1:1.6 with auto iris control Focal length: 3.8mm - 87.4mm Power zoom function Lens filter diameter: 52mm 0.5 inch (12.7mm) Electronic Viewfinder 3.2 inch (81.2mm) Liquid Crystal Display **Built-in 1MB Memory** 640 × 480 pixels Approx. 15 images FINE: Normal: Approx. 30 images JPEG 1.2 lx (F1:1.6) 0.12 footcandles 7 lx (F1:1.6) 0.7 footcandles (EIA Standard) M3 Type МЗ Туре 32°F~104°F (0°C~40°C) 10%~75% Compact VHS Camcorder: 2.4 lbs. 1.10 kg AC Adaptor: 0.77 lbs. 0.35 kg $\begin{array}{c} \mbox{Compact VHS Camcorder:} \\ 4-3/8 (W) \times 4-5/8 (H) \times \ 7 (D) \ \mbox{inch} \\ 110 (W) \times \ 116 (H) \times 177 (D) \ \mbox{mm} \\ \mbox{AC Adaptor: } 2-3/4 (W) \times 1-5/8 (H) \times 5-3/4 (D) \ \mbox{inch} \\ 70 (W) \times \ 41 (H) \times \ 145 (D) \ \mbox{mm} \\ \end{array}$

Weight and dimensions shown are approximate. Designs and specifications are subject to change without notice.

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Before Requesting Service

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

Symptom	Correction
No picture in the EVF	 Make sure a Power Source is connected. (pp. 9, 11) Make sure the POWER switch is set to VCR or CAMERA. (pp. 23, 29) Check the Dew Indicator. (p. 20) Make sure the battery is fully charged. (p. 9) Make sure all necessary cables are connected correctly and firmly. (p. 31)
Video cassette cannot be inserted	 Make sure a Power Source is connected. (pp. 9, 11) Insert the cassette with the window side facing out. (p. 12)
Video cassette cannot be removed	Make sure a Power Source is connected. (pp. 9, 11)
No operation starts when operation buttons are pressed	Check for the Dew Indicator. (p. 20)
Recording cannot be done	 Make sure the record tab is still intact. (p. 12) Check the Battery Indicator. (p. 18) Check the Dew Indicator. (p. 20)
Auto Focus does not operate	 Make sure the FOCUS button is set to AUTO. (p. 34) Make sure the unit is ON, with the POWER switch set to CAMERA (p. 23).
The Message mode cannot be used	 Make sure a cassette is inserted and that the LCD monitor is facing the same direction as the lens (p. 50).
Sound from microphone can't be monitored	 Make sure the unit is set to REC or Record/Pause mode.
Camera picture is too dark	 Make sure the HIGH SPEED SHUTTER button is OFF (p. 35).
No playback picture, or the playback picture is noisy or contains streaks	 Press UP ▲/DOWN ▼ button during playback (Tracking Control) (p. 30).
During playback, the picture shows motion or blurred action	 Portions of the still picture where the normal speed motion was particularly rapid may produce this effect. This is normal.
The playback picture is fast and there is no sound	 Make sure the TIME LAPSE feature is set to OFF in the Menu mode (p. 45).
"Panasonic IT'S VHS! SO ITS TAPES PLAY IN YOUR VCR" appears in the EVF and Monitor 	 Set the POWER switch to CAMERA, and then hold down STOP for 5 seconds (approx.) to exit the Demo mode (p. 7).
If the top of your playback picture waves back and forth excessively	Because the playback signal is not as stable as an off the air TV signal, the top of your TV screen may be bent or unstable when the tape is played back. This symptom is more noticeable when a tape recorded on another VCR is played back. To solve this problem, locate the horizontal hold control on your TV. Turn it slowly to correct the wavy picture. If your TV does not have a horizontal hold control or adjusting the control does not help, some modifications may have to be made to the TV set. Technically this is called "Horizontal AFC time constant change." If such a problem exists, please contact your local TV service center. (Some nominal service charges may be required.)

For Your Information

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Cleaning Care for Video Heads



Clogged Video Head

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

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

Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.

Request for Service Notice

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

Request for Service Notice:

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

Mail this completed form and your Proof of Purchase along with your unit to: Panasonic Services Company 1705 N. Randall Road Elgin, IL. 60123-7847

Attn: Camcorder Repair



Front View



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Rear View



Index of Controls **Bright Control HIH** Adjusts the brightness of the picture. See pages 24, 29. **LCD-OPEN** button See pages 24, 29, 54, 55. **Volume Control** See pages 24, 29. Ø Earphone Jack (Monaural) Connect the earphone (M3 type, not supplied) to the earphone jack for monitoring the sound during playback or recording. See pages 24, 29. **Built-In Speaker** LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) Monitor See pages 24, 29. PUSH TO CLOSE Area Underside View For Your Information **Tripod Mounting Hole Clock Battery Tray** See page 17. **Vision Adjustment Control** See pages 8, 23.



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Warranty

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

PRODUCT CAMCORDER	PARTS ONE (1) YEAR, EXCEPT CCD IMAGE SENSOR CCD IMAGE SENSOR - SIX (6) MONTHS	LABOR NINETY (90) DAYS NINETY (90) DAYS
VCB	ONE (1) YEAR	NINETY (90) DAYS
A/V MIXER	ONE (1) YEAR	NINETY (90) DAYS
MONITOR-VCR	ONE (1) YEAR, EXCEPT CRT CRT - TWO (2) YEARS	NINETY (90) DAYS CRT- NINETY (90) DAYS CUSTOMER PAYS ALL LABOR CHARGES AFTER 90 DAYS

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Batteries (if included) - New rechargeable batteries in exchange for defective rechargeable batteries for ten (10) days. Non-rechargeable batteries are not warranted. Tape (if included) - New video cassette tape in exchange for a defective video cassette tape for five (5) days.

(5) days.

In-home, carry-in or mail-in service, as applicable, in the USA can be obtained during the warranty period by contacting a Panasonic Services Company (PASC) Factory Servicenter listed in the Service Directory. Or call toll free 1-800-211-PANA(7262), to locate an authorized PASC Servicenter. Carry-in or mail-in service in Puerto Rico can be obtained during the warranty period by calling the Panasonic Sales Company telephone number listed in the Servicenter Directory. This warranty is extended only to the original purchaser. A purchase receipt or other proof of the date of the original purchase is required before warranty service is rendered.

date of the original purchase is required before warranty service is rendered. This warranty only covers failures due to defects in materials and workmanship which occur during normal use and does not cover normal maintenance, including, but not limited to, video and audio head cleaning. The warranty does not cover damage which occurs in shipment, or failures which are caused by products not supplied by the warrantor, or failures which result from accident, misuse, abuse, neglect, mishandling, misapplication, alteration, modification, faulty installation, set-up adjustments, improper antenna, inadequate signal pickup, maladjustment of consumer controls, improper operation, power line surge, improper voltage supply, lightning damage, commercial use such as hotel, office, restaurant, or other business or rental use of the product, or service by anyone other than a PASC Factory Servicenter or a PASC authorized Servicenter, or damage that is attributable to acts of God. is attributable to acts of God.

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Web Site: http://www.panasonic.com

You can purchase parts, accessories or locate your nearest servicenter by visiting our Web Site.

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Product Repairs

Centralized Factory Servicenter

MAIL TO :

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

Please carefully pack and ship, prepaid and insured, to the Elgin centralized repair Factory Servicenter. While there will be added handling delays, you may bring your unit to one of the following locations who will then forward the unit to Elgin for repair. Customer's in Puerto Rico, please ship or carry in to location below ("Service in Puerto Rico").

Factory Servicenters Locations

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Niles, IL 60714

Elgin, IL 60123

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- Conectar la videocámara a una fuente de alimentación (batería, adaptador de CA o cable para batería de coche).
- Encender el aparato. ٠
- Introducir el casete en el compartimiento de casetes.







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