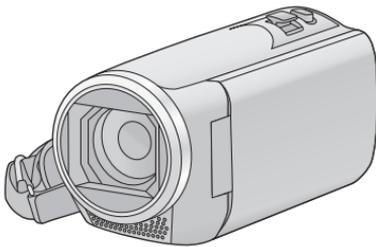


# Panasonic®

## Basic Operating Instructions High Definition Video Camera

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Model No. **HC-V180**



Please read these instructions carefully before using this product, and save this manual for future use.

More detailed operating instructions are available in "Operating Instructions (PDF format)". To read it, download it from the website.

<https://eww.pavc.panasonic.co.jp/hdw/oi/V180/>

- Click the desired language.



**AVCHD™**  
Progressive

**HDMI**

**SD™**  
**XC**

**DOLBY**  
DIGITAL

# Information for Your Safety

## WARNING:

To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or product damage,

- Do not expose this unit to rain, moisture, dripping or splashing.
- Do not place objects filled with liquids, such as vases, on this unit.
- Use only the recommended accessories.
- Do not remove covers.
- Do not repair this unit by yourself. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.

## CAUTION!

To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or product damage,

- Do not install or place this unit in a bookcase, built-in cabinet or in another confined space. Ensure this unit is well ventilated.
- Do not obstruct this unit's ventilation openings with newspapers, tablecloths, curtains, and similar items.
- Do not place sources of naked flames, such as lighted candles, on this unit.

The mains plug is the disconnecting device. Install this unit so that the mains plug can be unplugged from the socket outlet immediately.

### (HC-V180GN)

This unit is intended for use in moderate climates.

### (HC-V180GC/HC-V180GA/HC-V180GW)

This unit is intended for use in tropical climates.

## ■ Concerning the battery

### Warning

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

### CAUTION

- Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the type recommended by the manufacturer.
- When disposing of the batteries, please contact your local authorities or dealer and ask for the correct method of disposal.

## ■ Product identification marking

Product	Location
High Definition Video Camera	Battery holder
AC adaptor	Bottom



### Disposal of Old Equipment and Batteries

#### Only for European Union and countries with recycle systems

These symbols are only valid in the European Union and countries with recycle systems.

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

## ■ Cautions for use

The unit and the SD card become warm during use. This is not a malfunction.

**Keep this unit as far away as possible from electromagnetic equipment (such as microwave ovens, TVs, video games etc.).**

- If you use this unit on top of or near a TV, the pictures and/or sound on this unit may be disrupted by electromagnetic wave radiation.
- Do not use this unit near cell phones because doing so may result in noise adversely affecting the pictures and/or 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 this unit, disturbing the pictures and/or sound.
- If this unit is adversely affected by electromagnetic equipment and stops functioning properly, turn this unit off and remove the battery or disconnect AC adaptor. Then reinsert the battery or reconnect AC adaptor and turn this unit on.

**Do not use this unit near radio transmitters or high-voltage lines.**

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

**About connecting to a PC**

- Do not use any other USB cables except the supplied one.

**About connecting to a TV**

- Always use the supplied HDMI mini cable or a genuine Panasonic HDMI mini cable (RP-CDHM15, RP-CDHM30: optional).

**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.

**Cleaning**

- Before cleaning, detach the battery or pull the AC adaptor 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 benzene, 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.

**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.

**Be sure to detach the battery after use.**

- If the battery is left attached, a minute amount of current continues to flow even if the unit 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 a cool place free from humidity, with as constant temperature as possible. (Recommended temperature: 15 °C to 25 °C, Recommended humidity: 40%RH to 60%RH)
- 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.

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 SD card

- When the card access lamp is lit, do not:
  - Remove the SD card
  - Turn the unit off
  - Insert and remove the USB cable
  - Expose the unit to vibrations or shock

#### ■ About the recording format for recording motion pictures

- **Motion pictures recorded with other devices are not supported by this unit.**

You can select from AVCHD<sup>\*1</sup>, MP4 or iFrame recording formats to record motion pictures using this unit.

<sup>\*1</sup> It is compatible with the AVCHD Progressive (1080/50p).

#### AVCHD:

It is suitable for viewing on a high-definition TV or for saving to disc<sup>\*2</sup>.

<sup>\*2</sup> The following methods are available for saving an image recorded in 1080/50p:

- Copy the image to a disc using the HD Writer LE 3.0.
- Copy the image to a Panasonic Blu-ray disc recorder that supports AVCHD Progressive.

#### MP4:

This is a recording format suitable for playing back or editing on a PC.

- It is not compatible with motion pictures recorded in AVCHD format.

#### iFrame:

This is a recording format suitable for playing back or editing on a Mac (iMovie etc.).

- It is not compatible with motion pictures recorded in AVCHD format.

#### ■ Indemnity about recorded content

Panasonic does not accept any responsibility for damages directly or indirectly due to any type of problems that result in loss of recording or edited content, and does not guarantee any content if recording or editing does not work properly. Likewise, the above also applies in a case where any type of repair is made to the unit.

#### ■ About Condensation (When the lens or the LCD monitor is fogged up)

Condensation occurs when there is a change in temperature or humidity, such as when the unit is taken from outside or a cold room to a warm room. Please be careful, as it may cause the lens or LCD monitor to become soiled, moldy, or damaged.

When taking the unit to a place which has a different temperature, if the unit is accustomed to the room temperature of the destination for about one hour, condensation can be prevented. (When the difference in temperature is severe, place the unit in a plastic bag or the like, remove air from the bag, and seal the bag.) When condensation has occurred, remove the battery and/or the AC adapter and leave the unit like that for about one hour. When the unit becomes accustomed to the surrounding temperature, foggyiness will disappear naturally.

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

##### SD Memory Card, SDHC Memory Card and SDXC Memory Card

- 4 GB or more Memory Cards that do not have the SDHC logo or 48 GB or more Memory Cards that do not have the SDXC logo are not based on SD Memory Card Specifications.
- Refer to page 11 for more details on SD cards.

## ■ For the purposes of these operating instructions

- SD Memory Card, SDHC Memory Card and SDXC Memory Card are referred to as the "SD card".
- The smartphone and tablet are indicated as "smartphone".
- Function that can be used for Motion Picture Recording Mode: 
- Function that can be used for the Playback Mode: 

Function that can be used for the Playback Mode (motion pictures only): 

Function that can be used for the Playback Mode (still pictures only): 

- Scene(s) recorded in the recording format [AVCHD]: "AVCHD scene(s)"
- Scene(s) recorded in the recording format [MP4/iFrame], scene(s) saved in MP4 (1280×720/25p) or MP4 (640×360/25p): "MP4/iFrame scene(s)"
- Pages for reference are indicated by an arrow, for example: → 00

## ■ Installing HD Writer LE 3.0

Check the website below to download/install the software.

- The software is available for download until the end of March 2019.  
[http://panasonic.jp/support/global/cs/soft/download/f\\_le30.html](http://panasonic.jp/support/global/cs/soft/download/f_le30.html)

## ■ Downloading the Operating Instructions (PDF format)

You can check the URL and QR code of the website where you can download the Operating Instructions (PDF format) in [ONLINE MANUAL] in the Setup menu.

- Touch  (left side)/  (right side) of  on the Touch Menu to display  . (→ 20)

- 1 Touch .
- 2 Touch [SETUP].
- 3 Touch [ONLINE MANUAL].
- 4 Touch the access method you want to check.

### [URL display]:

Displays the URL of the website on the LCD monitor of this unit.

### [USB connect]:

Displays the website on a PC connected to this unit with the USB cable. Click [OIBOOK], which will be displayed on the PC.

### [QR code]:

Displays the QR code of the website on the LCD monitor of this unit.

- You will need Adobe Reader to browse or print the Operating Instructions (PDF format). You can download and install a version of Adobe Reader that you can use with your OS from the following website. (As of November 2015)  
<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

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# Accessories

Check the accessories before using this unit.

Keep the accessories out of reach of children to prevent swallowing.

Product numbers correct as of Nov. 2015. These may be subject to change.

## Battery pack

VW-VBT190



## AC adaptor

(GC/GA)

(A) VSK0815N

(B) VSK0815K

• In Saudi Arabia, always use (A)

(GW)

(C) VSK0815Q

(GN)

(D) VSK0815M

(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)



## DC cable

K2GHYYS00002



## USB cable

K2KYYYY00236



## HDMI mini cable

K1HY19YY0021



## Optional accessories

Some optional accessories may not be available in some countries.

(GC/GA)	Battery charger (VW-BC10E/EB)
(GN)	Battery charger (VW-BC10GN)
	Battery pack (lithium/VW-VBT190)
	Battery pack (lithium/VW-VBT380)
	HDMI mini cable (RP-CDHM15, RP-CDHM30)
(GC/GA)	Accessory kit (VW-ACT190E/EB, VW-ACT380E)
(GN)	Accessory kit (VW-ACT190GN)
(GC/GA)	Remote Pan Tilt Cradle (VW-CTR1E/EB)
(GN)	Remote Pan Tilt Cradle (VW-CTR1GN)
	Suction Cup Mount (VW-SCA100)
	Video Camera Mount (For Handlebar) (RP-CMC10E)

# Power supply

## ■ About batteries that you can use with this unit

The battery that can be used with this unit is VW-VBT190/VW-VBT380.

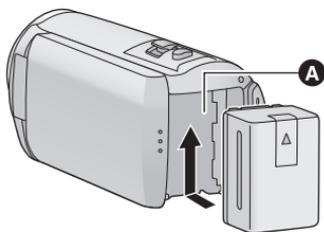
- The unit has a function for distinguishing batteries which can be used safely. The dedicated battery (VW-VBT190/VW-VBT380) supports this function. The only batteries suitable for use with this unit are genuine Panasonic products and batteries manufactured by other companies and certified by Panasonic. Panasonic cannot in any way guarantee the quality, performance or safety of batteries which have been manufactured by other companies and are not genuine Panasonic products.

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/removing the battery

- Press the power button to turn off the unit. (→ 12)

Install the battery by inserting it in the direction shown in the figure.



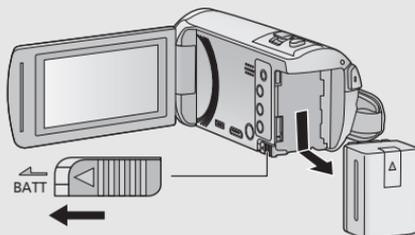
### A Battery holder

Insert the battery until it clicks and locks.

### Removing the battery

Be sure to hold down the power button until the status indicator goes off. Then remove the battery while supporting the unit to prevent it from dropping.

Move the battery release lever in the direction indicated by the arrow and remove the battery when unlocked.



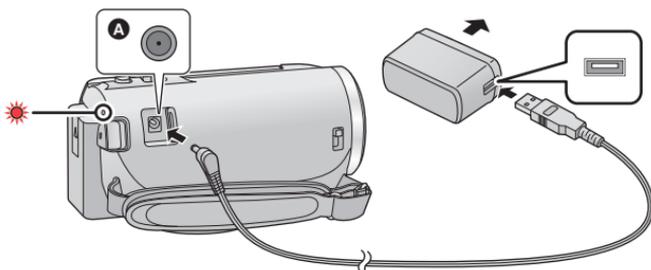
# Charging the battery

**When this unit is purchased, the battery is not charged. Charge the battery fully before using this unit for the first time.**

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.

## Important:

- Do not use the AC adaptor/DC cable with any other equipment as it is designed only for this unit. Also, do not use the AC adaptor/DC cable from other equipment with this unit.
- The battery will not be charged if the unit is turned on.
- It is recommended to charge the battery in a temperature between 10 °C and 30 °C. (The battery temperature should also be the same.)



- A** DC input terminal

## 1 Connect the DC cable to the AC adaptor and to the DC input terminal of this unit.

- Insert the plugs as far as they will go.

## 2 Insert the AC adaptor into an AC outlet.

- The status indicator will flash red at an interval of approximately 2 seconds (approximately 1 second on, approximately 1 second off), indicating that charging has begun. It will turn off when the charging is completed.

## ■ Connecting to the AC outlet

It is possible to use this unit with power supplied from the AC outlet by turning on the unit with the AC adaptor connected.

Even when you use the AC adaptor for recording images, keep the battery connected.

This allows you to continue the recording even if a power failure occurs or the AC adaptor is unplugged from the AC outlet by accident.

## ■ To charge by connecting to other device

It is possible to charge by connecting to other device with the USB cable (supplied).

- Do not use any other DC cables except the supplied one.
- Do not use any other AC adaptors except the supplied one.
- We recommend using Panasonic batteries (→ 8).
- 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 a car exposed to direct sunlight for a long period of time with doors and windows closed.



## Recording to a card

The unit can record still pictures or motion pictures to an SD card. To record to an SD card, read the following.

### Cards that you can use with this unit

Use SD cards conforming to Class 4 or higher of the SD Speed Class Rating for motion picture recording.

Please confirm the latest information about SD Memory Cards/SDHC Memory Cards/SDXC Memory Cards that can be used for motion picture recording on the following website.

[http://panasonic.jp/support/global/cs/e\\_cam](http://panasonic.jp/support/global/cs/e_cam)

(This website is in English only.)

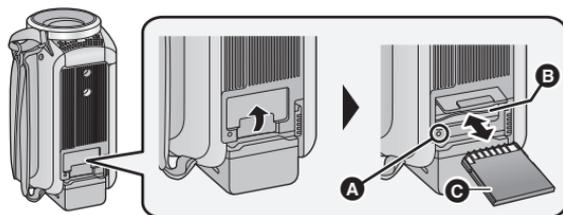
- Keep the Memory Card out of reach of children to prevent swallowing.

### Inserting/removing an SD card

When using an SD card not from Panasonic, or one previously used on other equipment, for the first time on this unit, format the SD card. (→ 20) When the SD card is formatted, all of the recorded data is deleted. Once the data is deleted, it cannot be restored.

#### Caution:

Check that the access lamp has gone off.



#### Access lamp [ACCESS] **A**

- When this unit is accessing the SD card, the access lamp lights up.

#### 1 Open the SD card cover and insert (remove) the SD card into (from) the card slot **B**.

- Face the terminal side **C** in the direction shown in the illustration and press it straight in as far as it will go.
- Press the centre of the SD card and then pull it straight out.

#### 2 Securely close the SD card cover.

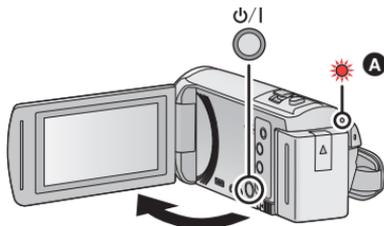
- Securely close it until it clicks.

## Turning the unit on/off

You can turn the unit on and off using the power button or by opening and closing the LCD monitor.

### Turning the unit on and off with the power button

Open the LCD monitor and press the power button to turn on the unit.



#### To turn off the unit

Hold down the power button until the status indicator goes off.

**A** The status indicator lights on.

The unit is turned on when the LCD monitor is opened, and unit is turned off when it is closed.

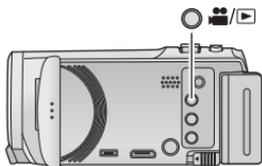
## Selecting a mode

You can switch this unit between Recording Mode (Motion Picture Recording Mode/Still Picture Recording Mode) and Playback Mode by pressing the recording/playback button.

If you touch the recording mode switching icon in Recording Mode, this unit can be switched between Motion Picture Recording Mode and Still Picture Recording Mode.

<b>Motion Picture Recording Mode (→ 17)</b>	<b>Recording motion pictures.</b>
<b>Still Picture Recording Mode (→ 17)</b>	<b>Recording still pictures.</b>
<b>Playback Mode (→ 18)</b>	<b>Motion picture/Still picture playback.</b>

## Switching this unit between Recording Mode and Playback Mode



#### Recording/playback button

Press the button to switch this unit between Recording Mode and Playback Mode.

- When you turn on this unit, it starts up in Recording Mode.

# Switching this unit between Motion Picture Recording Mode and Still Picture Recording Mode

Touch the recording mode switching icon displayed on the LCD monitor (touch screen) to switch this unit between Motion Picture Recording Mode and Still Picture Recording Mode.

## 1 Press the recording/playback button to switch this unit to Recording Mode.

- The recording mode switching icon **A** is displayed on the screen.

	Motion Picture Recording Mode
	Still Picture Recording Mode



(Motion Picture Recording Mode)

## 2 Touch the recording mode switching icon.

- Refer to page 13 for touch screen operation.

### To display the recording mode switching icon

Display of the recording mode switching icon will disappear when no touch operation is performed for a specific period of time. To display it again, touch the screen.

- If the recording start/stop button is pressed in Still Picture Recording Mode or Playback Mode, this unit will be switched to Motion Picture Recording Mode. During motion picture/still picture playback or in other conditions, even if the recording start/stop button is pressed, the recording mode may not be switched.

### Preparation

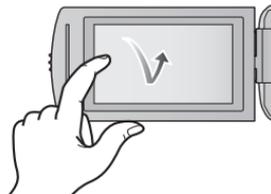
## How to use the touch screen

You can operate by directly touching the LCD monitor (touch screen) with your finger.

### ■ Touch

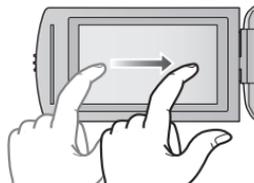
Touch and release the touch screen to select icon or picture.

- Touch the centre of the icon.
- Touching the touch screen will not operate while you are touching another part of the touch screen.



## ■ Slide while touching

Move your finger while pressing on the touch screen.



## ■ About the operation icons



Touch when changing a page or performing settings.



Touch to return to the previous screen.



## About the Touch Menu

Touch ◀ (left side)/▶ (right side) of  on the Touch Menu to switch the operation icons.

- It is also possible to switch the operation icons by sliding the Touch Menu right or left while touching it.



**A** Touch Menu

## ■ To display the Touch Menu



Display of the Touch Menu will disappear when no touch operation is performed for a specific period of time during recording of motion picture/still picture. To display it again, touch .

## Setting date and time

The clock is not set at the time of purchase. Make sure to set the clock.

- **When you turn on this unit, the message “Set home region and date/time.” may be displayed. Select [YES], and follow the steps below to make these settings:**
  - Step 2 of “Setting your home region for the first time”
  - Steps 2–3 of “Setting date and time”

### 1 Select the menu. (→ 20)

MENU : [SETUP] → [CLOCK SET]

### 2 Touch the date or time to be set, then set the desired value using ▲ / ▼.

#### A Displaying the World Time setting:

🏠 [HOME] / ✈️ [DESTINATION]

- The year can be set between 2000 and 2039.

### 3 Touch [ENTER].

- Touch [EXIT] to complete the setting.



## Setting your home region for the first time

You can set your home region in [SET WORLD TIME].

### 1 Select the menu. (→ 20)

MENU : [SETUP] → [SET WORLD TIME]

- A message will be displayed. Touch [ENTER].

### 2 Touch ◀ / ▶ to select your home region and touch [ENTER].

- When the clock is not set, the current time is displayed as “--:--”.



- A The current time
- B The time difference from GMT (Greenwich Mean Time)

- For information on how to change your home region or set the region of your travel destination, refer to the Operating Instructions (PDF format).

# Changing the Recording Mode

**1** Touch the Recording Mode button icon.



**2** Touch the desired Recording Mode button icon.



Mode	Effect
  <b>Intelligent Auto</b>	You can switch the mode to the Intelligent Auto Mode, which optimises settings to the recording environment you are in.
  <b>Intelligent Auto Plus</b>	You can add manually-adjusted brightness and colour balance settings to the Intelligent Auto Mode, and record.
 <b>Creative Control</b>	You can record motion pictures with added effects.
<b>SCN</b> <b>Scene Mode</b>	This option allows this unit to automatically adjust the shutter speed and aperture, etc. according to the scene you want to record.
 <b>Manual</b>	You can set the shutter speed, focus, White Balance and brightness (iris/gain).
 <b>Endless Loop Recording</b>	No matter how long you record, you can only record scenes for the last 1 hour to SD card.

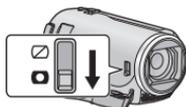
\*1 In Motion Picture Recording Mode only

\*2 In Still Picture Recording Mode only



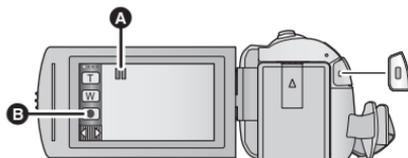
# Recording motion pictures

- Open the lens cover before turning on the unit.



**1** Open the LCD monitor, and set this unit to Motion Picture Recording Mode. (→ 13)

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



- A** When you begin recording, changes to .
- B** Recording button icon

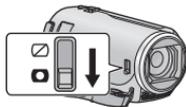
**3** Press the recording start/stop button again to pause recording.

- Recording can also be started/stopped by touching the recording button icon.



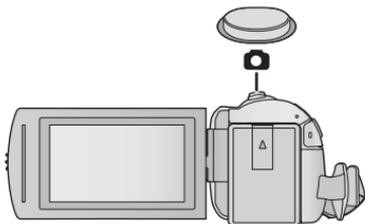
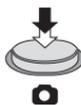
# Recording still pictures

- Open the lens cover before turning on the unit.



**1** Open the LCD monitor, and set this unit to Still Picture Recording Mode. (→ 13)

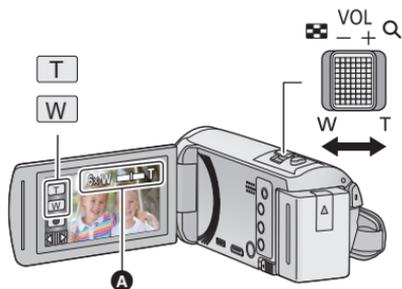
**2** Press the button halfway. (For Auto Focus only)



**3** Press the button fully.



# Using the zoom



## Zoom lever/Zoom button icons

### 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.

### A Zoom bar

The zoom bar is displayed during the zoom operation.

# Motion picture/Still picture playback



**1** Set this unit to Playback Mode (→ 12).

**2** Touch the play mode select icon **A** (→ 14).

- You can also set by touching **MENU**, selecting [VIDEO SETUP] or [PHOTO SETUP] → [MEDIA, VIDEO/PICTURE]. (→ 20)

**3** Select the still picture **C** or the recording format of the motion picture **D** you wish to play back.

- Touch [Enter].

**4** (When [AVCHD] or [MP4/iFrame] is touched)

Touch the desired recording format for playback.

- When [AVCHD] is selected

[ALL AVCHD]/[1080/50p]/[1080/50i]

- When [MP4/iFrame] is selected

[ALL MP4/iFrame]/[1080/50p]/[720/25p]/[360/25p]/[iFrame]

- The recording mode icon **B** is displayed in the thumbnail display when the item is touched.  
( [AVCHD], [1080/50p], [1080/50i], [MP4/iFrame], [1080], [720], [360] and [iFrame] )



- The following icons are displayed on thumbnails when [ALL AVCHD] or [1080/50i] is touched:
  - AVCHD [1080/50p] scene: 
  - AVCHD [PH] scene: 
  - AVCHD [HA] scene: 
  - AVCHD [HG] scene: 
  - AVCHD [HE] scene: 
- The following icons are displayed on thumbnails when [ALL MP4/iFrame] is touched:
  - MP4 [1080/50p] scene: 
  - MP4 [720/25p] scene: 
  - MP4 [360/25p] scene: 
  - iFrame scene: 

## 5 Touch the scene or the still picture to be played back.

- To display the next (previous) page:
  - Slide the thumbnail display upward (downward) while touching it.
  - Switch the Touch Menu, and then touch  (up) /  (down) on the thumbnail scroll lever.

## 6 Select the playback operation by touching the operation icon.

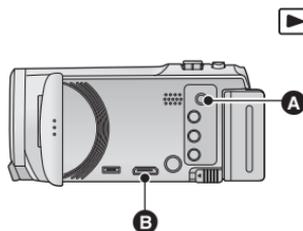
- Operation icons and screen display will disappear when no touch operation is performed for a specific period of time. To display them again, touch the screen.
- Touch  to start/pause playback of motion pictures.



Operation icon

## Watching Video/Pictures on your TV

Connect this unit to a TV using an HDMI mini cable (supplied) or an AV cable (commercially-available).



- A A/V connector [A/V]
- B HDMI mini connector [HDMI]

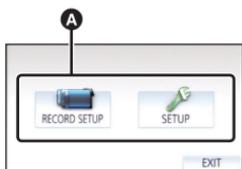
# Using the menu screen

- Touch ◀ (left side)/ ▶ (right side) of  on the Touch Menu to display . (→ 14)

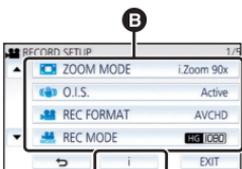
## 1 Touch .



## 2 Touch the top menu .



## 3 Touch the submenu .



- Next (previous) page is displayed by touching  / .

## 4 Touch the desired item to enter the setting.

## 5 Touch [EXIT] to exit the menu setting.

## ■ About guide display

After touching , touching the submenus and items will cause function descriptions and settings confirmation messages to appear.

- After the messages have been displayed, the guide display is cancelled.

## Language selection

You can select the language on the screen display and the menu screen.

 : [SETUP] → [LANGUAGE] → desired language

## Formatting

Please be aware that if a medium is formatted, then all the data recorded on the medium will be erased and cannot be restored. Back up important data on a PC, DVD disc etc.

 : [SETUP] → [FORMAT MEDIA] → desired media

### [SD CARD]/[HDD]\*

- \* Displayed when connecting a USB HDD. (Refer to the Operating Instructions (PDF format))
- Media selection screen is not displayed when the USB HDD is not connected. Touch [YES].
- Do not format an SD card using any other equipment such as a PC. The card may not be used on this unit.

# Troubleshooting

## ■ It is not a malfunction in following cases

<b>A clicking sound is heard when the unit is shaken.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the sound of the lens moving and is not a defect. This sound will no longer be heard when the unit is turned on and set this unit to the Motion Picture Recording Mode or Still Picture Recording Mode.</li> </ul>
<b>Object seems to be warped.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Object seems to be warped slightly when the object moves across the image very fast, but this is because the unit is using MOS for the image sensor. This is not a malfunction.</li> </ul>
<b>The lens or LCD monitor fog up.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is due to condensation. It is not a malfunction. Please refer to page 4.</li> </ul>

## Power

Problem	Check points
<p><b>This unit cannot be turned on.</b></p> <p><b>This unit does not stay on long enough.</b></p> <p><b>Battery runs down quickly.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charge the battery again to ensure it is sufficiently charged. (→ 9)</li> <li>In cold places, the battery using time becomes shorter.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>This unit cannot be operated though it is turned on.</b></p> <p><b>This unit does not operate normally.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 unit again. (Conducting the above operation while the media is being accessed may damage the data on the media.)</li> <li>If normal operation is still not restored, detach the power connected, and consult the dealer who you purchased this unit from.</li> </ul>
<p><b>“ERROR OCCURRED. PLEASE TURN UNIT OFF, THEN TURN ON AGAIN.” is displayed.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The unit has automatically detected an error. Restart the unit by turning the unit off and on.</li> <li>The unit will be turned off in about 1 minute if the unit is not turned off and on.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>

## Recording

Problem	Check points
<b>Colour or brightness of the image changes, or you may see horizontal bars in the image.</b>  <b>The LCD monitor flickers indoors.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Colour or brightness of the image may change, or you may see horizontal bars in the image when the object is recorded under fluorescent light, mercury light or sodium light, etc., but this is not a malfunction.</li><li>● In Motion Picture Recording Mode, record in Intelligent Auto Mode/Intelligent Auto Plus Mode or set the shutter speed to 1/100 in areas where the power supply frequency is 50 Hz, or 1/125 in areas of 60 Hz.</li><li>● In Still Picture Recording Mode, this will not affect the recorded image.</li></ul>

## Playback

Problem	Check points
<b>Scenes/still pictures cannot be played back.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Any scenes/still pictures where the thumbnails are displayed as  cannot be played back.</li></ul>

Please refer to “Operating Instructions (PDF format)” for details.

# Specifications

## High Definition 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; 4.7 W

Charging; 7.7 W

### Motion picture recording format:

[AVCHD];

AVCHD format version 2.0 compliant (AVCHD Progressive)

[MP4/iFrame];

MPEG-4 AVC file format compliant (.MP4)

### Motion picture compression:

MPEG-4 AVC/H.264

### Audio compression:

[AVCHD];

Dolby® Digital/2 ch

[MP4/iFrame];

AAC/2 ch

### Recording mode and transfer rate:

[AVCHD]

[1080/50p];

Maximum 28 Mbps (VBR)

[PH];

Maximum 24 Mbps (VBR)

[HA];

Average 17 Mbps (VBR)

[HG];

Average 13 Mbps (VBR)

[HE];

Average 5 Mbps (VBR)

[MP4/iFrame]

[1080];

Maximum 28 Mbps (VBR)

[720];

Average 9 Mbps (VBR)

[iFrame];

Maximum 28 Mbps (VBR)

Refer to the operating instructions (PDF

format) for the picture size and recordable time of a motion picture.

### Still picture recording format:

JPEG (Design rule for Camera File system, based on Exif 2.2 standard)

Refer to the operating instructions (PDF format) for picture size of a still picture and number of recordable pictures.

### Recording media:

SD Memory Card

SDHC Memory Card

SDXC Memory Card

Refer to the operating instructions (PDF

format) for details on SD cards usable in this unit.

### Image sensor:

1/5.8 type (1/5.8") 1MOS image sensor

Total; 2510 K

Effective pixels;

Motion picture; 2200 K (16:9)\*

Still picture;

2200 K (16:9), 1700 K (4:3), 1670 K (3:2)

**Lens:**

Auto Iris, 50× optical zoom, F1.8 to F4.2

Focal length;

2.06 mm to 103 mm

Macro (Full range AF)

35 mm equivalent;

Motion picture;

28.0 mm to 1740 mm (16:9)\*

Still picture;

28.0 mm to 1740 mm (16:9),

34.0 mm to 1766 mm (4:3),

33.6 mm to 1714 mm (3:2)

Minimum focus distance;

Normal; Approx. 2.0 cm (Wide)/

Approx. 2.2 m (Tele)

Tele Macro; Approx. 1.1 m (Tele)

Intelligent Auto Macro;

Approx. 1.0 cm (Wide)/Approx. 1.1 m (Tele)

**Zoom:**

i.Zoom OFF 62×\*, 90× i.Zoom, 150×/500× digital zoom

(Using image sensor effective area)

\* When [O.I.S.] is set to [Standard] and Level Shot Function is set to off.

**Image stabilizer function:**

Optical (Hybrid Optical Image Stabilizer, Active Mode (Rotation correction), Optical Image Stabilizer Lock function)

**Level Shot Function:**

Off/Normal/Strong

**Creative Control:**

[Miniature Effect]/[Silent movie]/[8mm movie]/[Time Lapse Rec]

**Monitor:**

6.7 cm (2.7") wide LCD monitor (Approx. 230 K dots)

**Microphone:**

Stereo (with a Zoom Microphone)

**Minimum required illumination:**

Approx. 4 lx (1/25 with Low Light Mode in the Scene Mode)

Approx. 1 lx with the Night Mode function

**AV connector video output level:**

1.0 Vp-p, 75 Ω, PAL system

**HDMI mini connector video output level:**

HDMI™ (x.v.Colour™) 1080p/1080i/576p

**AV connector audio output level (Line):**

251 mV, 600 Ω, 2 ch

**HDMI mini connector audio output level:**

[AVCHD];

Dolby Digital/Linear PCM

[iFrame], [MP4];

Linear PCM

**USB:**

Reader function

SD card; Read only (No copyright protection support)

Hi-Speed USB (USB 2.0), USB terminal Type micro AB

USB host function (for USB HDD)

Battery charging function (Charges from USB terminal when the main unit is off)

**Dimensions:**

53 mm (W)×59 mm (H)×116 mm (D) (including projecting parts)

**Mass:**

Approx. 211 g

[without battery (supplied) and an SD card (optional)]

**Mass in operation:**

Approx. 256 g

[with battery (supplied) and an SD card (optional)]

**Operating temperature:**

0 °C to 40 °C

**Operating humidity:**

10%RH to 80%RH

**Battery operation time:**

See page 10

## AC adaptor

Information for your safety

### Power source:

AC 110 V to 240 V, 50/60 Hz

### AC input:

0.25 A

### DC output:

DC 5.0 V, 1.8 A

## Dimensions:

(VSK0815N)

66.4 mm (W)×72 mm (H)×46.3 mm (D)

(VSK0815K)

66.4 mm (W)×78.8 mm (H)×31 mm (D)

(VSK0815Q)

66.4 mm (W)×60.7 mm (H)×31 mm (D)

(VSK0815M)

66.4 mm (W)×66.8 mm (H)×31 mm (D)

## Mass:

(VSK0815N)

Approx. 70 g

(VSK0815K)

Approx. 65 g

(VSK0815Q)

Approx. 64 g

(VSK0815M)

Approx. 62 g

Others

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