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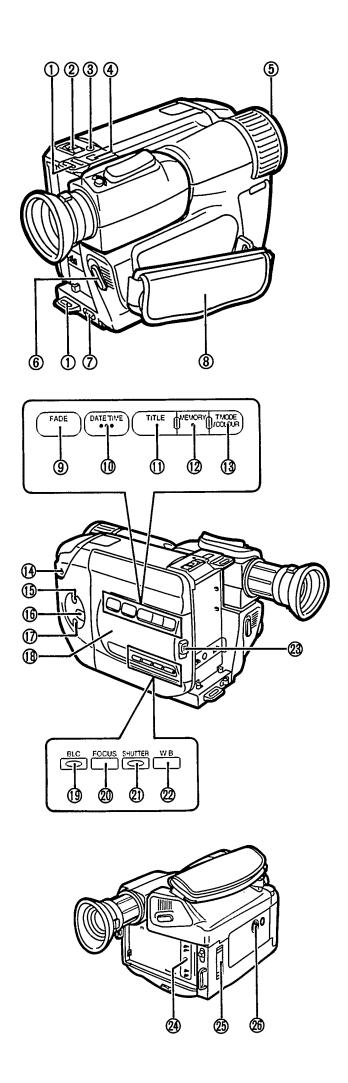
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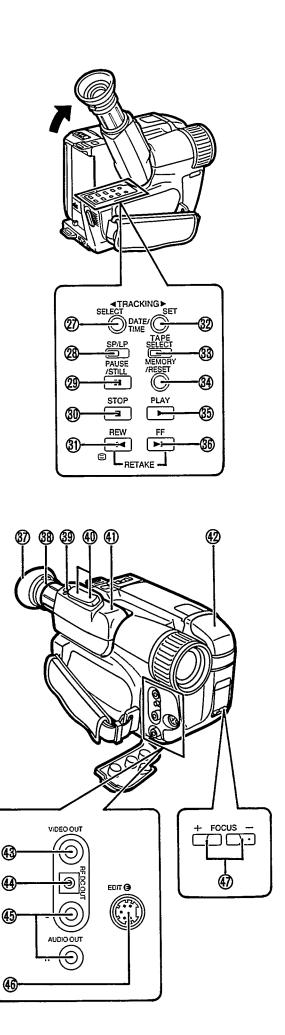


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Important (In the United Kingdom)

Important:

This apparatus is fitted with an approved moulded 13 Amp plug.

To change a fuse in this type of plug proceed as follows:

- 1. Remove fuse cover and fuse.
- 2. Fix new fuse which should be a BS1362 *A, (A.S.T.A. or BSI approved type).
- 3. Refit the fuse cover.

If the fitted plug is not suitable for your socket outlets, it should be cut off and an appropriate plug fitted in its place.

If the mains plug contains a fuse, this should have a value of *A. If a plug without a fuse is used, the fuse at the distribution board should not be greater than 5A.

Note:

The severed plug must be destroyed to avoid a possible shock hazard should it be inserted into a 13A socket elsewhere.

How to connect a plug

The wires in the mains lead are coloured in accordance with the following code:

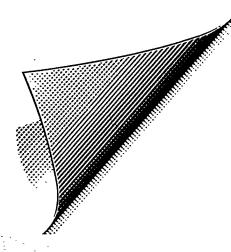
BLUE – "NEUTRAL" ("N")

BROWN – "LIVE" ("L")

- The BLUE wire must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter "N" or coloured BLACK.
- The BROWN wire must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter "L" or coloured RED.
- Do not connect either wires to the earth terminal in the plug which is marked by the letter "E" or by the safety earth symbol or coloured green or green-and-yellow.

Before replacing the plug cover, make certain that the cord grip is clamped over the sheath of the lead – not simply over the two wires.

* Value of fuse dependant on current consumption of apparatus.



Important

FOR YOUR SAFETY DO NOT REMOVE THE OUTER COVER

To prevent electric shock, do not remove the cover. No user serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.

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

■ WARNING ON BATTERY

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

■ WARNING ON LITHIUM BATTERY

The battery used in this device may present a fire or chemical burn hazard if mistreated. Do not recharge, disassemble, heat above 100°C or incinerate. Replace battery with CR2032. Use of another battery may present a risk of fire or explosion.

- Exchange the exhausted battery immediately and give exhausted battery back to your dealer or to collection point for special garbage.
- Keep away from children.
- Do not disassemble and do not dispose of in fire.

■ CAMCORDER

 The rating plate is on the bottom side of the Camcorder.

■ AC adaptor

- The rating plate is on the bottom side of the unit.
- This model conforms to the EC directive (for radio interference) 87/308/EEC.

Copyright laws

Your attention is drawn to the fact that recording of pre-recorded tapes or discs or other published or broadcast material may infringe copyright laws.

Cautions

Please read these cautions before operating the Camcorder, so that you will obtain the best results from your Camcorder.

Video head clogging:

The video heads are the means by which the Camcorder places picture signals on the tape during recording, and reads picture signals from the tape during playback. If these heads become dirty and clogged from long use, the signals can no longer be recorded correctly, and the playback picture will be distorted accordingly. This is the case, for example, during the playback of a tape, the sound of which is reproduced normally, but no picture is seen, or the picture is greatly distorted. When such symptoms occur, have the Camcorder checked by qualified service personnel.

If condensation forms inside the Camcorder:

Condensation (dew) forms, when warm air comes in contact with a cold object, for example on a window in a heated room in winter. Condensation may form in the Camcorder and damage the tape and the video heads, if:

- The Camcorder is in a room where the heater has just been turned on.
- The Camcorder is in a room with steam or high humidity.
- The Camcorder is brought from cold surroundings into a well-heated room.
- The Camcorder is suddenly brought from cool surroundings, such as an air-conditioned room or car, to a place which is hot and humid.
- When condensation has formed inside the Camcorder, the "DEW" indication in the electronic viewfinder (EVF) will flash and a few seconds later, the unit will turn itself off to protect the tape and the video heads.

After a while, turn the unit on again and make sure that the Dew mark is not displayed any more. Then, wait about 1 hour before operating the Camcorder again. Depending on the surrounding conditions, it may take several hours before the Camcorder can be used again.

- As condensation forms gradually, it may take about 10 – 15 minutes before the Camcorder turns itself off after a change of working environment.
- In an extremely cold place, condensation may freeze and turn into frost. In this case, it may take quite some time for the frost to melt, turn into dew and evaporate.
- When you bring the Camcorder from a very cold place e.g. the ski slopes, into a heated room, keep it in a tightly closed plastic bag or similar to prevent condensation from forming inside the Camcorder.

Keep the Camcorder away from oily smoke and steam. Protect the Camcorder from humidity and dust.

Surrounding conditions:

Use the Camcorder under conditions where the temperatures are between 0°C and 40°C and where the humidity is between 20% and 80%. To avoid deformation of the outer case or other damaged, do not leave it exposed to direct sunlight for any length of time, also never leave it in a closed automobile.

Keep the Camcorder away from heaters.

Keep the Camcorder away from TV sets:

Do not place the Camcorder near a TV set because it might impair the picture and sound quality of the recorded tape, and/or adversely, affect the performance of the Camcorder.

Keep magnets away:

Never bring a magnet or magnetized object such as fluorescent lamps, motors, electric clocks and battery operated toys etc. close to the Camcorder because this could adversely affect its performance.

Keep the Camcorder away from areas with strong electric fields:

The picture may become distorted, when the Camcorder is used in places with strong electric fields, such as near TV or radio antennas.

Never put any object inside:

Never insert any object other than a video cassette into the Camcorder. If any object is dropped into it or if any liquid is spilled into it, consult qualified service personnel. Operating it with some foreign matter inside may cause fire or electric shock.

No fingers inside:

Touching internal parts of the Camcorder is dangerous and may cause serious damage to the Camcorder. Do not attempt to disassemble it. For internal inspection, adjustment or repairs, consult qualified service personnel.

Handle with care:

Never drop the Camcorder or expose it to strong physical shocks. Shocks during use may result in abnormal operation and performance.

Appearance of smear distortion:

Smear distortion is a peculiar characteristic of the CCD device. It appears as a bright vertical stripe on the screen when the Camcorder is aimed at spot lights or other bright lights and light reflecting objects. To avoid this problem, make sure not to aim the Camcorder at such strong light sources during shooting.

Cover the lens with the cap after shooting.

Keep the Camcorder away from strong light:

Do not expose the Camcorder to strong light, because the heat from it may cause deformation or other damage.

When the Camcorder is not being used:

Remove the video cassette and turn the Camcorder off and detach the battery pack.

Never place the Camcorder with the cassette compartment side facing down:

Never use the Camcorder with the cassette compartment facing down as this might cause uneven winding and slacking of the tape.

Cleaning the Camcorder:

- The body of the Camcorder is made of plastic materials. Never use benzine, thinner or other chemicals for cleaning, because the colour might be changed and the case surface might be damaged.
- Wipe the case and operation panel with a soft clean cloth. For persistent stains, use a cloth moistened with mild detergent and water, and then wipe with a dry cloth.
- Clean the lens only with a blower brush (used for photo cameras) or a special lens cleaning tissue (used for glasses and cameras).

For battery pack:

Be sure to charge the battery pack before using it. Pay attention to the following points to avoid danger.

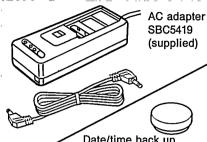
- Do not throw the battery pack into fire.
- Do not short-circuit the poles of the connector.
- Do not disassemble or reconstruct the battery pack.
- Use only the supplied AC adaptor to charge the battery pack.

Follow the instructions below to avoid damage to the battery packs or reduction of their service life.

- Never subject the battery pack to strong shocks or drop it.
- Do not recharge a battery pack that is already fully charged.
- During operation of the system or during recharging, the battery pack may become warm however this does not pose any problem.
- The service life of a battery pack has its limits. If the
 operation time of a battery pack in spite of normal
 recharging become so short that its normal use for
 shooting is no longer possible, it should be replaced
 with a new one.



System carrying case 22AV5265 (optional)



Date/time back up battery CR2032 (supplied)



Battery pack SBC5217 (supplied)



Carrying soft bag 22AV5264 (optional)



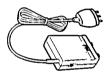
Camcorder



AV output cable (stereo) SBC5510 (supplied)



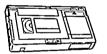
Carrying strap SBC5421 (supplied)



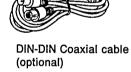
RF converter SBC5411 (optional)



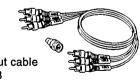
Battery R6



Cassette adaptor 22AV5146 (supplied)



Battery pack SBC5217 (optional)



AV output cable SBC5508 (optional)



Car battery cord SBC5422 (optional)



Universal character generator 22AV5172 (optional)



Super-directional microphone SBC3070 (optional)

Controls and connectors

(1) Carrying strap eyelet

For attaching the carrying strap.

2 Operation switch

Set this switch:

To "CAMERA" : For recording.

To "VCR" : For playback.

To turn the Camcorder off, set this switch to the centre "OFF" position.

③ OPERATE lamp

It lights up when the operation switch is set to "CAMERA" or "VCR".

(4) EJECT button

To insert or eject a video cassette.

(5) Lens cap

To protect the lens.

Be sure to remove the lens cap before you start recording.

6 Start/stop button

To start recording a scene. (It is not necessary to keep this button pressed while recording a scene.) Press the button again to finish recording a scene and change the Camcorder back to the Recording pause mode.

(7) BATT. (BATTery) EJECT lever

To eject the battery.

8 Adjustable hand grip strap

To make handling of the Camcorder more comfortable.

To activate fade-in or fade-out of the picture and audio.

10 DATE/TIME select button

To select whether or not to record the time and/or date on the video tape.

(1) TITLE button

To make the memorized title appear in the viewfinder; press it again to clear it from the viewfinder.

Pressing this button repeatedly will make the title appear \rightarrow disappear \rightarrow appear in the viewfinder.

(12) MEMORY button

To input a title into the memory.

(13) T(Title). MODE/COLOUR button

After making the memorized title disappear in the viewfinder...

To select the "WIPE ↓""WIPE ↑" or "SCROL" superimposing mode for the memorized title instead of the normal superimposing mode.

When the memorized title is in the viewfinder or after making it reappear....

To select the colour in which you want the memorized title to be superimposed onto the picture. You can choose any of 8 colours availabe.

(14) External MIC (MICrophone) socket

For connecting the external microphone. (In this case, the built-in microphone will be cancelled.)

(5) DIGITAL EFFECT button

Use this button for the following operations: (At every press of this button, the operation mode changes).

1) For still picture recording

... Press once

2) For strobe picture recording

... Press twice

3) For mirror picture recording

... Press three times

To return to the normal recording mode, press one more time.

(6) DIGITAL AIS (Automatic Image Stabilizer) button

Press this button when you are recording on the move, from a vehicle for example.

(7) DIGITAL ZOOM button

To increase the power of the zoom function.

1) For zooming up to 12 times

... Press once

2) For zooming up to 36 times

... Press twice

The picture will be enlarged as above compared with the maximum wide-angle setting.

(18) Cassette compartment

Insert a VHS-C compact cassette tape for recording or playback.

19 BLC (Back Light Compensator) button

To engage the back light compensation mode.

(20) FOCUS mode select button

To select manual focus adjustment.

(21) SHUTTER speed select button

To select the electronic high speed shutter manually when recording a fast moving subject.

2 W.B. (White Balance) set button

To set the manual white balance.

(3) Mode select switch

FULL AUTO: This setting automatically adjusts the focus, white balance, shutter speed and

iris controls.

MANUAL

: This setting allows you to adjust the focus, white balance, shutter speed and BLC manually.

24 DC input socket

To connect the power supply cable from the AC adaptor or car battery.

25 Back up battery compartment

To install the lithium battery for the built-in clock and to keep the title memory while the Camcorder is turned off.

(26) Tripod mount

To attach the Camcorder to a tripod.

② ◀ TRACKING/DATE/TIME SELECT button

Use this button for the following operations.

- To select the time and date function when setting the built-in clock.
- 2) To obtain optimum picture clarity during playback.

28 SP/LP select switch

To select the recording tape speed (SP or LP).

PAUSE/STILL button

To freeze the picture during playback or to stop playback temporarily.

30 STOP ■ button

To engage the Stop mode.

3) REW/ (REWind/Review) button

Use this button for the following operations.

- With the operation switch set to "CAMERA":
 After recording a scene, use to playback the last few seconds of the recording for quick confirmation that the recording is completed.
- With the operation switch set to "VCR":
 To rewind the tape from the Stop mode.
 Keep it pressed during playback for high speed playback in the reverse direction.

③ TRACKING ► /DATE/TIME SET button

Use this button for the following operation.

- 1) Press it to change the figures during the setting of the time and date.
- 2) To obtain optimum picture clarity during playback.

33 TAPE SELECT switch

To select the length of the cassette tape that is being used for recording or playback.

3 MEMORY/RESET button

Use this button for the following operations. Keep this button pressed for more than a second to reset the tape counter to "0:00.0".

Press this button in a moment (Approx. 0.5 second) to activate the tape counter memory function that the tape position corresponding to the tape counter indication "M00:00.0" can be found easily during fast-forwarding or rewinding of the tape.

35 PLAY ▶ button

To start playback.

To wind the tape forward at high speed from the Stop mode.

Keep the button pressed during playback for high speed playback in the forward direction.

③ Eyecup

38 Dioptric adjustment ring

To adjust the viewfinder to your eyesight for better focus.

③ SNAPSHOT REC button

To record a still picture of approx. 5 seconds length. To be able to press this button, the Camcorder must be in the Recording pause mode (the operation switch is set to "CAMERA".)

40 Zoom control button (W and T)

To control the telephoto (T) zooming or wide range (W) zooming.

For gradual zooming

... Press "W" or "T" button lightly.

For fast zooming

... Press "W" or "T" button strongly.

(41) Viewfinder

To monitor the recording and playback picture. Also shows the operation modes.

To be able to see the screen with maximum magnification, pull on the plastic ring behind the eyecup to extend the viewfinder.

Stereo microphone

To record sound onto the cassette tape.

(3) VIDEO OUT socket

Connect this socket, using a video cable, to the video input socket of the TV set (or RF convertor) for playback directly from the Camcorder.

(4) RF DC OUT socket

DC power supply output for RF convertor.

45 AUDIO OUT socket

Connect this socket, using an audio cable, to the audio input socket of the TV set (or RF convertor) for playback directly from the Camcorder.

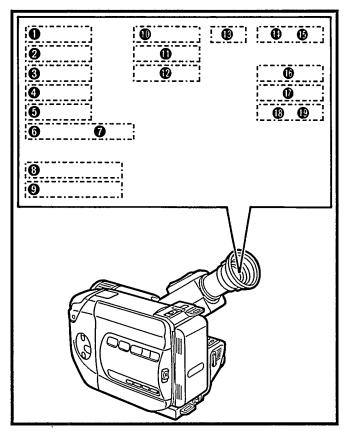
(6) EDIT socket

To connect the editing controller, etc..

(1) Manual FOCUS +/- button

To adjust the focus manually after selecting the manual focus mode with the FOCUS button.

Indication in the Viewfinder



Remaining Tape Time Indication

- It shows the remaining tape time.
- The time is indicated in hours and minutes. When there are less than 2 minutes left, the Remaining Tape Time Indication flashes.
- While the Camcorder calculates the remaining tape time, the "R" Indication flashes.

Note:

When inserting a new tape, if the Tape Length Indication does not match the video cassette being used, the remaining time indicated will not be correct.

2 Tape Length Indication

- The Tape Length Indication shows the total length of the cassette being used.
- Select the tape length (T30 or T45) by the TAPE SELECT switch.

Depending on the selected recording speed (SP or LP), the indication is different as shown below:

SP: "T30" 30 minutes of tape (EC-30),

"T45" 45 minutes of tape (EC-45)

LP: "T60" 60 minutes of tape (EC-30),

"T90" 90 minutes of tape (EC-45)

Title Colour Indication

 It shows the colour of the title being superimposed in abbreviation, e.g. WHT=white.
 YEL, MAG, RED, CYN, GRN, BLU, BLK

• The title colour can be selected when the title is in the viewfinder.

Title Mode Indication

 It can be selected when the title is not in the Viewfinder.

WIPE \ The title appears from the top to the bottom.

WIPE \(\) The title appears from the bottom to the top.

SCROL The title appears scrolling from the bottom to the top of the screen.

Image Stabilizer Indication "(**)"

 Turn the Image Stabilizer Function on or off by pressing the DIGITAL AIS button. The indication "(2)" is displayed when it is turned on.

6 Digital Zoom Indication

 Select the zoom range by pressing the DIGITAL ZOOM button.

"D.ZOOM1" ("D"means Digital.)

The Zoom range is enlarged up to x12. "D.ZOOM2"

The Zoom range is enlarged up to x 36.

Magnification Rate Indication

- It appears when the Zoom "W" or "T" button is kept pressed and 2 or 3 seconds after either of these buttons are released.
- When the Image Stabilizer Function is turned on, the "x9" Indication is lit.

Time Indication

- The current time (hour and minute) is displayed.
 The time must initially be set.
- The time is shown in the 24-hour clock system.
- It is possible to display the date alone, or the time and date together.

Date Indication

The year, month, and day are displayed.
 The date must initially be set.

Remaining Battery Power/Index Indication

- The "-" indications begin to disappear from right to left as the power of the battery pack weakens.
- When switching the Camcorder on with the battery pack attached, the entire indication "E - F", will initially be displayed for approx. one minute. After that, the acutually remaining battery power will be displayed.

"INDEX"

 This indication flashes when a recording is started and it indicates that an index signal is being recorded.

1 Tape Counter/Elapsed Tape Time Indication

 The elapsed tape time, in either recording or playback mode, is indicated in hours, minutes and seconds.

- By pressing the MEMORY/RESET button for more than a second, it is possible to reset the tape counter to "0:00.00".
- When a cassette tape is ejected, the tape counter is automatically reset to "0:00.00".

"M0:23.45"

 To be able to play back a certain scene at a later time, press the MEMORY/RESET button briefly at the beginning of that scene.

When the /FF button or the REW/ button is later pressed, it is possible to easily locate this scene. ("M" means Memory.)

Warning/alarm indications

The following indications are displayed in the viewfinder to inform you about the conditions of the Camcorder.

Viewfinder

Conditions



: When condensation has formed inside the Camcorder, the "DEW" indication will flash and a few seconds later, the Camcorder will turn itself off.

Press the EJECT button, remove the cassette and wait until the DEW indication disappears.



: Video Head Clogging

Consult qualified service personnel.



: The "-" Indications begin to disappear one after another as the power of the battery pack weakens. When the last bar

has disappeared, the battery indication "t\sum " will flash. Replace with a fully charged battery pack. When a newly charged battery pack is inserted, this indication initially always shows "E - - F", regardless of the battery pack's capacity.



: There is no cassette inside, or the safety tab of the inserted cassette is broken. The indication flashes to warn that recording is not possible.

Insert a cassette with the tab intact. If the tab is broken, cover the hole with adhesive tape.



: When the back up battery (for the title memory, auto date function, etc.) is not inserted or when it is exhausted, this

indication will flash for 10 seconds after the Camcorder has been turned on.

Insert a new back up battery (CR2032).

END

: During recording, the tape has reached the end. Replace the cassette with a new one.

Replace with a new cassette with an intact tab. If the tape is partly recorded, confirm the amount of available recording time using the remaining tape time indication.



: Appears briefly while an index signal is being recorded.

Backlight Compensation Indication

 Press the BLC button to select the degree of the Backlight Compensation. At this time, set the FULL AUTO/MANUAL switch to "MANUAL" in advance.

1 Tape Running Indications

Depending on the operation being currently performed by the Camcorder, one of the following indications appears.

"⊳" During Playback

RETAKE (in forward direction)

"■" During Still Playback
"

Rewind/Review Mode

RETAKE (in reverse direction)

"DD" Fast Forward/Cue Mode

B Recording Mode Indications

"REC" During Recording
"PAUSE" During Recording Pause

"SNAP" During Snapshot Recording

"CHK" During Rec Review

16 Recording Speed Indications

"SP" Standard Play speed mode Long Play speed mode

• The mode can be selected by the SP/LP switch.

Manual White Balance Indications

In the Manual White Balance Adjustment Mode:

" ⊾ " Indication flashes slowly

...Adjustment is not made.

" № " Indication flashes rapidly

...While adjustment is being performed.

" № " Indication is lit

...The adjustment has been completed.

In the Automatic White Balance Adjustment Mode (initial mode), none of these indications are lit.

 Adjust the White Balance by pressing the W.B. button. At this time, set the FULL AUTO/MANUAL switch to "MANUAL" in advance.

B Shutter Speed Indications

The desired shutter speed can be selected by repeatedly pressing the SHUTTER button. At this time, set the FULL AUTO/MANUAL switch to "MANUAL" in advance.

The numbers in the Shutter Speed Indication show fractions of a second, e.g. 1/120 = 1/120th of a second.

1/120, 1/250, 1/500, 1/1000, 1/2000, 1/4000.

- The initial shutter speed is 1/50 sec. (no indication).
- When the Image Stabilizer function is turned on, the "1/120" Indication is lit.

Manual Focus Indication

"MF" ("MF" means Manual Focus.)

Pressing the FOCUS button will turn the Automatic Focus Mode on or off.

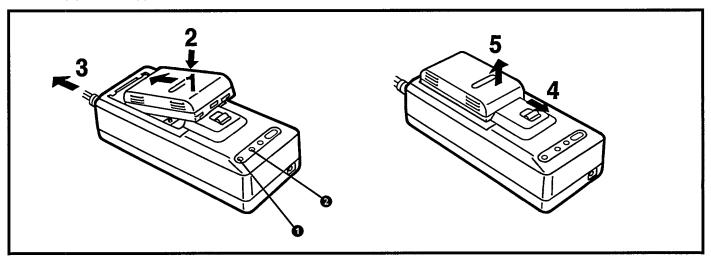
When adjusting the Focus manually, press the Focus +/- buttons. At this time, set the FULL AUTO/ MANUAL switch to "MANUAL" in advance.

Power supply systems

Battery pack SBC5217

Charging the battery pack

The battery pack is shipped uncharged and must be charged before it can be used.



- Insert the upper end of the battery pack into the connector on the AC adaptor as shown in the illustration.
- Press the rear portion down until it locks with a click.
- 3 Connect the power cable of the AC adaptor to the mains.
 - The power lamp 1 will light, and several seconds later the charging lamp 2 will light too.
 - When charging is completed, the charging lamp
 will go out.
- After charging is completed, slide the Battery eject lever in the direction of the arrow.
- 5 Remove the battery pack from the AC adaptor.

Charging time : 60 minutes

Maximum recording time : Approx. 50 minutes

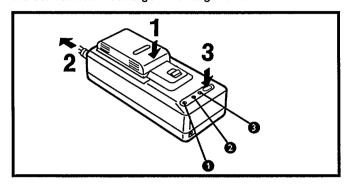
* Continuous recording with the digital function, using a fully charged battery pack at 25° C. In actual use, depending on the charging condition of the battery pack, the temperature, the actual operation during recording, etc., the recording time may be shorter. So, we recommend that you prepare a spare battery pack.

Notes:

- The battery pack is charged after the time indicated above. However the battery pack should continue to be charged for a further 2 hours to achieve maximum operation time.
- Charge the battery pack within a temperature range of 10° C — 35° C.
- The AC adaptor can be used to supply power to the Camcorder or to charge the battery pack.
 It cannot be done simultaneously.
- When charging the battery pack, disconnect the DC input cable from the AC adaptor.

■ How to use the convenient Discharge → Charge function

If a battery pack is recharged repeatedly, in a not completely discharged condition, the so-called "memory effect" will occur, and the operation time of the recharged battery pack will gradually become shorter. Therefore, it is recommended to regenerate the battery pack after approximately every fifth recharging by using the convenient Discharge → Charge function.



- Attach the battery pack to the AC adaptor.
- 2 Connect the power cable of the AC adaptor to the mains
 - The power lamp 1 will light, and soon after the charging lamp 2 will light.
- 3 Press the Discharge → Charge button for more than 1 second.
 - The discharge lamp 3 will light, and the charge lamp 3 goes out.

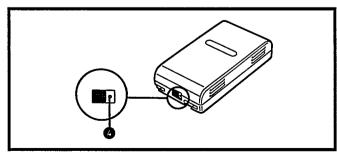
When discharging is finished, the charge lamp ② will light instead, and the charging starts.

When charging is completed, the charge lamp 2 goes out.

Note:

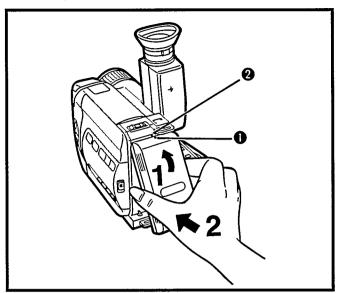
When using the Discharge \rightarrow Charge function, the charging takes five or six times longer than normal charging.

■ How to use the charging confirmation marker

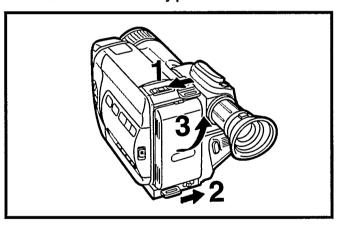


This marker makes it convenient to distinguish between charged and discharged battery packs. Slide the knob so that the dot (a) is visible to mark a charged battery pack, and slide it so that the dot is not visible for a partially of fully discharged battery pack.

Attaching the battery pack to the Camcorder



- 1 Align mark 1 at the top of the battery pack with that on the Camcorder 2 and insert the battery pack with its upper side first.
- Push the battery pack until it locks with a click.
- How to remove the battery pack



- Press and slide the Operation switch to "OFF".
- After about 10 seconds, slide the BATT. EJECT lever to the right.
- Remove the battery pack.

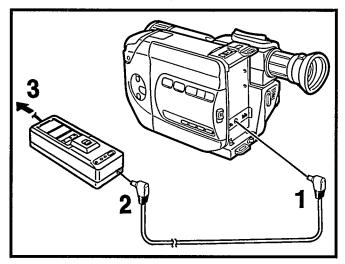
CAUTION:

If the battery pack is removed during recording or playback, the tape remains wound around the video head cylinder and may be damaged.

This is also the case during the loading and unloading of the tape.

AC adaptor SBC5419 (supplied)

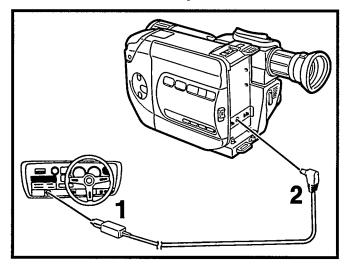
How to use the AC adaptor



- Connect the power supply cable to the DC input socket on the Camcorder.
- 2 Connect the other end of the cable to the DC output socket on the AC adaptor.
- 3 Connect the power cable of the AC adaptor to the mains.

Car battery cord SBC5422 (optional)

How to use the car battery cord



- 1 Start the engine and then plug the car battery cord into the cigarette lighter socket.
- 2 Connect the other end of the cord to the DC input socket on the Camcorder.

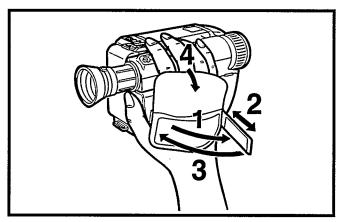
Notes:

- The car battery cord can only be used with 12 V DC negative-grounded vehicles.
- Do not start the car engine while the Camcorder is being powered by the car battery.

Basic preparations

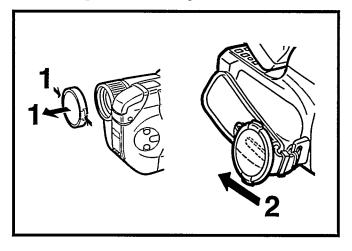
Adjusting the hand grip strap

The length of the hand grip strap should be adjusted so that the grip fits comfortably into the palm of your hand and the Start/stop and Zoom buttons can easily be pressed with your fingertips.



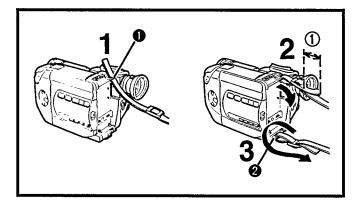
- Unfasten the velcro strip.
- 2 Adjust the length to the size of your hand.
- 3 Fasten the velcro strip.
- Fold the cover down over the hand grip strap.

Removing the lens cap



- Press the stoppers and pull the lens cap off.
- Hook the lens cap to the hand grip strap to prevent it from getting in front of the lens.

Attaching the carrying strap

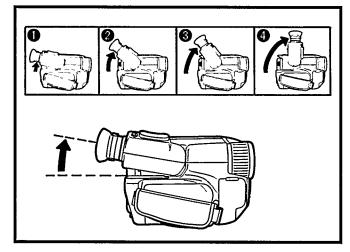


- 1 Pull the end of the carrying strap through the carrying strap eyelet 1.
- 2 Securely attach the end of the carrying strap.
 (1) more than 2 cm)
- Attach the other side 2 in the same way.

Viewfinder

Adjusting the viewfinder angle

Tilting range of the viewfinder (the 4 positions are marked by click stops)

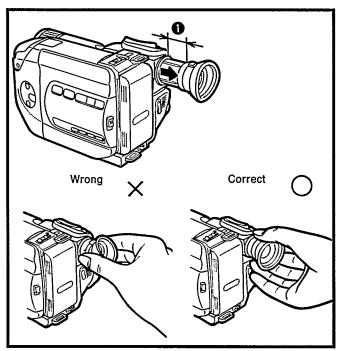


The viewfinder can be turned upwards in 4 steps. (There is a click stop for each stop.) When shooting from a low angle or with the Camcorder mounted on a tripod, turn the viewfinder upwards.

Note:

Do not use the viewfinder to hold or carry the Camcorder.

Extending the viewfinder

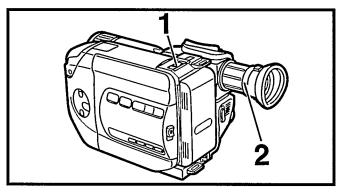


- When not in use, the viewfinder is stored in its retracted position to make the Camcorder more compact.
- Before shooting, extend the viewfinder to its extended position (About 3 cm).

Note:

Do not hold it by the eyecup because the eyecup may become detached from the viewfinder.

■ How to adjust the dioptric adjustment ring
With the dioptric adjustment ring, the eyepiece can be adjusted to your own eyesight for clearer viewing.



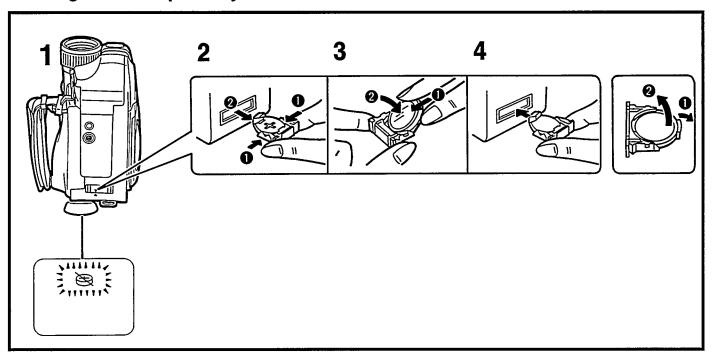
- Press and slide the Operation switch to "CAMERA".
- Turn the dioptric adjustment ring until the indications in the viewfinder are clearly focused.

Note:

Do not apply any pressure to the viewfinder except while extending or retracting it.

Setting the date and time

Inserting the back up battery



■ How to insert the back up battery

- The "CR2032" back up battery is necessary for storing the date, time and selected tape speed in the memory, when the Camcorder is turned off.
- Turn the Camcorder upside down.
- Push the two stoppers 1 toward each other and pull out the battery holder 2.
- Install the battery with the (+) mark facing downward until it locks with a click.
- Insert the battery holder back into the Camcorder until it locks.
- If the back up battery is not inserted or it is exhausted, the indication """ in the viewfinder flashes for approx. 10 seconds when turning the Camcorder on.

■ When changing the back up battery

- Use only a "CR2032" back up battery.
- Before replacing the back up battery, turn the Camcorder off.
- To change the back up battery, follow the above operation steps.

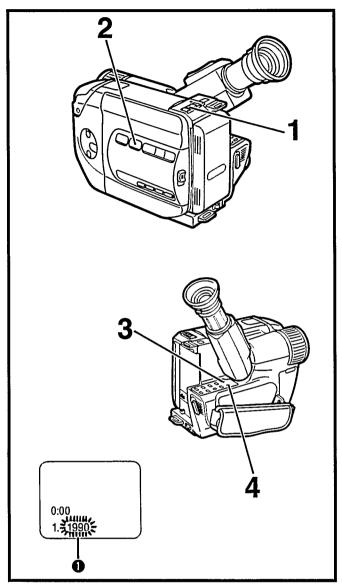
Note:

If the date and time indications in the viewfinder are no longer correct after replacing the back up battery, set the date and time as explained on the following page.

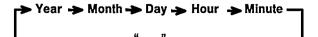
CAUTIONS FOR BATTERY REPLACEMENT

- The life of the battery is about one year. Inspect and, if necessary, replace the battery once a year.
- Load the new battery with its polarities (+ and -) correctly aligned.
- Dispose of the used battery promptly according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not grasp the battery with metallic tweezers, because this could short circuit.
- Keep the battery away from the children. If the battery is swallowed, consult a doctor immediately.
- Do not try to short-circuit, recharge or heat the battery and do not throw it into a fire.

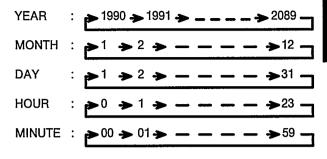
Setting the date and time



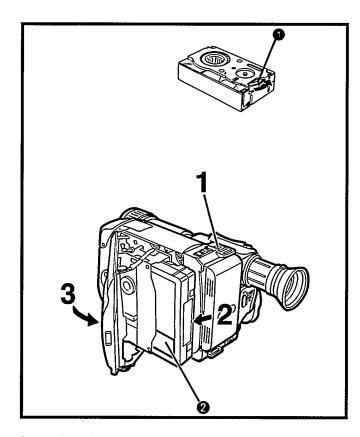
- Press and slide the Operation switch to "CAMERA".
- Press the DATE/TIME button.
- **3** Keep the DATE/TIME SELECT button pressed for more than 2 seconds.
 - The year portion of the Date/time indication will start to flash.
 - The flashing portion of the Date/time indication can be changed with the DATE/TIME SELECT button in the following order:



Press the DATE/TIME SET button to change the figures.



- Repeat procedures 3 and 4 until all items have been set correctly.
- Once the date and time are set, press the DATE/TIME SELECT button, in response to an accurate time source, the clock will begin to function.



Inserting the video cassette

Use only VHS-C Compact Video Cassettes.

Before inserting the cassette, make sure that the tape is not loose. If it is loose, tighten it by turning the cog wheel ① on the side of the cassette in the direction of the arrow.

- Insert the video cassette with the cassette windowfacing downward and the safety tab to the rear.
- 3 Close the cassette compartment cover until it locks with a click.

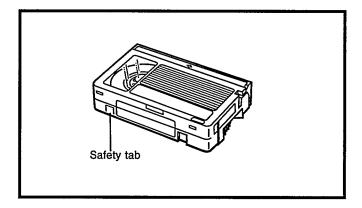
Removing the video cassette

Make sure that power is supplied to the Camcorder.

- Press the EJECT button.
 - A few seconds must elapse before the cassette can be removed.
- Pull out the video cassette.
- 3 Close the cassette compartment cover until it locks with a click.

Notes:

- Recording onto prerecorded tapes automatically erases the previously recorded video and audio signals.
- An inverted cassette cannot be inserted.
- Do not load and unload the cassette repeatedly without allowing the tape to run at all. This will slacken the tape and thereby damage it.
- The cassette is equipped with a safety tab to prevent accidental erasure. When the tab is removed, recording is impossible. If you wish to record on a cassette whose tab has been removed, use adhesive tape to cover the slot.
- To avoid excessive exposure to dust and fingerprints, do not open the front tape cover.

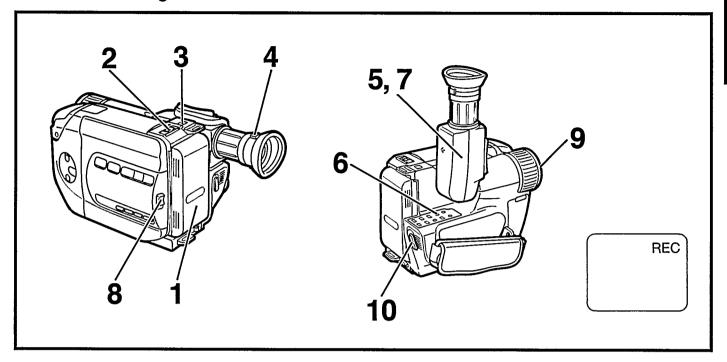


Storage of cassettes

- Avoid exposing the cassettes to direct sunlight. Keep them away from heaters.
- · Avoid storing the cassettes in humid or dusty places.
- Do not drop the cassettes. Do not expose them to violent vibrations or shocks.
- Do not expose the cassettes to strong magnetic fields (near a motor, transformer or magnet).
- Place the cassettes in cassette cases and position them vertically.

Recording

Full auto recording



- Connect a power supply. (Fully charged battery pack, AC adaptor or car battery cord.)
- Press and slide the Operation switch to "CAMERA".
- Insert a cassette (with intact erasure prevention tab).
 - A few seconds after closing the cassette compartment cover, the Camcorder will be in the Recording pause mode.
- **A** Extend the viewfinder.
- Raise the viewfinder.
- 6 Set the SP/LP select switch to select SP or LP (Standard Play or Long Play).
- 7 Adjust the angle of the Viewfinder.
- Slide the Mode select switch to "FULL AUTO".
- Remove the lens cap.
- 10 Press the Start/stop button to start recording.

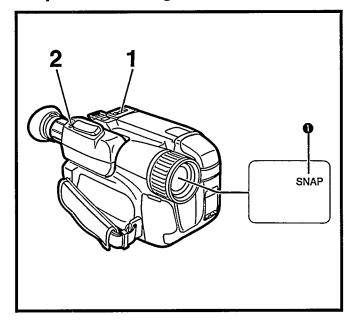
- To pause while recording Press the Start/stop button.
- To record the next scene(s)

 Press the Start/stop button again.
- To stop the recording Press the Start/stop button to stop recording and then set the Operation switch to "OFF".

Note:

If the Camcorder is left in the Recording pause mode for more than 6 minutes, the Recording pause mode will be cancelled and the viewfinder will be turned off (recording lock mode). To resume recording, set the Operation switch to "OFF" and then to "CAMERA" again. If the Camcorder is left in the Recording lock mode for more than 48 hours, it will automatically switch off completely.

Snapshot recording



Using the digital shooting function

- Simply by pressing the SNAPSHOT REC button, a still
 picture can be recorded for approx. 5 seconds.
 Since anyone can use this Camcorder with the same
 case as a still camera, it's easy to ask somebody to
 take your picture on video by pressing the SNAPSHOT
 REC button. This makes it even easier for you to get
 into your own movies.
- 1 Press and slide the Operation switch to "CAMERA".
- Press the SNAPSHOT REC button.

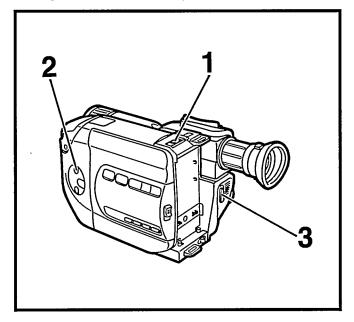
 - The still picture will be recorded for approx.
 5 seconds and the Camcorder will then switch back to the Recording pause mode.

Hints for recording snapshot pictures

By combining this function with the high speed shutter, it is possible to shoot still pictures of fast actions for motion analysis.

- To prevent picture distortion, do not move or shake the Camcorder during snapshot recording.
- Since the still picture is recorded from the digital image memory, the picture quality may be slightly inferior to that of normally recorded pictures.
- When the snapshot recording function is used repeatedly, wait at least 2 to 3 seconds before pressing the SNAPSHOT REC button again.

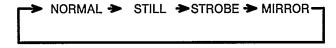
Still picture recording



Using the digital effect function

Still picture recording of any desired duration.

- 1 Press and slide the Operation switch to "CAMERA".
- Press the DIGITAL EFFECT button.
 - · The image in the viewfinder stands still.
 - By pressing the DIGITAL EFFECT button repeatedly, the mode can be changed in the following order:



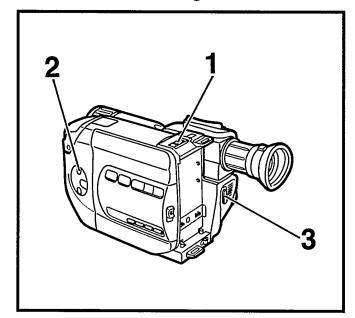
- ? Press the Start/stop button.
 - The still picture in the viewfinder will be recorded.
- To cancel this function

 Press the DIGITAL EFFECT button three times until the viewfinder returns to normal.

Hints for shooting still pictures

- To prevent picture distortion, do not move or shake the Camcorder during still picture shooting.
- Since the still picture is recorded from the digital image memory, the picture quality may be slightly inferior to that of normally recorded pictures.

Strobe effect recording



Using the digital effect function

For continuously recording 6 still images per second.

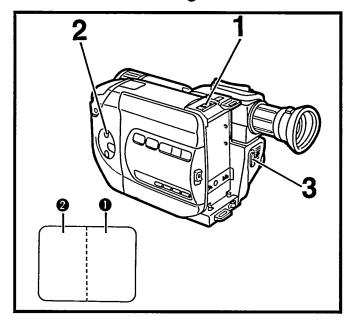
- 1 Press and slide the Operation switch to "CAMERA".
- Press the DIGITAL EFFECT button two times.
 - The picture in the viewfinder will also have a strobe effect.
- ? Press the Start/stop button.
 - Continuous recording with the strobe effect is now possible.
- To cancel this function Press the DIGITAL EFFECT button two times until the viewfinder returns to normal.

Hints for recording pictures with the strobe effect By combining the strobe function with the high speed shutter, the strobe effect can be increased. (For outdoor shooting, the 1/250-second shutter speed is recommended. Refer to page 29.)

Notes:

- When shooting under fluorescent lamps, the brightness of the pictures may fluctuate.
- Since the strobe pictures are recorded from the digital image memory, the picture quality may be slightly inferior to that of normally recorded pictures.

Mirror effect recording



Using the digital effect Function

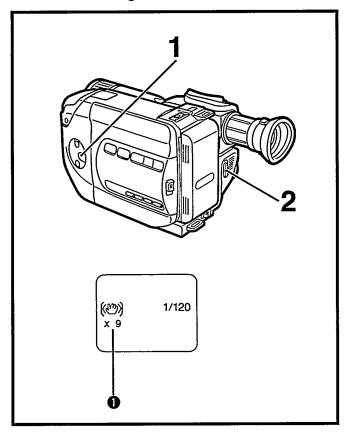
When recording a moving picture in the mirror mode, the right half of the picture is a mirror image of the left half

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- Press and slide the operation switch to "CAMERA".
- Press DIGITAL EFFECT button three times.
 - The right half of the picture 1 in the viewfinder is now a mirror image of the left half.
- Press the Start/stop button.
 - The mirror image is now being recorded.
- To Cancel this function....

 Press the DIGITAL EFFECT button once until the viewfinder returns to normal.
- Since the picture is recorded from the digital image memory, the picture quality may be slightly inferior to that of normally recorded pictures.

Automatic image stabilizer



This function automatically corrects the slight shaking of the camera that often occurs during hand-held camera shooting and zooming. It is especially practical for the following shooting situations:

- Zooming in on a subject.
- Shooting while walking.
- Shooting from inside a moving vehicle.
- Press the DIGITAL AIS button.
 - When the automatic image stabilizer function is activated, the "(**)" indication, and the shutter speed indication (1/120) appear in the viewfinder.
- Press the Start/stop button.
 - Recording with the automatic image stabilizer function will start.
- To cancel this function Press the DIGITAL AIS button.

Hint for shooting with the automatic image stabilizer function

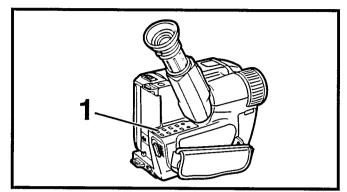
 The subject appears slightly enlarged in the viewfinder (the "x9" indication in the viewfinder is displayed) and the shutter speed is set to 1/120 second (the "1/120" indication in the viewfinder is displayed) instead of the normal 1/50 second (which will not be indicated).

Notes on recording with the automatic image stabilizer function

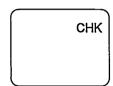
- Recording conditions
- The picture stabilizing effect may not be sufficient, if the shaking of the Camcorder is strong or in the following recording conditions:
 - A subject with horizontal or vertical stripes.
 - An extremely bright subject.
 - A subject lit by many fluorescent lamps.
 - A fast-moving subject.
- When recording under fluorescent lamp, the brightness of the picture may fluctuate.
- The resolution of the picture will be slightly reduced.
- Recording with the high speed shutter
- When the automatic image stabilizer function is cancelled, the shutter speed is reset to 1/50. However, if the SHUTTER button is pressed to change the shutter speed while the Camcorder is in the automatic image stabilizer mode, the shutter speed will remain at this setting when the automatic image stabilizer mode is cancelled.
- Shooting with a tripod
- When shooting with a tripod, do not use the image stabilizer function.

Quick review

If you want to review the end of the last recording for confirmation.



Press the REW/ button from the Recording-pause mode.



CHK: means Check

 The "CHK" indication will appear in the viewfinder, and the tape will be rewound for about 2 seconds of programme time and played back automatically, after which it will go back to the Recording pause mode for the next shot.

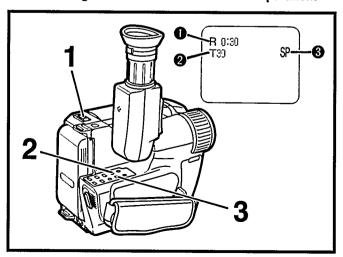
Note:

During recording, use this function to confirm from time to time that the recording has been performed correctly.

Remaining tape time indication

- During recording and playback, the remaining tape time is indicated in hours and minutes in the top left corner of the viewfinder 1.
- It is important that the correct tape length is selected with the TAPE SELECT switch.

After inserting a cassette in the cassette compartment



- 1 Press and slide the Operation switch to "CAMERA".
- Set SP/LP select switch to "SP". The SP indication appears in the viewfinder.
 (If you want to record in the SP mode.)
- Set the TAPE SELECT switch so that the T30 indication 2 appears in the viewfinder. (If your cassette is the EC30 type.)
- The remaining tape time in hours and minutes as well as the length of the inserted tape are indicated.
- When recording or playback is started, the "R" indication flashes for a few seconds while the Camcorder calculates the remaining tape time. As soon as the remaining tape time indication appears, the "R" indication remains lit.
 (R: means Remaining)

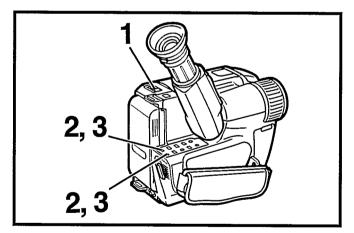
Notes:

When the remaining tape time is less than
 2 minutes, the indication flashes.

Cassette Name	Recording Time (and Indication)		
Cassette Name	SP Mode	LP Mode	
EC-30	30 minutes (T30)	60 minutes (T60)	
EC-45	45 minutes (T45)	90 minutes (T90)	

Retake

After viewing a recorded segment, you may decide to re-record it immediately. The Retake function is convenient for this.



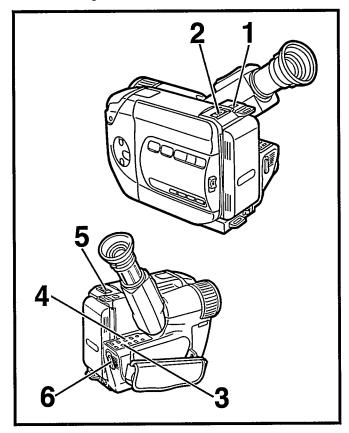
- 1 Press and slide the Operation switch to "CAMERA".
- Keep the REW/
 button pressed.
 - The recorded scene will be played back at high speed in the reverse direction.

Or keep the /FF button pressed.

- The recorded scene will be played back at normal speed in the forward direction.
- Release the REW/ or /FF button after reaching the desired point.

Clean edits

- How to add new scenes at the end of previous shots
 - This function makes it possible to achieve smooth transitions between a previous and the new recording.

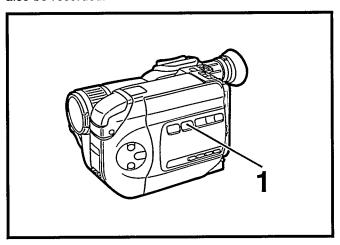


- Insert the prerecorded cassette.
- Press and slide the Operation switch to "VCR".
- Press the PLAY button.
- 4 Press the PAUSE/STILL button after reaching the point where you want to add the next scene.
- Slide the Operation switch to "CAMERA".
- 6 Press the Start/stop button to start recording the new scene.
 - Recording will start.

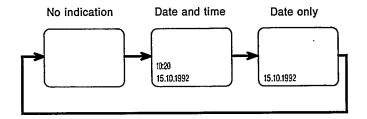
Thereby erasing the rest of the previously recorded scene.

Date/time recording

During recording or in the Recording pause mode, the date/time indication, displayed in the viewfinder, can also be recorded.



- 1 Press the DATE/TIME button to select the desired indication.
 - At each press of the DATE/TIME button, the date/time indication in the viewfinder can be changed in the following order:



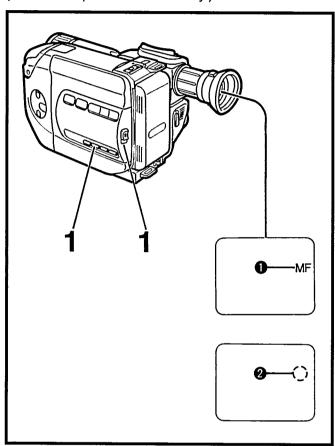
Advanced videography techniques

Focus

Automatic focus

This Camcorder focuses automatically on almost all subjects.

(No manual operation is necessary.)



When the "MF" indication is not displayed in the viewfinder ②, the Camcorder is in the Auto focus mode. (MF: means Manual Focus)

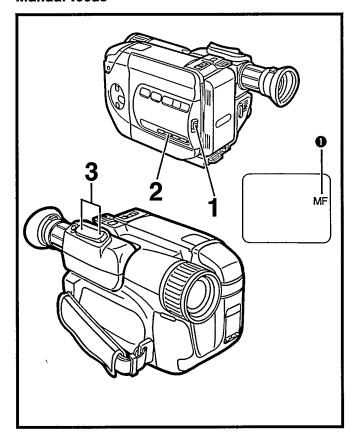
- The focus will automatically be adjusted to the subject in the centre of the viewfinder.
- When the "MF" indication is displayed in the viewfinder
- Set the Mode select switch to "FULL AUTO" or press the FOCUS button to activate the Auto focus mode.
 - The "MF" indication in the viewfinder will disappear 2.

The auto focus system will not provide stable and accurate focus adjustment if you are shooting in the situations listed in the following:

- Shiny surfaces. Subjects with backlighting or too much light reflection.
- 2. A subject behind dirty glass.
- 3. A subject with a part near the Camcorder and another part far away from it.
- 4. A flat surface, e.g. a white wall.
- 5. A subject with horizontal stripes.
- 6. An oblique subject.
 - With the macro close-up function, special lenses or filters.
 - A fast-moving subject.
 - · A subject with a dark surface.

In these situations manual focus should be used.

Manual focus



- Set the Mode select switch to "MANUAL".
- Press the FOCUS button.
 - The "MF" indication 1 appears in the viewfinder.
- Press the zoom control "T" button to zoom in on the subject to be focussed.
- Press either + or manual FOCUS button to adjust the focus.
- Press the zoom control "W" button to zoom back as desired.
- To change back to the automatic focus mode Press tne FOCUS button.
 - The "MF" indication 1 disappears from the viewfinder.

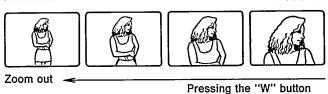
Note:

When using the manual focus mode, always adjust with the zoom lens in the maximum tele position. This will ensure that focus remains sharp throughout the zoom range from the maximum tele to maximum wide-angle position.

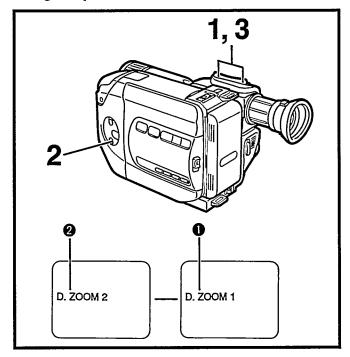
Zooming

Pressing the "T" button

Zoom in



Using the power zoom function



■ How to zoom in, or out

To make your zoom shots more impressive and achieve exactly the desired effect, do it the same way as the professionals: before actually shooting, make a trial run of the zooming.

1 Keep the Zoom control "T" button pressed for telephoto.

(The subject appears closer)

Keep the Zoom control "W" button pressed for wide angle.

(The subject appears further away)

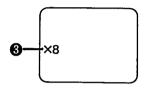
The zoom speed can be varied by 2 steps.
For faster zooming...Keep the "W" or "T" button
pressed strongly.

For slow zooming.....Keep the "W" or "T" button pressed lightly.

Using the power zoom or digital zoom function

With the digital zoom function, it is possible to zoom in on a subject, by a combination of the Zoom control "T" button and DIGITAL ZOOM button, to enlarge it by up to 36 times.

- Press the DIGITAL ZOOM button.
 - When the digital zoom is activated, the "D.ZOOM1" indication appears in the viewfinder.
 - The zoom range is now enlarged up to x12 or twice.
 - The "D.ZOOM2" indication 2 appears in the viewfinder, and the zoom range is now enlarged up to x36.
- Press the Zoom control "T" button.



- The magnification rate indication 3 disappears in the viewfinder (the figure is displayed and changes only when the "W" or "T" button is kept pressed).
- To cancel this function

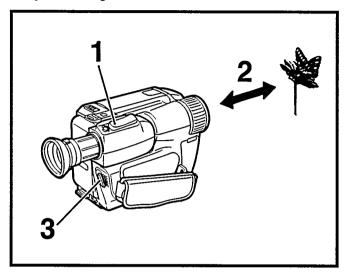
 Press the DIGITAL ZOOM button once or twice so that
 the "D.ZOOM1" or "D.ZOOM2" indication disappears
 in the viewfinder.

Notes:

- With the digital zoom off, the zoom range is limited to v8
- When the digital zoom is activated, the picture is magnified electronically increasing the zoom range up to x36.
- The digital zoom will slightly decrease the picture resolution of detail.
- When zooming in on the subject all the way to the maximum tele position (near the x36 setting position of the digital zoom function while the image stabilizer function is activated), slight after-image distortion may occur.
- When shooting under very bright conditions, the after-image can be eliminated by selecting a shutter speed of 1/250 or 1/500 second.

Macro close-up

The macro close-up function makes it possible to shoot very small subjects, photos, printed matter, insects and many other things.



- 1 Keep the Zoom control "W" button pressed to zoom to the maximum wide-angle position.
- **9** Approach the subject to the desired distance.
 - The focus will be adjusted automatically (Auto focus mode).
- Press the Start/stop button.
 - Recording will start.

Hints for shooting with the macro close-up function

- To get more or less of the subject into the picture, change the distance between the lens and the subject; do not use the Zoom control (T/W) button.
- As the depth of field is very small in macro shooting, even slight camera movements can cause the subject to be out of focus. Therefore, we recommend that you use a tripod.
- When shooting pictures in a photo album or a similar situation with insufficient lighting, use an extra light.
- When the zoom lens is in its maximum tele position, the minimum shooting distance between the lens and the subject is 1 m.
- In macro close-up shooting, the subject can be approached down to a minimum distance of about 5 mm between the lens and the subject.
 It is recommended to use the Auto focus mode.
 However, with a stable camera position (tripod, etc.), the manual focus mode can also be used.

White balance adjustment

Automatic white balance

To human eyes, white subjects appear as white even under different lighting conditions. A Camcorder, however, would give these white subjects, depending on the colour of the light source, a reddish or bluish tint. To attain recordings with natural colours, it is necessary to adjust the sensor in the camera to the existing colour of the light. This adjustment is called "White balance adjustment."

This camera offers two modes for this adjustment: automatic and manual "White balance adjustment". The automatic white balance adjustment function provides satisfactory results under almost all recording condition. (No manual operation is necessary.) When the " 💆 " indication is displayed in the viewfinder, the Camcorder is not in the automatic white balance mode.

In this case, press the W.B. button to make the " $^{\square}$ " indication disappear.

If the Camcorder is moved from outdoors to indoors during recording, the picture will initially take on a slightly reddish cast but it will gradually regain its natural colours.

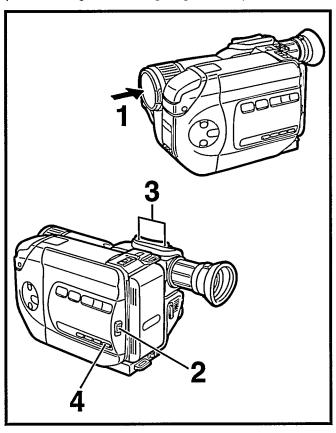
In the following recording situations, the automatic white balance adjustment may not provide satisfactory results; use the manual white balance adjustment mode instead.

- When recording under mercury-vapor, natrium or some types of fluorescent lamps.
- When intense lighting is used, e.g. from a halogen lamp, or when the colour temperature of the light source is low.
- 3. When recording under lighting conditions which change suddenly.
- 4. When recording outdoors at sunrise or sunset.
- 5. When recording firework displays.
- 6. When recording under weak illumination.
- 7. When recording a subject of a single colour or background.

For further information, a table on page 39 shows the relationship between light levels and colour temperature.

Manual white balance

(For recording under a single light source)



- 1 Attach the lens cap to the lens.
- Set the Mode select switch to "MANUAL".
- 3 Keep the Zoom control "T" button pressed until the screen in the viewfinder becomes completely white.
- 4 Keep the W.B. button pressed for more than 1 second.

The following indications in the viewfinder inform you about the state of the adjustment:



- 1. " ⊾ " flashes slowly Not adjusted
- 2. " 💆 " flashes rapidly During adjustment
- 3. " ⊾ " is lit Adjustment is finished

The Camcorder is now ready for recording.

To change back to the automatic white balance adjustment mode

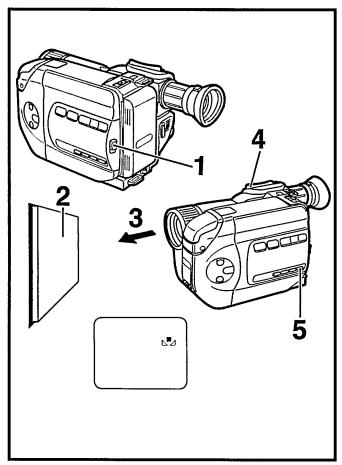
Press the W.B. button quickly. The " $^{\bullet}$ " indication in the viewfinder will disappear.

- Automatic recall of the previous white balance setting
- After setting the Operation switch to "OFF" and later to "CAMERA" again, the " ⋈┛ " indication will flash slowly, however, the last previous white balance setting is still maintained.

However, to ensure the best possible colour reproduction, adjust the white balance again. The last previous white balance setting is also maintained after pressing the REW/ button to confirm the end of the previously recorded scene. But after removing the battery pack (or disconnecting the AC adaptor from the Camcorder), the last previous white balance setting will no longer be maintained.

 When moving the Camcorder from indoor to outdoor or vice versa, be sure to adjust the white balance, as the colour of the light will have changed considerably.

For shooting under several light sources or if the illumination is weak (indoor, etc.)



- Set the Mode select switch to "MANUAL".
- Prepare some white paper or some other purely white subject.
- Remove the lens cap and point the Camcorder at the white subject.

- Keep the Zoom control "T" button pressed until the screen in the viewfinder becomes completely white.
- Keep the W.B. button pressed for more than 1 second.

The following indications in the Viewfinder inform you about the state of the adjustment:

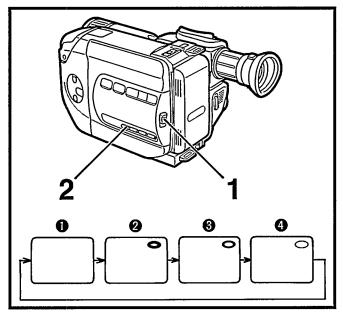
- 1. " ⊾ " flashes slowly Not adjusted
- 2. " ⊾ " flashes rapidly ... During adjustment
- 3. " 💆 " is lit Adjustment is finished.

The Camcorder is now ready for recording.

■ To change back to the automatic white balance adjustment mode

Press the W.B. button quickly. The " $^{\bullet}$ " indication in the viewfinder will disappear.

BLC (BackLight Compensation)



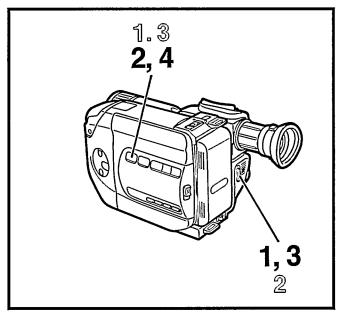
- Set the Mode select switch to "MANUAL".
- Press the BLC button to select the degree of the backlight compensation according to the backlight conditions.
 - The "•" indication appears in the viewfinder.
 - At each press of the BLC button, the brightness of the picture will be increased by 3 steps.
 - No backlight compensation (No indication)
 Low backlight compensation
 Medium backlight compensation
 High backlight compensation
- To return to the standard iris setting
- Press the BLC button repeatedly until the indications
 (2 to 4) disappears in the viewfinder.
- Returning to the standard iris setting is also possible by setting the Mode select switch to "FULL AUTO". (In this way, the Focus, High Speed Shutter and White balance settings are also return to Automatic settings.)

Cautions for recording backlit subjects

- The sky may become whitish.
- In the case of extremely strong backlighting it may not be possible to brighten up the subject sufficiently.
- When recording with the sun striking the subject at an angle, star-shaped light reflexes may be recorded in the picture.

Fader

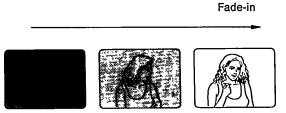
This Camcorder incorporates a fader function which allows smooth video/audio fade-in and fade-out with a black blank screen.



Fade-in

- Press the Start/stop button to stop recording.
- Yeep the FADE button pressed.
- After the picture in the viewfinder has disappeared, press the Start/stop button to start recording.
- After about 3 seconds, release your finger from the FADE button.

The picture will fade in.



Fade-out

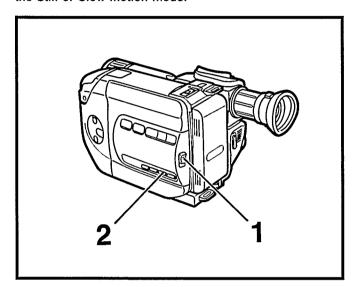
- ৰ Keep the FADE button pressed during recording.
- After the picture in the viewfinder has disappeared, press the Start/stop button to stop recording.
- Release your finger from the FADE button.



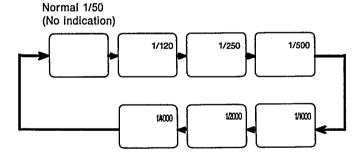
Fade-out

High speed shutter

The Camcorder is equipped with a selectable multi-speed shutter that allows better recording of quick movements for sharp, clear stills or slow-motion playback. Select this mode when taking fast-action shots that you want to play back later on a VCR equipped with the Still or Slow-motion mode.



- Set the Mode select switch to "MANUAL".
- **2** Press the SHUTTER button repeatedly to select the desired shutter speed.
 - The shutter speeds change in the following sequence.



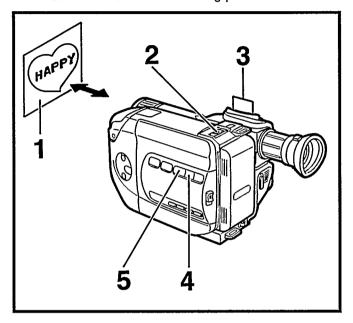
Conditions for recording with the high speed shutter

- The subject must be brightly lit, with little shade, in the sunlight or other strong illumination.
- When shooting under fluorescent lamps, the picture will be adversely influenced by flickering.
- When the picture is played back in the normal playback mode, the picture movement may not be as smooth as normal.
- The playback picture will be slightly darker than a picture recorded without using the high speed shutter function.

Memorizing a title

Using the digital title memory function

- The digital title memory function makes it possible to input a title into memory, and to recall it later during recording at the press of a button and superimpose it onto the normal moving picture.
- Inputting a title into memory can be performed while the Camcorder is in the recording pause mode.

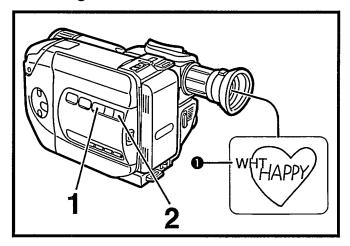


- Prepare a title.
 - The title should have strong contrast (e.g. title written with black felt pen on white paper, printed title, street sign, calendar).
- Press and slide the operation switch to "CAMERA".
- Adjust the focus.
 - For small titles, use the macro close-up function.
 - The title should be in the centre of the Viewfinder screen because a part at the top and bottom edge of the title image will be cut off when it is superimposed during recording.
- Press MEMORY button for at least half a second.
 - The title is memorized.
- 5 Press TITLE button to make the title disappear from the viewfinder.
 - Pressing this button repeatedly will make the title appear → disappear → appear in the viewfinder.

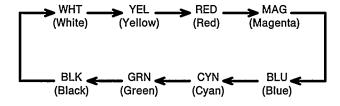
Notes:

- The title remains in the memory until a new title is stored [or until the Back up battery is exhausted].
- If the TITLE button is pressed by mistake during recording, the title will be superimposed and recorded.

Selecting the title colour



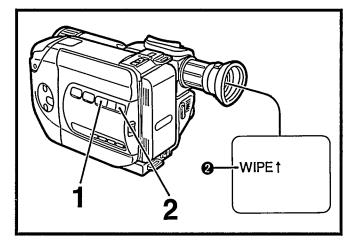
- Press TITLE button.
 - The memorized title appears in the viewfinder.
- Press repeatedly T.MODE/COLOUR button to select the colour.
 - By repeatedly pressing this button, the colour of the title can be changed in the following order. (This function can also be used while the title is being recorded.)



Notes:

- Memorize a title before selecting the title colour.
- The title colour cannot be selected when the title is not in the viewfinder.

Selecting the title mode



- 1 Press TITLE button again to make the title disappear from the viewfinder.
- Press repeatedly T.MODE/COLOUR button to select the mode.
 - By repeatedly pressing this button, the way in which the title is superimposed onto the picture being recorded 2 can be changed in the following order.

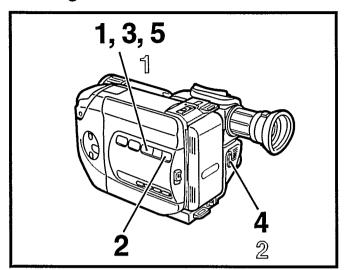


- 1 The title will appear immediately.
- 2 The title will appear gradually from the top.
- 3 The title will appear gradually from the bottom.
- The title will scroll in from the bottom.
- To confirm, how the title will later appear during recording, press the TITLE button again. It will now appear in the selected mode, and the selected colour will also be indicated in the viewfinder.

Notes:

- Memorize a title before selecting the title mode.
- The title mode cannnot be selected when the title is in the viewfinder.

Recording the memorized title during shooting



- Superimposing a title at the beginning of a recording.
- Press TITLE button to make the title appear in the viewfinder.
 - Confirm by the indications in the viewfinder that the selected colour is as desired. At this time, it is still possible to change the colour.
- Press Start/stop button to start recording.
- Superimposing a title in the wipe or scroll title mode at the beginning of a recording.
- 1 Press TITLE button to make the title appear in the viewfinder.
- Press T.MODE/COLOUR button to select the title colour.
- Press TITLE button again to make the title disappear in the viewfinder.
 - Confirm by the indications in the viewfinder that the selected title mode is as desired. At this time, it is still possible to change the title mode.
- Press Start/stop button to start recording.
- 5 After approx. 2 seconds, press TITLE button.
 - The wipe or scroll title will appear in the viewfinder and it will be recorded in the same way.
- Superimposing a title during recording

At the point where you want to insert the title, press the TITLE button. (The title appears in the viewfinder in the selected title mode and selected colour. At the same time, it is superimposed onto the scene that is being recorded.)

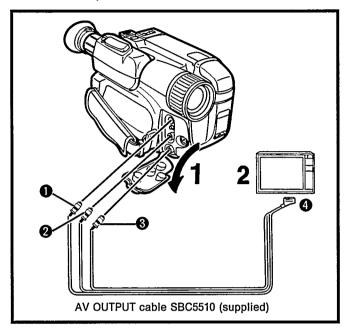
■ To stop the superimposition of the title Press the TITLE button again.

Playback

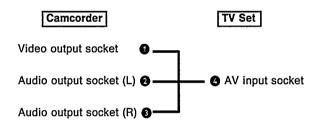
Connections

Playback via a TV set using the supplied AV output cable (SBC5510)

• Turn off the power to the Camcorder and TV set.



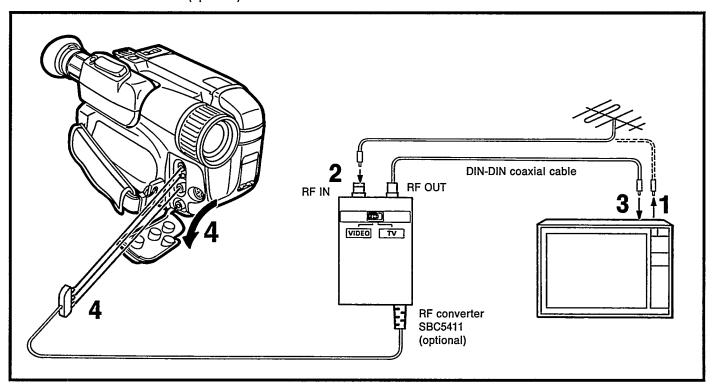
- Open the socket cover.
- Connect the Camcorder to the TV set.



Activate the playback operation Refer to page 33.

Connection to a television not equipped with an Euroconnector

Use the RF converter SBC5411 (optional) for this connection.

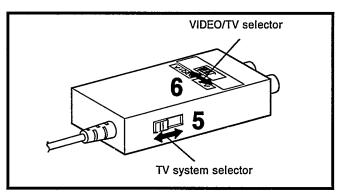


- Remove the aerial cable from the TV receiver.
- 2 Connect the aerial cable to the RF IN socket of the RF converter.
- Connect the RF OUT terminal of the RF converter to the aerial terminal of the TV receiver using a DIN-DIN coaxial cable, supplied with the RF converter.
- Open the socket cover and connect the input cable of the RF converter to the VIDEO/AUDIO/DC OUT sockets on the Camcorder.
- Set the TV system select switch, on the side of the RF converter, according to the TV system used in your area.

G: For continental Europe

I: For U.K.

6 Set the VIDEO/TV select switch to "VIDEO".



Selection of the VIDEO/TV

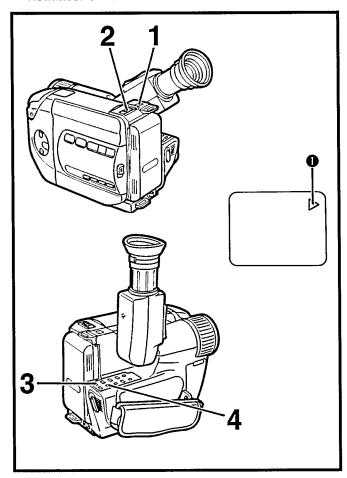
VIDEO: Used for the playing back a video cassette on the Camcorder.

TV: Used for watching TV.

■ Activate the playback operation Refer to page 33.

Playback

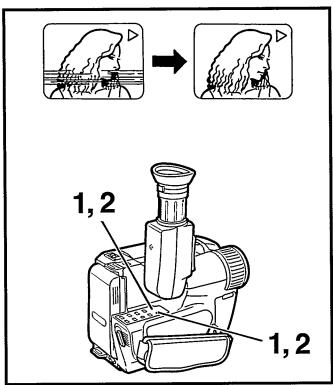
 The recorded tape can be played back in the viewfinder or on a TV set.



- Press the EJECT button and insert the recorded cassette.
- Press and slide the Operation switch to "VCR".
- ? Press the REW/ button.
 - The tape will stop automatically when it reaches the beginning of the tape.
- 4 Press the PLAY button.
 - · Playback starts.
 - The Play > indication appears in the viewfinder.
 The tape will be rewound automatically when it reached the end of the tape.
- To stop playback Press the STOP button.

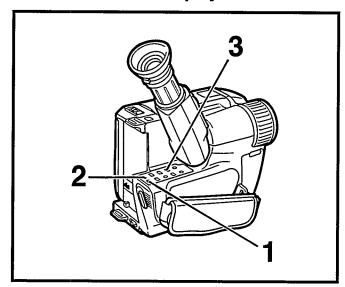
■ How to adjust the tracking

If the picture is distorted by noise bars during playback, the tracking needs to be adjusted.



- Press both the ■ TRACKING and TRACKING ► buttons simultaneously.
- 2 Eliminate any noise bars by adjusting the tracking with the ◀ TRACKING or TRACKING ▶ button.
 - When playing back a tape which has been recorded on another Camcorder, it may not be possible to completely eliminate these noise bars.

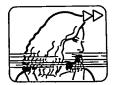
Cue, review and still playback



Cue (high-speed playback in the forward direction)

- During playback, keep the

 /FF button pressed.



Review (high-speed playback in the reverse direction)

- During playback, keep the REW/ button pressed.
 - The Rewind/review mode << iindication appears in the viewfinder.



Still Playback

- During playback, press the PAUSE/STILL button.
 - The Still mode II indication appears in the viewfinder.



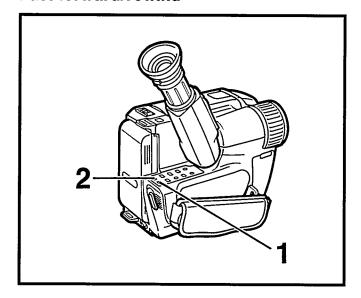
To resume normal playback

Press the PAUSE/STILL button again.

If the Camcorder is left in this mode for about 6 minutes, it will switch to the Stop mode, to protect the tape and video heads.

- The sound will be played back only during normal playback (if connected to a TV set).
- In the cue, review and still playback modes, horizontal noise bars appear in the picture.
 However, this is not an indication of a malfunction.
- In the cue, review and still playback modes, the picture may become black and white or distorted. This is not an indication of a malfunction.

Fast forward/rewind



With the Camcorder in the stop mode

- 1 Press the /FF button in the Stop mode to wind the tape forward at high speed.
 - The tape will be rewound automatically when it reaches the end of the tape.
- Press the REW/ button in the stop mode to rewind the tape at high speed.
 - The tape will stop automatically when it reaches the beginning of the tape.

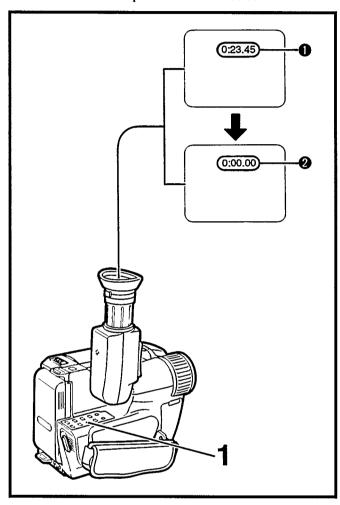
Notes:

- When the tape is rewound further than the tape counter position "0:00.00", the minus indication "—" appears in front of the tape counter indication.
- If the figures in the tape counter do not change during fast forward, rewind or any of the playback functions.
 This means that nothing is recorded on that tape portion.

Tape counter

The tape counter indication shows the elapsed tape time in hours, minutes and seconds 1.

■ How to reset the tape counter to "0:00.00"



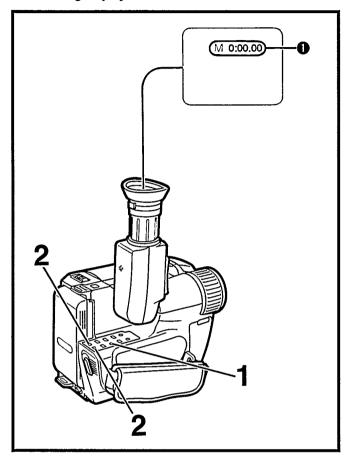
Press the MEMORY/RESET button for more than a second.

The tape counter is reset to "0:00.00".

 The tape counter is automatically reset to "0:00.00" when the cassette is taken out and a new cassette is inserted.

Counter memory function

How to search for a memorized tape position after recording or playback



- 1 Press the MEMORY/RESET button briefly. (For about half a second)
 - The "M" indication appears in the viewfinder next to the tape counter indication.
- Press either the REW/

 or

 √FF button.
 - The tape stops automatically at about the point where the tape counter reads "M0:00.00".
- To cancel the counter memory function Press the MEMORY/RESET button briefly (for about half a second) again.
 - The "M" indication in the viewfinder disappears.

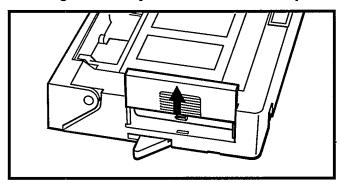
Note:

 After fast forwarding or rewinding the tape, the tape counter indication may deviate a little from the "0:00.00" tape position.

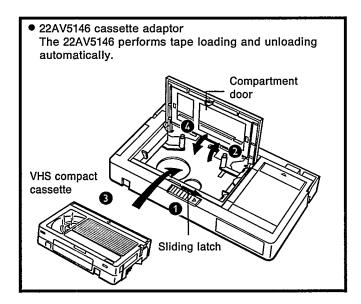
Playback on a VCR using the supplied cassette adaptor (22AV5146)

The VHS compact video cassettes recorded with the Camcorder can be played back on a standard VHS VCR by using the supplied cassette adaptor. (A compact video cassette installed in the cassette adapter is fully compatible with a standard VHS VCR for both recording and playback.)

Inserting the battery into the cassette adaptor



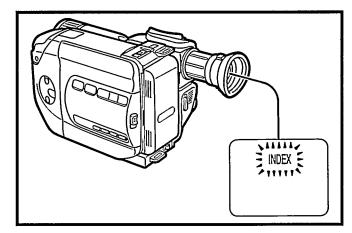
Remove the battery cover by sliding it up. Install one "R6" battery and reattach the cover.



Note:

It may be necessary to adjust the tracking control on the video cassette recorder for optimum picture quality. (See the Operating instructions of your video cassette recorder.)

Index signal (VISS)



How to use the index signals The index signals make it possible to use the VHS Index search or the Intro scan functions when playing back the tape on a VCR equipped with these functions.

An index signal is recorded automatically in the following cases:

- When recording is started for the first time after attaching the battery pack.
- When recording is restarted after the cassette is exchanged.
- When recording is started by sliding the operation switch to "CAMERA" after sliding it to "VCR".

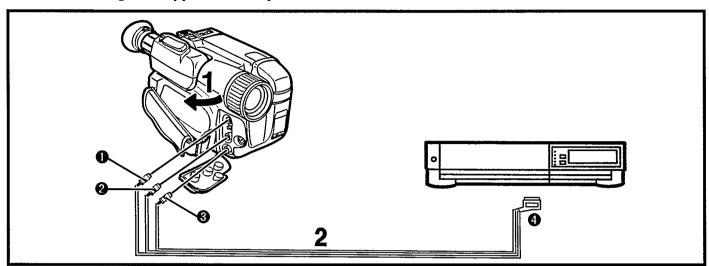
In both of these cases, the "INDEX" indication in the viewfinder flashes for a few seconds.

 For correct functioning of the VHS Index search and Intro scan functions on the VCR, the index signals should be spaced at least 2 minutes in the SP mode and 5 minutes in the LP mode.

Editing techniques

Tape dubbing (Dubbing to a VCR)

Connection using the supplied AV output cable SBC5510



- Open the socket cover.
- Connect the Camcorder to the VCR.

Camcorder Video output socket Audio output socket (L) Audio output socket (R) Audio output socket (R)

Operations

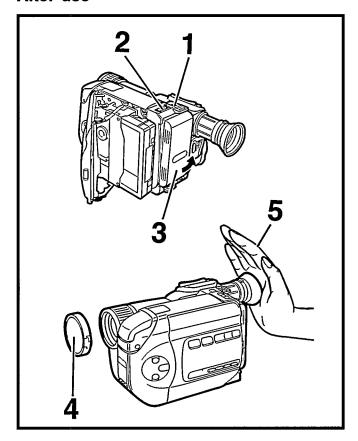
Camcorder

- 1 Insert a recorded video cassette into the Camcorder.
- Press the PLAY button. (And if necessary press the FF/ and the REW/ button to locate the scene from where the dubbing is to start.)
- Press the PAUSE/STILL button at the position where dubbing is to start.
- Press the PAUSE/STILL button to start playback.
- Locate on the Camcorder the beginning of the next scene to be dubbed, and press the PAUSE/STILL button at that position.



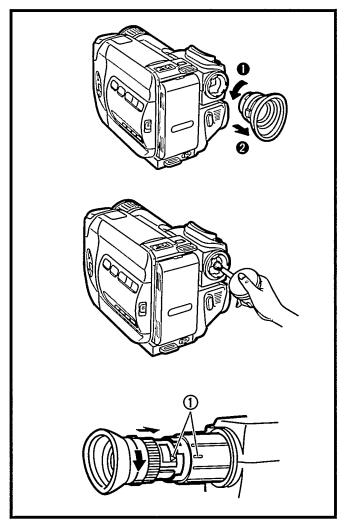
- Insert a video cassette (with the safety tab intact) into the VCR. If your VCR is equipped with SP/LP, it would advisable to use the SP mode.
- 5 Press the Record button to start recording.
- Press the Pause/Still button at the position where the recording is to end. The VCR is now in the recording pause mode.
- 9 Press the Pause/Still button again to resume recording.
- Repeat steps from 6 to 9 for each additional scene to be dubbed.

After use



- Remove the cassette.
- Press and slide the Operation switch to "OFF".
- Remove the battery pack.
- // Retract the viewfinder.
- Attach the lens cap to the lens.

Cleaning the viewfinder



- Take off the eyecup by turning it counterclockwise.
- Remove dust with a blower brush.
- Align the two marks ①, insert the eyecup and turn it clockwise.
- Wipe the Camcorder with a clean, dry cloth. Never use cleaning fluid or other chemicals.
- Clean the lens only with a blower brush (used for photo cameras) or special lens cleaning tissue (used for glasses and cameras).
- Cautions for Cleaning
 Do not use benzine, thinner or other chemicals for cleaning, because they could change the colour and damage the surface of the camera body.

 When using a chemically treated cloth for cleaning, carefully follow the instructions for its use.

Supplementary information

What is "colour temperature"?

Light is composed of various colour components in different proportions. A relationship exists between the temperature of a light source and the colour components of the emitted light; as the temperature rises, the colour of the light varies from red, orange, yellow, white to blue in that order. "Colour temperature" is a value that expresses differences in colour among light sources, measured in kelvin.

Bluish light has a higher colour temperature than reddish light.

What is "white balance"?

Making the colours look natural on TV is what white balance is all about. Because a camera is not as adaptable as the human eye, if a light source is reddish, white subjects in that light are recorded as reddish. White balance adjustment is performed to compensate for colour temperature variations of light so that whites are reproduced as white. Correct white balance makes all other colours correct. The Camcorder can perform automatic white balance adjustment in the full-auto mode. However, if illumination is insufficient, white balance adjustment cannot be performed. To obtain correct colours, therefore, sufficient illuminations are essential.

What is "illuminance"?

"Illuminance" is the intensity or brightness of reflected light, expressed in lux. The Camcorder is designed to provide best pictures under the conditions of a 700-lux illuminance, although shooting is possible all the way down to 3 lux. To obtain good pictures in very bright light, the use of and ND (neutral density) filter is recommended. (See the chart on this page.)

How to get good colour pictures

The simplest way is to provide sufficient lighting (close to the camera's reference illuminance) and accurately adjust the camera to the colour temperature of that lighting. If light sources of different colour temperatures are used together, accurate white balance adjustment is very difficult. For example, if natural light is mixed with artificial light, which is likely to occur next to window, correct colours of the subject are difficult to obtain. It is recommended in such cases that curtains in the room be closed to shut out light from outside. Also, when artificial lighting devices are used, they should all have the same colour temperature. For example, it is recommended that incandescent or halogen lamps not be used together with fluorescent lighting.

Colour temperatures of various artificial lighting

Type of ill	Colour temperature	
Tungsten lamp for home use		2,800 K
Tungsten lamp for	3,200 K	
Quartz-halogen la		
Blue lamp for photographic use		5,000 K
Fluorescent lamp	Warm white	3,500 K
	White	4,500 K
	Daylight type	6,500 K

Illuminance chart

 The values on this chart are approximated to give you a rough reference.

	agn reference.	
ND filter desired	Unit: Lux 100,000 –	• Clear sky, mid-day, under sunlight (100,000)
Range for practical use	10,000 – 2,000 – 1,000 – 600 –	sunrise) (2,000) Clear sky (one hour before sunset) (1,000)
Lighting desired	500 – 100 – 80 – Minimum lighting for an object 15 –	Bowling center (500) Office under fluorescent light (400 – 500) Library (400 – 500) Direct light of a flashlight at 1m distance (250) Streetlights at night (150 – 200) Cigarette lighter (at a distance of 30 cm)

In case of difficulty

What may initially appear to be trouble is not always a real problem. Make sure first.

Symptoms	Cause	Solutions	
Power			
No power.	Power source not connected correctly.	Check battery, AC adaptor or car battery cord are correct.	
No power using AC adaptor.	Battery pack on the AC adaptor for charging.	Remove the battery.	
Camcorder turns off.	Battery is not fully charged or run out.	Recharge the battery or use fully charged one.	
	Dew inside the Camcorder.	Wait until dew indication disappears.	
	Camcorder switches off automatically if recording is stopped for more than 6 minutes.	Set the Operation switch to "OFF" and then to "CAMERA" again.	
Recording			
No picture in the viewfinder.	Operation switch is set to "OFF" position.	Set the Operation switch to "CAMERA".	
	Lens cap is attached.	Remove the lens cap.	
Indications in the viewfinder are	The viewfinder is not extended.	Extend the viewfinder.	
not clear.	Dioptric is not adjusted.	Adjust the dioptric adjustment ring.	
1	Lens is dirty.	Clean the lens.	
Recording will not operate.	The tab of the inserted cassette is removed.	Cover the hole with adhesive tape.	
	No cassette is inserted.	Load a cassette with intact safety tab.	
	Tape is completely wound.	Rewind or use new tape.	
Date/time cannot be recorded.	Date and time are not set.	Set the date and time.	
Date/time are not displayed in the	DATE/TIME button was not pressed.	Press the DATE/TIME button.	
viewfinder.	Back up battery is exhausted.	Replace the back up battery with a new one (CR2032).	
Playback			
No playback picture.	Operation switch is not in "VCR" position.	Set the Operation switch to "VCR" position.	
	Cassette is not loaded.	Load a cassette tape.	
No playback picture or sound on	Connection to TV is incorrect.	Check the connection to TV.	
the TV.	TV is not set to video channel.	Set TV to video channel.	
Playback picture is not clear or	Tracking needs adjusting.	Adjust with TRACKING buttons.	
distorted.	Tape is old.	Do not use tape for further recording.	
	Video head is dirty.	Use head cleaner tape to clean.	

The Camcorder is a microcomputer-controlled device. External noise and interference might prevent it from functioning properly. In such cases, first disconnect its power supply unit (battery pack, AC power adaptor, etc.); and then reconnect it and proceed as usual from the beginning.

General note

If the recording or playback quality decreases, it might be that the video heads are dirty. Please consult your dealer for cleaning the heads.

Specifications

Power source

: DC 6.0 V

Power consumption

: 7.0 W (Battery operation)

Video recording

system

: Rotary four heads, helical

scanning system

Tape speed

SP : 23.39 mm/sec LP : 11.7 mm/sec

: VHS-C Tape format

Recording/playback

time

SP

: 45 min. with EC45 cassette

tape

LP

: 90 min. with EC45 cassette

tape

VIDEO

Television system

: CCIR 625 lines, 50 fields PAL colour signal

Modulation system

Luminance Colour signal : FM azimuth recording

: Converted subcarrier phase

shift recording

Output level (RCA)

Video horizontal

: 1.0 Vp-p/75 ohms unbalanced

resolution colour Signal to noise ratio

: More than 230 lines : More than 40 dB

AUDIO

MIC Input level

: -70 dB/4.7 kohms or more

unbalanced

Output level (RCA)

Audio track

: -8 dB/47 kohms loaded

Hi-Fi : 2 channels (Stereo) Normal : 1 track (Mono)

Frequency response

: 50 to 20,000 Hz Hi-Fi (SP) Normal (SP) : 80 to 8,000 Hz

Signal to noise ratio

Hi-Fi (SP) : More than 45 dB

Image sensor

Lens

: 1/3-inch CCD image sensor : 8:1 2-speed power zoom lens

with digital Al auto focus Focal length 6 - 48 mm

F1.4 Auto iris

Filter diameter 37 mm

Viewfinder : 0.6-inch electronic viewfinder

Standard illumination : 1,400 lux

Minimum required

illumination : 3 lux Operating temperature: 0° to 40° C Operating humidity : 10 to 80%

Weight : 710 g (Without battery pack) **Dimensions** : 102 (W) x 112 (H) x 197 (D)

mm

AC adaptor/battery charger SBC5419

: AC 100 — 240 V, 50/60 Hz Power source

(Automatic voltage

adjustment)

Power consumption : 25 W

: DC 6 V, 11.8 W (Camcorder) DC output

DC 6 V, 1.3 A

(battery pack charging)

: Approx. 0.39 kg Weight

Dimensions : 70 (W) x 58 (H) x 178 (D) mm

- Weight and dimensions shown are approximate.
- Specifications are subject to change without notice.

