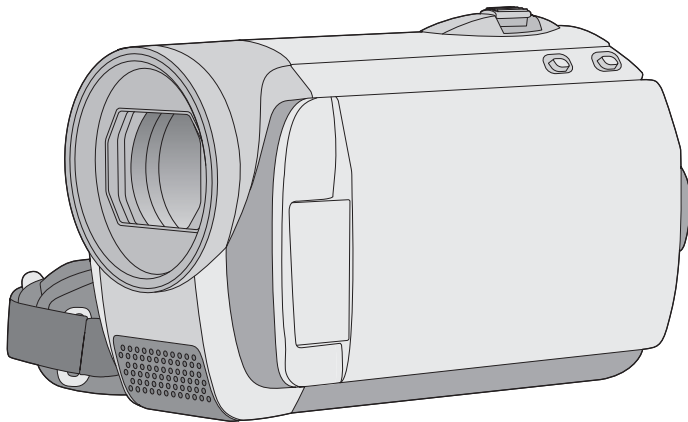


Panasonic®

Operating Instructions SD Video Camera

Model No. **SDR-S26**



Before use, please read these instructions completely.



Information for Your Safety

WARNING:

**TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE,
ELECTRIC SHOCK OR PRODUCT
DAMAGE,**

- **DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPARATUS TO RAIN, MOISTURE, DRIPPING OR SPLASHING AND THAT NO OBJECTS FILLED WITH LIQUIDS, SUCH AS VASES, SHALL BE PLACED ON THE APPARATUS.**
- **USE ONLY THE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES.**
- **DO NOT REMOVE THE COVER (OR BACK); THERE ARE NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.**

CAUTION!

- **DO NOT INSTALL OR PLACE THIS UNIT IN A BOOKCASE, BUILT-IN CABINET OR IN ANOTHER CONFINED SPACE. ENSURE THE UNIT IS WELL VENTILATED. TO PREVENT RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK OR FIRE HAZARD DUE TO OVERHEATING, ENSURE THAT CURTAINS AND ANY OTHER MATERIALS DO NOT OBSTRUCT THE VENTILATION VENTS.**
- **DO NOT OBSTRUCT THE UNIT'S VENTILATION OPENINGS WITH NEWSPAPERS, TABLECLOTHS, CURTAINS, AND SIMILAR ITEMS.**
- **DO NOT PLACE SOURCES OF NAKED FLAMES, SUCH AS LIGHTED CANDLES, ON THE UNIT.**
- **DISPOSE OF BATTERIES IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY MANNER.**

The socket outlet shall be installed near the equipment and easily accessible.

The mains plug of the power supply cord shall remain readily operable.

To completely disconnect this apparatus from the AC Mains, disconnect the power supply cord plug from AC receptacle.

IF THE POWER CORD OF THIS EQUIPMENT IS DAMAGED, IT MUST BE REPLACED WITH AN ELECTRICALLY APPROVED POWER CORD.

Use only the recommended accessories.

- Do not use any other AV cables and USB cables except the supplied one.
- When you use the cable which are sold separately, please make sure to use the one whose length is less than 3 meters.
- Keep the Memory Card out of reach of children to prevent swallowing.

Camera:

Product Identification Marking is located in the battery compartment of the unit.

AC adaptor:

Product Identification Marking is located on the bottom of unit.

-If you see this symbol-

Information on Disposal in other Countries outside the European Union



This symbol is only valid in the European Union.

If you wish to discard this product, please contact your local authorities or dealer and ask for the correct method of disposal.

■ **Indemnity concerning recording content**

The manufacturer shall in no event be liable for the loss of recordings due to malfunction or defect of this unit, its accessories or recordable media.

■ **Carefully observe copyright laws**

Recording of pre-recorded tapes or discs or other published or broadcast material for purposes other than your own private use may infringe copyright laws. Even for the purpose of private use, recording of certain material may be restricted.

■ **Cards that you can use with this unit**

SD Memory Card and SDHC Memory Card

- 4 GB or more Memory Cards that do not have the SDHC logo are not based on SD Memory Card Specifications.
- Refer to page 16 for more details on SD cards.

■ **For the purposes of these operating instructions**

- SD Memory Card and SDHC Memory Card are referred to as the "SD card".
- Pages for reference are indicated by an arrow, for example: → 00

■ Licenses

- SDHC Logo is a trademark.
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Number of recordable pictures	101
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Accessories

Check the accessories before using this unit.

Battery pack

VW-VBJ10



- The battery is not charged. Be sure to charge the battery before using this unit. (→ 12)

AC adaptor

VSU0695



AC cable

K2CJ2DA00011



AV cable

K2KC4CB00022



USB cable

K1HA05AD0006



CD-ROM



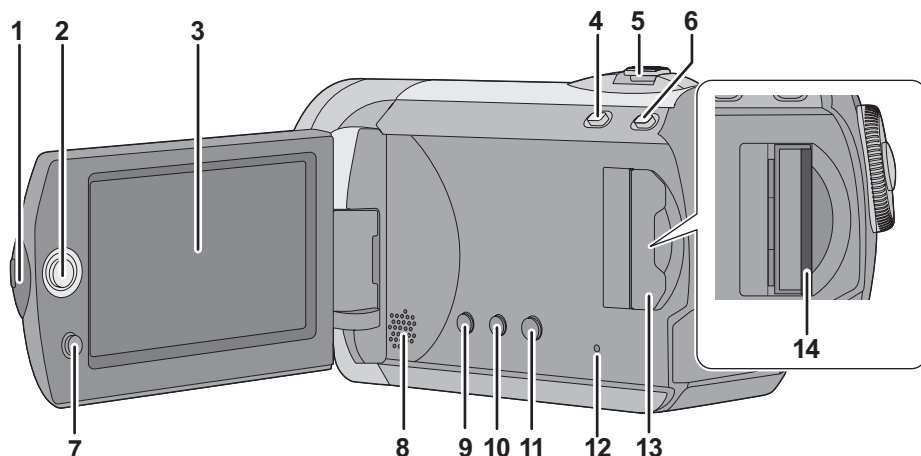
Optional accessories

Some optional accessories may not be available in some countries.

Battery pack (lithium/VW-VBJ10)
Wide conversion lens (VW-W3707H)
Filter kit (VW-LF37WE)
DVD burner (VW-BN1)
Shoe adaptor (VW-SK12E)
Video DC light (VW-LDC103E)*
Light bulb for video DC light (VZ-LL10E)

* The shoe adaptor VW-SK12E (optional) is necessary.

Parts identification and handling



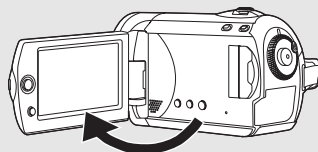
- 1 LCD monitor open part
- 2 Joystick
- 3 LCD monitor

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

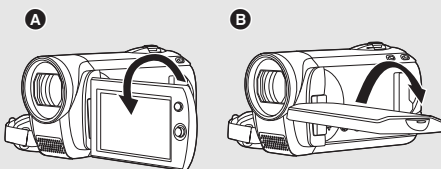
- 4 Web mode button [WEB MODE] (→ 29)
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- 6 Intelligent auto button [iA] (→ 26)
- 7 Menu button [MENU] (→ 20)
- 8 Speaker
- 9 Delete button [] (→ 53)
- 10 Manual button [MANUAL AF/MF] (→ 44)
- 11 Optical image stabilizer button [, O.I.S.] (→ 35)
- 12 SD Card access lamp [ACCESS] (→ 17)
- 13 SD Card slot cover [SD CARD] (→ 18)
- 14 SD card slot (→ 18)

LCD monitor

Pull the LCD monitor out in the direction of the arrow with your fingers.



- It can open up to 90°.

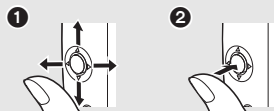


- It can rotate up to 180° **A** towards the lens or 90° **B** towards the opposite direction.
- The brightness and colour level of the LCD monitor can be adjusted. (→ 25)

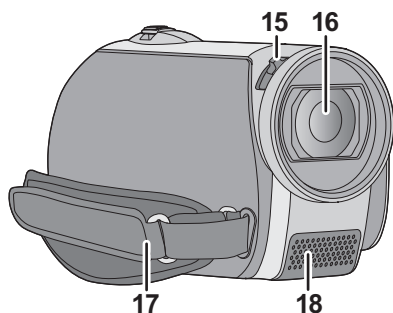
Joystick

Use the joystick to select the recording functions and playback operations, and to operate the menu screen.

Move the joystick up, down, left, or right to select a setting or scene, and then press the joystick to set it.



- ❶ Select by moving up, down, left, or right.
 - ❷ Set by pressing the centre.
- Menu screen operations (→ 20)
 - To select the recording functions (→ 36)
 - To adjust manually (→ 44)
 - Playback operations (→ 48, 51)



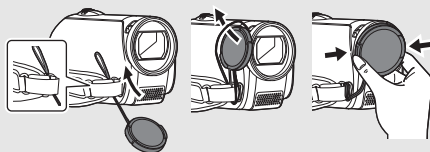
15 Open/close switch for the lens cover

16 Lens

- Attach the MC protector or the ND filter of the Filter Kit (VW-LF37WE; optional) or the wide conversion lens (VW-W3707H; optional) in front of the lens.
- When using the wide conversion lens, if the magnification exceeds 20× then the image quality is degraded.
- The tele conversion lens cannot be used.

Attaching the lens cap (Included in the Filter Kit (VW-LF37WE; optional))

- When the filter kit (VW-LF37WE; optional) is used, protect the lens surface while the unit is not used with the lens cap supplied with the filter kit.



- To attach or remove the lens cap, hold both sides of the lens cap with the tips of your finger and thumb.

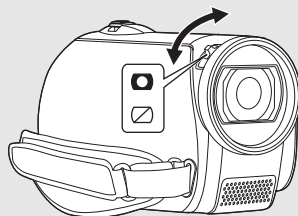
17 Grip belt

18 Microphone (built-in, stereo)

Lens cover

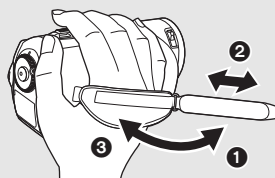
For the lens protection, be sure to close the lens cover when not in use.

Slide open/close switch for the lens cover.

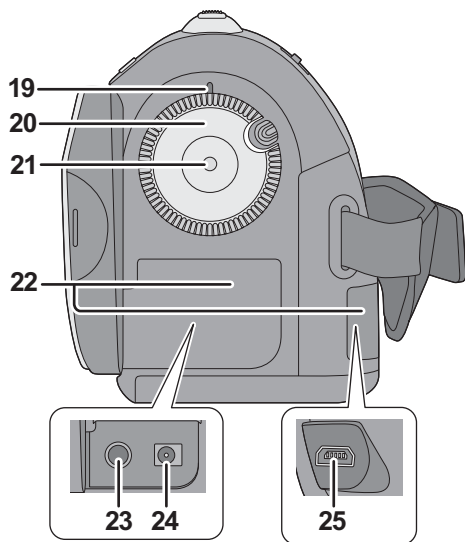


Grip belt

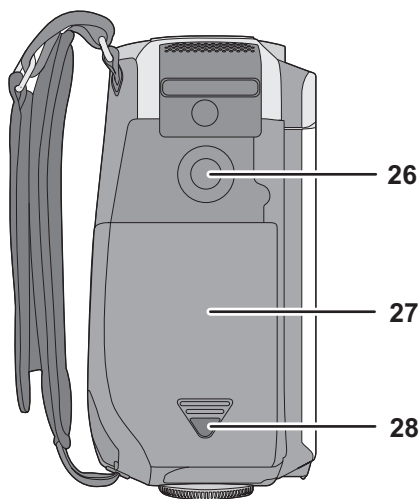
Adjust the belt length and the pad position.



- ❶ Flip the belt.
- ❷ Adjust the length.
- ❸ Replace the belt.



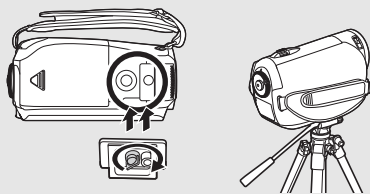
- 19** Status indicator (→ 12, 19)
- 20** Mode dial (→ 19)
- 21** Recording start/stop button (→ 28, 31)
- 22** Terminal cover
- 23** Audio-video output terminal [A/V]
(→ 59, 68)
- 24** DC input terminal [DC IN] (→ 12)
 - Do not use any other AC adaptors except the supplied one.
- 25** USB terminal [↔] (→ 62, 69, 77)



- 26** Tripod receptacle
- 27** Battery cover (→ 11)
- 28** Battery cover release button [PUSH/
SLIDE OPEN] (→ 11)

Tripod receptacle

This is a hole for attaching the unit to the optional tripod.



- When the tripod is used, the battery cover cannot be opened. Insert the battery before attaching this unit to the tripod. (→ 11)

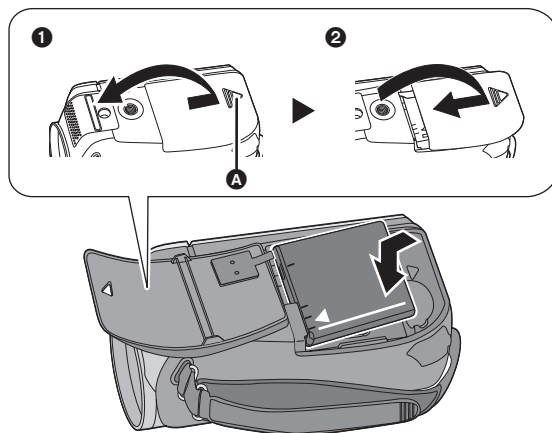
■ About batteries that you can use with this unit

The battery that can be used with this unit is supplied battery/VW-VBJ10.

It has been found that counterfeit battery packs which look very similar to the genuine product are made available to purchase in some markets. Some of these battery packs are not adequately protected with internal protection to meet the requirements of appropriate safety standards. There is a possibility that these battery packs may lead to fire or explosion. Please be advised that we are not liable for any accident or failure occurring as a result of use of a counterfeit battery pack. To ensure that safe products are used we would recommend that a genuine Panasonic battery pack is used.

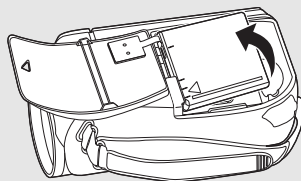
Inserting the battery

◇ Rotate the mode dial to select OFF.



Removing the battery

Open the battery cover, then remove the battery.



- Ⓐ Battery cover release button [PUSH/SLIDE OPEN]
- ① While pressing the battery cover release button, slide and open the battery cover
- ② Close and slide the battery cover

Insert the battery until it clicks paying attention to the direction of the battery.

- Be sure to set the mode dial to OFF and check that the status indicator is off before removing the battery.

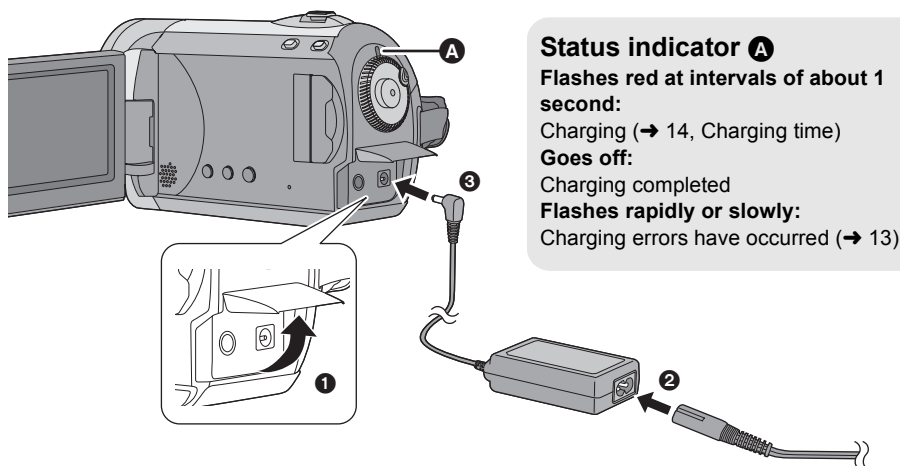
Charging the battery

The unit is in the standby condition when the AC adaptor is connected. The primary circuit is always “live” as long as the AC adaptor is connected to an electrical outlet.

When this unit is purchased, the battery is not charged. Charge the battery before using this unit.

◇ **Rotate the mode dial to select OFF.**

The battery will not be charged if the power is turned on.



Status indicator **A**

Flashes red at intervals of about 1 second:

Charging (→ 14, Charging time)

Goes off:

Charging completed

Flashes rapidly or slowly:

Charging errors have occurred (→ 13)

1 Open the LCD monitor and then open the terminal cover.

2 Connect the AC cable to the AC adaptor and the AC outlet.

3 Connect the AC adaptor to this unit's DC input terminal.

- Do not use the AC cable with any other equipment as it is designed only for this unit. Also, do not use the AC cable from other equipment with this unit.
- We recommend using Panasonic batteries (VW-VBJ10).
- If you use other batteries, we cannot guarantee the quality of this product.
- Do not heat or expose to flame.
- Do not leave the battery(ies) in an automobile exposed to direct sunlight for a long period of time with doors and windows closed.

CAUTION

Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Warning

Risk of fire, explosion and burns. Do not disassemble, heat above 60 °C or incinerate.

■ About charging errors

If the status indicator does the following:

Does not flash:

Remove and reinsert the battery, and disconnect and reconnect the AC adaptor.

If the status indicator still does not flash, contact your dealer.

Flashes rapidly at approx. 0.25 seconds intervals:

The battery cannot be charged. Try doing the following.

- Remove and reinsert the battery, and try recharging the battery.
- The battery temperature or surrounding temperature is too high/low, therefore wait until the unit and the battery are at suitable temperatures and try recharging the battery.

If battery charging still does not commence, contact your dealer.

Flashes slowly at approx. 3 seconds intervals:

Charging requires time for the following reasons:

- The battery has been excessively discharged.
- The battery temperature or ambient temperature is too high/low.

■ Connecting to the AC outlet

If you turn on this unit while charging the battery using the AC adaptor, you can use the power supplied from the AC outlet to power the unit for use. (While it is in use, the battery will not be charged.)

Charging time and recordable time

■ Charging time

- Temperature: 25 °C/humidity: 60%

Battery model number	Voltage/Capacity (Minimum)	Charging time
Supplied battery/ VW-VBJ10 (optional)	3.6 V/940 mAh	2 h 15 min

- If the temperature is higher or lower than 25 °C, the charging time will become longer.

■ Recordable time

- Temperature: 25 °C/humidity: 60%



Battery model number	Voltage/Capacity (Minimum)	Maximum continuously recordable time	Actual recordable time
Supplied battery/ VW-VBJ10 (optional)	3.6 V/940 mAh	1 h 15 min	40 min

- These times are approximations.
- The actual recordable time refers to the recordable time when repeatedly starting/stopping recording, turning the unit on/off, moving the zoom lever, etc.
- The recordable times will vary depending on the status of use. Be aware that the operating time of the battery will become shorter in low temperatures. We recommend charging a spare battery for use when recording.
- The batteries heat up after use or charging. This unit will also heat up while being used. This is not a malfunction.

Battery capacity indication

- The display changes to the following indications step-by-step as the battery capacity decreases.



- If the battery discharges, then  () will flash.

About SD cards

This unit can be used for recording motion pictures and still pictures to an SD card.

	SD Memory Card			SDHC Memory Card
Capacity	8 MB/16 MB	32 MB/64 MB/ 128 MB	256 MB/ 512 MB/1 GB/ 2 GB	4 GB/6 GB/ 8 GB/12 GB/ 16 GB/32 GB
Functions				
Recording motion pictures	—	●*	●	●
Recording still pictures			●	

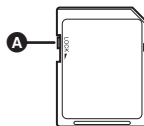
●: applicable —: not applicable

* Cannot be guaranteed in operation.

About SD cards

This unit is compatible with both SD Memory cards and SDHC Memory cards. You can only use SDHC Memory cards on devices that are compatible with them. You cannot use SDHC Memory cards on devices that are only compatible with SD Memory cards. (When using an SDHC Memory card on another device, be sure to read the operating instructions for that device.)

- Please confirm the latest information on the following website. (This website is in English only.)
http://panasonic.jp/support/global/cs/e_cam
- This unit supports SD Memory Cards formatted in FAT12 system and FAT16 system based on SD Memory Card Specifications and SDHC Memory Cards formatted in FAT32 system.
- If you wish to use Memory Cards that are 4 GB or more, only SDHC Memory Cards can be used.
- 4 GB or more Memory Cards that do not have the SDHC logo are not based on SD Memory Card Specifications.
- Use this unit to format SD cards. If an SD card is formatted on other products (such as a PC), the time spent for recording may become longer and you may not be able to use the SD card. (→ 58)
- We recommend that you use a Panasonic brand SD card.
- When using an SD card on which data has been written many times, the remaining time left for recording may be reduced.
- When the write-protect switch **A** on SD card is locked, no recording, deletion or editing will be possible on the card.
- Keep the Memory Card out of reach of children to prevent swallowing.
- A MultiMediaCard cannot be used on this unit.



About SD cards that you can use for motion picture recording

We recommend using SD cards conforming to Class 2 or higher of the SD Speed Class Rating or the following SD cards made by Panasonic for motion picture recording. (If another kind of SD card is used, the recording may suddenly stop during motion picture recording.)

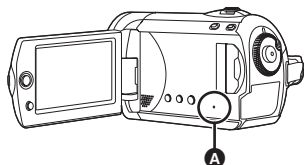
	High Speed SD Memory Card	Class 2 SD/SDHC Memory Card	Class 4 SD/SDHC Memory Card	Class 6 SD/SDHC Memory Card
256 MB	RP-SDH256	RP-SDR256	—	—
512 MB	RP-SDK512	RP-SDR512	—	—
1 GB	RP-SDH01G	RP-SDR01G	—	RP-SDV01G
2 GB	RP-SDK02G	RP-SDR02G	RP-SDM02G	RP-SDV02G
4 GB	—	RP-SDR04G	RP-SDM04G	RP-SDV04G
6 GB	—	—	RP-SDM06G	—
8 GB	—	—	—	RP-SDV08G
12 GB	—	—	RP-SDM12G	—
16 GB	—	—	—	RP-SDV16G
32 GB	—	—	—	RP-SDV32G

- Operation in motion picture recording is not guaranteed with the following SD cards.
 - SD cards from 32 MB to 128 MB
 - SD cards from 256 MB to 32 GB other than the ones mentioned above

SD card handling

- Do not touch the terminals on the back of the card.
- Do not expose the terminals of the card to water, garbage or dust.
- Do not leave SD card in the following areas:
 - In direct sunlight.
 - In very dusty or humid areas.
 - Near a heater.
 - Locations susceptible to significant difference in temperature (condensation can occur).
 - Where static electricity or electromagnetic waves occur.
- To protect SD cards, keep them in their cases when not being used.
- Electrical noise, static electricity, or failure of this unit or the SD card may damage or erase the data stored on the SD card. We recommend saving the SD data to a PC.

Access lamp



A SD card access lamp [ACCESS]

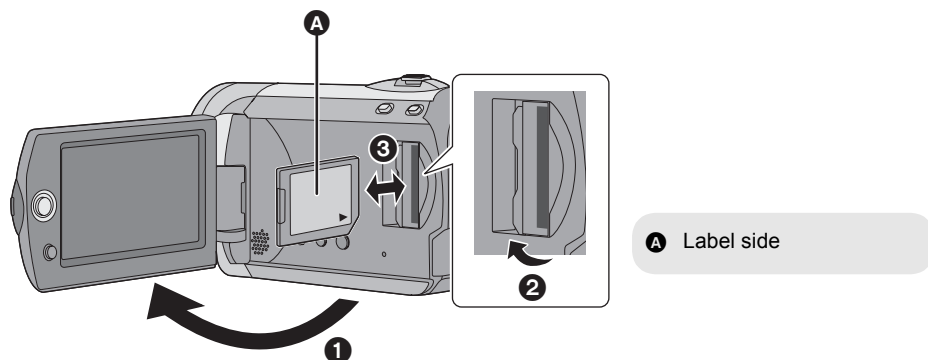
- When this unit accesses the SD card, the lamp lights up.
- **When lamp is on, do not**
 - **Open the SD card slot cover and remove the SD card**
 - **Operate the mode dial**
 - **Remove the battery or disconnect the AC adaptor**
- Performing the above while lamp is on may result in damage to data/SD card or this unit. However, the access lamp is supposed to light up while rotating the dial to select a mode. In this case, there is no problem.

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Inserting/removing an SD card

Caution:

If the SD card is inserted or removed while the power is on, this unit may malfunction or the data recorded on the SD card may be lost.

**1 Rotate the mode dial to OFF.**

- Check that the status indicator has gone off.

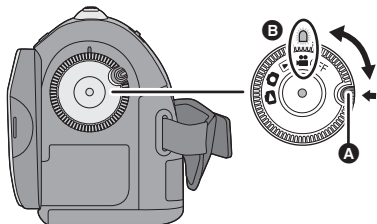
2 Open the LCD monitor and then open the SD card slot cover.**3 Insert/remove the SD card.**

- Press the SD card straight in as far as it will go.
- Press the centre of the SD card and then pull it straight out.





4 Securely close the SD card slot cover.

Turning the unit on/off Selecting a mode

Rotate the mode dial to switch to recording, playback or power OFF.



- Rotate the mode dial while at the same time pressing in the lock release button **A** if changing from OFF to another mode.
- Align with the status indicator **B**.

While pressing the lock release button, set the mode dial to , ,  or  to turn on the power.





The status indicator lights and the power turns on.

- When the unit is turned on for the first time, a message asking you to set the date and time will appear. Select [YES] and set the date and time. (→ 23)



To turn off the power

Set the mode dial to OFF.

- The status indicator goes off and the power turns off.

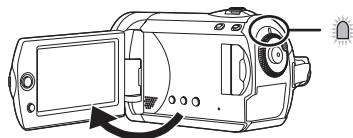
	Video recording mode (→ 28)
	Video playback mode (→ 48)
	Picture recording mode (→ 31)
	Picture playback mode (→ 51)
OFF	

How to turn the power on and off with the LCD monitor

When the mode dial is set to  or , the power can be turned on and off with the LCD monitor.

■ To turn on

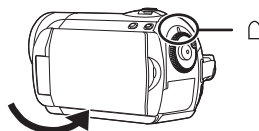
Open the LCD monitor.



The status indicator lights.

■ To turn off

Close the LCD monitor.

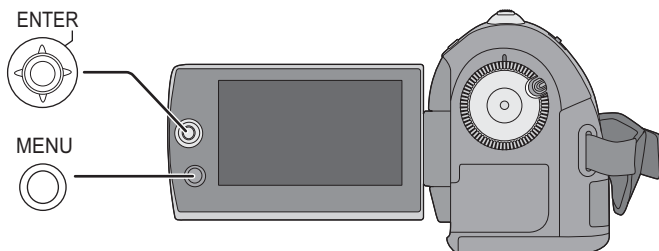


The status indicator goes off.

- When quick start is set to [ON], the status indicator flashes green. To turn off the power immediately after closing the LCD monitor, set quick start to [OFF]. (→ 34)

Set the mode dial to OFF when this unit is not being used.

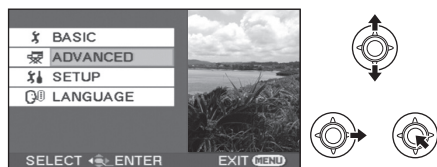
Using the menu screen



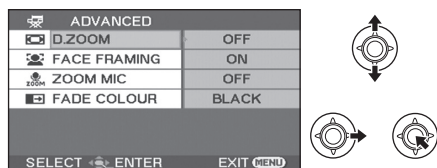
1 Press the MENU button.

The menu displayed differs depending on the position of the mode dial.

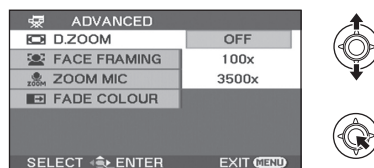
2 Select the desired top menu, then move the joystick right or press the joystick.



3 Select the submenu item, then move the joystick right or press the joystick.



4 Select the desired setting, then press the joystick to enter the selection.



To get back to the previous screen

Move the joystick left.

To exit the menu screen

Press the MENU button.

- Do not switch the mode dial when the menu is displayed.
- The menu screen does not appear during recording or playing. You cannot start other operations while the menu screen is displayed.

Language selection

You can select the language displayed on the screen.

1 Press the MENU button, then select [LANGUAGE] and press the joystick.

2 Select [English] and press the joystick.

Menu list

*1 It will be displayed only in the manual mode.

*2 It is not displayed when the intelligent auto mode is set to on.

Part of the menu will not be used depending on the used functions. (→ 87)

Motion picture recording menus

■ [BASIC]

[SCENE MODE]*1 (→ 45)

[REC MODE] (→ 30)

[REC ASPECT] (→ 42)

[CLOCK SET] (→ 23)

[SET WORLD TIME] (→ 24)

■ [ADVANCED]

[D.ZOOM] (→ 33)

[FACE FRAMING] (→ 39)

[WIND CUT]*2 (→ 42)

[GUIDE LINES]*2 (→ 42)

[ZOOM MIC] (→ 34)

[AUTO SLW SHTR]*2 (→ 42)

[FADE COLOUR] (→ 38)

■ [SETUP]

[DISPLAY]

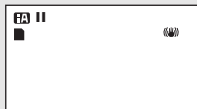
• [OFF]

• [ON]

The screen indications are selected as shown in the illustration below.

[OFF]

[ON]



[DATE/TIME] (→ 23)

[DATE FORMAT] (→ 23)

[FORMAT CARD] (→ 58)

[QUICK START] (→ 34)

[ECONOMY]

• [OFF]

• [5 MINUTES]

[OFF]:

The economy function is not activated.

[5 MINUTES]:

When about 5 minutes have passed without any operation, this unit automatically turns off to save battery life. To use this unit, turn it on again.

• When using the AC adaptor, connecting the unit to a PC, DVD burner or printer via the USB cable or PRE-REC is used, the economy function will not activate.

[BEEP SOUND]

• [OFF]

• [ON]

This allows operations such as starting and ending recording to be signaled by a beep.

1 Beep

When you start recording

When you turn on the power

When this unit is recognised by the PC or the printer, etc.

2 Beeps

When you pause recording

When you turn off the power

2 Beeps for 4 times

When an error occurs e.g. recording not starting. Check the sentence displayed on the screen. (→ 85)

[POWER LCD] (→ 25)

[LCD SET] (→ 25)



[EXT. DISPLAY] (→ 60)
[INITIAL SET]

- [YES]
- [NO]

When there is a menu that cannot be selected due to another function or mode being activated, set to [YES] for changing the menu settings back to the default condition. (Setting for [CLOCK SET] and [LANGUAGE] will not be changed.)

[DEMO MODE]

- [OFF]
- [ON]

This setting is used to start the unit demonstration.
(Only when using the AC adaptor and the mode dial is at the  or  position)
If you set this to [ON] without inserting an SD card, this unit is automatically set to the demonstration mode for introducing its functions. If any button is pressed or operated, the demonstration mode is cancelled. If no operations take place for approx. 10 minutes, the demonstration mode automatically starts. To terminate the demonstration mode, set this to [OFF]. For normal use, set this function to [OFF].

■ [LANGUAGE] (→ 21)

Still picture recording menus

■ [BASIC]

[SCENE MODE]*1 (→ 45)
[PICTURE SIZE] (→ 32)
[CLOCK SET] (→ 23)
[SET WORLD TIME] (→ 24)

■ [ADVANCED]

[FACE FRAMING] (→ 39)
[SHTR EFFECT] (→ 32)
[AUTO SLW SHTR]*2 (→ 42)
[GUIDE LINES]*2 (→ 42)

■ [SETUP]

Refer to the motion picture recording menus.

■ [LANGUAGE] (→ 21)

Motion picture playback menus

■ [EDIT SCENE]

[LOCK SET] (→ 55)
[DELETE] (→ 53)

■ [SETUP]

[RESUME PLAY] (→ 49)
[TV ASPECT] (→ 60)
For other items, refer to the motion picture recording menus.

■ [LANGUAGE] (→ 21)

Still picture playback menus

■ [PHOTO SETUP]

[LOCK SET] (→ 56)
[DPOF SET] (→ 57)
[DELETE] (→ 53)
[SLIDE INTERVAL] (→ 52)

■ [SETUP]

[TV ASPECT] (→ 60)
For other items, refer to the motion picture recording menus.

■ [LANGUAGE] (→ 21)

Setting date and time

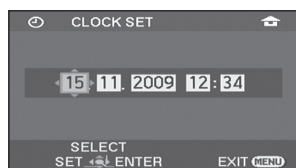
When the unit is turned on for the first time, a message asking you to set the date and time will appear. Select [YES] and press the joystick. Perform steps 2 and 3 below to set the date and time.



◇ Rotate the mode dial to select  or .

1 Select the menu. (→ 20)

[BASIC] → [CLOCK SET] → [YES]

2 Select the date or time, then adjust the desired value with the joystick.



- The year will change as follows:
2000, 2001, ..., 2099, 2000, ...
- The 24-hour system is used to display the time.
- [] appears on the right top of the screen when [SET WORLD TIME] (→ 24) is set to [HOME], while [] appears when it is set to [DESTINATION].

3 Press the joystick to enter the selection.

- The clock function starts at [00] seconds when the joystick is pressed.

4 Press the MENU button to finish the setting.

- Check the date and time displayed.

■ Changing the date and time display mode

Select the menu. (→ 20)

[SETUP] → [DATE/TIME] → desired display style

[DATE]

15.11.2009

[D/T]

15.11.2009 12:34

[OFF]

■ Changing the date format

Select the menu. (→ 20)

[SETUP] → [DATE FORMAT] → desired display style

Display style	Screen display
[Y/M/D]	2009.11.15
[M/D/Y]	11.15.2009
[D/M/Y]	15.11.2009

- To set summer time, select summer time in [HOME] for [SET WORLD TIME] after setting the clock.
- The date and time function is driven by a built-in lithium battery.
- If the time display is [- -], the built-in lithium battery needs to be charged. Use the following steps to charge the battery, and then set the date and time.

To recharge the built-in lithium battery

Connect the AC adaptor or insert the battery to the unit, and the built-in lithium battery will be recharged. Leave the unit as it is for approx. 24 hours and the battery will save the date and time for approx. 6 months. (Even if the mode dial is set to OFF, the battery is still being recharged.)

WARNING

THE LITHIUM BATTERY IN THIS UNIT MUST ONLY BE REPLACED BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL. IF THIS IS NECESSARY, CONTACT THE PANASONIC CUSTOMER CARE CENTRE ON 132600 FOR YOUR NEAREST AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTRE.

World time setting (Displaying the time of the travel destination)

It is possible to display and record the time at the travel destination by selecting your home region and the travel destination.

1 Select the menu. (→ 20)

[BASIC] → [SET WORLD TIME] → [YES]

- If the clock is not set, adjust the clock to the current time. (→ 23)
- When the [HOME] (your home region) is not set, such as the time for the initial settings, the message appears. Press the joystick to move to Step 3.

2 (Only when setting your home region) Select [HOME] and press the joystick.

3 (Only when setting your home region) Select your home region and enter the selection with the joystick.



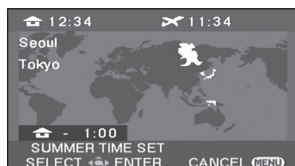
- When the home is in summer time period, move the joystick up. [⊗⊙] appears and the summer time setting is turned on; the clock is set forward by one hour. Move the joystick up again to return to the normal time setting.
- The current time appears on the left top of the screen. The time difference from GMT (Greenwich Mean Time) appears on the left bottom of the screen.

4 (Only when setting the region of your travel destination) Select [DESTINATION] and press the joystick.

- When the home region is set for the first time, the screen for selecting home/travel

destination appears after setting the home region successively. If the home region has already been set once, execute the menu operation for Step 1.

5 (Only when setting the region of your travel destination) Select your travel destination and enter the selection with the joystick.



- When the destination is in summer time period, move the joystick up. [⊗⊙] appears and the summer time setting is turned on; the clock is set forward by one hour. Move the joystick up again to return to the normal time setting.
- The local time at the selected travel destination appears on the right top of the screen. The time difference between the travel destination and the home region appears on the left bottom of the screen.
- Close the setting by pressing the MENU button. [✈] appears and the time of the travel destination is indicated.

To return the display to the home setting

Set the home region using Step 1 to 3, and close the setting by pressing the MENU button.

- If you cannot find your travel destination in the area shown on the screen, set it by using the time difference from your home region.

Adjusting LCD monitor

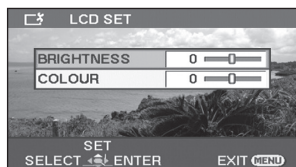
- These settings will not affect the images actually recorded.

Adjusting the brightness and colour level

1 Select the menu. (→ 20)

[SETUP] → [LCD SET] → [YES]

2 Select the item and then adjust the settings with the joystick.



[BRIGHTNESS]:

Brightness of the LCD monitor

[COLOUR]:

Colour level of the LCD monitor

- Close the setting by pressing the MENU button.

Increasing and decreasing the brightness of the entire LCD monitor

Select the menu. (→ 20)

[SETUP] → [POWER LCD] → desired setting

[AUTO]*:

Brightness of the LCD is automatically adjusted depending on the ambient brightness.

[+2]:

Makes even brighter

[+1]:

Makes brighter

[±0]:

No setting (normal)

[-1]:

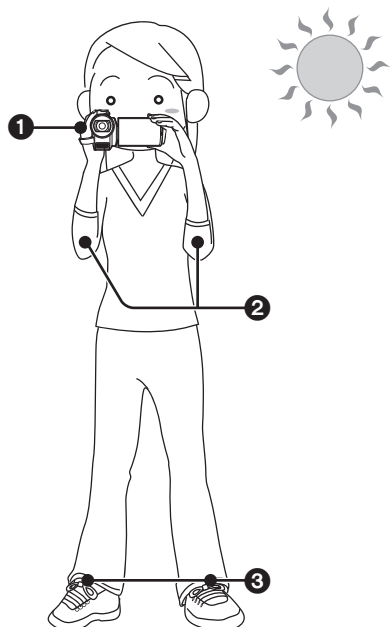
Makes darker

* It is not displayed in the manual mode or in the playback mode.

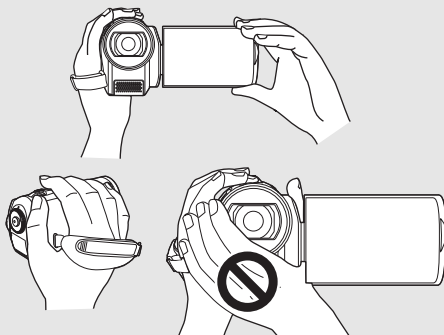
- If you use the AC adaptor, the [+1] indication appears and the screen becomes brighter automatically when the power is turned on.
- The recordable time using the battery will become shorter when you use this unit with the LCD monitor lit up.

Before recording

■ Basic camera positioning



- ① Hold the camera with both hands. Put your hand through the grip belt. Do not cover the microphones.

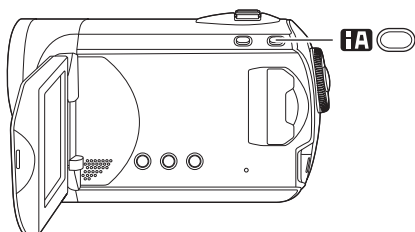


- ② Keep your arms near your body.
- ③ Separate your legs for better balance.
 - When you are outdoors, record pictures with the sunlight behind you. If the subject is backlit, it will become dark in the recording.
 - When recording, make sure your footing is stable and there is no danger of colliding with another person or an object.

Intelligent auto mode

It will make an optimal setting automatically depending on the objects and recording conditions.










◆ Rotate the mode dial to select or .



Intelligent auto button

Press this button to switch on/off the intelligent auto mode.

It is automatically set to the following modes depending on the objects and recording conditions.

Mode	Scene/Effect
 Portrait 	When the object is a person <hr/> Faces are detected automatically, and the brightness is adjusted so it is recorded clearly.
 Scenery 	Recording outdoors <hr/> The whole landscape will be recorded vividly without whiting out the background sky, which may be very bright.
 Spotlight 	Under a spotlight <hr/> Very bright object is recorded clearly.
 Low light 	Dark room or twilight <hr/> It can record clearly even in a dark room or twilight.
 Normal	Other situations <hr/> Brightness and colour balance are adjusted automatically for clear image.

- Due to conditions, a different mode may be identified for the same subject.
- Modes are selected automatically by the unit, so it may not choose desired mode depending on the recording conditions.
- Brightness may change suddenly or flicker when set to on.
- Optical image stabilizer function (→ 35) is set to on in all modes.
- If this is turned to on, the guideline function is disabled.

■ When the intelligent auto mode is set to off

The auto mode icon [**AUTO**] appears.

Colour balance (white balance) and focusing will be adjusted automatically.

- Auto white balance (→ 96)
- Auto focusing (→ 96)

Depending on the brightness of the subject etc., the aperture and shutter speed are automatically adjusted for optimum brightness.

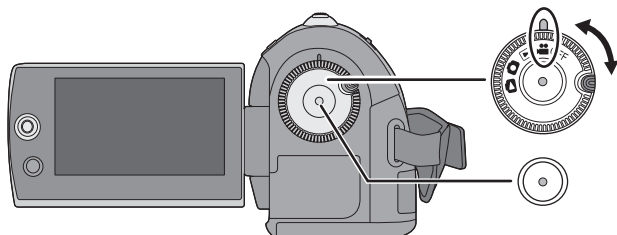
(When set to the video recording mode:

The shutter speed is adjusted to a maximum of 1/350.)

- Colour balance and focus may not be adjusted automatically depending on light sources or scenes. If so, manually adjust these settings. (→ 44)

Recording motion pictures

- Open the lens cover before turning the unit on.



- 1 Rotate the mode dial to select and open the LCD monitor.

- 2 Press the recording start/stop button to start recording.



To end the recording

Press the recording start/stop button again.

- and are red during recording. Do not move this unit until is green.
- The images recorded between pressing the recording start/stop button to start recording and pressing it again to pause recording become one scene.
The scene is automatically divided when the recorded data exceeds 3.9 GB. (The recording will continue.)
- When about 5 minutes have passed without any operation in recording pause, the unit automatically turns off to save battery life.
To use the unit, turn it on again.
This economy feature can also be set to [OFF].
(→ 21, [ECONOMY])

Screen indications

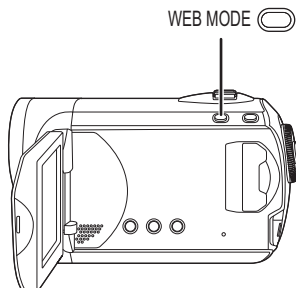


- A Recording mode**
- B Remaining time left for recording**
When the remaining time is less than 1 minute, [R 0h00m] flashes red.
- C Recording time elapsed**
Each time the unit enters the recording pause mode, the counter display will be reset to "0h00m00s".
- While motion picture recording is in progress, the recording will not stop even if the LCD monitor is closed.
- Do not disconnect the AC adaptor or remove the battery if the unit is in recording mode. This may cause a repair message to appear when powered up again. (→ 86, About recovery)

Record motion picture to be uploaded to YouTube

You can record motion pictures of under 10 minutes, suitable for uploading to YouTube.

1 Press the WEB MODE button.



The web mode icon [] appears.

2 Press the recording start/stop button to start recording.

Countdown of remaining time will start from "9m59s".

- Recording will pause automatically after 10 minutes from start of the recording.
- To upload motion pictures to YouTube. (→ 79)
- Web mode is cancelled if you turn the unit off.

Recording modes and recordable time

To change the picture quality of the motion picture

Select the menu. (→ 20)

[BASIC] → [REC MODE] → desired setting

SD card	Recording mode		
	XP (High quality)	SP (Normal)	LP (Long play)
256 MB	3 min	6 min	12 min
512 MB	6 min	12 min	25 min
1 GB	12 min	25 min	50 min
2 GB	25 min	50 min	1 h 40 min
4 GB	50 min	1 h 40 min	3 h 20 min
6 GB	1 h 15 min	2 h 30 min	5 h
8 GB	1 h 40 min	3 h 20 min	6 h 40 min
12 GB	2 h 30 min	5 h	10 h
16 GB	3 h 20 min	6 h 40 min	13 h 20 min
32 GB	6 h 40 min	13 h 20 min	26 h 40 min

Image quality
prioritized

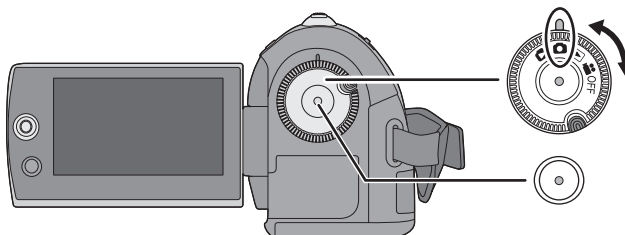



Recording time
prioritized

- The recordable times shown in the table are approximations.
 - This unit records in VBR (Variable Bit Rate). VBR recording automatically varies the bit rate (amount of data in a fixed time) depending on the subject being recorded. This means if a recording with a lot of movements is recorded, the recording time is reduced.
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- Mosaic-pattern noise may appear on a playback image in the following cases.
 - When there is a complicated pattern in the background
 - When the unit is moved too fast
 - When a subject with sharp movements has been recorded
(Particularly if it has been recorded in [LP] mode.)
 - If you record still pictures on an SD card, the recordable time available for the motion picture will become shorter.

Recording still pictures

- Open the lens cover before turning the unit on.



- 1 Rotate the mode dial to select  and open the LCD monitor.**

- 2 Press the recording start/stop button.**

The unit automatically focuses on the subject at the centre of screen (when auto focus is selected).

- About the number of recordable still pictures (→ 101)

■ Screen indications



- A Size of still pictures**
- B Remaining number of still pictures**
Flashes in red when [R 0] appears.

■ To record still pictures clearly

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

Recording with a shutter sound effect

Select the menu. (→ 20)



[ADVANCED] → [SHTR EFFECT] → [ON]


- This function's default setting is [ON].

Number of pixels

Select the menu. (→ 20)

[BASIC] → [PICTURE SIZE] → desired setting



Icon	Aspect	Number of pixels
	4:3	640×480
	16:9	640×360

- Default [PICTURE SIZE] is set to []. The sides of pictures recorded in a 16:9 aspect ratio may be cut when printed. Check before printing.

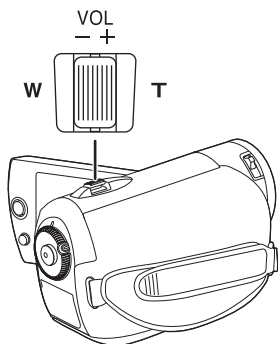
Recording functions

Zoom in/out function

You can zoom in up to 70× optically.

- ◇ Rotate the mode dial to select  or .

Move the zoom lever.



T side:

Close-up recording (zoom in)

W side:

Wide-angle recording (zoom out)

- The zoom speed varies depending on the range over which the zoom lever is moved.
- If you take your finger off the zoom lever during zoom operation, the operation sound may be recorded. When returning the zoom lever to the original position, move it quietly.
- When distant subjects are brought closer, they are focused at about 1.5 m or more.

- When the zoom magnification is 1×, this unit can focus on a subject approx. 2 cm away from the lens. (Macro function)
- When the zoom speed is high, the subject may not be focused easily.

Digital zoom function

If the zoom magnification exceeds 70×, then the digital zoom function will be activated. The maximum magnification provided by the digital zoom can be switched.

- ◇ Rotate the mode dial to select .

Select the menu. (→ 20)

[ADVANCED] → [D.ZOOM] → desired setting

[OFF]: Optical zoom only (Up to 70×)

[100×]: Up to 100×

[3500×]: Up to 3500×

- If [100×] or [3500×] is selected, the digital zoom range is displayed in blue while zooming.

- The larger the digital zoom magnification, the more the image quality is degraded.
- This function cannot be used in picture recording mode.

To use the zoom microphone function



The zoom microphone is linked to the zooming operation so that far-away sounds with a tele-shot and close-up sounds with a wide-angle shot are recorded more clearly.

◇ Rotate the mode dial to select .

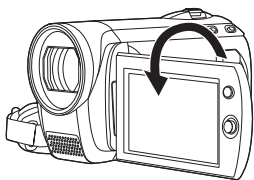
Select the menu. (→ 20)


[ADVANCED] → [ZOOM MIC] → [ON]

Recording yourself

◇ Rotate the mode dial to select  or .

Rotate the LCD monitor towards the lens side.





- The image is horizontally flipped as if you see a mirror image. (However the image recorded is the same as a normal recording.)
- When the LCD monitor is rotated towards the lens side, the icon will not be displayed even if you press the joystick.
- Only some indications will appear on the screen. When  appears, return the direction of the LCD monitor to normal position and check the warning/alarm indication. (→ 85)

Quick start

This unit will resume recording/pause mode about 0.8 seconds after the LCD monitor is reopened.

- When in quick start standby mode about 60% of the power used in recording pause mode is being consumed, so the recording time will be reduced.

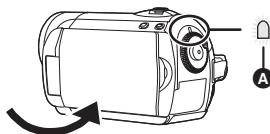
◇ Rotate the mode dial to select  or .

1 Select the menu. (→ 20)


[SETUP] → [QUICK START] → [ON]

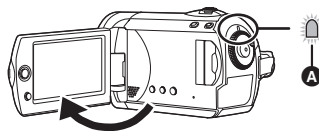
2 Close the LCD monitor while the mode dial is set to  or .

The status indicator  flashes green and the unit goes into quick start standby mode.



3 Open the LCD monitor.

The status indicator  lights red and the unit is put into recording pause approx. 0.8 seconds after it is turned on.



To cancel Quick start

Select [SETUP] → [QUICK START] → [OFF]

- The default setting is on.
- Quick start standby mode is cancelled if
 - about 5 minutes elapsed
 - the mode dial is switched
 - the battery is removed or the AC adaptor is disconnected

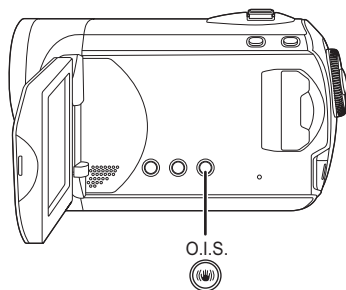
- In the quick start mode it may take some time for automatic white balance to adjust, if the scene being recorded has a light source different from the scene last recorded. (When the colour night view function is used, however, the white balance of the scene last recorded is retained.)
- In the quick start mode, the zoom magnification becomes 1× and the picture size may differ from what it was before quick start standby mode.
- If [ECONOMY] (→ 21) is set to [5 MINUTES] and the unit automatically goes into quick start standby mode, close the LCD monitor and then open it again.
- In the following cases, the image stabilizer function may not work effectively.
 - When the digital zoom is used
 - When the unit is shaken greatly
 - When you record a moving subject while tracking it

Optical image stabilizer function


Reduces the image shaking (jitter) due to hand movement when recording.

◇ Rotate the mode dial to select  or .

Press the O.I.S. button.



O.I.S.: Optical Image Stabilizer

The image stabilizer icon [

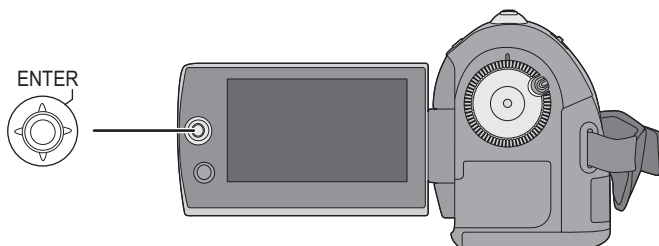
To cancel the optical image stabilizer function

Press the O.I.S. button again.

- The default setting is on.
- Set the intelligent auto mode to off before turning the optical image stabilizer function to off.
- When a tripod is used, we recommend that you turn the image stabilizer off.

Recording functions of operation icons

Set the recording functions by selecting the operation icons to add different effects to the recorded images.



◆ Rotate the mode dial to select  or .

1 Press the joystick, and icons will be displayed on the screen.



- The indication changes each time the joystick is moved down.
- The indication disappears when the centre of the joystick is pressed again.

2 Select an icon with the joystick.




















To cancel the function

Select the icon again.

Operation icons

Backlight compensation/Fade/Help mode/Colour night view/Soft skin mode/PRE-REC/Face detection/Self-timer

Video recording mode














	<p> Backlight compensation</p> 	<p> Fade</p> 	<p> Help mode</p> 
	<p> Colour night view</p> 	<p> Soft skin mode</p> 	<p> PRE-REC</p> 
	<p> Face detection*</p> 		

* It is not displayed when the intelligent auto mode is on.

● The shaded operation icons are not displayed while recording.




- If you turn off the power or operate the mode dial, the backlight compensation and the colour night view functions are cancelled.
- If you turn off the power, the fade function is cancelled.
- PRE-REC is cancelled if
 - the power is turned off
 - the mode dial is operated
 - the SD card slot cover is opened
 - the battery is removed or the AC adaptor is disconnected
 - the MENU button is pressed
 - 3 hours have elapsed

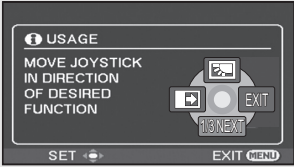

Picture recording mode


	 Backlight compensation 	 Self-timer 	 Help mode 
	 Soft skin mode 		
	 Face detection* 		

* It is not displayed when the intelligent auto mode is on.

- If you turn off the power or operate the mode dial, the backlight compensation function is cancelled.
- If you turn off the power, the self-timer function is cancelled.

Function	Effect
 Backlight compensation	This makes the image brighter to prevent darkening of a backlit subject.
 Fade 	<p>When you start recording, the image/audio gradually appears. (Fade in) When you pause recording, the image/audio gradually disappears. (Fade out)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the image/audio completely disappears, the recording stops and the fade setting is cancelled. <p>■ To select the colour for fade in/out Select the menu. (→ 20) [ADVANCED] → [FADE COLOUR] → [WHITE] or [BLACK]</p>

Function	Effect
Help mode 	<p>This explains the recording functions. Select the desired icon with the joystick to display an explanation on the screen.</p> <hr/> <p>To exit the help mode Press the MENU button or select [EXIT].</p>
Colour night view	<p>This allows you to record colour subjects in dark locations to stand out against the background.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum required illumination: approx. 2 lx • Attach this unit to a tripod, and you can record images free from vibration. • If it is difficult to focus, adjust the focus manually. (→ 45)
Soft skin mode	<p>This makes skin colours appear softer for a more attractive appearance. This is more effective if you record a person closely from the torso up.</p>
PRE-REC	<p>This allows recording of the pictures and sound to start approximately 3 seconds before the recording start/stop button is pressed.</p> <p>[PRE-REC] appears on the screen and the unit repeats the update by recording motion pictures for about 3 seconds onto the built-in memory and then deleting them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim this unit at the subject and position it securely. <p>Press the recording start/stop button to start recording.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Images and audio are recorded for about 3 seconds before pressing the recording start/stop button. • There is no beep sound. • After recording starts, the PRE-REC setting is cancelled.
Face detection 	<p>When a subject is backlit and appears darker, this function detects the face and automatically adjusts the brightness and picture quality so that the face is recorded clearly.</p> <p>In the face detection mode, detected faces appear with frames.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 5 frames are indicated. Larger faces and faces nearer to the centre of the screen take preference over others. • Faces that do not appear completely on the screen are not detected. <p>■ To display the face detection framing Select the menu. (→ 20) [ADVANCED] → [FACE FRAMING] → [ON]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This function's default setting is [ON]. • Set to [OFF] to not display the face detection framing.

Function	Effect
 Self-timer	<p>This is for recording still pictures using the timer. Use this function to include yourself in the picture.</p> <p>Press the recording start/stop button, the [⏻] indication blinks for about 10 seconds and then the still picture is recorded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After recording, the self-timer is cancelled. <hr/> <p>To stop the timer midway through Press the MENU button. (The self-timer setting is cancelled.)</p>

Fade:

- The thumbnails of scenes recorded using fade in become black (or white).

Help mode:

- When the help mode is used, functions cannot be set.
- When the help mode is used, motion pictures and still pictures cannot be recorded.

Colour night view:

- Recorded scene is seen as if frames were missed.
- The colour night view function makes the signal charging time of CCD up to approximately 25× longer than usual, so that dark scenes can be recorded brightly. For this reason, bright dots that are usually invisible may be seen, but this is not a malfunction.
- If set in a bright place, the screen may become washed out for a while.

Soft skin mode:

- If the background or anything else in the scene has colours similar to the skin colour, they will also be smoothed.
- If the brightness is insufficient, the effect may not be clear.
- You may not be able to see the face clearly when recording a distant person. In this case, cancel soft skin mode or zoom in on the face.

PRE-REC:

- When the remaining time left for recording motion pictures is less than 1 minute, PRE-REC cannot be set.
- After setting PRE-REC, if recording starts in less than 3 seconds, or while the PRE-REC indication flashes within about 3 seconds after initiating the quick start operation, motion pictures taken 3 seconds before pressing the recording start/stop button cannot be recorded.
- When the recording start/stop button is pressed, image shake and operation sound may be recorded.
- The thumbnail of the scenes recorded using the PRE-REC function will be the top image of the scenes actually recorded.
- The date indication for scenes recorded using the PRE-REC function will be the date when the start/stop button is pressed. Therefore, the date indication when displaying thumbnails or during playback may be different from the date when the recording actually started.

Face detection:



- In the following case, faces may not be detected in some recording conditions.
 - Faces are not full-faces
 - Faces tilt
 - Faces are extremely bright or dark
 - Shadows on faces are a few
 - Faces are not completely exposed (for instance wearing sunglasses)
 - The size of a face is small on the screen.
 - The subject moves quickly.
 - When the hand shakes
 - When the digital zoom is used
 - When the unit is tilted
- In the following cases, the function may not operate properly even if faces are detected. If this occurs, turn off this function.
 - Nonhuman subjects are recognised as faces.
 - When the brightness or quality cannot be adjusted clearly since scenes are extremely dark, or the areas around the faces or the background is extremely bright.
- There is no function to focus preferentially on a face that is detected.
- Since the brightness of the entire image is adjusted to record faces more vividly, brightness may change suddenly or images may flicker under some recording conditions.
- When the face detection frame disappears due to zooming, the brightness may change suddenly or the images may flicker.

Recording functions of menus

Menus

Aspect ratio/Wind noise reduction/Guideline/Auto slow shutter

◇ Rotate the mode dial to select  or .

Function	Effect/Setting method
Aspect ratio (Only when the mode dial is set to )	This allows you to record images compatible with wide-screen TVs (16:9) and regular TVs (4:3). Select the menu. (→ 20) [BASIC] → [REC ASPECT] → [16:9] or [4:3] • The default setting is [16:9].
Wind noise reduction function (Only when the mode dial is set to )	This reduces the winding noise picked up by the microphone. • The intelligent auto mode is set to off. (→ 26) Select the menu. (→ 20) [ADVANCED] → [WIND CUT] → [ON] • The default setting is [ON]. • To cancel the function, select [OFF].
Guideline function	You can check if the image is level while recording by using the guidelines displayed on the screen. • The intelligent auto mode is set to off. (→ 26) Select the menu. (→ 20) [ADVANCED] → [GUIDE LINES] → [ON] • To cancel the function, select [OFF].
Auto slow shutter mode	You can record bright pictures even in dark places by slowing the shutter speed. • The intelligent auto mode is set to off. (→ 26) Select the menu. (→ 20) [ADVANCED] → [AUTO SLW SHTR] → [ON] • To cancel the function, select [OFF].

Guideline function:

- The guidelines do not appear on the images actually recorded.
- The guidelines are not displayed while rotating the LCD monitor frontward to record yourself.

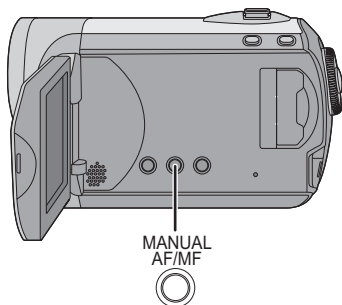
Wind noise reduction function:

- In intelligent auto mode, the wind noise reduction is set to on.
- The wind noise reduction depends on the wind strength. (If this function is activated in strong winds, the stereo effect may be reduced. When the wind weakens, the stereo effect will be restored.)

Auto slow shutter mode:

- When the auto slow shutter mode is selected, the slowest shutter speed changes from 1/50 to 1/25.
- When the shutter speed becomes 1/25, the screen display may be seen as if frames are missed and afterimages may appear.
- If the scene is low in brightness or contrast, the subject may not be focused on.

Manual recording functions



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Each time you press the MANUAL AF/MF button:

1 Manual mode

The icon shown in the illustration appears.



WB White balance

IRIS Aperture adjustment

SHTR Shutter speed

2 Manual focus mode

The manual focus indication [MF] and the icon shown in the illustration appear.



MF Manual focus adjustment

◇ Rotate the mode dial to select  or .

Press the MANUAL AF/MF button.

Scene mode

When you record images in different situations, this mode automatically sets optimum shutter speeds and apertures.

1 Select the manual mode. (→ 44)

2 Select the menu. (→ 20)

[BASIC] → [SCENE MODE] → desired setting

Icon	Mode/Recording conditions
	Sports To record sports scenes or scenes where there are quick motions
	Portrait To make people stand out against the background
	Low light To make the scene brighter in dark conditions
	Spotlight To make the subject under a spotlight look more attractive
	Surf & snow To record images in bright places such as ski slopes and beaches

To cancel the scene mode function

Set [SCENE MODE] to [OFF].

- You can also cancel the scene mode function by pressing the iA button.

Sports mode

- For slow-motion playback or playback pause of recorded pictures, this mode helps diminish camera shake.
- During normal playback, the image movement may not look smooth.
- Avoid recording under fluorescent light, mercury light or sodium light because the colour and brightness of the playback image may change.

- If you record a subject illuminated with bright light or a highly reflective subject, vertical lines of light may appear.
- If the brightness is insufficient, the sports mode does not function. The [MF] display flashes.
- If this mode is used indoors, the screen may flicker.

Portrait mode

- If this mode is used indoors, the screen may flicker. If so, change the scene mode setting to [OFF].

Low light mode

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

Spotlight mode

- If the recording subject is extremely bright, the subject may become washed out and the periphery extremely darkened.

Surf & snow mode

- If the subject is extremely bright, the recorded image may become washed out.

Manual focus adjustment

If auto focusing is difficult due to the conditions, then use manual focus.

1 Select the manual focus mode. (→ 44)

2 Bring the subject into focus with the joystick.



To restore to the automatic adjustment

Press the MANUAL AF/MF button again.

- You can also restore the auto focusing by pressing the iA button.

White balance

The automatic white balance function may not reproduce natural colours depending on the scenes or lighting conditions. If so, you can adjust the white balance manually.

1 Select the manual mode. (→ 44)

2 Select [WB] with the joystick.



3 Select the white balance mode with the joystick.



Icon	Mode/Recording conditions
[AWB]	Auto white balance adjustment
	Indoor mode (for recording under incandescent lamps) Incandescent lights, halogen lamps
	Outdoor mode Outdoors under a clear sky
	Manual adjustment mode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mercury-vapor lamps, sodium lamps, some fluorescent lights Lights used for wedding receptions at hotels, stage spotlights in theatres Sunrise, sunset, etc.

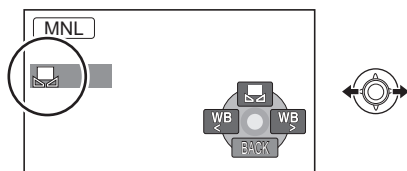
To restore to the automatic adjustment

Set the white balance mode to [AWB].

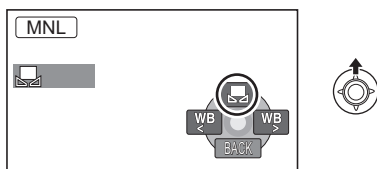
- You can also restore the automatic adjustment by pressing the iA button.

To set the white balance manually

1 Select [MNL] with the joystick, and fill the screen with a white subject.



2 Select [MNL] with the joystick.



When the [MNL] display stops flashing, the setting is complete.

- If the [MNL] display continues flashing, the white balance cannot be set because it is too dark. In this case, use the automatic white balance.
- When the unit is turned on with the lens cover closed, the automatic white balance adjustment may not function properly. Please turn the unit on after opening the lens cover.
- When the [MNL] display flashes, the manual white balance previously adjusted is stored. Whenever recording conditions change, re-set the white balance for correct adjustment.
- When setting both the white balance and the iris/gain, set the white balance first.

Manual shutter speed/ aperture adjustment

SHTR Shutter Speed:

Adjust it when recording fast-moving subjects.

IRIS Aperture:

Adjust it when the screen is too bright or too dark.

1 Select the manual mode. (→ 44)

2 Select **[IRIS]** or **[SHTR]** with the joystick.



3 Adjust the settings with the joystick.



A Shutter speed:

- 1/50 to 1/8000
- 1/50 to 1/500

- The shutter speed closer to 1/8000 is faster.
- If [AUTO SLW SHTR] is set to [ON], the slowest shutter speed is 1/25.

B Iris/Gain value:

CLOSE → (F16 to F2.2) → OPEN →
(0dB to 18dB)

- Value closer to [CLOSE] darkens the image.
- Value closer to [18dB] brightens the image.
- When the iris value is adjusted to brighter than [OPEN], it changes to the gain value.

To restore to automatic adjustment

Press the iA button.

- When setting both the shutter speed and the iris/gain value, set the shutter speed and then set the iris/gain value.

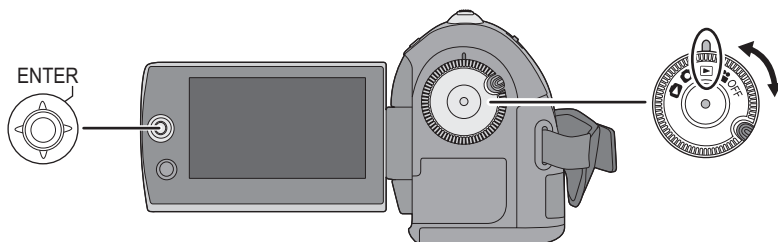
■ Manual shutter speed adjustment

- Avoid recording under fluorescent light, mercury light or sodium light because the colour and brightness of the playback image may change.
- If you increase the shutter speed manually, the noise on the screen may increase.
- You may see vertical lines of light in the playback image of a brightly shining subject or highly reflective subject, but this is not a malfunction.
- During normal playback, image movement may not look smooth.
- When recording in an extremely bright place, the screen may change colour or flicker. If so adjust the shutter speed manually to [1/50] or [1/100].

■ Manual iris/gain adjustment

- If the gain value is increased, the noise on the screen increases.
- Depending on the zoom magnification, there are iris values that are not displayed.

Motion picture playback



- ▶/||: Playback/Pause
- ◀◀: Skip playback (backward)
- ▶▶: Skip playback (forward)
- : Stops the playback and shows the thumbnails.

1 Rotate the mode dial to select .

2 Select the scene to be played back, then press the joystick.





A Scene number (Page number: Except when thumbnails are selected.)

The selected scene is played back, and the operation icon is automatically displayed on the screen.

3 Select the playback operation with the joystick.



Selecting pages

- Select [] / [] and then press the joystick.
- If you move and hold the joystick left or right, you can fast forward or fast rewind the pages. The thumbnails will disappear, but the scene or page numbers will change. Release the joystick when you have arrived at the page with the scene you want to display.

- Sound will be heard only during normal playback.
- When the amount of time recorded on the scene is too short, playback may not be possible.
- When a scene is displayed as [] on the thumbnail display, playback is not possible.
- When set to the video playback mode, the power will not turn off even when the LCD monitor is closed.
- When playing back motion pictures recorded on an SD card with other products on this unit or playing back motion pictures recorded on an SD card with this unit on other products, the picture quality may deteriorate and it may be unplayable. (The message "CANNOT PLAY." appears.)
- The time displayed may be different from the recording time and it may take time to display the thumbnail display when playing back motion pictures recorded on an SD card with other products.
- The recording time is not displayed on the screen during playback of scenes recorded on an SD card with other products.

To change the playback speed

- Normal playback is restored when you move the joystick up.

■ **Fast forward/rewind playback**
Move and hold the joystick left or right during playback until fast forward/rewind starts.



- Move the joystick again to increase the speed.

■ **Slow-motion playback**

1 Pause the playback.

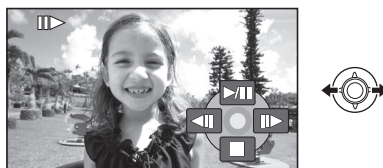
2 Move and hold the joystick left or right.



■ **Frame-by-frame playback**

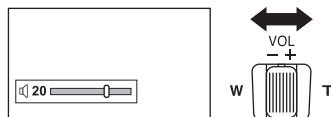
1 Pause the playback.

2 Move the joystick left or right.



To adjust the speaker volume during playback

Move the volume lever.



Towards "+": increases the volume

Towards "-": decreases the volume

Resuming the previous playback

Select the menu. (→ 20)

[SETUP] → [RESUME PLAY] → [ON]

If playback of a motion picture is stopped, [R] appears on the thumbnail view of the stopped scene.

To cancel the resume function

Set [RESUME PLAY] to [OFF].

- The memorised resume position is cleared if you edit the scenes, etc.

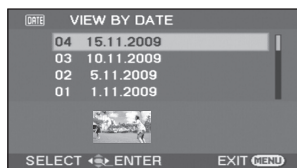
Playing back motion pictures by date

Scenes recorded on the same day can be played back in succession.

- 1 Select **DATE** (BY DATE), then press the joystick.



- 2 Select the playback date, then press the joystick.



- 3 Select the scene to be played back, then press the joystick.

To select a different date

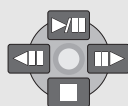
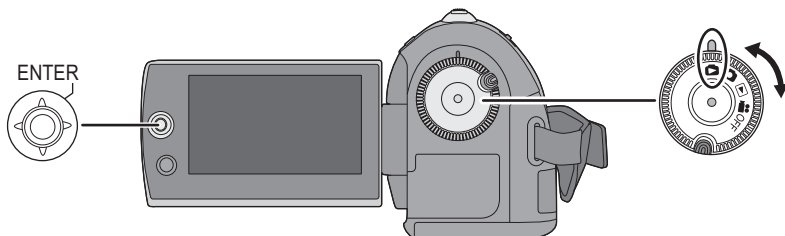
Select **DATE** (BY DATE), then press the joystick.

To return to the screen showing all scenes

Select **ALL** (VIEW ALL), then press the joystick.

- Even if scenes are recorded on the same day, they are grouped separately in the following cases.
 - When the number of scenes exceeds 99
 - When the world time setting is changed

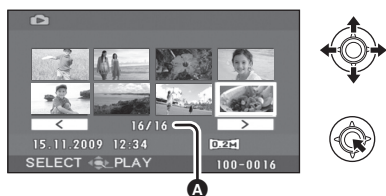
Still picture playback



- ▶/||: Slide show start/pause.
- ◀/||: Plays back the previous picture.
- ||▶: Plays back the next picture.
- : Stops the playback and shows the thumbnails.

1 Rotate the mode dial to select .

2 Select the file to be played back, then press the joystick.



A File number (Page number: When [] / [] is selected.)

- The method for selecting pages is the same as for motion picture playback. (→ 48)

The selected file is played back, and the operation icon is automatically displayed on the screen.

3 Select the playback operation with the joystick.



■ About still picture compatibility

- This unit is compliant with the unified standard DCF (Design rule for Camera File system) established by JEITA (Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association).
 - The file format supported by this unit is JPEG. (Not all JPEG formatted files will be played back.)
 - If a non-standard file is played back, the folder/file number may not be displayed.
 - This unit may degrade or not play back data recorded or created on another product and another product may degrade or not play back data recorded on this unit.
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- While this unit accesses the SD card (the SD card access lamp is lit), do not open the SD card slot cover and remove the SD card.
 - Do not operate the mode dial during the slide show.
 - It takes time to display the file, and how long it will take depends on the number of pixels of the file.
 - When a file is displayed as [?] on the thumbnail display, playback is not possible.
 - The time displayed may be different from the recording time and it may take time to display the thumbnail display when playing back still pictures recorded on an SD card with other products.
 - When set to the picture playback mode, the power will not turn off even when the LCD monitor is closed.

Changing the interval of playback for the slide show

Select the menu. (→ 20)

[PHOTO SETUP] → [SLIDE INTERVAL] → desired setting

[SHORT]:

Approx. 1 sec

[NORMAL]:

Approx. 5 sec

[LONG]:

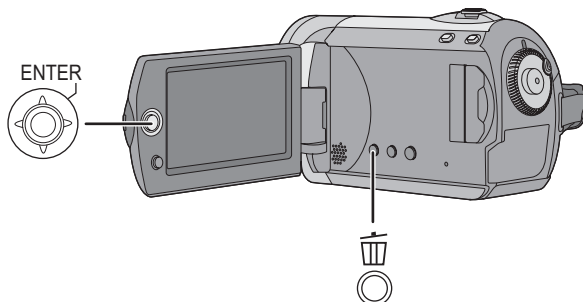
Approx. 15 sec

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- This function's default setting is [NORMAL].
 - With pictures with large image size, it may take longer than the specified time to play back the next picture, or the interval may not decrease even if the setting is changed.

Deleting scenes/files

Important:

The deleted scenes/files cannot be restored.



◇ Deleting motion picture scenes:
Rotate the mode dial to select

◇ Deleting still picture files:
Rotate the mode dial to select

Deleting scenes/files one at a time

1 Press the button during playback.

2 When the confirmation message appears **Select [YES], then press the joystick.**

Deleting multiple scenes/files

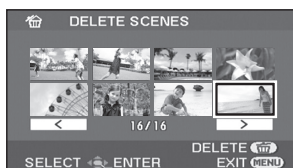
1 Press the button in the thumbnail display.

2 Select [SELECT] or [ALL] and press the joystick.

(Only when [ALL] is selected)

- All the scenes/files on the SD card except the locked scenes/files will be deleted. Proceed to step 5.
- When the date is selected in motion picture playback, all scenes on the selected date are deleted.

3 (Only when [SELECT] is selected in step 2)
Select the scene/file to be deleted, then press the joystick.



The selected scene/file is encircled by a red frame.

- To unselect the scene/file, press the joystick again.
- Up to 50 scenes/files can be selected to be deleted.

4 (Only when [SELECT] is selected in step 2)
Press the  button.

5 When the confirmation message appears
Select [YES], then press the joystick.

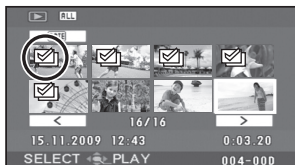
(Only when [SELECT] is selected in step 2)
To continue deleting other scenes/files
Repeat steps 3 to 5.


To complete editing
Press the MENU button.

- You can also delete scenes/files by the menu.
Select [EDIT SCENE] or [PHOTO SETUP] → [DELETE].
- In case of [ALL], the deletion may take time if there are many scenes/files.

Deleting the copied scenes collectively

Scenes copied to a disc using the DVD burner or the supplied software (DVD COPY function) can be deleted as a group.



Copied icon () is indicated in the thumbnail display after copying. (→ 63)

1 Select the menu. (→ 20)

[EDIT SCENE] → [DELETE] →
[COPIED]

2 When the confirmation message appears
Select [YES], then press the joystick.

- The locked scenes or scenes of which copied information was destroyed cannot be deleted.

■ When you stop deleting halfway

Press the MENU button while deleting.


- The scenes or still pictures that have already been deleted when the deletion is cancelled cannot be restored.

■ Notes for deleting scenes/files

- Do not turn off this unit while deleting.
- When you delete scenes/files, use a battery with sufficient battery power or use the AC adaptor.
- Do not open the SD card slot cover and remove the SD card while deleting scenes/files recorded on an SD card. The deletion will stop.
- If files conforming to DCF standard are deleted, all the data related to the files will be deleted.
- When deleting still picture files recorded on an SD card by other products, a still picture file (other than JPEG) that cannot be played back on this unit may be erased.
- When a still picture is copied to an SD card using a PC and other equipment, it may not show up on the display of the unit. In this case, the image will not be deleted.


Editing scenes

◇ Rotate the mode dial to select .

Function	Operating method
<p>Locking motion pictures</p> <p>This is for preventing motion picture scenes from being deleted by mistake. (However, please be aware that if an SD card is formatted, then all the data on the SD card will be erased.)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Select the menu. (→ 20) [EDIT SCENE] → [LOCK SET] → [YES] 2 Select the scene to be protected, then press the joystick. <div data-bbox="506 487 800 652" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="823 493 890 639" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>[>] appears and the selected scene is locked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Press the joystick again to release the lock setting. ● You can also select multiple scenes in succession. <hr/> <p>To complete the settings Press the MENU button.</p>

Editing still pictures

◇ Rotate the mode dial to select .

Function	Operating method
Locking still pictures This is for preventing still picture files from being deleted by mistake. (However, please be aware that if an SD card is formatted, then all the data on the SD card will be erased.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Select the menu. (→ 20) [PHOTO SETUP] → [LOCK SET] → [YES] 2 Select the file to be protected, then press the joystick. <div data-bbox="507 493 799 658" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="817 493 890 650" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>[&#9633;] appears and the selected file is locked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Press the joystick again to release the lock setting. ● You can also select multiple files in succession. <hr/> <p>To complete the settings Press the MENU button.</p>

DPOF setting

This is for writing the print data on selected still pictures.

■ What is DPOF?

DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) is a format which allows the user of a digital camera to define which captured images on the SD card are to be printed, together with information on the number of copies they wish to print. (Please note: Not all commercial printing services support this feature at this time.)

- 1 Select the menu. (→ 20)
[PHOTO SETUP] → [DPOF SET] → [SET]
- 2 Select the file to be set, then press the joystick.



- 3 Select the number of prints, then press the joystick.



- To cancel the setting, set the number of prints to [0].
- You can also select multiple files in succession.

To complete the settings

Press the MENU button.

To cancel all DPOF settings

Select [PHOTO SETUP] → [DPOF SET] → [CANCEL ALL].

- The DPOF setting can be established for up to 999 files.
- DPOF setting made on other devices may not be recognised by this unit. Please perform the DPOF settings on this unit.
- You cannot add the recording date to pictures to be printed with the DPOF settings.

Formatting an SD card

This is for initializing SD cards.

Please be aware that if an SD card is formatted, then all the data recorded on the card will be erased. Store important data on a PC, etc.

1 Select the menu. (→ 20)

[SETUP] → [FORMAT CARD] → [YES]

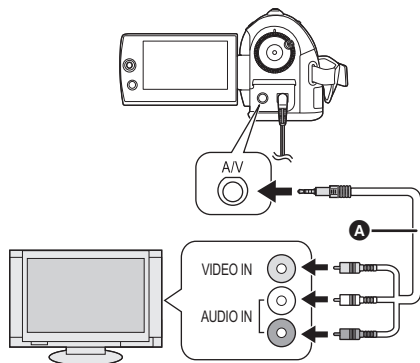
2 When the confirmation message appears **Select [YES], then press the joystick.**

- When formatting is complete, press the MENU button to exit the message screen.

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- During formatting, do not turn this unit off.
 - Do not open the card slot cover while formatting. The formatting will stop.
 - When you format the SD card, use a battery with sufficient battery power or the AC adaptor.
 - Use this unit to format SD cards. If an SD card is formatted on other products (such as a PC), the time spent for recording may become longer and you may not be able to use the SD card.
 - Depending on the type of SD card being used, it may take time to format.

The motion pictures and still pictures recorded by this unit can be played back on a TV.

- Use the AC adaptor to free you from worrying about the battery running down.
- If you have a TV with an SD card slot, the motion pictures and still pictures recorded on an SD card may be played back on the TV. (Refer to the operating instructions of the TV for details about TV compatibility.)



A AV cable (supplied)

- Insert the plugs as far as they will go.
- Do not use any other AV cables except the supplied one.
- Select the video input on the TV that this unit is connected to.

1 Connect this unit and a TV.

2 Turn on this unit, then rotate the mode dial to select or .

3 Start playback on this unit.

■ If the image or audio from this unit does not appear on the TV

- Check the connections.
- Check that the plugs are inserted as far as they go.
- Check the TV's input setting (input switch). (For more information, please read the operating instructions for the TV.)

■ To watch images with a 16:9 aspect ratio on a regular TV (4:3)



If the images are squeezed horizontally on a TV with a 4:3 aspect ratio, change the menu setting to play back the pictures in the original aspect ratio.

- If the images are not displayed correctly on a wide-screen TV, adjust the aspect setting on the TV. (Refer to the operating instructions of the TV for details.)

Select the menu. (→ 20)

[SETUP] → [TV ASPECT] → [4:3]

Example of images with a 16:9 aspect ratio on a regular TV (4:3)

[TV ASPECT] setting	
[16:9]	[4:3]
	

- This function's default setting is [16:9].
- Depending on the TV setting, the pictures may not be displayed correctly. For more information, please read the operating instructions of your TV.

■ To display the on-screen information on the TV

The information displayed on the screen (operation icon and time code etc.) can be displayed on the TV.

Select the menu. (→ 20)

[SETUP] → [EXT. DISPLAY] → [ON]

- Select [OFF] to erase the information.
- The screen on this unit will not change.

It is possible to copy images that have been recorded on this unit to discs by connecting the optional DVD burner.

The disc that was copied to can be played back by connecting this unit and a DVD burner. (→ 67)

Device capable of copying images to discs by connecting to this unit

— DVD burner/VW-BN1

- We recommend using VW-BN1.
- Operation is not guaranteed with any other DVD drives.
- Use the Mini AB USB Connection Cable supplied with the DVD burner to connect this unit to the DVD burner. (Operation cannot be guaranteed with cables other than the one supplied with the DVD burner.)

About discs that can be used

New*1 12 cm discs (DVD-RAM, DVD-RW*2, DVD-R, DVD-R DL, CD-RW*3, CD-R*3)

- Do not allow fingerprints or dirt to get on the recording/playback side of the disc.
- +RW/+R/+R DL discs or 8 cm discs cannot be used for copying.
- Refer to the operating instructions of the DVD burner for details about recommended discs, disc handling, etc.

*1 You cannot record on a disc that has already been used. However, a formatted DVD-RAM, DVD-RW, or CD-RW disc can be used for copying.

When a recorded DVD-RAM, DVD-RW, or CD-RW disc is inserted into the DVD burner, the disc is formatted and recording starts. **The data recorded on the disc will be erased.** Please be aware that the erased data cannot be restored.

*2 Supports motion pictures only

*3 Supports still pictures only

The different copying functions available when this unit is connected to the DVD burner

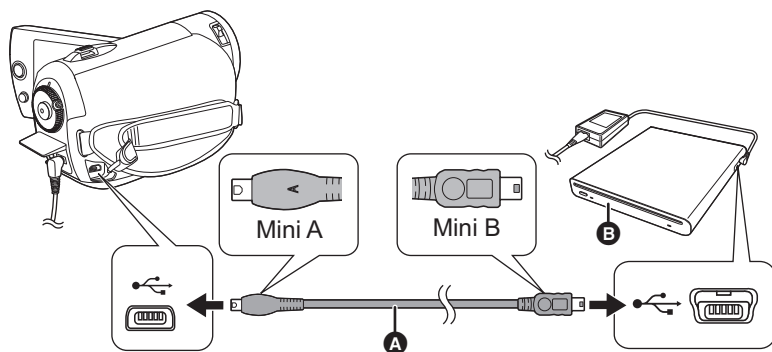
Data	Motion pictures	Still pictures	Page
DVD COPY function			
① ALL SCENES	●	●	63
② ADDED SCENES	●	—	63
FAVOURITE SCENES function			
③ SELECT SCENES	●	—	64
④ SELECT DATE	●	—	65

●: applicable —: not applicable

- It is impossible to copy motion pictures and still pictures simultaneously.
- You cannot copy from multiple SD cards to 1 disc.
- The order in which the scenes are copied cannot be changed.

Connecting this unit to the DVD burner

Connect this unit to the DVD burner to copy data to discs or play back motion pictures or still pictures that were copied to a disc.



A Mini AB USB Connection Cable (supplied with the DVD burner)

B DVD burner (optional)

- Connect the Mini A terminal to this unit and the Mini B terminal to the DVD burner.
- Insert the plugs as far as they will go.

1 Connect the AC adaptor supplied with the DVD burner to the DVD burner.

- You cannot supply power to the DVD burner from this unit.

2 Connect this unit to the AC adaptor.

- If a battery is used, operation is not possible when this unit is connected to a DVD burner.

3 Turn on the power to this unit.

4 Connect this unit to the DVD burner with the Mini AB USB Connection Cable (supplied with the DVD burner).

- The DVD burner function selection screen will appear.

5 Insert the disc in the DVD burner.

- Insert the disc into the DVD burner after connecting the DVD burner to this unit.
- Please read the operating instructions of the DVD burner for how to use it.
- If the DVD burner is connected to this unit with a disc already inserted, the message "CANNOT CHECK CONNECTED DEVICE. DISCONNECT THE USB CABLE FROM THIS UNIT." may be displayed after "Please Wait." is displayed for over a minute. When this happens, disconnect the Mini AB USB Connection Cable from the unit and remove the disc from the DVD burner to make sure the disc is usable and was not inserted upside down. (→ 61)

DVD COPY function

Images recorded on this unit can be backed up to discs.

Copied information is recorded in the motion picture scenes that are copied to a disc using the DVD COPY function. It is possible to write only scenes that are added after copying or delete the copied scenes as a group.

◇ **Connect this unit to the DVD burner. (→ 62)**

① Copying all the scenes to discs

Copy all motion pictures or still pictures on the SD card to discs.

1 Select menus with the following procedures.

[BURN DISC] → [VIDEO] or
[PICTURE] → [DVD COPY]* →

[ALL SCENES]*

* Only when [VIDEO] is selected.

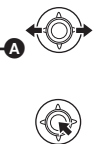
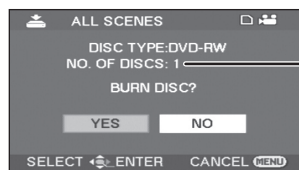
② Copying added scenes to discs

Copy scenes on the SD card, which are added after being copied to the disc using the DVD COPY function (scenes that the copied icons (📺) are not indicated), to discs.

1 Select menus with the following procedures.

[BURN DISC] → [VIDEO] →
[DVD COPY] → [ADDED SCENES]

2 Select [YES], then press the joystick.



A The number of discs necessary for copying by disc type.

- When two or more discs are necessary for copying, follow the on-screen instructions to switch discs.

- When a recorded DVD-RAM, DVD-RW, or CD-RW disc is inserted in the DVD burner, a message confirming whether the contents of the disc can be erased or not is displayed. After confirming that the data can be erased, select [YES].
- When a message appears indicating copying is complete, then press the joystick. If all scenes are copied, it is possible to create another set with the same contents. Follow the instructions on the screen.

To finish, eject the disc and disconnect the Mini AB USB Connection Cable.

- Press the MENU button in the middle of the operation to return to the initial menu screen.

■ Copied icon (📺)

The copied information is recorded in motion picture scenes that are copied to a disc using the DVD COPY function, and 📺 is indicated on the thumbnail.

- Motion picture scenes indicated with 📺 can be deleted as a group using the delete menu. (→ 54)

FAVOURITE SCENES function

It is possible to select motion picture scenes recorded on this unit and record them on a single DVD disc, as well as copy scenes by selecting the recording date.

◇ **Connect this unit to the DVD burner. (→ 62)**

③ Selecting the scenes to copy to 1 disc

Select scenes from the recorded motion pictures to copy to a single DVD disc.

1 Select menus with the following procedures.

[BURN DISC] → [VIDEO] → [FAVOURITE SCENES] → [SELECT SCENES]

- When a recorded DVD-RAM or DVD-RW disc is inserted in the DVD burner, a message confirming whether the contents of the disc can be erased or not is displayed. After confirming that the data can be erased, select [YES].

2 Select the scenes to be copied and then press the joystick.



- A Data size of the scene
- B Remaining space on the disc*

The selected scene is encircled by a red frame.

- To unselect the scene, press the joystick again.
- Up to 50 scenes can be set in succession.
- If the total data size of the scene exceeds the disc capacity, the remaining space on the disc display will turn red and the amount in excess will be displayed. Select scenes so that they fit on to one disc.

* The units of usable capacity on a DVD disc are 1 MB=1,048,576 bytes.

3 Select [START], then press the joystick.

4 When the confirmation message appears Select [YES], then press the joystick.

- When a message appears indicating copying is complete, then press the joystick. It is possible to create another disc with the same contents. Follow the instructions on the screen.
To finish, eject the disc and disconnect the Mini AB USB Connection Cable.

- Press the MENU button in the middle of the operation to return to the initial menu screen.

④ Selecting the scenes by date to copy to discs

Scenes recorded with this unit are selectively copied by date to DVD discs.

1 Select menus with the following procedures.

[BURN DISC] → [VIDEO] → [FAVOURITE SCENES] → [SELECT DATE]

2 Select the date to be copied and then press the joystick.



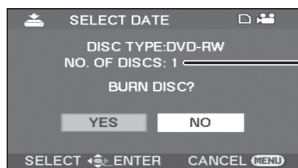
- To unselect the date, press the joystick again.
- Up to 50 dates can be set in succession.



3 Press the MENU button.

4 When the confirmation message appears Select [YES], then press the joystick.

5 Select [YES], then press the joystick.



- A** The number of discs necessary for copying by disc type.
- When two or more discs are necessary for copying, follow the on-screen instructions to switch discs.

- When a recorded DVD-RAM or DVD-RW disc is inserted in the DVD burner, a message confirming whether the contents of the disc can be erased or not is displayed. After confirming that the data can be erased, select [YES].
- When a message appears indicating copying is complete, then press the joystick. It is possible to create another set with the same contents. Follow the instructions on the screen. To finish, eject the disc and disconnect the Mini AB USB Connection Cable.

- Press the MENU button in the middle of the operation to return to the initial menu screen.

Notes for copying data to discs using the DVD burner

When deleting data on the SD card after making a copy, be sure to play back the discs to check that they have been copied correctly before deleting. (→ 67)

- Do not turn off this unit or the DVD burner or disconnect the Mini AB USB Connection Cable while copying. Also, do not shake this unit and the DVD burner.
- You cannot connect a USB hub and use it.
- You cannot eject a disc while copying.
- When data is divided and copied to more than one disc, a disc with a large unused area may result since data is recorded by scene.
- After data is copied to a disc, images cannot be added to the disc by connecting the unit to the DVD burner.
- Use of a CD-RW or CD-R disc is recommended for copying still pictures that are small in size.
- If "READING DISC..." is displayed on the screen for more than 2 minutes, remove the disc from the DVD burner and make sure the disc is usable and was not inserted upside down. (→ 61)
- There is no guarantee that a disc created by connecting this unit and the DVD burner will play back on any playable device.
- The recording date for scenes or files copied to a disc using the DVD burner with this unit is the date that the scene or file was copied. This date may not be displayed properly depending on the software used.
- Data that has been recorded on another device may not be copied, or it may not play properly even if it is copied.
- When a still picture is copied to an SD card using a PC and other equipment but it does not show up on the display of the unit, the image will not be copied to the disc.

When a disc that was created with this unit and the DVD burner is inserted into the DVD recorder, a message may be displayed prompting you to format the disc. Do not format the disc because all data will be erased and cannot be recovered.

Refer to the operating instructions of the DVD recorder for details.

■ About the time it takes to copy

The time it takes for copying to 1 disc.

(When copying 4 GB of motion pictures to 1 disc)

Disc type	Copy time
DVD-RAM	Approx. 40 min to 90 min
DVD-RW	Approx. 30 min to 60 min
DVD-R	Approx. 15 min to 60 min

The time it takes to copy differs depending on the number of scenes recorded on the SD card, type of disc, number of discs copied, and the room temperature. Also, it takes time to automatically verify the copied data. For this reason, it may take longer to copy than the recording time on the SD card.

Wait until the message is displayed indicating completion of copying.

- A DVD-R DL disc has two layers of recording surface so the copy time is approximately 1.5 to 2 times that of a DVD-R disc.

■ About playing back the discs

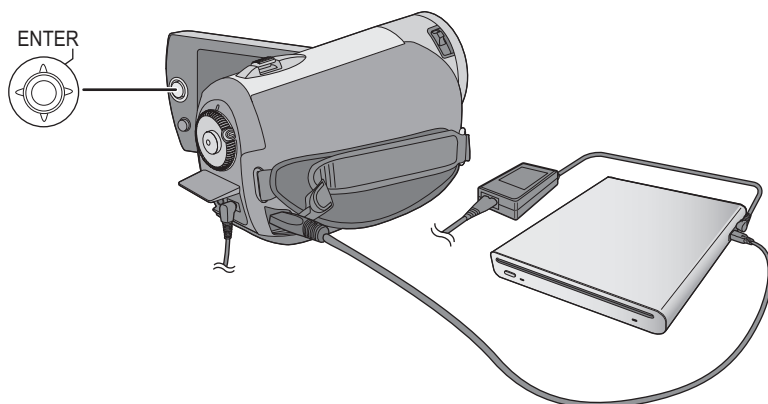
A disc created with the DVD burner can be played back with a DVD player. (For disc compatibility, refer to the operating instructions of the player.)

The DVD burner is capable of recording a maximum of 9999 still pictures on a single disc. Since the maximum number of still pictures that can be played back may vary with the player, some of the still pictures on the disc may not play back.

If the device is not capable of playing the disc, connect the DVD burner to this unit for playback.

Playing back a disc inserted in the DVD burner

You can play back the motion pictures or the still pictures copied to a disc.



1 Connect this unit to the DVD burner. (→ 62)

2 Select [PLAY DISC], then press the joystick.

- The motion pictures or the still pictures on the disc are displayed as thumbnails.

3 Select the scene/file to be played back, then press the joystick.

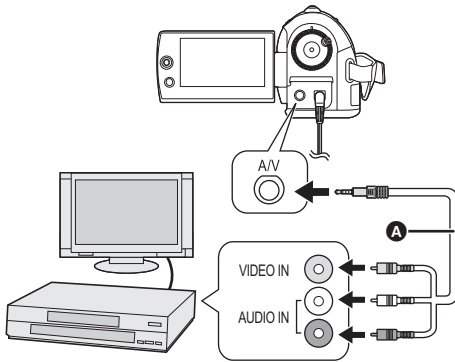


4 Select the playback operation with the joystick.

- The playback operation is the same as when playing back motion pictures or still pictures. (→ 48, 51)
- After playback, eject the disc and disconnect the Mini AB USB Connection Cable.

Dubbing images onto other video devices

- Use the AC adaptor to free you from worrying about the battery running down.



A AV cable (supplied)

- Insert the plugs as far as they will go.
- Do not use any other AV cables except the supplied one.
- Select the video input on the video device and TV that this unit and the video device are connected to.

1 Connect this unit to a video device.

2 Turn on this unit, then rotate the mode dial to select .

3 Start playback on this unit. Then start recording on the connected device.

To stop dubbing

Stop recording on the connected device. Then stop playback on this unit.

■ Using SD card slot or USB terminal of other video devices

If you have a DVD recorder with an SD card slot or a USB terminal, images recorded by this unit can be dubbed onto the hard disk or a DVD disc. Refer to the operating instructions of your DVD recorder for information about whether or not it supports dubbing from an SD card or a USB terminal.

When using a USB terminal

Connect this unit to a DVD recorder with the USB cable (supplied), then select [PC/RECORDER] on the USB function selection screen.

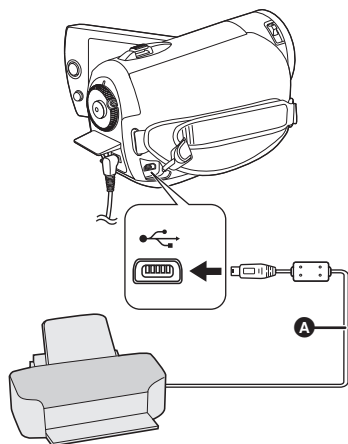
- For details on how to dub the images, refer to the operating instructions of the DVD recorder.

If you dub images and then play them back on a wide-screen TV, they may be squeezed horizontally. In this case, refer to the operating instructions of the device you are dubbing to or read the operating instructions of the wide-screen TV and set the aspect setting to 16:9 (Full).

With a printer (PictBridge)

To print pictures by directly connecting this unit to the printer, use a printer compatible with PictBridge.
(Read the operating instructions for the printer.)

- Use the AC adaptor to free you from worrying about the battery running down.



◇ Turn on this unit.

1 Connect this unit to a printer.

The USB function selection screen will appear.

2 Select [PictBridge] and press the joystick.

The [PictBridge] indication appears on this unit's screen.

3 Select a file to be printed, then press the joystick.



A USB cable (supplied)

- Insert the USB connectors as far as they will go.
- Do not use any other USB cables except the supplied one. (Operation is not guaranteed with any other USB cables.)

4 Select the desired number of prints, then press the joystick.



- You can set up to 9 prints.
- To cancel the setting, set the number of prints to [0].
- Up to 8 files can be selected to be printed.

5 Press the MENU button to display the PictBridge menus.

6 Select the date print setting on [DATE PRINT], then press the joystick.

- If the printer is not capable of date printing, this setting is unavailable.

7 Select the paper size setting on [PAPER SIZE], then press the joystick.

[STANDARD]: Size specific to the printer

[4×5 INCH]: L size

[5×7 INCH]: 2L size

[4×6 INCH]: Postcard size

[A4]: A4 size

- You cannot set paper sizes not supported on the printer.

8 Select the layout setting on [PAGE LAYOUT], then press the joystick.

[STANDARD]: Layout specific to the printer

[]: No frame print

[]: Frame print

- You cannot set page layouts not supported on the printer.


9 Select [PRINT] → [YES] and press the joystick.

- Exit PictBridge by disconnecting the USB cable after the pictures have been printed.

When you want to stop printing halfway

Move the joystick down.

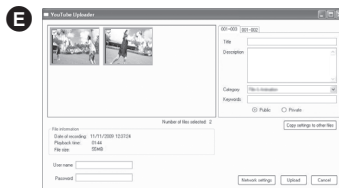
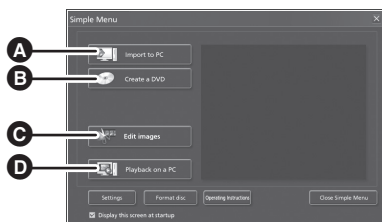
A confirmation message appears. If [YES] is selected, the number of prints set is cancelled and the screen returns to step 3. If [NO] is selected, all the settings are kept and the screen returns to step 3.

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- Avoid the following operations during printing. These operations disable proper printing.
 - Disconnecting the USB cable
 - Opening the SD card slot cover and removing the SD card
 - Switching the mode dial
 - Turning off the power
 - Check the settings for the paper size, quality of print, etc. on the printer.
 - The sides of pictures recorded in [] mode may be cut off. Check before printing (print preview).
When using a printer with a trimming or borderless printing function, cancel this function before printing. (Refer to the operating instructions of the printer for details.)

- When the unit is connected directly to the printer, the DPOF settings cannot be used.
- Connect the printer directly to this unit. Do not use a USB hub.

What you can do with a PC

When you have installed VideoCam Suite from the supplied CD-ROM and connected your PC to the unit, you can perform the operations described below.



A Copy images recorded by this unit onto the PC hard disk.

B Create original DVD-Video discs.

C Edit images copied to a PC.

Create playlists.

D Play back images recorded by this unit on a PC.

E WEB MODE function

You can easily upload motion pictures to YouTube. (→ 79)

- VideoCam Suite can handle images recorded with this unit or by using VideoCam Suite. Images created with other video cameras, DVD recorders, software and commercial DVD-Videos are not supported.
- We cannot guarantee proper operation of this unit if you use software other than that supplied.
- Do not copy images recorded on this unit using any software other than the supplied software.

Operating environment

- A CD-ROM drive is necessary to install the supplied software applications. (A compatible DVD writer drive and media are necessary for writing to a DVD.)
- When two or more USB devices are connected to a PC, or when devices are connected through USB hubs or by using extension cables, proper operation is not guaranteed.
- Use the supplied USB cable when connecting to the PC. (Operation is not guaranteed with any other USB cables.)

■ VideoCam Suite 2.0

Personal computer	IBM PC/AT compatible personal computer
OS	Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional Service Pack 4 Microsoft Windows XP Home Edition Service Pack 2/Service Pack 3 Microsoft Windows XP Professional Service Pack 2/Service Pack 3 Microsoft Windows Vista Home Basic or Service Pack 1 Microsoft Windows Vista Home Premium or Service Pack 1 Microsoft Windows Vista Ultimate or Service Pack 1 Microsoft Windows Vista Business or Service Pack 1
CPU	Intel Pentium III 1.0 GHz or higher (including compatible CPU) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intel Pentium 4 1.8 GHz or higher is recommended when a playback function or MPEG2 conversion function is used.
RAM	512 MB or more (1 GB or more recommended)
Display	High Colour (16 bit) or more (32 bit or more recommended) Desktop resolution of 1024×768 pixels or more (1280×1024 pixels or more recommended) Video card supporting DirectX 9.0c (supports overlay of DirectDraw) PCI Express™ ×16 compatible recommended
Free hard disk space	Ultra DMA — 33 or more 450 MB or more (for installing the application) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When writing to a DVD or an SD card, more than double the amount of free space as the disc being created is necessary.
Necessary software	DirectX 10.1 (pre-installed on Windows Vista Service Pack 1) DirectX 10 (pre-installed on Windows Vista) DirectX 9.0c (Windows XP/2000) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you install the software on a PC that is not compatible with DirectX 9.0c, the PC may not work properly. If you are unsure whether or not your PC is compatible, contact the maker of your PC.
Sound	DirectSound support
Interface	USB port [Hi-Speed USB (USB 2.0)]
Other requirements	Mouse or equivalent pointing device SD card reader/writer (required to read and write the SD card) Internet connection

- Even if the system requirements mentioned in these operating instructions are fulfilled, some personal computers cannot be used.
- Supplied CD-ROM is available for Windows only.
- This software is not compatible with Microsoft Windows 3.1, Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows 98SE, Windows Me and Windows NT.
- Operation on an upgraded OS is not guaranteed.
- Operation on an OS other than the one pre-installed is not guaranteed.
- This software is not compatible with a multi-boot environment.
- This software is not compatible with a multi-monitor environment.
- Operation is not guaranteed on Microsoft Windows Vista Enterprise, Windows XP Media Center Edition, Tablet PC Edition and not compatible with 64 bit operation systems.
- Input is not supported in languages other than English, German, French, Simplified Chinese and Japanese.
- If using Windows XP/2000, an administrative account user only can use this software. If using Windows Vista, administrative account and standard account users only can use this software. (An administrative account user should install and uninstall this software.)
- DirectX 9.0c will be installed automatically during installation of the supplied software.
- Operation cannot be guaranteed on all DVD drives.
- DVD discs authored with this software are not guaranteed to play in all DVD players.
- Depending upon the environment of your PC, if it does not support Hi-Speed USB (USB 2.0), for example, frame dropout may occur, the audio may be intermittent, or the software may run slowly when you play back recorded images.
- If your PC does not satisfy the above system requirements, an error may occur when writing data to disc.

■ SD card reader/writer function (mass storage)

Personal computer	IBM PC/AT compatible personal computer
OS	Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional Service Pack 4 Microsoft Windows XP Home Edition Service Pack 2/Service Pack 3 Microsoft Windows XP Professional Service Pack 2/Service Pack 3 Microsoft Windows Vista Home Basic or Service Pack 1 Microsoft Windows Vista Home Premium or Service Pack 1 Microsoft Windows Vista Ultimate or Service Pack 1 Microsoft Windows Vista Business or Service Pack 1
CPU	Windows Vista: 32-bit (×86) Intel Pentium III 1.0 GHz or higher processor Windows XP/2000: Intel Pentium III 450 MHz or higher or Intel Celeron 400 MHz or higher
RAM	Windows Vista Home Basic: 512 MB or more Windows Vista Home Premium/Ultimate/Business: 1 GB or more Windows XP/2000: 128 MB or more (256 MB or more recommended)
Interface	USB port

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

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- Do not perform any other operations on your PC while the software is being installed.

For Windows Vista:

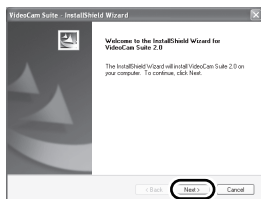
If [User Account Control] dialogue appears, click [Continue].

Installing VideoCam Suite

1 Insert the CD-ROM into the PC.

- If the installation screen does not appear automatically, double-click the CD-ROM drive icon in [My Computer (Computer)].

2 Click [Next].



3 Select where the application is to be installed, then click [Next].

4 Select [Yes] or [No] to create shortcut.

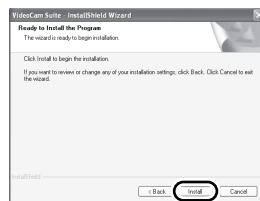
5 Select the country or region where you live, then click [Next].

- If the country or region cannot be selected, select [PAL Area].



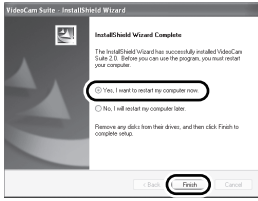
- When the confirmation message appears, click [Yes].

6 Click [Install] to start the installation process.



7 When installation is complete, some notes will appear. Check the contents, then close the window.

8 Select [Yes, I want to restart my computer now.], then click [Finish].



The PC must be rebooted for the application to work.

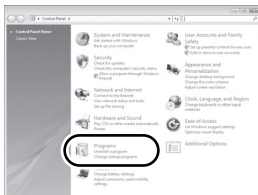
- Depending on the operating environment, you may be required to install DirectX 9.0c. If so, click [Yes], and install it. If you install the software on a PC that is not compatible with DirectX 9.0c, the PC may not work properly. If you are unsure whether or not your PC is compatible, contact the PC manufacturer.

Uninstalling the software

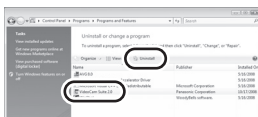
Follow the steps below to uninstall the software if it is no longer required.

■ For Windows Vista

1 Select [Start] → [Control Panel] → [Uninstall a program].

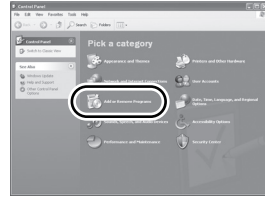


2 Select [VideoCam Suite 2.0], then click [Uninstall].

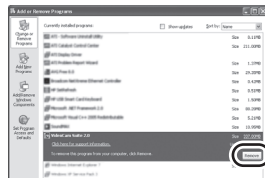


■ For Windows XP

1 Select [start] → [Control Panel] → [Add or Remove Programs].

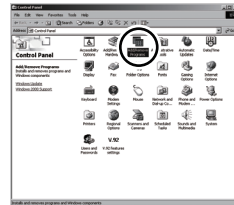


2 Select [VideoCam Suite 2.0], then click [Remove].

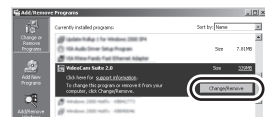


■ For Windows 2000

1 Select [Start] → [Settings] → [Control Panel] → [Add/Remove Programs].



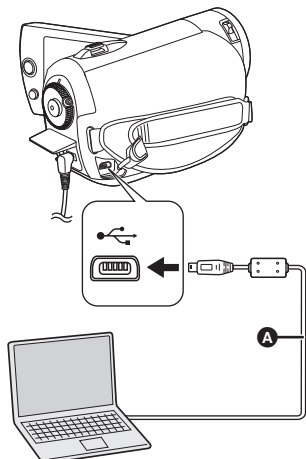
2 Select [VideoCam Suite 2.0], then click [Change/Remove].



Connection and recognition

After the software is installed, the unit must be connected to the PC and be correctly recognised by the PC.

- Remove the supplied CD-ROM from your PC.



A USB cable (supplied)

- Insert the USB connectors as far as they will go.
- Do not use any other USB cables except the supplied one. (Operation is not guaranteed with any other USB cables.)

- Use the AC adaptor to free you from worrying about the battery running down.

◇ Turn on this unit.

1 Connect this unit to a PC.

The USB function selection screen will appear.

2 Select [PC/RECORDER] and press the joystick.

This unit is automatically detected by the PC.

- **When the unit is connected to a PC, its power cannot be turned off. Disconnect the USB cable before turning this unit off. (→ 78)**
- Do not disconnect the USB cable, AC adaptor or remove the battery while the access lamp is on or access icon () appears on the LCD monitor. Doing so may damage the data on the SD card.
- It may be necessary to reboot the PC after connecting this unit to it for the first time.

About the PC display

When the unit is connected to a PC, it is recognised as an external drive.

- Only the readout of data using the PC can be performed when the battery is used. (The PC cannot write data to the unit, or erase data from the unit.)
- Depending on the operating environment of the PC, the shape of the drive icon and the drive name will differ.

■ Drive icons

The icon is displayed in [My Computer (Computer)].

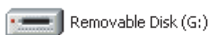
- Windows Vista:



- Windows XP:



- Windows 2000:



■ Example folder structure



- SD-Video format motion pictures are stored in the [PRG***] folder. ("***" denotes base-16 (hexadecimal) characters from 001 to FFF.)
- Up to 99 files can be recorded in the [PRG***] folder.
- JPEG format still pictures (IMGA0001.JPG etc.) are stored in the [100CDPFP] folder.
- Up to 999 files can be recorded in the [100CDPFP] or other such folder.
- The DPOF setting files are stored in the [MISC] folder.

■ Copying still pictures on PC

Card reader/writer function (mass storage)

When the unit is connected to a PC and the SD card can be used as an external drive, still pictures on the drive can be copied to the PC with Windows Explorer or other programmes.

- 1 Double click the folder that contains the files on the drive ([100CDPFP] etc.).
- 2 Drag and drop the files onto the destination folder (on the PC hard disk).

- Do not delete the SD card's folders. Doing so may make the SD card unusable in this unit.
- Always use this unit to format SD cards.

To disconnect USB cable safely

- 1 Double click the () icon in task tray.

Hardware disconnect dialogue appears.

- Depending on your PC's settings, this icon may not be displayed.

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

- 3 Verify [MATSHITA SD VIDEO CAMERA USB Device] is selected and click [OK].

Click [Close], and you can safely disconnect the cable.

Using VideoCam Suite

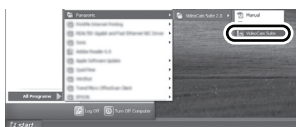
For Windows Vista:

- When using VideoCam Suite, log on to your PC as Administrator (or with a login name equally authorized) or with the user name for a standard user account. If you log on with a user name for a guest user account, the software cannot be used.

For Windows XP/2000:

- When using VideoCam Suite, log on to your PC as Administrator (or with a login name equally authorized). If you log on with a login name other than Administrator, the software cannot be used.

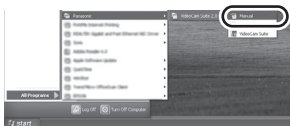
Select [start] → [All Programs (Programs)] → [Panasonic] → [VideoCam Suite 2.0] → [VideoCam Suite].



Refer to the operating instructions of the software (PDF file) for details on how to use it.

Reading the operating instructions of the software

Select [start] → [All Programs (Programs)] → [Panasonic] → [VideoCam Suite 2.0] → [Manual].



■ When the operating instructions will not open

You will need Adobe Reader to read the PDF operating instructions. Download and install a version of Adobe Reader that you can use with your OS from the following Web Site.

http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2_allversions.html

Upload to YouTube

You can easily upload motion pictures to YouTube with the VideoCam Suite. You need to record the motion picture to upload in web mode. (→ 29)

1 Connect this unit to a PC. (→ 77)

2 Select [WEB MODE] then press the joystick.

[YouTube Uploader] starts and the motion pictures recorded in web mode are displayed.



- Refer to the operating instructions of the software (PDF file) for details on how to use it.

- In order to upload motion pictures to YouTube, a user account must first be obtained via the YouTube site.
- After uploading is complete, a message appears. If [OK] is clicked, the USB function will be set to [PC/RECORDER]. Before turning this unit off, disconnect the USB cable (→ 78).
- This service is available as of December 1, 2008.
- Any operation about YouTube™ services and the specification changes are not guaranteed. The available services and the displays are subject to change without notice.
- Any copyrighted video cannot be uploaded without having the copyright or obtaining permission from the copyright holder(s).

If using a Macintosh

■ Operating environment for the card reader/writer function (mass storage)

Personal computer	Macintosh
OS	Mac OS X v10.4 Mac OS X v10.5
CPU	PowerPC G5 (1.9 GHz or higher) Intel Core Duo Intel Core Solo
Interface	USB port

- Even if the system requirements mentioned in these operating instructions are fulfilled, some personal computers cannot be used.
- The USB equipment operates with the driver installed as standard in the OS.
- Supplied CD-ROM is available for Windows only.

■ Copying still pictures on PC

1 Connect this unit to a PC via the supplied USB cable.

- The USB function selection screen will appear.

2 Select [PC/RECORDER] and press the joystick.

3 Double-click [CAM_SD] or [Untitled] displayed on the desktop.

- Files are stored in [100CDPFP] folder etc. in the [DCIM] folder.

4 Drag and drop the files onto destination folder (on the PC hard disk).

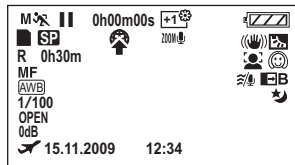
■ To disconnect USB cable safely

Drag [CAM_SD] or [Untitled] disk icon to the [Trash], and then disconnect the USB cable.

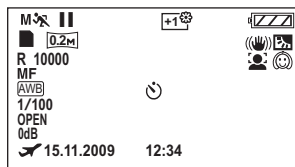
Indications

■ Recording indications

Motion picture recording



Still picture recording



Remaining battery power
(→ 14)

R 0h30m

Remaining time for recording

0h00m00s

Elapsed recording time

**15.11.2009
12:34**

Date/time indication (→ 23)



World time setting (→ 24)

●/II (Red)

Recording (→ 28)

II (Green)

Recording pause (→ 28)

PRE-REC

PRE-REC (→ 39)

16:9

Aspect ratio 16:9 (→ 42)

AUTO

Auto mode (→ 27)

MNL

Manual mode (→ 44)



Intelligent auto mode (→ 26)



Normal mode



Portrait mode



Scenery mode



Spotlight mode



Low light mode

MF

Manual focus (→ 45)

2×

Zoom magnification indication
(→ 33)



Backlight compensation mode
(→ 38)



Image stabilizer (→ 35)

1/100

Shutter speed (→ 47)

OPEN, F4.0

F number (→ 47)

0dB

Gain value (→ 47)



Soft skin mode (→ 39)



Fade (White), Fade (Black)
(→ 38)



Colour night view function
(→ 39)



Face detection (→ 39)



Zoom microphone (→ 34)



Wind noise reduction (→ 42)

















Power LCD function (→ 25)



Motion picture recording mode
(→ 30)



Web mode (→ 29)

	Scene mode (→ 45)
	Sports mode
	Portrait mode
	Low light mode
	Spotlight mode
	Surf & snow mode
	White balance (→ 46)
	Auto white balance
	Indoor mode (recording under incandescent lamp)
	Outdoor mode
	Manual adjustment mode
	Self-Timer recording (→ 40)
	Number of recording pixels for still pictures (→ 101)
	640×480
	640×360
	SD Card can be recorded to
R 10000	Recognising the SD card
	Remaining number of still pictures














■ Playback indications




Motion picture playback














Still picture playback






	Playback (→ 48)
	Pause (→ 48)
	Fast forward/rewind (→ 49)
	Last/first scene paused
	Skip playback (→ 48)
	Slow-motion playback (→ 49)
	Frame-by-frame playback (→ 49)
0h00m00s	Motion picture playback time
	Play mode (→ 50)
	All scenes on the SD card displayed
	Scenes recorded on the selected date
XP, SP, LP	Motion picture recording mode (→ 30)
No.10	Scene number
	Volume adjustment (→ 49)
R	Resume playback (→ 49)
	Locked motion pictures and still pictures (→ 55, 56)
	Copied motion pictures (→ 63)
	Scenes recorded in the web mode (→ 29)
100-001	Motion picture folder/file number display

100-0001	Still picture folder/file number display
 1	DPOF already set (to more than 1) (→ 57)
	Number of recording pixels for still pictures (→ 101)
	640×480
	640×360
The picture size is not displayed for still pictures recorded with other products that have different picture sizes from the sizes shown above.	

■ Indications when other products are connected

	The DVD burner is connected
	When the [BURN DISC] menu is selected
	When the [PLAY DISC] menu is selected
	Disc type (→ 61)
	DVD-RAM disc
	DVD-RW disc
	DVD-R disc
	DVD-R DL disc
	CD-RW disc
	CD-R disc
	When a printer compatible with PictBridge is connected (→ 69)
	Accessing an SD card (→ 77)

■ Confirmatory indications

 (Time display)	The built-in battery is low. (→ 23)
	The warning/alarm indication appears when LCD monitor is rotated towards the lens side. Return the direction of the LCD monitor to normal position and check the warning/alarm indication.
	No SD card is inserted/ unusable card.

THIS CARD CANNOT RECORD IN VIDEO MODE.

An 8 MB or 16 MB SD card has been inserted in video recording mode.

CHECK CARD.

This card is not compatible or it cannot be recognised by the unit.

ERROR OCCURRED. RECORDING IS STOPPED.

- When using an SD card that can be used for motion picture recording (→ 16)
When this message appears, it is recommended that you format the SD card being used. (→ 58)
When an SD card is formatted, all the data recorded on it will be deleted. Back up the data on the SD card to a PC, etc. before formatting the SD card.
- When using any other card
Use a Panasonic SD card or another SD card which can be used to record motion pictures. (→ 16)

EXIT THE MENU THEN CHANGE TO MANUAL MODE.**CANCEL NIGHT VIEW MODE**

You are attempting to use a function that cannot be used simultaneously.

ERROR OCCURRED. PLEASE TURN UNIT OFF, THEN TURN ON AGAIN.

An irregularity in the unit has been detected. Restart the unit by turning off and on the power.

DISCONNECT USB CABLE.

The unit cannot correctly establish the connection to the PC or printer. Disconnect and reconnect the USB cable and then select the desired USB function again.

CANNOT OPERATE WHILE USB CONNECTED.

The unit's power cannot be turned off when the unit is connected to the PC.

ALL CONTENTS ON THIS DISC WILL BE DELETED. DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE?

The inserted disc contains recorded data. Confirm the contents by using the device that recorded the data before deletion.

THIS SCENE CANNOT BE READ, DISC COPY IS ABORTED.

To copy the scene again, delete the displayed scene first.

AN ERROR OCCURRED IN THE DVD BURNER. DISCONNECT THE USB CABLE FROM THIS UNIT.

Remove the Mini AB USB Connection Cable from this unit, and then turn the power off and then on again.

About recovery

It is possible that the system cannot complete writing of a file normally when, for example, power is turned off for some reason during recording or editing.

If faulty management information is found when an SD card is accessed, the following message may appear. Be sure to follow the messages. (Repairing may take time depending on the error.)

NOW REPAIRING DATA. DO NOT REMOVE CARD.

- When you repair the data, use a battery with sufficient battery power or the AC adaptor. Even if the power is turned off without repairing the data, you can repair the data when you turn the power on again.
- Depending on the condition of the data, it may not be possible to completely repair the data.
- Do not repair an SD card that has been recorded on another device. This may cause the loss of data or the card.

Functions that cannot be used simultaneously

Some functions in this unit are disabled or cannot be selected due to the unit's specifications. The table below shows examples of functions restricted by various conditions.

Functions	Conditions which disable the functions
Digital zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In picture recording mode
Intelligent auto mode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the colour night view function is used
Fade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In picture recording mode • When PRE-REC is used
Colour night view	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While recording (Cannot set or cancel) • In picture recording mode • When PRE-REC is used (Cannot set or cancel)
Backlight compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the colour night view function is used • When the iris/gain is set
Soft skin mode (Set and cancel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While recording • When PRE-REC is used
Help mode	
Face detection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the colour night view function is used
Scene mode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the colour night view function is used
Change of white balance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When digital zoom is used • When the colour night view function is used
Adjusting the shutter speed, iris/gain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the colour night view function is used • When the scene mode is used
Guideline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the face detection is used

Troubleshooting

Problem

This unit cannot be turned on.

This unit does not stay on long enough.

Battery runs down quickly.



This unit is turned off automatically.



This unit cannot be operated though it is turned on.

This unit does not operate normally.



Check points

- Charge the battery using the AC adaptor. (→ 12)
- Make sure the LCD monitor is opened.
- The battery is affected by ambient temperature. In cold places, the battery using time becomes shorter.
- The battery has a limited life. If the operating time is still too short even after the battery is fully charged, the battery has worn out and needs to be replaced.

- If you do not use the unit for approximately 5 minutes, the power is automatically turned off to conserve battery life. To resume recording, turn the power back on. The power will not turn off automatically when the economy function (→ 21) is set to [OFF].

- The unit cannot be operated unless you open the LCD monitor.
- Turn on the power again. If normal conditions are not restored yet, remove the battery or AC adaptor, wait about 1 minute and then reconnect the battery or AC adaptor. Then about 1 minute later, turn on the power again. (Conducting the above operation while the SD card is being accessed may damage the data on the SD card.)

Problem		Check points
A clicking sound is heard when the power is turned off.	▶▶▶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the sound of the lens moving and is not a malfunction.
The screen has changed suddenly. (Demo mode is on)	▶▶▶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you set [DEMO MODE] to [ON] without inserting an SD card in video recording mode or picture recording mode, the unit is automatically set to the demonstration mode for introducing its functions. Normally this should be set to [OFF]. (→ 22)
A function indication such as the remaining time indication or the elapsed time indication is not shown.	▶▶▶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you set [SETUP] → [DISPLAY] → [OFF], indications other than warnings and date are not displayed.
Recording does not start although power is supplied to this unit.	▶▶▶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No recording is possible while the SD card's write protect switch is set to LOCK. (→ 15) • If the SD card has no more available memory, free up some memory by deleting unnecessary scenes (→ 53) or use a new SD card. • Is the unit set to the video recording mode or picture recording mode? • If the SD card slot cover is open, this unit may not operate normally. Close the card slot cover.


Problem	Check points
Recording stops suddenly during motion picture recording on an SD card.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use an SD card that can be used for motion picture recording. (→ 16) • When using an SD card on which data has been written many times and the data writing speed has reduced, the recording may suddenly stop during motion picture recording. Back up the data on the SD card to a PC, etc. and then format the SD card. (→ 58)
Auto focus function does not work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press MANUAL AF/MF button to erase the MF icon, or press iA button. • There are some recording subjects and surroundings for which the auto focus does not operate correctly. (→ 96) If so, use the manual focus mode to adjust the focus. (→ 45)
“CONDITION TOO DARK, OR OPEN LENS COVER.” is displayed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open the lens cover before turning the unit on. • This message may appear if you try to record in extremely dark places.
Sound is not played back from the built-in speaker of this unit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During playback, move the volume lever to display the volume indication and adjust it. (→ 49)
Although this unit is correctly connected to a TV, playback images cannot be seen. The playback images are squeezed horizontally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please read the operating instructions of your TV and select the video input that this unit is connected to. • Change the setting to match the aspect ratio of the TV. (→ 60)
Scenes or files cannot be deleted or edited.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locked scenes or files cannot be deleted. Release the lock setting. (→ 55, 56) • It may not be possible to delete scenes that are displayed as [(!)] on the thumbnail display. If the scenes are unnecessary, format the SD card to erase the data. (→ 58) Please be aware that if the SD card is formatted then all the data recorded on the SD card will be erased. • If the SD card's write protect switch is set to LOCK, then deletion and editing are disabled. (→ 15)
The images on the SD card do not look normal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The data may be destroyed. It may have been destroyed by static or electromagnetic waves. Store important data on a PC or other products as well.

Problem		Check points
Even if an SD card is formatted, it cannot be used.	▶▶▶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Either this unit or the card may be damaged. Please consult a dealer. • Use an SD card from 8 MB to 32 GB with this unit. (→ 15)
<p>The indication disappears.</p> <p>The screen is frozen.</p> <p>No operation can be performed.</p>	▶▶▶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No operation can be performed on this unit when it is connected to a PC. • Turn off the power to this unit. If the power cannot be turned off, remove the battery or AC adaptor and then reconnect it. Turn on the power again. If normal operation is still not restored, detach the power connected, and consult the dealer who you purchased this unit from.
“ERROR OCCURRED. PLEASE TURN UNIT OFF, THEN TURN ON AGAIN.” is displayed.	▶▶▶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The unit has automatically detected an error. Restart the unit by turning off and on the power. • The power will be turned off in about 1 minute if the power is not turned off and on. • Repair is needed if it is repeatedly displayed even if it is restarted. Detach the power connected, and consult the dealer who you purchased this unit from. Do not attempt to repair the unit by yourself.
When the SD card is inserted in this unit, it is not recognised.	▶▶▶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use this unit to format SD cards. Please be aware that if an SD card is formatted, then all the data recorded on the card will be erased. (→ 58)
When the SD card is inserted in another device, it is not recognised.	▶▶▶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that the device is compatible with the capacity or type of SD card (SD Memory Card/SDHC Memory Card) that you inserted. Refer to the operating instructions of the device for details.

With other products

Problem	Check points
The sound does not play back properly when a DVD disc that has been copied using the DVD burner is played back.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When the scenes are copied to a DVD disc using the DVD burner and then played back with any other devices, sound may not play back properly. In this case, use the software supplied with this unit to copy the scenes.

With a PC

Problem	Check points
When connected by the USB cable, this unit is not detected by the PC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close the menu screen before connecting the USB cable.• Select another USB terminal on the PC.• Check the operating environment. (→ 72)• Disconnect the USB cable, turn the unit off then on and then reconnect the USB cable.
When the USB cable is disconnected, an error message will appear on the PC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To disconnect the USB cable safely, double-click the () icon in the task tray and follow the instructions on the screen.
It takes a long time to create a DVD.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating a DVD may take some time even if the size of the motion picture files are small.
The DVD player cannot play back the discs I have created using VideoCam Suite.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To playback a DVD disc created using VideoCam Suite, the player must support playback of that DVD disc. (Refer to the operating instructions of the player.)

Cautions for use

In the event of abnormal operation (e.g. if the unit emits smoke or an unusual smell), immediately stop operating the unit and consult the Panasonic Customer Care Centre on 132600.

About this unit

- The unit and SD card become warm after long operation, but this is not a malfunction.

Keep the SD Video Camera as far away as possible from electromagnetic equipment (such as microwave ovens, TVs, video games etc.).

- If you use the SD Video Camera on top of or near a TV, the pictures and sound on the SD Video Camera may be disrupted by electromagnetic wave radiation.
- Do not use the SD Video Camera near cell phones because doing so may result in noise adversely affecting the pictures and sound.
- Recorded data may be damaged, or pictures may be distorted, by strong magnetic fields created by speakers or large motors.
- Electromagnetic wave radiation generated by microprocessors may adversely affect the SD Video Camera, disturbing the pictures and sound.
- If the SD Video Camera is adversely affected by electromagnetic equipment and stops functioning properly, turn the SD Video Camera off and remove the battery or disconnect AC adaptor. Then reinsert the battery or reconnect AC adaptor and turn the SD Video Camera on.

Do not use the SD Video Camera near radio transmitters or high-voltage lines.

- If you record near radio transmitters or high-voltage lines, the recorded pictures and sound may be adversely affected.

Make sure to use the supplied cords and cables. If you use optional accessories, use the cords and the cables supplied with them. Do not extend the cords and the cables.

Do not spray insecticides or volatile chemicals onto the unit.

- If the unit is sprayed with such chemicals, its body may be marred and the surface finish may peel off.
- Do not leave rubber or plastic products in contact with the unit for a long time.

When you use the unit in a sandy or dusty place such as a beach, do not let sand or fine dust get into the body and terminals of the unit.

Also, keep the unit away from sea water.

- Sand or dust may damage the unit. (Care should be taken when inserting and removing an SD card.)
- If sea water splashes onto the unit, wipe off the water with a well wrung cloth. Then wipe the unit again with a dry cloth.

When carrying the unit, do not drop or bump it.

- A strong impact can break the unit's casing, causing it to malfunction.

Cleaning

- Before cleaning, detach the battery or pull the AC cable from the AC outlet, and then wipe the unit with a soft, dry cloth.
- If the unit is very dirty, dip a cloth in water and squeeze firmly, and then wipe the unit with the damp cloth. Next, dry the unit with a dry cloth.
- Use of benzine, paint thinner, alcohol, or dishwashing liquid may alter the camera body or peel the surface finish. Do not use these solvents.
- When using a chemical dust cloth, follow the instructions that came with the cloth.

Do not use the unit for surveillance purposes or other business uses.

- This unit was designed for consumer intermittent use. It was not intended for continuous use, or for any industrial or commercial application resulting in prolonged use.
- In certain situations, continuous use could cause the unit to overheat and cause a malfunction. Such use is strongly discouraged.

When you are not going to use the unit for an extended time

- When storing the unit in a cupboard or cabinet, it is recommended that you place a desiccant (silica gel) in with it.

About the battery

The battery used in this unit is a rechargeable lithium-ion battery. It is susceptible to humidity and temperature and the effect increases the more the temperature rises or falls. In cold areas, the full charge indication may not appear or the low battery indication may appear for about 5 minutes after starting use. At high temperatures, the protection function may be triggered, making it impossible to use the unit.

Be sure to detach the battery after use.

- If the battery is left inserted, a minute amount of current continues to flow even if the unit's power is off. Keeping the unit in this state may result in over discharge of the battery. This may result in you not being able to use the battery even after it is charged.
- The battery should be stored in the vinyl bag so metal does not come into contact with the terminals.
- The battery should be stored in a cool place free from humidity, with as constant temperature as possible. (Recommended temperature: 15 °C to 25 °C, Recommended humidity: 40% to 60%)
- Extremely high temperatures or low temperatures will shorten the life of the battery.
- If the battery is kept in high-temperature, high-humidity, or oily-smoky places, the terminals may rust and cause malfunctions.
- To store the battery for a long period of time, we recommend you charge it once every year and store it again after you have completely used up the charged capacity.
- Dust and other matter attached to the battery terminals should be removed.

Prepare spare batteries when going out for recording.

- Prepare enough batteries to last 3 to 4 times the period you are planning to record.
- Cold weather, such as when skiing, can shorten the recording period.

If you drop the battery accidentally, check to see if the terminals are damaged.

- Inserting a battery with damaged terminals can damage the unit.

Do not throw old battery into fire.

- Heating a battery or throwing it into a fire may result in an explosion.

If the operating time is very short even after the battery has been recharged, the battery has worn out. Please purchase a new battery.

About the AC adaptor

- If the temperature of the battery is extremely high or extremely low, charging may take time or the battery may not be charged.
- If you use the AC adaptor near a radio, radio reception may be disturbed. Keep the AC adaptor 1 m or more away from the radio.
- When using the AC adaptor, it may generate whirring sounds. However, this is normal.
- After use, be sure to disconnect the AC adaptor. (If it is left connected, a minute amount of current is consumed.)
- Always keep the electrodes of the AC adaptor and battery clean.

LCD monitor

- When the LCD monitor gets dirty, wipe it with a dry soft cloth.
- In a place with drastic temperature changes, condensation may form on the LCD monitor. Wipe it with a soft dry cloth.
- When the unit has become very cold, for example due to storage in a cold area, its LCD monitor will be slightly darker than usual immediately after the power is turned on. The normal brightness will be restored when the unit's internal temperature rises.

Extremely high precision technology is employed to produce the LCD Monitor screen featuring a total of approximately 123,000 pixels. The result is more than 99.99% effective pixels with a mere 0.01% of the pixels inactive or always lit. However, this is not a malfunction and does not affect the recorded picture.

About condensation

If condensation forms on the unit, the lens will cloud up and the unit may not work properly. Make every effort to ensure that condensation does not form. If it does form, take the actions described below.

Causes of condensation

Condensation takes place when the ambient temperature or humidity is changed as follows.

- When this unit is brought inside from the cold (e.g. a ski slope) to a warm room.
- When this unit is moved from an air-conditioned car to outside.
- When a cold room has been warmed up quickly.
- When cool wind from an air conditioner is directly blown onto this unit.
- After summer afternoon showers of rain.
- When this unit is in a very humid place where the air is thick with steam. (e.g. a heated swimming pool)

Helpful hint

If, for example, you have used this unit for recording on a ski slope and are taking it into a heated room, place the unit inside a plastic bag, remove as much of the air from inside the bag as possible, then seal the bag. Leave the unit for about an hour in the room so the temperature of the unit is close to the ambient temperature of the room, then use it.

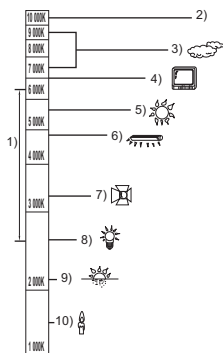
Explanation of terms

Automatic white balance

White balance adjustment recognises the colour of light and adjusts so the white colour will become a purer white. The unit determines the hue of light that comes through the lens, thereby judging the recording condition, and selects the closest hue setting.

This is called automatic white balance adjustment.

However, since the unit only stores white colour information under certain light sources, automatic white balance adjustment does not function normally under other light sources.



The illustration above shows the range over which the auto white balance functions.

- 1) The effective range of automatic white balance adjustment on this unit
- 2) Blue sky
- 3) Cloudy sky (rain)
- 4) TV screen
- 5) Sunlight
- 6) White fluorescent lamp
- 7) Halogen light bulb
- 8) Incandescent light bulb
- 9) Sunrise or sunset
- 10) Candlelight

Outside of the effective range of automatic white balance adjustment, the image will become reddish or bluish. Even within the effective range of automatic white balance adjustment, the automatic white balance adjustment may not function properly if there is more than one light source. For light outside the functional automatic

white balance adjustment range, use the manual white balance adjustment mode.

White balance adjustment

White balance adjustment determines the white colour under different light sources. By recognising which is the white colour under sunlight and which is the white colour under a fluorescent light, the unit can adjust the balance among the other colours.

Since the white colour is the reference for all the colours, the unit can record pictures in a natural hue if it can recognise the reference colour white.

Auto focus

The lens is moved forward or backward automatically to bring the subject into focus.

Auto focus has the following characteristics.

- Adjusts the focus so that the vertical lines of a subject are seen more clearly.
- Attempts to bring an object with higher contrast into focus.
- Focuses on the screen centre only.

Due to these characteristics, auto focus does not work correctly in the following situations. Record pictures in the manual focus mode.

Recording distant and close-up objects at the same time

Since the unit focuses on whatever is at the centre of the screen, it is difficult to bring the background into focus when close-up objects are placed in focus. When recording people with distant mountains in the background, you cannot focus on both the subject which is close-up and the objects which are in the distance.

Recording a subject behind dirty or dusty window

The subject behind the window will not be focused because the focus is on the dirty window.

Similarly, when recording something on the opposite side of a road with heavy traffic, a vehicle that happens to pass by may be brought into focus.

Recording a subject that is surrounded by objects with glossy surfaces or by highly reflective objects

Since whatever is shiny or glistens is brought into focus, it is hard to focus on the subject to be recorded. The focus may become blurry when recording subjects at the beach, at night views or in scenes involving fireworks or special lights.

Recording a subject in dark surroundings

The unit cannot focus correctly because the light information that comes through the lens decreases considerably.

Recording a fast-moving subject

As the focus lens-inside moves mechanically, it cannot keep up with a fast-moving subject. When, for example, recording a sports event with fast moving subjects, the focus may lose its sharpness.

Recording a subject with little contrast

It is easy to bring subjects with a sharp contrast or vertical lines or stripes into focus. This means that a subject with little contrast, such as a white wall, may become blurry because the unit achieves focus based upon the vertical lines of an image.

Specifications

SD Video Camera

Information for your safety

Power source:	DC 5.0 V (When using AC adaptor), DC 3.6 V (When using battery)
Power consumption:	Recording: 3.0 W, Charging: 4.5 W

Signal system	CCIR: 625 lines, 50 fields PAL colour signal
Recording format	Based on the SD-Video standard
Image sensor	1/8" CCD image sensor Total: 800 K Effective pixels: Moving picture: 400 K (4:3), 370 K (16:9) Still picture: 410 K (4:3), 380 K (16:9)
Lens	Auto Iris, F1.9 to F5.7 Focal length: 1.5 mm to 105 mm Macro (Full range AF)
Filter diameter	37 mm
Zoom	70× optical zoom, 100×/3500× digital zoom
Monitor	2.7" wide LCD monitor (approx. 123 K pixels)
Microphone	Stereo (with a zoom function)
Speaker	1 round speaker \varnothing 15 mm
Standard illumination	1,400 lx
Minimum required illumination	Approx. 6 lx (1/25 in low light mode) Approx. 2 lx with the colour night view function
Video output level	1.0 Vp-p, 75 Ω
Audio output level (Line)	316 mV, 600 Ω
USB	Card reader/writer function (No copyright protection support) Hi-Speed USB (USB 2.0) compliant USB terminal Type Mini AB PictBridge-compliant USB host function (for DVD burner)

Dimensions (excluding the projecting parts)	56 mm (W) × 65 mm (H) × 107 mm (D)
Mass	Approx. 235 g [without battery (supplied) and an SD card (optional)]
Mass in operation	Approx. 257 g [with battery (supplied) and an SD card (optional)]
Operating temperature	0 °C to 40 °C
Operating humidity	10% to 80%

Motion pictures

Recording media	SD Memory Card: 32 MB*/64 MB*/128 MB*/256 MB/512 MB/1 GB/2 GB (FAT12 and FAT16 format corresponding) SDHC Memory Card: 4 GB/6 GB/8 GB/12 GB/16 GB/32 GB (FAT32 format corresponding)
Compression	MPEG-2
Recording mode and transfer rate	XP: 10 Mbps (VBR) SP: 5 Mbps (VBR) LP: 2.5 Mbps (VBR)
Recordable time	Refer to page 30.
Audio compression	MPEG-1 Audio Layer 2 16 bit (48 kHz/2 ch)
Maximum number of recordable folders and scenes	99 folders×99 scenes (9801 scenes) (When the date changes, a new folder is created and scenes are recorded in this new folder even if the number of scenes in the old folder has not reached 99.)

* Cannot be guaranteed in operation.

Still pictures

Recording media	SD Memory Card: 8 MB/16 MB/32 MB/64 MB/128 MB/256 MB/512 MB/1 GB/2 GB (FAT12 and FAT16 format corresponding) SDHC Memory Card: 4 GB/6 GB/8 GB/12 GB/16 GB/32 GB (FAT32 format corresponding)
Compression	JPEG (Design rule for Camera File system, based on Exif 2.2 standard), DPOF corresponding
Picture size	640×480 (4:3), 640×360 (16:9)
Number of recordable pictures	Refer to page 101.

AC adaptor

Information for your safety

Power source:	AC 110 V to 240 V, 50/60 Hz
Power consumption:	12 W
DC output:	DC 5.0 V, 1.6 A

Dimensions	76 mm (W)×22 mm (H)×46 mm (D)
Mass	Approx. 100 g

Specifications may change without prior notice.

Number of recordable pictures

Picture size		0.3m (640×480)	0.2m (640×360)
SD card	8 MB	37	37
	16 MB	92	92
	32 MB	200	200
	64 MB	430	430
	128 MB	820	820
	256 MB	1710	1710
	512 MB	3390	3390
	1 GB	6790	6790
	2 GB	13820	13820
	4 GB	27150	27150
	6 GB	41280	41280
	8 GB	55260	55260
	12 GB	83350	83350
	16 GB	99999*	99999*
	32 GB	99999*	99999*

* This unit can record only up to 99,999 still pictures in these SD cards.

- The number of recordable pictures depends on the subject being recorded.
- The memory capacity indicated on the label of an SD card is the total of the capacity for copyright protection and management and the capacity which can be used on the unit, a PC etc.
- The numbers shown in the table are approximations.
- If you record motion pictures on an SD card, the number of recordable still pictures will become smaller.



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