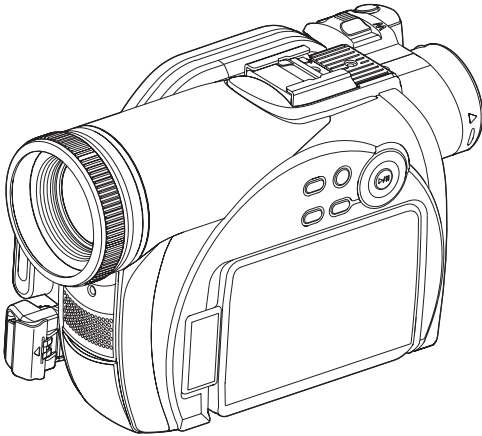


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## Operating Instructions DVD Video Camera

Model No.

VDR-M53PP  
VDR-M55PP  
VDR-M75PP  
VDR-M95PP



The illustration shows VDR-M95PP.

	VDR-M53PP	VDR-M55PP VDR-M75PP	VDR-M95PP
Built-in Flash	-	-	○
USB	-	○	○
Remote Controller	-	○	○
PC Software	-	○	○

- : Not available

*Thank you for buying a Panasonic product. Please take the time to become familiar with the operating instructions and how it is set up. Keep this manual handy for future reference.*

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# Important Information

## For Your Safety

The power switch turns the DVD Video Camera on and off, leaving the date/time feature unaffected. If the camera is to be left unattended for a long period of time, turn it off .

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

**WARNING : TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, USE THE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES ONLY.**



**WARNING: TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, BE SURE TO USE THE SPECIFIED AC ADAPTOR (VSK0677).**

The DVD Video Camera and AC adaptor have the following caution marks.



**CAUTION**  
RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK  
DO NOT OPEN



**CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT OPEN. NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.**

### Identifications of caution marks



This symbol warns the user that uninsulated voltage within the unit may have sufficient magnitude to cause electric shock. Therefore, it is dangerous to make any kind of contact with any inside part of this unit.



This symbol alerts the user that important literature concerning the operation and maintenance of this unit has been included. Therefore, it should be read carefully to avoid any problems.

## Precautions

**WARNING:** Many television programs and films are copyrighted. In certain circumstances, copy-right law may apply to private in-home videotaping of copyrighted materials.

The liquid crystal display (LCD) panel is made by highly precise technology. More than 99.99% of its picture elements (pixels) are effective, but some (less than 0.01%) may appear as colored bright dots. This does not indicate a fault as the LCD panel stretches the limits of current technology.

**CLASS 1  
LASER PRODUCT**

### CAUTION

This product contains a laser diode of higher class than 1. To ensure continued safety, do not remove any covers or attempt to gain access to the inside of the product. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.

**FCC Note:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

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

**FCC Caution:** To assure continued compliance, follow the attached installation instructions and use only shielded interface cables with ferrite core when connecting to computer or peripheral devices. Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

**Declaration of Conformity**

**Trade Name:** Panasonic  
**Model No.:** VDR-M53PP / VDR-M55PP / VDR-M75PP / VDR-M95PP  
**Responsible party:** Panasonic Corporation of North America  
One Panasonic Way, Secaucus, NJ 07094  
**Support Contact:** Panasonic Consumer Electronics Company  
1-800-211-PANA (7262)

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

This class B digital apparatus complies with CANADIAN ICES-003.

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# IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

In addition to the careful attention devoted to quality standards in the manufacture of your video product, safety is a major factor in the design of every instrument. But, safety is your responsibility too.

This page lists important information that will help to assure your enjoyment and proper use of DVD Video Camera and accessory equipment. Please read it carefully before operating your video product and keep it in a handy place for future reference.

## INSTALLATION

- 1 Read and Follow Instructions** — All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the video product is operated. Follow all operating and use instructions.



- 2 Retain Instructions** — The safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.
- 3 Heed Warnings** — Comply with all warnings on the video product and in the operating instructions.
- 4 Power Sources** — This video product should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supply to your home, consult your video dealer or local power company. For video products intended to operate from battery power, or other sources, refer to the operating instructions.

- 5 Overloading** — Do not overload wall outlets and extension cords as this can result in a risk of fire or electric shock. Overloaded AC outlets and extension cords are dangerous, and so are frayed power cables, damaged or cracked wire insulation and broken plugs. They may result in a shock or fire hazard. Periodically examine the cord and have it replaced by your service technician if appearance indicates damage or deteriorated insulation.



- 6 Power-Cord Protection** — Power-supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the appliance.

- 7 Ventilation** — Slots and openings in the cabinet are provided for ventilation to ensure reliable operation of the video product and to protect it from overheating. These openings must not be blocked or covered. The openings should never be blocked by placing the video product on a bed, sofa, rug, or other similar surface. This video product should never be placed near or over a radiator or heat register. This video product should not be placed in a built-in installation such as a bookcase or rack unless proper ventilation is provided or the video product manufacturer's instructions have been followed.



- 8 Attachments** — Do not use attachments unless recommended by the video product manufacturer as they may cause hazards.

**Caution:** Maintain electrical safety. Powerline operated equipment or accessories connected to this unit should bear the UL listing mark or CSA certification mark on the accessory itself and should not have been modified so as to defeat the safety features. This will help avoid any potential hazard from electric shock or fire. If in doubt, contact qualified service personnel.

- 9 Water and Moisture** — Do not use this video product near water — for example, near a bath tub, wash bowl, kitchen sink, or laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool, and the like.

- 10 Accessories** — Do not place this video product on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The video product may fall, causing serious injury to a child or adult, and serious damage to the appliance. Use only with a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table recommended by the manufacturer, or sold with the video product. Any mounting of the product should follow the manufacturer's instructions, and should use a mounting accessory recommended by the manufacturer.

- 11** An appliance and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the appliance and cart combination to overturn.

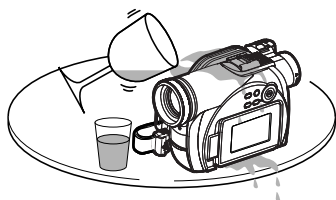


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- 12 Power Lines** — An outside antenna system should not be located in the vicinity of overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can fall into such power lines or circuits. When installing an outside antenna system, extreme care should be taken to keep from touching or approaching such power lines or circuits as contact with them might be fatal. Installing an outdoor antenna can be hazardous and should be left to a professional antenna installer.

### USE

- 13 Cleaning** — Unplug this video product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
- 14 Object and Liquid Entry** — Never push objects of any kind into this video product through openings as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short-out parts, which could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind on the video product.



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



### SERVICE

- 16 Servicing** — Do not attempt to service this video product yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- 17 Conditions Requiring Service** — Unplug this video product from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions.
- When the power-supply cord or plug is damaged.
  - If liquid has been spilled, or objects have fallen into the video product.
  - If the video product has been exposed to rain or water.
  - If the video product does not operate normally by following the operating instructions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions. Improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the video product to its normal operation.
  - If the video product has been dropped or the casing has been damaged.
  - When the video product exhibits a distinct change in performance — this indicates a need for service.

- 18 Replacement Parts** — When replacement parts are required, have the service technician verify that the replacements he uses have the same safety characteristics as the original parts. Use of replacements specified by the video product manufacturer can prevent fire, electric shock or other hazards.

- 19 Safety Check** — Upon completion of any service or repairs to this video product, ask the service technician to perform safety checks recommended by the manufacturer to determine that the video product is in safe operating condition.

- 20 Heat** — The product should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other products (including amplifiers) that produce heat.

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## ***Cautions When Using***

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### **Handle the liquid crystal display (LCD) with care:**

- The LCD is a very delicate display device: Do not press its surface with force, hit it or prick it with a sharp object.
- If you push the LCD surface, unevenness in display may occur. If unevenness does not disappear, turn the DVD Video Camera off, wait for a few moments, and then turn it on again.
- Do not place the DVD Video Camera with the open LCD screen down.
- Close the LCD monitor when not using the DVD Video Camera.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE**

### **Liquid crystal display and viewfinder:**

- The LCD screen and viewfinder are the products of highly precise technology. Among the total number of pixels (approx. 120,000 pixels for LCD monitor and approx. 200,000 pixels for viewfinder), 0.01% or less pixels may be missing (black dots) or may remain lit as colored dots (red, blue, green). This shows the limitations of the current technology, and does not indicate a fault that will interfere with recording.
- The LCD screen and viewfinder will be slightly dimmer than usual when the DVD Video Camera is at low temperature, as in cold areas, or immediately after power is turned on. Normal brightness will be restored when the temperature inside the DVD Video Camera rises.
- The following characteristics may appear in the viewfinder.
  - The colors seen in the viewfinder may appear different from the colors on the LCD monitor.
  - Text appears slightly fuzzy.
  - The edges of the subject appear glaring.
  - Iridescence momentarily occurs when you move the observation point along with the motion of the subject.  
Note that the foregoing phenomena have no effect on the image in a disc or card, so there is no cause for concern.

### **Hold the DVD Video Camera correctly:**

- Do not hold the DVD Video Camera by the viewfinder or LCD monitor when lifting it: the viewfinder or LCD monitor could detach and the DVD Video Camera may fall.

### **Do not subject the DVD Video Camera to impact:**

- This DVD Video Camera is a precision machine. Take great care that you do not strike it against a hard object or let it fall.
- Do not use the DVD Video Camera on a tripod in a place where it is subject to severe vibrations or impact.

### **No sand or dust!**

- Fine sand or dust entering the DVD Video Camera or AC adaptor could cause malfunctions or defects.

### **No water or oil!**

- Water or oil entering the DVD Video Camera or AC adaptor could cause electric shock, malfunctions or defects.

**Heat on surface of product:**

- The surface of the DVD Video Camera will be slightly warm, but this does not indicate a fault.

**Screen on connected TV:**

- Never leave the disc navigation screen, still image or camera image displayed on your TV to which the DVD Video Camera is connected: Doing so could result in displayed image retention or phosphor degradation of TV screen.

**Be careful of ambient temperature:**

- Using the DVD Video Camera in a place where the temperature is over 140°F (40°C) or under 32°F (0°C) will result in abnormal recording/playback.
- Take care that the temperature of this DVD Video Camera, when connected to a PC, does not rise excessively (reference for usage: approx. 30 minutes at about 86°F (30°C)).
- Do not leave the DVD Video Camera on a beach or in a closed vehicle where the temperature is very high for a long time: This could cause malfunctions.

**Do not point directly at the sun:**

- If direct sunlight strikes the lens or viewfinder, the DVD Video Camera could malfunction or a fire could occur.
- Do not leave the DVD Video Camera with the LCD screen exposed to direct sunlight: This could cause malfunctions.

**Do not use the DVD Video Camera near TV or radio:**

- This could cause noise to appear on the TV screen or in radio broadcasts.

**Do not use the DVD Video Camera near strong radio waves or magnetism:**

- If the DVD Video Camera is used near strong radio waves or magnetism, such as near a radio wave tower or electric appliances, noise could enter video and audio that are being recorded. During playback of normally recorded video and audio, noise may also be present in picture and sound. At worst the DVD Video Camera could malfunction.

**Do not expose the DVD Video Camera to soot or steam:**

- Thick soot or steam could damage the DVD Video Camera case or cause malfunctions.

**Do not use the DVD Video Camera near corrosive gas:**

- If the DVD Video Camera is used in a place where there is dense exhaust gas generated by gasoline or diesel engines, or corrosive gas such as hydrogen sulfide, the external or internal terminals could corrode, disabling normal operation, or the battery connecting terminals could corrode, so that power will not turn on.

**Do not use the DVD Video Camera near ultrasonic humidifier:**

- Calcium and other chemicals dissolved in water could scatter in the air, and white particles could adhere to the optical head of the DVD Video Camera, which could cause it to operate abnormally.

**Do not expose the DVD Video Camera to insecticide:**

- Insecticide entering the DVD Video Camera could dirty the lens in the laser pickup block, and in such a case the DVD Video Camera might not operate normally. Turn the DVD Video Camera off and cover it with vinyl sheet, etc. before using insecticide.

**Do not use an optional 8 cm CD lens cleaner:**

- Cleaning the lens is not necessary when using this DVD Video Camera in the usual way.
- Using 8 cm CD lens cleaner could cause this DVD Video Camera to malfunction.

**Do not touch the lens in laser pickup block.**

- If you touch the lens in the laser pickup block directly it may cause malfunctions. Laser pickup block is not a compensable part. Therefore, pay much attention when operating this camera.



### **Be careful of moisture condensation:**

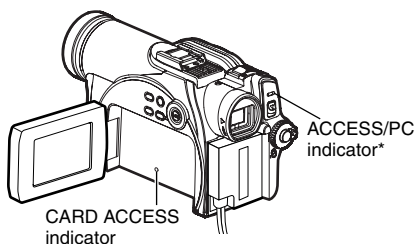
- When you move the DVD Video Camera between places where the difference in temperatures is great - such as entering a lodge from a ski slope or going out of a cooled room or vehicle - condensation (vapor in air warmed or cooled to water droplets) could occur on the lens and/or inside the DVD Video Camera. If condensation occurs, do not open the cover of disc or card insertion block if possible. If condensation occurs on the lens, wipe it off with a soft, dry cloth. Even if the external surface of DVD Video Camera has dried, condensation may remain inside: Turn the DVD Video Camera off and leave it in a dry place for at least 1-2 hours before using it again.

### **Do not use the DVD Video Camera for a long, uninterrupted period of time:**

- This DVD Video Camera cannot be used for a long time continuously as a surveillance camera/monitor. If you use the DVD Video Camera for a long continuous period of time, the temperature of the DVD Video Camera could exceed its proper limit and the recording/playback operation could be slowed down: In this case, turn it off and wait for a while before using it again.
- Take care that the temperature of this DVD Video Camera, when connected to a PC, does not rise excessively [reference for usage: approx. 30 minutes at about 86°F (30°C).]

### **Do not turn the DVD Video Camera off while the ACCESS/PC indicator\* or CARD ACCESS indicator is lit or blinking:**

- The ACCESS/PC or CARD ACCESS indicator is lit or blinking to show that data is being written to disc or card, or being read from it. At this time, do not do any of the following, so as not to damage the data:
  - Remove battery pack
  - Disconnect AC adaptor
  - Plug or unplug USB cable
  - Remove disc or card
  - Subject DVD Video Camera to severe vibrations or impact.
  - Forcefully open or close the LCD monitor



\* ACCESS indicator (VDR-M53PP)  
Labeled "ACCESS/PC indicator" in this manual.

If you turn the DVD Video Camera off while the ACCESS/PC or CARD ACCESS indicator is lit or blinking, turn it on again with the disc or card loaded in it: Repair of the disc or card will be executed automatically (see page 151).

### **Do not wipe the DVD Video Camera case with benzene or thinner:**

- The coating of case could peel off or the case surface could deteriorate.
- When using a chemical cleaning cloth, follow the instructions.

### **Also read the instructions attached with optional accessories:**

- For optional accessories, observe the cautions and follow instruction manuals attached.

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

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## ***Cautions When Storing***

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**Do not leave the DVD Video Camera in a place where the temperature is very high for a long period of time:**

- The temperature inside a closed vehicle or trunk can become very high in a hot season. If you leave the DVD Video Camera in such a place, it could malfunction or the case could be damaged. Do not expose the DVD Video Camera to direct sunlight or place it near a heater.

**Do not store the DVD Video Camera in a place where the humidity is high or in a dusty place:**

- Dust entering the DVD Video Camera could cause malfunctions. If humidity is high, the lens could become moldy, and the DVD Video Camera could become inoperative. It is recommended that you put the DVD Video Camera in a box together with a desiccant when storing it in a closet, etc.

**Do not store the DVD Video Camera in a place subject to strong magnetism or intense vibrations:**

- This could cause malfunctions.

**Detach the battery pack from the DVD Video Camera and store it in a cool place:**

- Leaving the battery pack attached or storing it at high temperature could shorten its life.

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## ***Suggestions and Restrictions***

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**Make a trial recording:**

- Always make a trial recording before doing actual recording to make sure that recording is normal. Data that have not been stored normally because of a defect in the DVD Video Camera cannot be restored. It is recommended that you use a DVD-RAM disc from which recorded contents can be deleted for trial recording.

**Do not use the DVD Video Camera for professional applications:**

- This DVD Video Camera is designed and produced for home-use recording and playback.

**The recorded contents cannot be compensated for:**

- Panasonic cannot compensate for any damages caused when recording is not made normally or recorded contents cannot be played back because of a defect in the DVD Video Camera, disc or card. Also, Panasonic cannot be responsible for your recorded video and audio.
- If you or a third party makes a mistake when handling this DVD Video Camera, disc, card, etc., the recorded contents may be lost. We cannot be responsible for compensation for damages due to loss of recorded contents.

**Copyright:**

- Data recorded on the disc or card in this DVD Video Camera using other digital/analog media or devices is protected by the copyright act and cannot be used without permission of the owner of copyright, except for personal enjoyment. Be aware that recording is restricted for some demonstrations, performances and exhibitions, even for personal enjoyment.

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## Read This First

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To guide you, we've included the following six chapters.

- The section on "Setup" explains how to set up the DVD Video Camera, battery pack, and set the date/time.
- The section on "Basic Techniques" explains the basic operation of this DVD Video Camera—recording of movies, still images, external input, and playback of recorded images.
- The section on "Advanced Techniques" explains settings on this DVD Video Camera for more advanced usage.
- The section on "Disc Navigation" explains editing with Disc Navigation: Refer to this section when finalizing DVD-R disc and initializing DVD-RAM disc.
- The section on "Installing Software" explains the contents of provided CD-ROM and how to install the included software.
- "Supplementary Information" includes an introduction to products sold separately, proper cleaning, and troubleshooting.

*We want this manual to be as helpful as possible, so it includes two easy ways to find the information you need:*

- A quick index for the information you use most often (this page).
- A detailed table of contents directing you to specific information quickly (see pages 15-17).

*Get to know your DVD Video Camera by using this manual, and get to know Panasonic. We appreciate your business.*

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With this DVD Video Camera you can view the picture being recorded or the playback picture on the LCD monitor or in the viewfinder. Opening or closing the LCD monitor switches the picture to appear on the LCD monitor or in the viewfinder. The following text describes operation assuming that the viewfinder is used as a monitor device.

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## About This Manual

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### ● Displays in this manual

The displays in the manual may not appear exactly as those you will actually see in the viewfinder or on the LCD screen.

### ● Notation of cancel button

Press the stop/cancel button to stop your operation midway, or return the menu screen to the preceding one. The expression "press the ■ button" will be used in this text.

### ● and marks beside headings

Some functions of this DVD Video Camera are unavailable with disc or card. Refer to the marks at right above each function to identify whether the disc or card is compatible with the function. Refer to these marks and identify the functions and operation to match the disc or card you use.

### ● Illustrations in this manual

Although the external appearances of VDR-M53PP, VDR-M55PP, VDR-M75PP and VDR-M95PP are different, they are both operated in the same way. Illustrations of VDR-M95PP are used in this text.

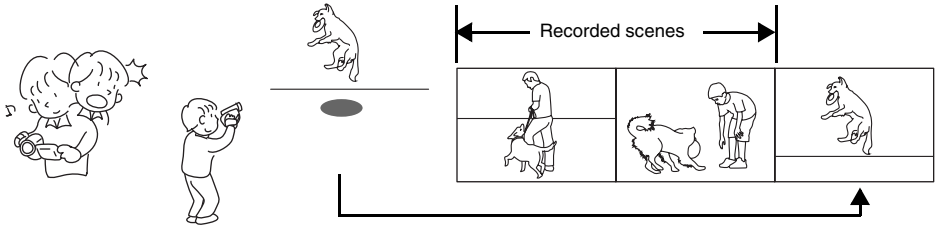
● Some of the illustrations in this manual may differ slightly in shape from the actual items in order to make the explanation easier to understand.

# Introduction

## ● You can record even immediately following playback (page 51)

Unlike tape devices, you do not need to search for the recording start position or locate the beginning of a blank portion.

New recording will not overwrite any previously recorded data.



If you stop playback midway and start recording, overwrite will not occur.

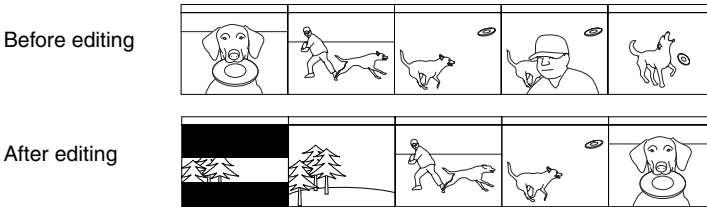
## ● You can immediately play back desired recorded scenes (page 98)

You do not need to rewind, unlike recorders using tape.

You can select any scene you want and immediately play it back).

## ● Use Disc Navigation to create your original movie (page 116)

You can delete unnecessary scenes, move any scenes, etc., and create your original movie work (Play List).

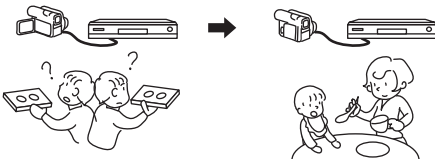


## ● You can easily edit scenes (page 77)

Using this DVD Video Camera, you can collect scenes of your child, for example, on a play list by using the Disc Navigation function and create an original movie. Then simply play back the play list and dub it on VCR. It is also easy to make any number of identical tapes.

Until now, you had to repeatedly press buttons.

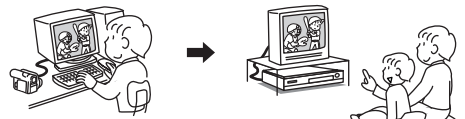
With DVD, you can simply play back this DVD Video Camera, and press the record button on VCR.



## ● Create original DVDs on PC (page 143)

You can use a DVD-R disc to create an original DVD, using the provided software CD-ROM.

The created DVD disc can be played back on a DVD player, DVD-ROM drive, etc.



Original DVD being created

Playback of DVD

# Quick Start Guide for Software

Only for VDR-M55PP/VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP

## Features

The following software programs are contained on the provided CD-ROM.

Software	Feature
DVD-RAM Driver	Install this driver when using stills and video clips recorded on a DVD-RAM disc on a PC.
DVD-MovieAlbumSE	By using DVD-MovieAlbumSE with DVD Video Camera, it is possible to perform playback, recording and editing of the DVD-RAM disc. It is also possible to transfer extracted data and title information, etc. to DVDfunSTUDIO.
DVDfunSTUDIO	Use this software when burning a DVD-Video disc from motion images edited using DVD-MovieAlbumSE.

- Confirming the environment of connecting equipment: see page 130.

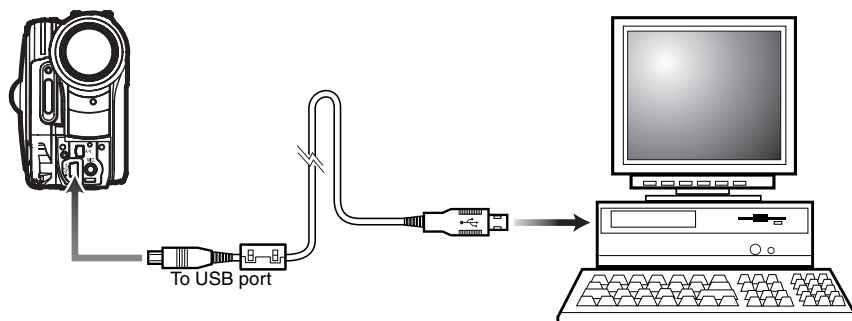
## Installation Guide (see page 130 for details)

- 1 Connect this DVD Video Camera to the PC as illustrated below.
- 2 Install the software (DVD-RAM Driver, DVDfunSTUDIO and DVD-MovieAlbumSE).
  - The software can also be installed from the "Setup Menu".

If the "Setup Menu" does not appear, double-click the CD-ROM drive icon.

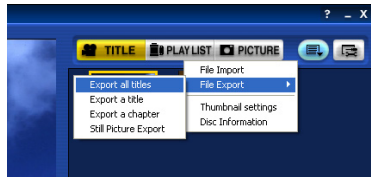
## Suggestions for using software (see page 143 for details)

- 1 Connect this DVD Video Camera to the PC as illustrated below.
  - Please ensure a DVD-RAM disc with recorded material is loaded into the DVD Video Camera before proceeding.



- 2 Edit video clips using DVD-MovieAlbumSE.
  - You can edit motion image files on the DVD-RAM disc.

### 3 Export video clips to PC using DVD-MovieAlbumSE.



### 4 DVDfunSTUDIO program will automatically start. (see page 144 for details)



### 5 Edit video clip files and introduce interactive DVD menus using DVDfunSTUDIO Software.

### 6 Insert a new DVD-R disc into the DVD Video Camera.

- When making an original DVD-R disc using DVDfunSTUDIO software, a message for initialization appears on the LCD of DVD Video Camera. Select “No” and then follow the instructions on the screen of your PC to make the original DVD-R disc. Do not perform initialization of the DVD-R disc on the Video Camera when using a DVD-R disc with your computer.

### 7 Write the final movie to the DVD-R disc with DVDfunSTUDIO.

- Write the final movie to an 8 cm DVD-R disc in this DVD Video Camera using DVDfunSTUDIO software.

## Cautions for use

- **When you are making a recording on a new DVD-R disc in your DVD Video Camera, you must initialize the disc before recording video clips. DVD-RAM disc and SD Memory Card do not require initialization.**
- **DVD-R discs are a one time write format; therefore, when you write information to the DVD-R disc with DVDfunSTUDIO, you cannot edit it again.**
- **When using DVD-MovieAlbumSE software on Windows® 2000 Professional / XP Home Edition / XP Professional, log on to your PC as Administrator.**
- **Set the display resolution to 1024 × 768 (16 bits color) or higher.**  
Display Settings method as follows:  
Select “Start” >> “Control Panel” >> “Display” and select “Settings” tab on “Display”, and then >> adjust “Screen Resolution” and “Color quality”.
- **Depending on the condition of your PC, it may take a long time to install the software.**

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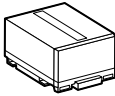

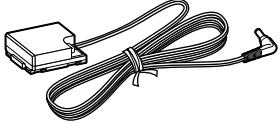
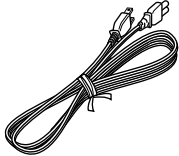
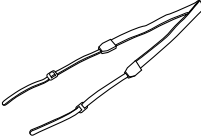
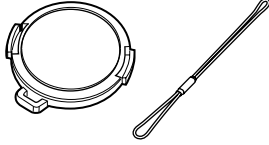
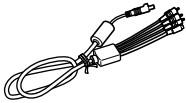
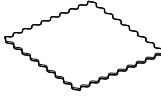
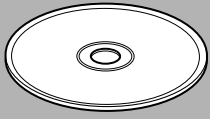
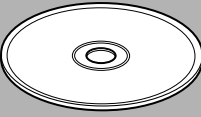
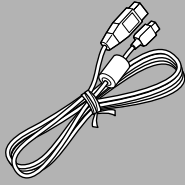
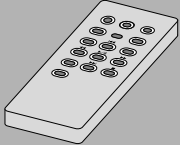



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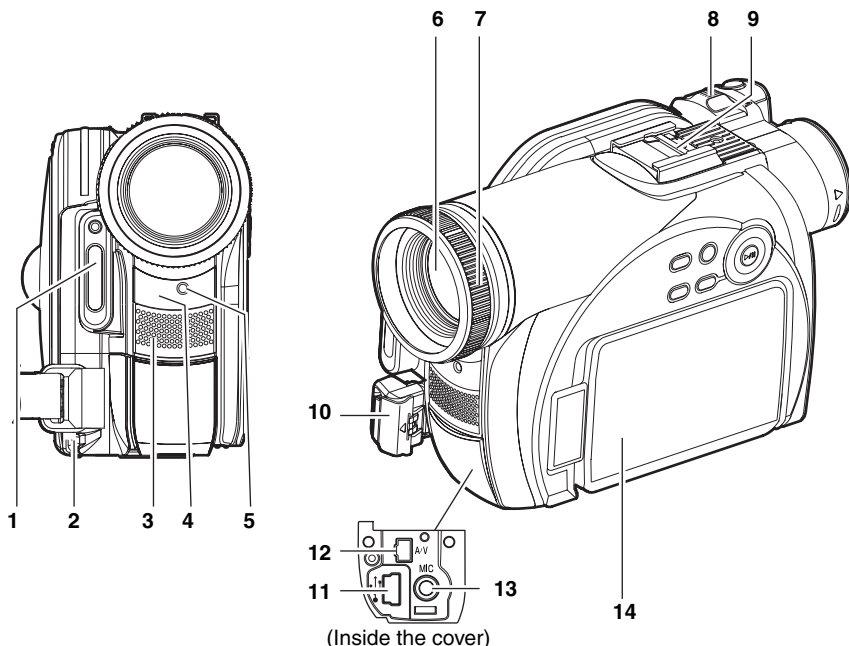
# Check Provided Accessories

Make sure that you have found all the following accessories in the package:

<p><b>Battery Pack:</b> VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP/VDR-M75PP:(CGA-DU07A) VDR-M95PP:(CGA-DU14A) Portable power supply for this DVD Video Camera. Charge it before use.</p> 	<p><b>AC Adaptor/Charger (VSK0677):</b> Used to power the DVD Video Camera from AC outlet, or charge battery pack.</p> 	<p><b>DC Cord:</b> When powering the DVD Video Camera from household AC outlet, use this cord to connect the DVD Video Camera and AC adaptor.</p> 
<p><b>Power Cable:</b> Connect between household AC outlet and AC adaptor.</p> 	<p><b>Shoulder Belt:</b> Attach to the DVD Video Camera to hang it from shoulder.</p> 	<p><b>Lens Cap and Lens Cap String:</b> Attach the lens cap when not recording, to protect the lens.</p> 
<p><b>AV/S Input/Output Cable: (EW12525)</b> Used to play back the DVD Video Camera picture on a TV screen, or to input or output video from/to another video device.</p> 	<p><b>Disc Cleaning Cloth:</b> Used to clean discs. (P. 30) Do not use for purposes other than cleaning discs.</p> 	
<p><b>8 cm DVD-RAM Disc:</b> To record video (movie) on this DVD Video Camera. This disc can be recorded on one side only (single-sided).</p> 	<p><b>Software CD-ROM:</b> Use this CD-ROM on PC when connecting the DVD Video Camera to PC.</p> 	<p><b>USB Cable: (EW12531)</b></p> 
<p><b>Remote Controller (VEQ4504):</b> Use to control the DVD Video Camera from a distance.</p> 	<p><b>Button Type Battery (CR2032):</b> To power the remote controller.</p> <p><b>WARNING:</b> Keep this battery away from children. If swallowed, consult a physician immediately for emergency treatment.</p> 	

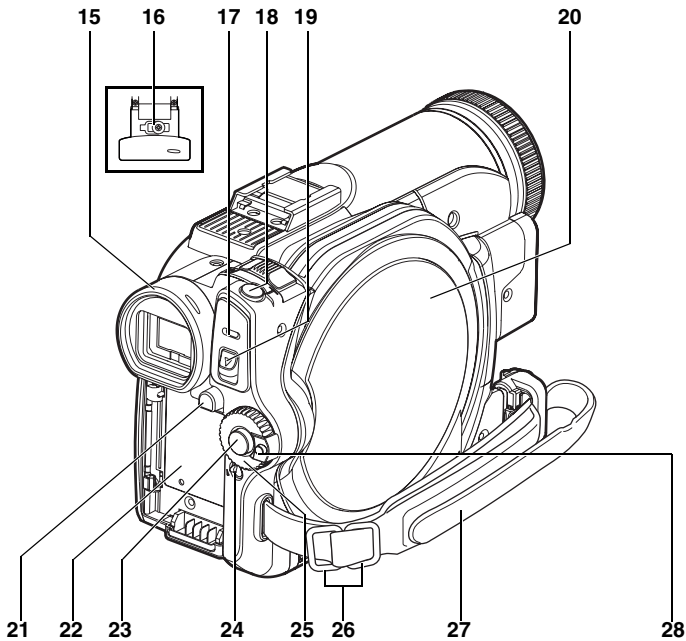
■ : Not included with VDR-M53PP.

# Names of Parts



- 1 Built-in flash (VDR-M95PP) (P.68)**  
There is a sensor at the top of the flash.
- 2 Lens cap string attachment hole (P. 35)**
- 3 Internal stereo microphone (P. 51)**
- 4 Infrared receiver (VDR-M55PP/VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP) (P. 37)**  
When the remote controller is used to operate the DVD Video Camera, this receiver will receive the infrared signal.
- 5 Recording indicator (P. 94)**  
The red indicator will light during recording.
- 6 Optical 10x zoom lens (VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP)**  
**Optical 24x zoom lens (VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP) (P. 57)**
- 7 Lens hood**
- 8 Zoom lever (P. 57)**  
Push the lever to the T side for telephoto, or to the W side for wide-angle.
- 9 Accessory shoe (P. 69)**  
Attach the optional flash.
- 10 Lock cover and Lock button (P. 34)**
- 11 USB port (VDR-M55PP/VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP) (P.13)**
- 12 AV input/output jack (P. 71, 75, 77)**
- 13 External microphone jack (P. 70)**
- 14 2.5" type Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) (inside) (P. 7, 38)**

Although the external appearances of VDR-M53PP, VDR-M55PP, VDR-M75PP and VDR-M95PP are different, they are both operated in the same way. VDR-M95PP illustrations are used in this manual.



**15 Viewfinder (P. 7, 37)**

**16 Diopter control (P. 37)**

To adjust the focus of image appearing in the viewfinder (pull out the viewfinder).

**17 ACCESS/PC indicator (VDR-M55PP/VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP) (P. 9, 51, 52)**

**ACCESS indicator\* (VDR-M53PP)**

Will blink or light when the disc in DVD Video Camera is accessed (write or read is executed) or the DVD Video Camera is connected to PC.

**18 Photo shot button (P.52)**

Used when shooting still images.

**19 DISC EJECT lever (P. 46)**

Press and release this lever to open disc insertion block.

**20 Disc insertion block (P. 46)**

**21 BATTERY EJECT button (P. 42)**




Press it when removing the battery pack.


**22 Battery attachment platform (P. 42)**

**23 Record (REC) button (P. 51)**

Used when recording movies.

**24 LOCK switch (P. 25, 51)**

In  mode, set the LOCK switch to  (to the upper left) to lock the power switch so that it does not accidentally move to .

From  mode, you cannot move the LOCK switch to the upper left to lock the power switch.

**25 Power switch (P. 50, 51, 52)**

**26 Shoulder belt attachment buckles (P. 35)**

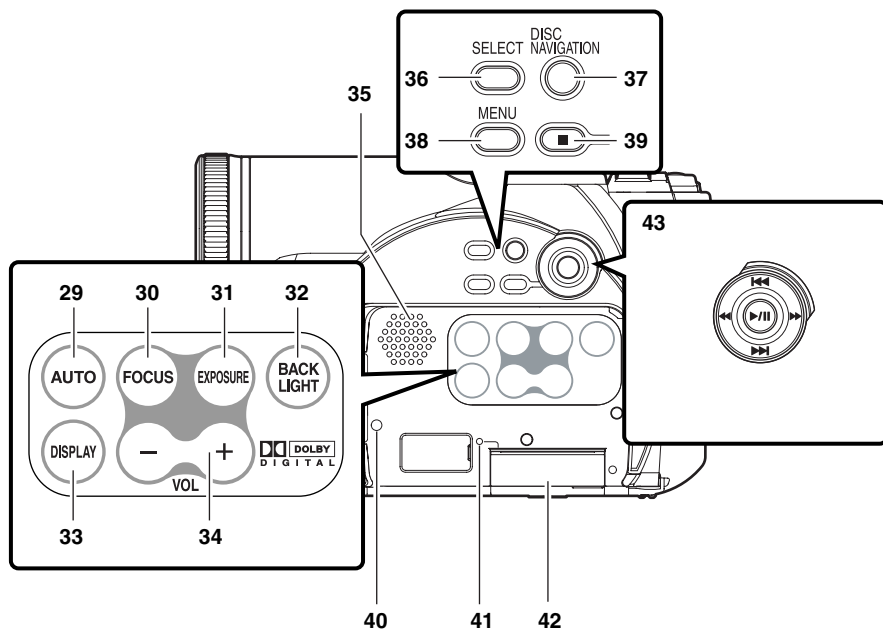
**27 Grip Belt (Free Style Grip Belt) (P. 34)**

**28 Power switch toggle button**

With this button depressed, the power switch can be turned.

However, when set to "OFF," the power switch can be turned even if this button is not depressed.

\* Labeled "ACCESS/PC indicator" in this manual.



**29 AUTO button (P. 67)**

To switch the DVD Video Camera to full automatic.

**30 FOCUS button (P. 64)**

To switch between manual focus and auto-focus.

**31 EXPOSURE button (P. 66)**

Press this button to adjust the exposure.

**32 BACK LIGHT (backlight compensation) button (P. 53)**

Press this button when subject is being illuminated from behind.

**33 DISPLAY (Screen display) button (P. 63)**

Press this button to display the details of image being played back or camera setting status, or to switch the display off.

**34 Volume control buttons (VOL)/ ⊖ ⊕ buttons (P. 59, 64, 66)**

To adjust the volume of sound from speaker, etc.

**35 Speaker (P. 59)**

**36 SELECT button (P. 99, 111)**

**37 DISC NAVIGATION button (P. 96)**

**38 MENU button (P. 40, 79, 102)**

Press this button to display the menu for setting camera functions and Disc Navigation.

The camera menu will appear even if disc is not loaded.

**39 Stop/cancel button (P. 11, 59, 79)**

To end playback or cancel menu setting.

**40 RESET button (P. 163)**

To reset all settings to defaults (status when the DVD Video Camera was shipped from the factory).

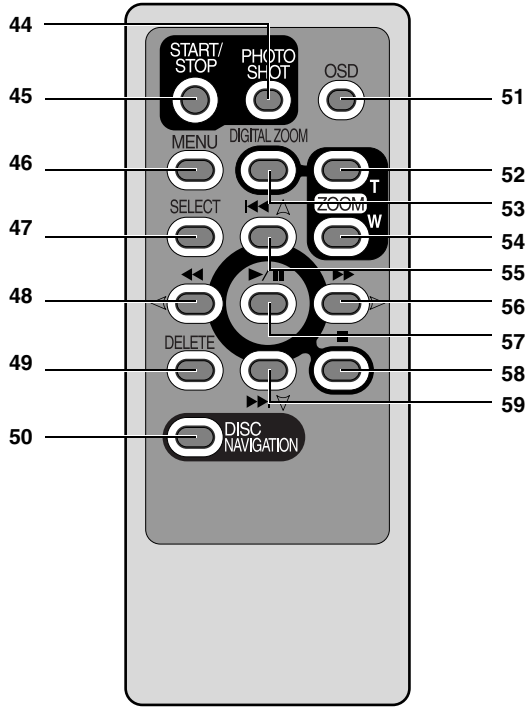
**41 CARD ACCESS indicator (P. 9, 52)**

**42 Card insertion block (P. 49)**

**43 Control buttons**

Used for playback, pausing, fast forwarding, and rewinding. Also used as directional buttons (up, down, left, right) and to make a selection when selecting scenes or menus.

Not included with VDR-M53PP.



**44 Photo shot button (P.52)**

**45 START/STOP (REC) button (P. 51)**

**46 MENU button (P. 40, 79, 102)**

**47 SELECT button (P. 99, 111)**

**48 Reverse search button (P. 60)**

**49 DELETE button (P. 102)**

**50 DISC NAVIGATION button (P. 96)**

**51 OSD (Display) button (P. 63)**

**52 ZOOM T button (P. 57)**

**53 DIGITAL ZOOM button (P. 57)**

**54 ZOOM W button (P. 57)**

**55 Reverse skip button (P. 61)**

**56 Forward/Search button (P. 60)**

**57 Play/pause button (P. 59)**

**58 Stop button (P. 11, 59, 79)**

**59 Forward skip button (P. 61)**

\* The buttons on remote controller will function the same as those on DVD Video Camera.

# Setting Up the Battery Pack

**The CGA-DU07A/CGA-DU14A battery pack provided with this DVD Video Camera has not been charged at purchase time: Charge it before using the DVD Video Camera.**

**Note:**

- Be sure to use the specified battery pack CGA-DU07A/CGA-DU14A (provided) for the DVD Video Camera: using other batteries could cause the DVD Video Camera to malfunction, or result in fire.
- Be sure to use the specified AC adaptor to charge the battery pack: using other chargers could cause electric shock or fire.
- Charge the battery pack at temperatures of 50 - 86°F (10-30°C).

## Charging Battery Pack

Use the provided AC adaptor to charge the battery pack.

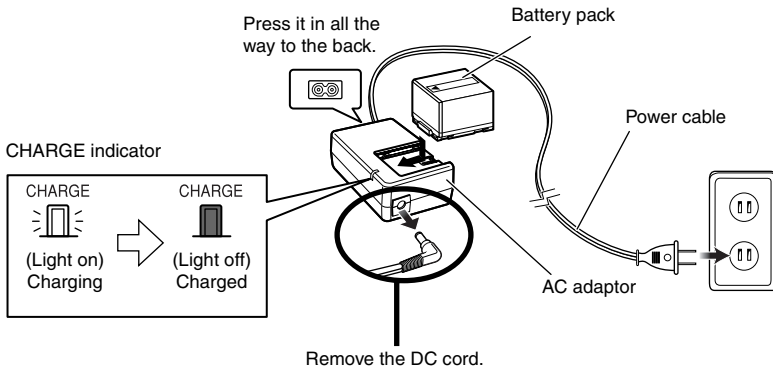
**3** Attach the battery pack to AC adaptor.

**1** Connect the power cable to AC adaptor.

**Note:**

When charging a battery pack, unplug the DC cord from the DC output jack on AC adaptor.

**2** Plug the power cable into AC outlet.



## ● Battery pack charge status

You can find out the charge status of the battery pack by checking the CHARGE indicator on the AC adaptor:

Charge status	CHARGE indicator
During charge	Lit
Charge complete	Goes out

**Note:**

- If the CHARGE indicator does not light when the AC adaptor is plugged into household AC outlet, unplug it from household AC outlet, wait a few moments, and then plug it into household AC outlet again. If the CHARGE indicator still does not light, the AC adaptor may be faulty. Unplug it from household AC outlet and consult your dealer.
- See "Troubleshooting" on page 157, when the CHARGE indicator blinks.

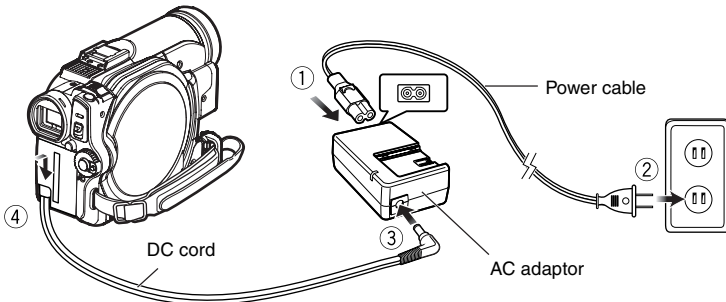
# Record and Play Back Using Disc (Video and Photo)

## Before You Begin

- It is recommended that you use a DVD-RAM disc for trial recording, since you can delete the recorded contents (See page 28).

You can record both videos and photos on DVD-RAM disc; only videos on DVD-R disc.

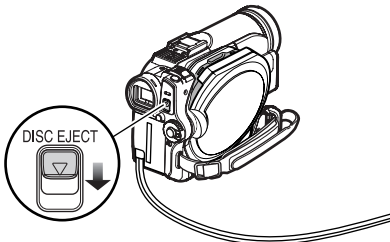
## 1 Connect power supply (P. 45).



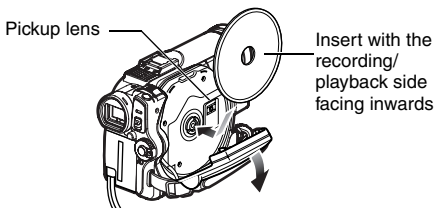
Connect everything in this sequence ① – ④.

## 2 Insert a disc (P. 46).

- Press down the DISC EJECT lever once and release it.



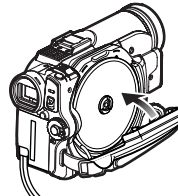
- Open the cover by hand and fit the disc onto the spindle in the center.



### Note:

- Do not use excessive force when opening the cover.
- Do not touch the pickup lens or the recording/playback side of the disc. This may impair recording and playback.
- Insert the disc securely to prevent damage.

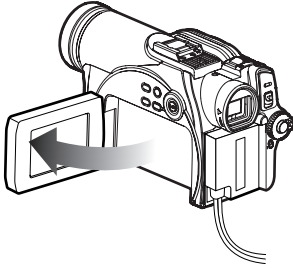
- Close the cover.





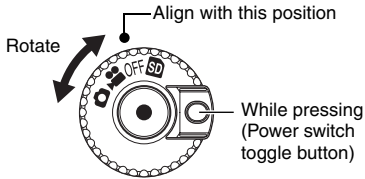



### 3 Start recording (P. 51).

1. Open the LCD monitor (See page 38).

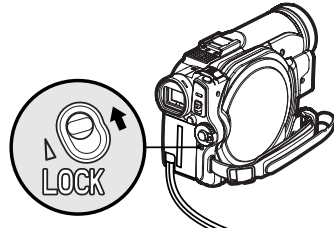


2. Set the switch to “” or “” while pressing down on the power switch toggle button.

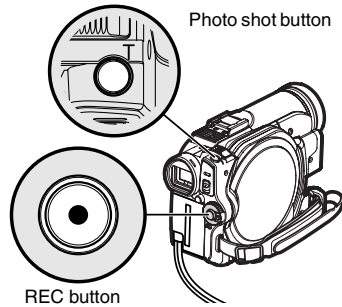


3. Set the LOCK switch to  (to the upper left) to prevent accidental switching of recording mode.\*

\* Only in  mode.



4. Press the REC button to record movie, or press the Photo shot button to record stills. Recording will start. Pressing the REC button again will stop recording.

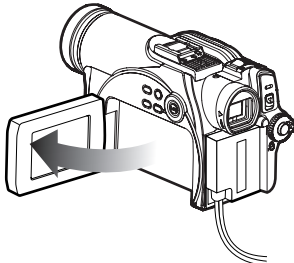



#### Note:

When using an unformatted disc, format (initialize) it on this DVD Video Camera. If unformatted disc is inserted into this DVD Video Camera, a message will appear: Format the disc following the instructions on screen (P. 47, 125). Initializing the disc will erase all the recorded contents: make sure the contents on disc are not valuable before initializing the disc.

### 4 View the playback of recorded content on LCD monitor.

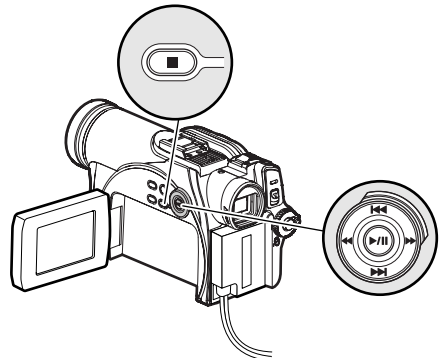
1. Open the LCD monitor (See page 38).



2. After recording is finished, press the  button.

The recorded scene will be played back.

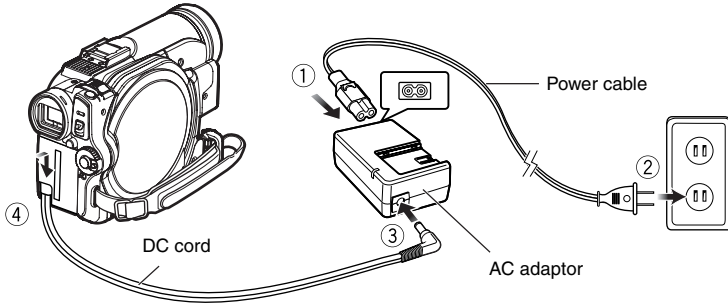
3. Press the  button to stop playback.



# Record and Play Back Using Card (Photo)

Only photos can be recorded on card.

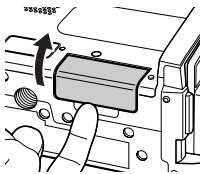
## 1 Connect power supply (P. 45).



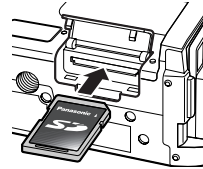
Connect everything in this sequence ① – ④.

## 2 Insert a card (P. 49).

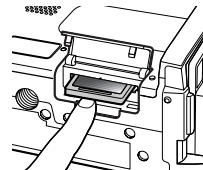
1. Open the LCD monitor.
2. Open the cover of card insertion block with power turned off.



## 3. Put in a card.

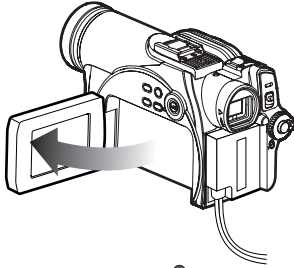



## 4. Insert the card all the way until it locks.

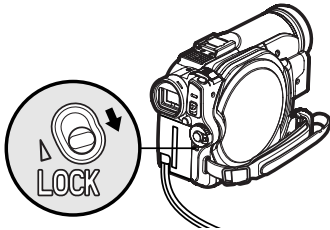


### 3 Start recording (P. 52).

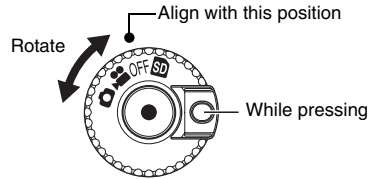
1. Open the LCD monitor (See page 38).



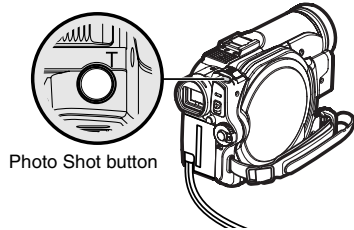
2. Set the LOCK switch to  (to the lower right).



3. Set the switch to “SD” while pressing down on the button to the right of the power switch.

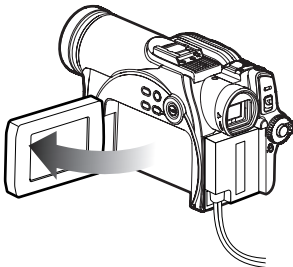



4. Press the Photo shot button.  
Pressing it once will record one photo.



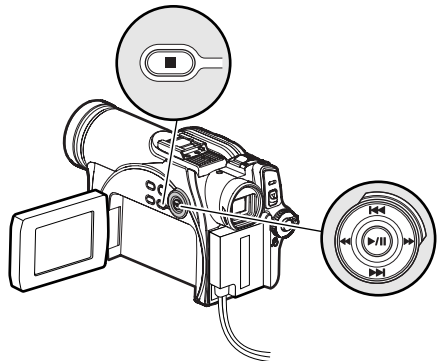
### 4 View the playback of recorded content on LCD monitor.

1. Open the LCD monitor (P. 38).



2. Press the  button in recording pause status: the recorded scene will be played back.

3. Press the  button to stop playback.



# Discs and Cards

The following table lists the storage media (discs and cards) that can be used on this DVD Video Camera and the functions which are available with them:

Function	Media		
	DVD-RAM disc	DVD-R disc	SD Memory Card/ miniSD Memory Card*5
Recording movie	●	●	-
Recording still	●	-	●
Deleting recorded image	●	-	●
Editing on this DVD Video Camera	●	-	-
Playback on DVD player	●*1*3	●*2	-
Playback on DVD video recorder	●*3	●*2	_*4

●: Functions available; -: Not available

\*1: Can be played back on DVD players with the **RAM** mark.

\*2: Must be finalized (see "Terminology" page 148) on this DVD Video Camera before DVD-R disc can be played back on DVD player or DVD-RAM recorder (See page 127). May not be playable on some DVD players.

\*3: Compatible with DVD player or DVD video recorders that conform to 8 cm DVD-RAM.

\*4: Some DVD video recorders incorporate a device that can play back SD memory card.

\*5: miniSD memory cards must be inserted in a special card adapter in order to be used.

## Available Discs



Usable discs and logos	
DVD-RAM Ver. 2.1 (8 cm)	
DVD-R [for General Ver. 2.0 (8 cm)]	

This DVD Video Camera uses 8 cm DVD-RAM discs and 8 cm DVD-R discs for camcorder use. Discs inserted in a holder, cartridge, or caddy case cannot be used. Always remove bare discs from these containers prior to use.

- Image data edited on PC and certain types of image data may not be visible on this DVD Video Camera.
- Image data recorded on another device may not be playable on this DVD Video Camera.

### Note:

- It is recommended that you use Panasonic discs, since their compatibility with this DVD Video Camera has been confirmed. Using a disc other than one made by Panasonic may not allow the DVD Video Camera to deliver optimum performance.
- It is necessary to initialize an unformatted DVD-RAM disc. When an unformatted disc is inserted into the DVD Video Camera, a message will appear: Initialize the disc following the instructions on screen (P. 125).

## Information on DVD-R Disc

You cannot record a still on DVD-R disc, or delete any recorded images or data.

For optimum recording on DVD-R disc, this DVD Video Camera writes control data to the disc in order to automatically make adjustments when it is inserted and ejected accompanying recording. If the disc has no area for control data to be written, recording may not be possible. To prevent this, do not insert a DVD-R disc which has been recorded on more than 50 times. The DVD Video Camera will not perform "write adjustment" unless recording is made. In most cases, "write adjustment" will not be performed when the DVD Video Camera is turned on from off with the disc in it, or when the disc is removed and then reinserted.

### ●Using a new disc

Recording images to a DVD-R using the DVD Video Camera:

The disc must be formatted. (See page 47)

Recording to a DVD-R using DVDfunSTUDIO:

Do not format the disc. (See page 142)

### ●Finalizing DVD-R disc

Before using the 8 cm DVD-R disc in a DVD player or DVD video recorder that is compatible with 8 cm DVD-R disc, the disc must be finalized on this DVD Video Camera. For the finalizing procedure of 8 cm DVD-R disc, refer to "Finalizing DVD-R Disc (Finalize Disc)" (P. 127).

#### Note:

- When using an unformatted DVD-R disc, it is necessary to format it on this DVD Video Camera (See page 47).
- Do not insert a DVD-R disc recorded on this DVD Video Camera that has not been finalized into a recordable device, such as a DVD video recorder: the recorded data may be damaged.
- DVD-R discs edited and finalized on PC or those finalized on another DVD video recorder may not be playable on this DVD Video Camera, depending on the editing software used or recording status of DVD-R disc.
- Refer to the remaining time indicated on the LCD of DVD Video Camera to check the capacity of DVD-R disc.
- DVD-R VR mode is not supported.

## Examples of Discs that Cannot be Used on this DVD Video Camera

- DVD-RAM (2.6 GB) Ver. 1.0
- DVD-R (3.9 GB) Ver. 1.0
- DVD-R (4.7 GB) for Authoring Ver. 2.0
- DVD-RW
- DVD+RW
- DVD+R
- DVD-ROM
- DVD-Video
- CD-R
- CD-RW
- CD
- LD
- MO
- MD
- iD
- Floppy disk
- Discs other than those with diameter of 8 cm
- CD-ROM

#### Note:

Discs recorded on PC or DVD video recorder may not be playable on this DVD Video Camera; if so, the message "This disc cannot be used." will appear. Also, blue thumbnails will appear (Fig. 1\* on page 30), or normal playback will not be possible.

## Handling Discs

### ● Using discs

DVD-RAM and DVD-R discs are very delicate recording media. Carefully read the following cautions and observe them:

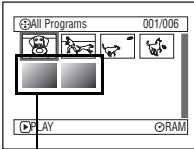
- Always use a brand new disc when recording important material.
- Be sure not to touch the disc surface, and be careful that no dirt adheres to it.
- **If there is dust, a scratch, or dirt on disc or if it is warped**, the following phenomena may occur:

- Block noise in playback image
- Momentary stop of playback image
- Sound interrupted during playback, or abnormal sound



Block noise

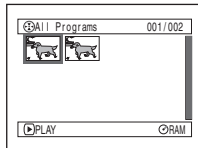
- Blue thumbnail display\* (Fig. 1)
- Disc cannot correctly be recognized
- Delay between video and audio



\* (Fig. 1)

Even if disc is normal, the above phenomena may occasionally occur. While the ACCESS/PC indicator is lit, do not subject disc to vibrations or impact, and avoid using DVD Video Camera at extremely high or low temperatures, or in an environment where condensation is likely to occur.

- When recording images, the DVD Video Camera may avoid the portions of disc where recording is not possible, due to dust, scratches, etc. [It will pause ●II at such a portion and automatically restart recording (●REC).]



(Recording one scene may produce multiple thumbnails.)

This will cause recording to be interrupted for several seconds to several minutes, and multiple thumbnails will be created by one recording session as shown above. In this case, the recordable time on disc will decrease.

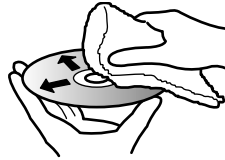
- Be careful when removing the disc since the metal of removal slot of DVD Video Camera, and disc itself, may be hot.

### ● Storing discs

- To store a disc, insert it in the plastic case you received when you purchased it.
- Take care that no condensation occurs on disc.
- Do not place disc in the following places:
  - **Direct sunlight for a long time**
  - **Where humidity is high or in dusty place**
  - **Where there is heat from a heater, etc.**

### ● Disc Cleaning

Use Disc Cleaning Cloth to lightly wipe off any dust, dirt, etc. adhering to disc, as shown in the figure. Never use solvent. Do not use thinner, water, anti-static spray, etc. to clean disc.

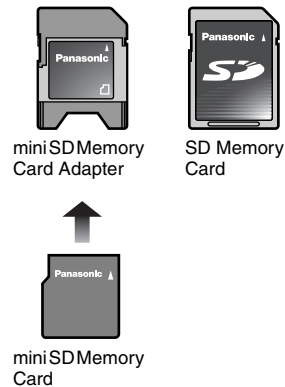


Use Disc Cleaning Cloth to clean from inner to outer circumference in axial direction, or use puff to blow dust off disc, like on camera lens.

#### Note:

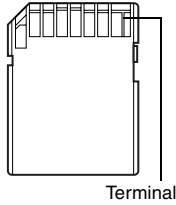
Disc Cleaning Cloth is supplied with product. We also recommend using a DVD Disc cleaner (model no. LF-K200DCJ1, sold separately).

### Available Cards



## ● Handling card

- Do not use cards other than the designated ones.
- Do not touch the card terminal or allow it to touch metal.
- Do not paste anything other than exclusive label on label pasting portion.
- Do not subject card to impact, bend card or drop it.
- Do not disassemble card or modify it.
- Do not expose card to water.
- Do not use or store card in the following places:
  - Where the temperature is high, such as in vehicle at high temperatures, in direct sunlight or near a heater.
  - Where humidity is high, or in dusty place
- Keep the Memory Card out of reach of Children to prevent swallowing.
- When the write-protect switch on SD Memory Card is locked, no recording, deletion or editing will be possible on the card.



## ● miniSD Memory Cards

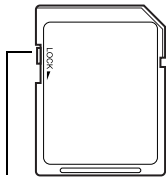
- Be sure to insert miniSD Memory Cards in the dedicated card adapter before use. Inserting a card in the DVD Video Camera without the adapter may damage the camera or the card.
- Do not insert an empty card adapter in the DVD Video Camera. Do not leave the adapter in the DVD Video Camera while inserting or removing miniSD Memory Cards. This may cause the DVD Video Camera to malfunction.

## ● Common cautions for disc and card

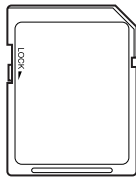
- It is recommended that you create a backup file for valuable data on hard disk of PC.
- Do not do the following, or the data on card may be damaged or lost:
  - Do not remove the card or turn DVD Video Camera off during reading or writing of data
  - Do not use DVD Video Camera in a place subject to static electricity or electrical noise

### Note:

- We recommend that you use a Panasonic brand SD Memory Card.
- This DVD Video Camera can play back image data recorded on other digital cameras conforming to the DCF (Design rule for Camera File system) standard which was established by the Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA). The range of image data playable on this DVD Video Camera is that with pixels from 80 horizontal × 60 vertical to 4000 horizontal × 3000 vertical.
- DCF is an integrated image file format for digital cameras: Image files can be used on all digital devices conforming to DCF.
- Image data edited on PC and certain types of image data may not be viewable on this DVD Video Camera.
- Image data recorded on another device may not be playable on this DVD Video Camera.



Write-protect switch



Locked status

- **miniSD memory cards must be inserted in a special card adapter in order to be used.**

## ● Suitable SD Memory Card

On the Camcorder, you can use SD Memory Cards of the following capacity (from 8 MB to 1 GB).

SD Memory Cards over 2 GB are not compatible with the Camcorder.

8 MB, 16 MB, 32 MB, 64 MB, 128 MB, 256 MB, 512 MB, 1 GB (Maximum)
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- In order to maintain full compatibility, you must format the SD Memory Card using the Camcorder.
- PC formatted SD Memory Cards are not compatible with the Camcorder.
- The Camcorder supports SD Memory Cards formatted in FAT12 system (for SD Memory Card of 8, 16, 32 and 64 MB) and FAT16 system (for SD Memory Card of 128, 256, 512 MB and 1 GB).

Please confirm the latest information on the following website:

<http://panasonic.co.jp/pavc/global/cs>

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# Storage Capacity of Disc or Card

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## Recordable Time of Movie (Video)

The recordable time will vary depending on the recording quality: See page 84 for the setting of recording quality.

Movie recordable time on one disc (on single side) (when recording only movies)

Recording quality	Disc used
	Movie recordable time
XTRA	Approx. 18 min <sup>*1</sup>
FINE	Approx. 30 min <sup>*2</sup>
STD	Approx. 60 min <sup>*3</sup>

↑ Image quality prioritized  
↓ Recording time prioritized

\*1: Variable bit recording (recording of more than 18 minutes may be possible because the transfer rate varies automatically between approx. 3-10 Mbps)

\*2: Transfer rate: Approx. 6 Mbps

\*3: Transfer rate: Approx. 3 Mbps

### Note:

- Audio in XTRA, FINE or STD mode is recorded in the Dolby Digital format, which is the DVD video standard.
- No movie can be recorded on SD Memory Card.
- When using DVD-R disc, you cannot switch the movie quality while recording on the disc: The DVD Video Camera will be automatically set to the movie quality first used with the disc for recording.



## Recordable Stills (Photos) on Disc

### ● Number of recordable stills on one side of disc:

**Up to 999 (VDR-M53PP / VDR-M55PP / VDR-M75PP)**

**Up to 750 (VDR-M95PP)**

If the disc still has free space after recording 999 stills (VDR-M53PP / VDR-M55PP / VDR-M75PP) or 750 stills (VDR-M95PP) on it, movies can also be recorded on it.

## Recordable Stills (Photos) on Card

The number of recordable stills will vary depending on the recording quality: see page 85 for the setting of recording quality.

### For VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP

Capacity	Recording quality		
	FINE	NORM	ECO
16 MB	Approx. 108	Approx. 216	Approx. 432
32 MB	Approx. 232	Approx. 464	Approx. 928
64 MB	Approx. 480	Approx. 960	Approx. 1,920
128 MB	Approx. 960	Approx. 1,920	Approx. 3,840
256 MB	Approx. 1,920	Approx. 3,840	Approx. 7,680
512 MB	Approx. 3,840	Approx. 7,680	Approx. 15,360
1 GB	Approx. 7,500	Approx. 15,000	Approx. 30,000

### For VDR-M75PP

Capacity	Recording quality		
	FINE	NORM	ECO
16 MB	Approx. 27	Approx. 36	Approx. 54
32 MB	Approx. 58	Approx. 76	Approx. 116
64 MB	Approx. 120	Approx. 160	Approx. 240
128 MB	Approx. 240	Approx. 320	Approx. 480
256 MB	Approx. 480	Approx. 640	Approx. 960
512 MB	Approx. 960	Approx. 1,280	Approx. 1,920
1 GB	Approx. 1,800	Approx. 2,400	Approx. 3,600

### For VDR-M95PP

Capacity	Recording quality		
	FINE	NORM	ECO
16 MB	Approx. 13	Approx. 18	Approx. 27
32 MB	Approx. 29	Approx. 38	Approx. 58
64 MB	Approx. 60	Approx. 80	Approx. 120
128 MB	Approx. 120	Approx. 160	Approx. 240
256 MB	Approx. 240	Approx. 320	Approx. 480
512 MB	Approx. 480	Approx. 640	Approx. 960
1 GB	Approx. 900	Approx. 1,200	Approx. 1,800

(The numbers of recordable stills above are only for reference)

### Note:

- Cards used in other devices can be used in this DVD Video Camera.
- No movie or music data recorded on card can be checked, viewed or heard on this DVD Video Camera. In addition, no such data file can be displayed on this DVD Video Camera.
- Use the remaining capacity function to check the remaining free space on disc before use. See "Verifying Remaining Free Space on Disc or Card (Capacity)" on page 124.
- Some still data recorded on this DVD Video Camera may not be playable on another device.

## Size and Quality of Photos

The pixel size of JPEG stills that can be recorded on this DVD Video Camera is as follows:

Model	Setting	
	Camera input	External input
VDR-M53PP / VDR-M55PP	640 × 480 pixels	640 × 480 pixels
VDR-M75PP	1,280 × 960 pixels	640 × 480 pixels
VDR-M95PP	1,600 × 1,200 pixels	640 × 480 pixels

The following table shows the file size and quality of one JPEG still recorded on card:

Quality	File size			Application
	VDR-M53PP / VDR-M55PP	VDR-M75PP	VDR-M95PP	
FINE	Approx. 128 KB	Approx. 512 KB	Approx. 1024 KB	When image quality is prioritized
NORM	Approx. 64 KB	Approx. 384 KB	Approx. 768 KB	Standard
ECO	Approx. 32 KB	Approx. 256 KB	Approx. 512 KB	When number of stills is prioritized (quality will be slightly inferior)

Although still images are recorded on DVD-RAM disc only in the FINE mode, the quality mode can be changed when recording stills on card.

### Note:

- No still can be recorded on DVD-R disc.
- See page 31 for "Suitable SD Memory Card".

# Setup

This section explains preparations for recording - setting up the DVD Video Camera and battery pack.

## Setting Up the DVD Video Camera

### Holding DVD Video Camera • VDR-M95PP

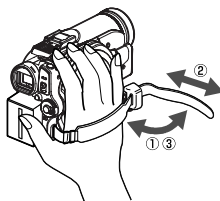
#### Using Grip Belt

Insert your right hand from the bottom of DVD Video Camera up to the base of your thumb.

Put your hand in a position where you can easily operate the REC button, Photo shot button, and the Zoom lever.

Adjust the length of grip belt so that the DVD Video Camera is stable when you press the REC button with your thumb.

- 1) Detach the belt.
- 2) Adjust the length of grip belt.
- 3) Attach the belt.



### • VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP/VDR-M75PP



#### Note:

Do not adjust the grip belt while holding the DVD Video Camera: Doing this could cause the DVD Video Camera to fall and be damaged.

### To use as a Hand Strap (Only for VDR-M95PP)

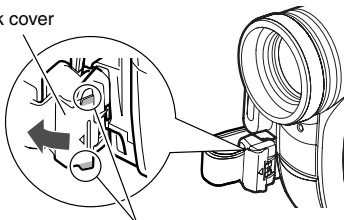
Using the Grip Belt as a hand strap makes it easier to carry the DVD Video Camera.

#### 1 Detach the Grip Belt from the Video Camera.

- 1) Open the Lock cover.

- 2) Push the Lock button and pull the grip belt from the DVD Video Camera. Support the DVD Video Camera securely by the hand to avoid falling.

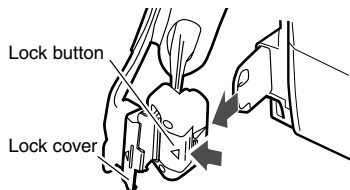
Lock cover



Open the lock cover while pinching the protection portion of both ends.

Lock button

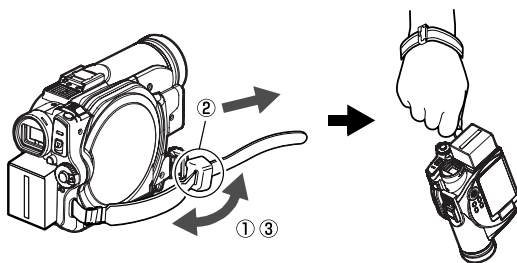
Lock cover



Return the lock cover to the closed position after pulling out the grip belt.

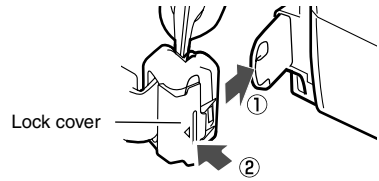
#### 2 Make it a hand strap.

- 1) Turn over the belt.
- 2) Pull the tip in the direction of the arrow.
- 3) Attach the belt.

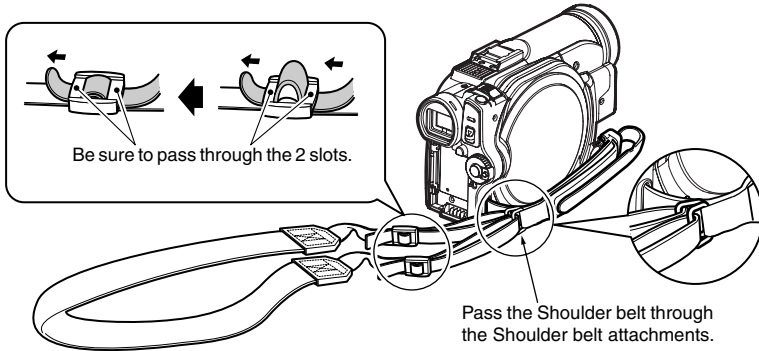


## To use as a Grip Belt again (Only for VDR-M95PP)

- 1 Attach the tip of the grip belt to the DVD Video Camera (1).  
Press down the lock cover in the direction of the arrow so that the belt will not fall out (2).



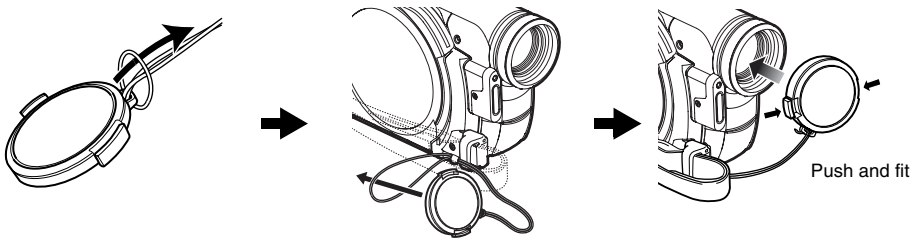
## Attaching Shoulder Belt



## Attaching Lens Cap

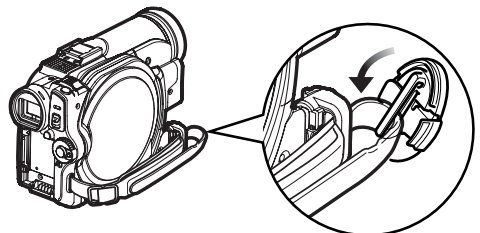
Pass the provided string through the hole in the Grip Belt Attachment part and pass it through the hole in the lens cap.

- 1 Attach the lens cap string to lens cap.  
Shorter side is for the lens cap.
- 2 Attach the string to the attachment hole of DVD Video Camera.  
Detaching the grip belt makes things easier.
- 3 Push both sides of cap inward and attach it over the lens.



### Note:

- Always keep the lens cap on when not using the DVD Video Camera, to protect the lens.
- When recording, attach the lens cap to the grip belt by hooking the tab inside the cap onto strap for comfortable shooting.  
When using as a hand strap, you cannot attach the lens cap to it.



## Inserting Battery into Remote Controller (Not included with VDR-M53PP)

Insert the provided button type battery into remote controller.

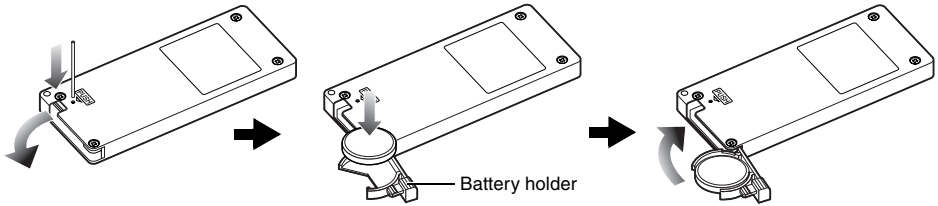
**1** Pull the battery holder out towards yourself while pressing a thin rod or other object into the PUSH hole.

**2** Insert the button type battery with the positive ⊕ terminal facing down.

**3** Slide the battery holder to close it.

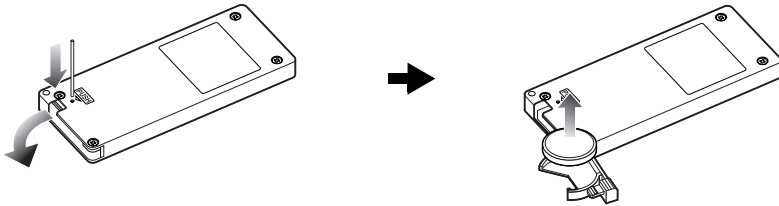
**Note:**

The life of the button type battery is approximately one year. If the battery is discharged, no operation is possible with remote controller. Replace the battery.



## Removing Battery from Remote Controller

**1** Pull the battery holder out towards yourself while pressing a thin rod or other object into the PUSH hole.



**Warning:**

- KEEP THE BATTERY AWAY FROM CHILDREN AND PETS.
- IF SWALLOWED CONSULT A PHYSICIAN IMMEDIATELY FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT.
- BATTERY MAY EXPLODE IF NOT HANDLED PROPERLY. DO NOT RECHARGE, DISASSEMBLE OR DISPOSE OF IN FIRE.

**Note:**

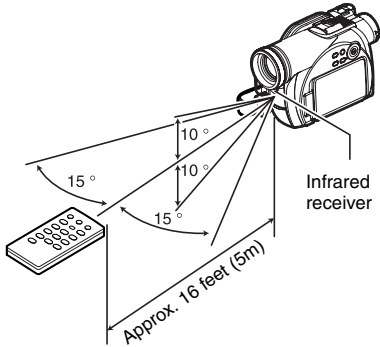
- Dispose of battery safely in accordance with local laws. Do not dispose of in fire.
- Do not short circuit the battery.
- Do not hold the battery with metallic tweezers.
- Keep the battery in a dark, cool, dry place.
- Make sure that none of the remote control buttons are left pressed down as this will cause the battery to discharge rapidly.

**Warning:**

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. Risk of fire, explosion and burns. Do not recharge, disassemble, heat above 212°F (100°C) or incinerate. Keep the Button-Type battery out of the reach of children. Never put Button-Type battery in mouth. If swallowed, call your doctor.

## ●Using Remote Controller

To operate the DVD Video Camera with the remote controller, point it at the infrared receiver before pressing buttons. If it does not work properly, do not forget to point it at the receiver to repeat the action. The remote controllable distance is up to 16 feet (5 m).

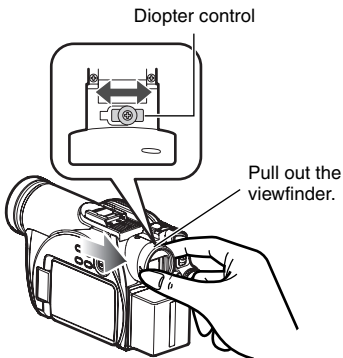


### Note:

- When using the remote controller, make sure that the infrared receiver on DVD Video Camera is not exposed to direct sunlight or any intense light. If the infrared receiver is subject to light stronger than the infrared light from remote controller, the DVD Video Camera cannot be operated by remote controller.
- If there is an obstacle between the remote control and infrared receiver on DVD Video Camera, remote control may not be possible.
- Depending on the type of fluorescent lamp in the room, the remote controller may not work properly.

## Viewing Subject Through Viewfinder

- 1 Pull out the viewfinder.
- 2 Turn the diopter control knob to adjust the focus to suit your eyesight.

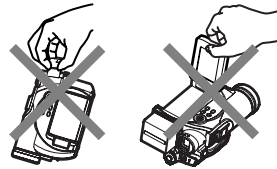


### Note:

- If no image appears in viewfinder, refer to "Check 6" on page 150.
- If the LCD monitor is open approximately 90°, the viewfinder will be off.
- Focusing will not be correct unless the viewfinder is pulled out.
- See "LCD/EVF Setup" (P.92) for information on displaying the viewfinder image regardless of whether the LCD monitor is open or closed.

### Caution:

Do not lift the DVD Video Camera by holding the viewfinder or LCD monitor. If the viewfinder or LCD monitor comes off, the DVD Video Camera will fall.



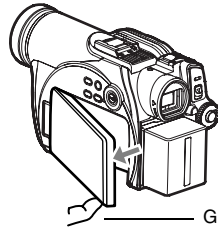
# Viewing Image on LCD Monitor Screen

## 1 Open the LCD monitor.

The LCD monitor has a spot where you can hook your finger. Hook the finger there to open the monitor.

**Note:**

- See “LCD/EVF Setup” (P.92) for information on displaying the viewfinder image regardless of whether the LCD monitor is open or closed.



Grab the bottom with your finger and pull it out.

## ● Range of LCD monitor movement

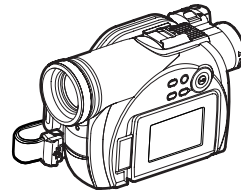
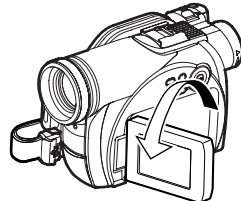
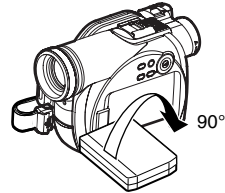
The LCD monitor can be opened up to approximately 90°.

If the LCD monitor is open 90°, the screen can be tilted down by as much as 90°, and can also be tilted up and turned up to 180° so the screen faces in the same direction as the lens.

If the LCD monitor is turned 180° so the screen faces in the same direction as the lens during recording, subject image will also appear in the viewfinder as a mirror image (left/right reversed). Tilt the LCD monitor to adjust its vertical angle so that you can easily see the screen .

**Note:**

- If no image appears on LCD monitor screen, refer to “Check 7” on page 150.
- Be sure to open the LCD monitor approximately 90° before changing its vertical angle.
- Do not record for a prolonged time with the LCD monitor facing outside in close contact with the DVD Video Camera body (see diagram, right): Doing this could cause the DVD Video Camera and LCD monitor to become hot.



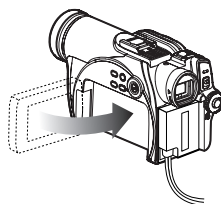
## Closing LCD Monitor

Before closing the LCD monitor, be sure to reset it at a right angle to the DVD Video Camera.

Close the LCD monitor, with the LCD screen facing inward, until a click is heard.

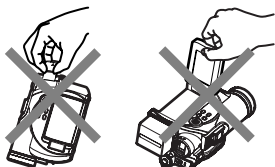
### Note:

- Be sure to return the LCD monitor to a right angle to the DVD Video Camera before closing it. If the LCD monitor is tilted or faces outward from the camera body, it cannot be closed to the DVD Video Camera.
- If the LCD monitor is not securely locked to the DVD Video Camera, no image will appear in the viewfinder.



### Caution:

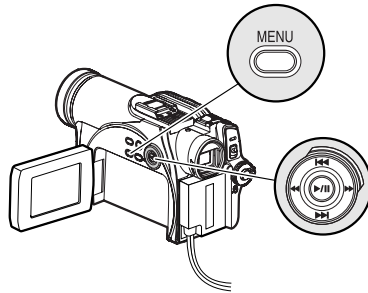
Do not lift the DVD Video Camera by holding the viewfinder or LCD monitor: If the viewfinder or LCD monitor comes off, the DVD Video Camera will fall.



## Setting Date and Time

Set the current date and time so that the date and time at which you make a recording can be recorded correctly.

The following procedure can also be used to correct the date and time you have already set.

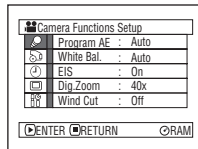


Press **◀/▶/◀▶** buttons to select, and then press **▶/||** to activate.

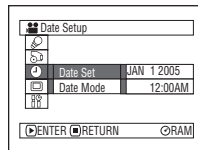
**1** Turn the DVD Video Camera on.

**2** Press the MENU button.

The menu screen will appear.

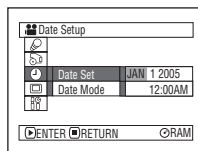


**3** Press the **◀/▶** button to choose "Date Setup" and then press the **▶** button to choose "Date Set".



**4** Press the **▶** button.

The figure for the month will be selected. [The digit that is highlighted first depends on the date display format (set up in Date Mode): The digit on the left end of the date display will be highlighted first.]



### Note:

After highlighting the month, press the **◀/▶** button to change the month. If you press the **▶/||** button after changing the month, the screen for verifying the set date will appear instead of the screen for setting day, year or time.

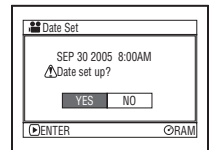
**5** Press the **◀/▶** button to change the month.

Press the **◀/▶** button to move the highlight to the day of the month, then repeat step 5 to set the current date and time.

### Note:

To stop date/time setting midway, press the **■** button.

**6** After setting the current date and time, press the **▶/||** button.



The screen for verifying the set date will appear.

**7** If the displayed date and time are correct, use the control buttons to choose "YES", and then press the **▶/||** button.

The date and time will be set, and the DVD Video Camera will enter recording pause mode. Choosing "NO" will restore the menu screen.

### Important Note:

This DVD Video Camera incorporates a rechargeable battery to store the date and time in memory. If this built-in battery is exhausted, the date and time will be reset. To prevent this, connect the AC adaptor to DVD Video Camera every 3 months, and leave it to charge for at least 24 hours with the DVD Video Camera turned off: The built-in battery will be charged.



# Changing Display Format of Date and Time

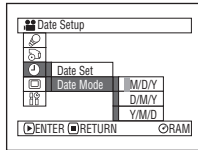
You can select one of three date display formats: month/day/year, day/month/year, or year/month/day. The time display format will also change as follows:

Display format	Example of display
M/D/Y	5:00PM SEP 30 2005
D/M/Y	17:00 30. 9.2005
Y/M/D	17:00 2005. 9.30

**1** Press the MENU button.

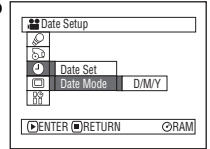
The menu screen will appear.

**2** Use the control buttons to choose “Date Mode” on the “Date Setup” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.



The options will appear to the right of “Date Mode”: The □ mark will be attached to the currently selected option.

**3** Use the control buttons to select the desired date display format, and then press the ►/|| button.



The menu screen for setting date will be restored, and the “Date Mode” will have been changed as you designated.

**4** Press the MENU button to switch off the menu screen.

**Note:**

If the date display format has been changed, the display format during playback as well as during recording will also be changed (See page 54).

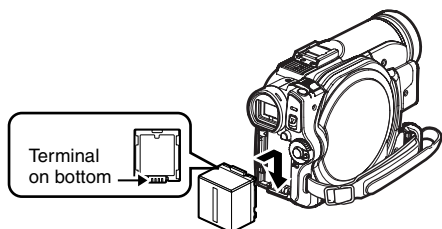
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# About the Battery Pack

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## Attaching Battery Pack to DVD Video Camera

- 1 Fit the battery pack to the battery attachment platform on this DVD Video Camera and slide it downward until a click is heard.



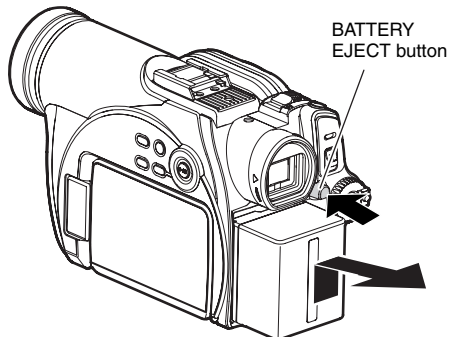
**Note:**

- Make sure that the battery pack is in the correct orientation.
- Make sure that the battery pack is securely attached: Incomplete attachment could cause the battery pack to fall, resulting in damage.

## Removing Battery Pack

After using the DVD Video Camera, remove the battery pack from it.

- 1 Press the BATTERY EJECT button: The battery pack can be removed.
- 2 Slide the battery pack upward to remove it.



**Note:**

- For safety, be sure to turn the DVD Video Camera off before attaching or removing the battery pack.
- Be careful not to drop the removed battery pack.
- If the battery remains attached, minute level current will flow even if the DVD Video Camera is off, and the battery pack will discharge.

**● Recordable time with fully charged battery pack (with no zoom operation, etc.)**

For your reference, the approximate DVD Video Camera recordable time with fully charged battery pack:

**VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP [with model CGA-DU07A]**

XTRA	When using viewfinder	approx. 85 min
	When using LCD monitor	approx. 70 min
FINE	When using viewfinder	approx. 85 min
	When using LCD monitor	approx. 70 min
STD	When using viewfinder	approx. 100 min
	When using LCD monitor	approx. 85 min

**VDR-M75PP [with model CGA-DU07A]**

XTRA	When using viewfinder	approx. 70 min
	When using LCD monitor	approx. 60 min
FINE	When using viewfinder	approx. 70 min
	When using LCD monitor	approx. 60 min
STD	When using viewfinder	approx. 80 min
	When using LCD monitor	approx. 70 min

**VDR-M95PP [with model CGA-DU14A]**

XTRA	When using viewfinder	approx. 125 min
	When using LCD monitor	approx. 110 min
FINE	When using viewfinder	approx. 125 min
	When using LCD monitor	approx. 110 min
STD	When using viewfinder	approx. 140 min
	When using LCD monitor	approx. 125 min

*The time is only for reference. It varies depending on recording contents.*

**Continuous Recording (without zoom):**

The continuous recording time of DVD Video Camera in the left table shows the available recording time when the DVD Video Camera is in the recording mode without using any other function after recording is started. In actual recording, the battery pack will discharge 2-3 times faster than this reference since the REC button and zoom are being operated, and playback is performed. Assume that the recordable time with a fully charged battery pack is between 1/2 and 1/3 of the time in the left table, and prepare the type and number of batteries to allow for the time you are planning to record on the DVD Video Camera.

Note that the battery pack discharges faster in cold places.

**● The time taken for charging the battery pack is as follows [at 77 °F (25 °C)]**

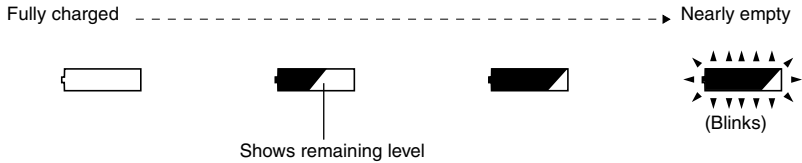
CGA-DU07A	CGA-DU14A
90 min	165 min

**Note:**




- See page 157 when charging is not possible.
- The charge time will vary depending on the remaining battery level.
- During and after charging, the battery pack will be warm, but this does not indicate a fault.
- If the following phenomena appear, the battery pack may be dead: Replace it.
  - Charging does not start within 10 seconds (the CHARGE indicator does not light).
  - The battery pack cannot be charged up to 75% if more than 9 hours have elapsed after charging started.
  - The battery pack cannot be fully charged if more than 5 hours have elapsed after it was charged to 75%.
- Charge the battery pack at ambient temperature 50°F to 86°F (10°C to 30°C). Charging at temperatures other than this range could damage the battery pack.

## Remaining Battery Level Indicator

When the battery pack is used to power the DVD Video Camera, the battery remaining level appears in the viewfinder or on the LCD screen as follows:



### Note:

- If you use the provided battery pack, the remaining level indicator “” may be displayed for an extended period, and “” or “” may be displayed for a shorter period.

## Efficient Use of Battery Pack

### Charge battery pack immediately before using DVD Video Camera:

The battery pack will slightly discharge even if it is detached from the DVD Video Camera. If the battery pack is left attached to DVD Video Camera, it will consume a slight amount of power.

### Important Note:

**It is recommended that you charge the battery pack shortly before using the DVD Video Camera, usually on the day before you plan to use it.**

Since the battery pack used for this DVD Video Camera is free from the memory effect, you do not need to completely discharge the battery pack before charging it.

### When not using the DVD Video Camera for an extended period:

It is recommended that you fully charge the battery pack once a year, attach it to DVD Video Camera and use it up; then remove the battery pack and store it in a cool place again.

### Store in cool place:

When you are not using the DVD Video Camera, remove the battery pack and store it in a cool place. If you store it in a place where the temperature is high, the battery life will be shortened. Be especially sure not to store the battery pack in an environment (in a closed vehicle) over 140°F (60°C). Neglecting this could damage the battery pack.

### Battery life:

Battery life varies greatly depending on the ambient environment and how often the DVD Video Camera is used. If the usable time of DVD Video Camera with a fully charged battery pack is noticeably short, the battery pack is probably dead: Purchase a new one.

### Power save and discharge of battery pack:

It is recommended that you turn the DVD Video Camera off in status other than recording, since even during recording pause battery power is consumed at the same level as during recording. If, when you specify Power Save On, the recording pause status continues for approximately 5 minutes, the DVD Video Camera will automatically turn off.

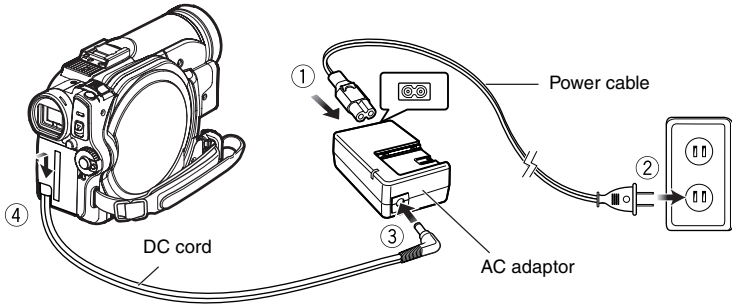
To set or release power save, see “Turning DVD Video Camera Off Automatically (Power Save)” on page 93.

## Using DVD Video Camera with AC adaptor

It is recommended that you use the AC adaptor to power the DVD Video Camera from a household AC outlet when you perform settings on it, play back or edit images, or use it indoors.

### Note:

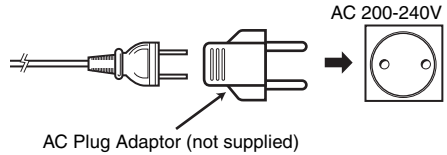
Be sure to use the specified AC adaptor to power the DVD Video Camera. Using other AC adaptors could cause electric shock or result in fire.



- 1 Connect the power cable to AC adaptor.
- 2 Plug the power cable into household AC outlet.
- 3 Plug one end of DC cord into the DC output jack on AC adaptor.
- 4 Attach the other end of DC cord to the battery attachment platform on DVD Video Camera.

### Note:

The AC adaptor can be used around the world. An AC plug adaptor is required in some foreign countries. If you need one, purchase it from your distributor.



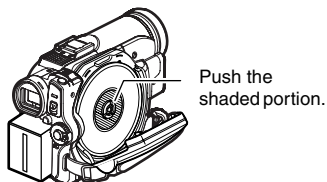
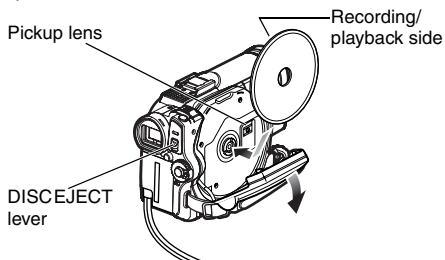
# Inserting and Removing Disc

## Inserting Disc

- 1 Press the DISC EJECT lever down once and release it.

A few moments after the ACCESS/PC indicator blinks, the cover of disc insertion compartment will open slightly.

- 2 Open the cover by hand and fit the disc onto the spindle in the center.



### Note:

- The exposed disc portion must face in the same direction as the lens, as shown in figure.
- The recording/playback side must face the inside of DVD Video Camera.
- **Do not use excessive force when opening the cover.**
- **Do not touch the pickup lens or the recording/playback side of the disc.**  
**This may impair recording and playback.**
- **Insert the disc securely to prevent damage.**
- **When you open the lid, the ACCESS/PC indicator flashes red. Do not leave the lid open.**

## ● Identifying recording/playback sides of disc:

This section describes double-sided discs. Note that the included DVD-RAM disc is a single-sided disc.

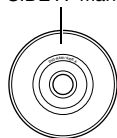
Single sided disc:

The recording/playback side is opposite to the labelled side.

Double-sided disc:


The "SIDE A" recording/playback side is opposite to the "SIDE A" marked side. The "SIDE B" recording/playback side is the "SIDE A" marked side.

"SIDE A" mark



The opposite side is the "SIDE A" recording/playback side.

- 3 Push the section marked "PUSH CLOSE" on the cover of disc insertion compartment, to close the cover.

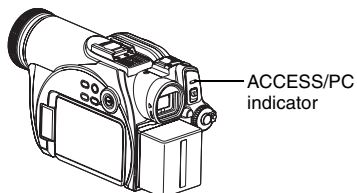
- 4 Turn the DVD Video Camera on (  or  ).

When "DISC ACCESS" disappears, the DVD Video Camera is ready for recording.

### Note:

Immediately after a disc is inserted or recording is finished: If the ACCESS/PC indicator is lit or blinking immediately after a disc is inserted or recording is finished, then the disc is spinning and disc information is being saved. If the power supply is cut off while this is happening, the disc may become unusable. For this reason, the power cord must not be unplugged and the battery must not be removed when the ACCESS/PC indicator is lit or blinking immediately after a disc is inserted.

While the ACCESS/PC indicator is lit or blinking, do not cause impact or vibration to the DVD Video Camera.



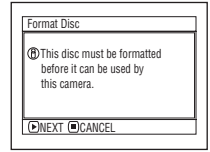
**Note:**

- Disc cannot be inserted or removed unless the battery pack or AC adaptor is connected to DVD Video Camera.
- If there is some delay before recording starts, refer to “Check 4” on page 149.
- The disc insertion orientation is specific. Forcibly inserting a disc in the wrong orientation could damage the DVD Video Camera or disc.
- If the disc is not correctly inserted, the cover will not close. Never try to forcibly close the cover: this could cause damage. Reinsert the disc properly.
- If a single-sided disc is inserted into DVD Video Camera with the printed label facing the inside, an error message will appear. Remove the disc and reinsert it with its recording/playback side facing the inside. See “Error Messages” on page 152.
- Do not allow the recording/playback side to become dirty or scratched.
- **When using double-sided disc**  
Recording is possible on both sides of double-sided disc. However, when recording or playback on one side is finished, recording or playback will not move automatically to the other side. Remove the disc once from the DVD Video Camera, turn over the disc and insert it again for continued use.

**●When using brand-new DVD-R disc**

Recognition of the disc will start.

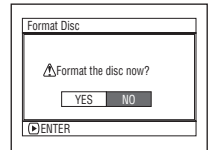
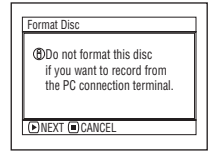
The messages on the right will appear in sequence by pressing the ►/|| button between messages.

**When recording on this DVD Video Camera:**

When the first message “Format the disc now?” appears, choose “YES” and then press the ►/|| button. The disc will be formatted.

When formatting is complete, “DVD-R disc, Video mode cannot be changed” will appear (See page 154): After confirming the contents, press the ►/|| button to erase the message.

Once formatted, a DVD-R disc can no longer be recorded on by a PC, even if it has not been recorded on by this DVD Video Camera.

**Note:**

See page 84 for movie quality mode.

**When recording data from PC:**

While the above messages are being displayed, press the ■ button, or when message “Format the disc now?” appears, choose “NO” and then press the ►/|| button.

If data from PC has not yet been recorded, the disc can be made usable on this DVD Video Camera. When inserting the disc into this DVD Video Camera, the same message will appear: If you wish to use it on this DVD Video Camera, choose “YES”.

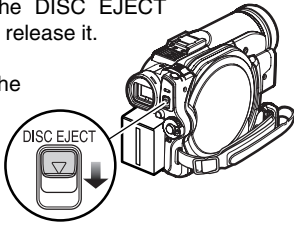
**Note:**

Do not initialize a disc on which you wish to record data created using the application DVDfunSTUDIO on PC.

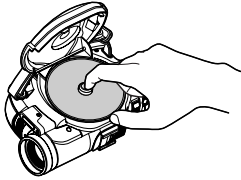
## Removing Disc

- 1 Press down the DISC EJECT lever once and release it.

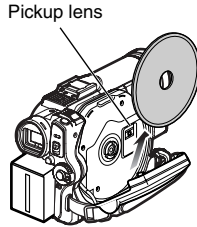
In a moment, the cover of disc insertion compartment will open slightly.



- 2 Open the cover by hand and remove the disc.



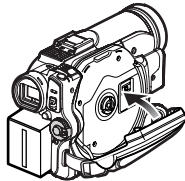
While pressing down on the spindle, grasp the edge of the disc and gently lift it out.



### Note:

- Do not use excessive force when opening the cover.
- Do not touch the pickup lens or the recording/playback side of the disc.
- If the disc cover is open, the power will not turn off even if the power switch is set to "OFF".
- When you open the lid, the ACCESS/PC indicator flashes red. Do not leave the lid open.

- 3 Gently push the section labelled "PUSH CLOSE" on the cover of disc insertion compartment (on side) to close the cover.



### Note:

- It is recommended that you turn the DVD Video Camera off before inserting or removing disc to prevent misoperation.
- If the disc cover is open, the power will not turn off even if the power switch is set to "OFF".
- Do not remove the battery pack or disconnect the AC adaptor during removal of the disc or until power is completely turned off: If you do, the disc cover will not open. If this happens, reattach the battery pack or AC adaptor, push down the DISC EJECT lever once, and then release it.
- Do not insert anything other than the 8 cm DVD-RAM or DVD-R disc into the disc insertion block: Doing so could cause malfunctions.
- Set the power switch to "OFF" to turn the DVD Video Camera off.
- When inserting or removing the disc, connect a charged battery pack or AC adaptor to the DVD Video Camera: The disc cover will not open unless the DVD Video Camera is powered.

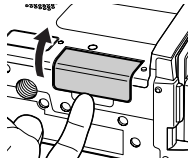


# Inserting and Removing Card

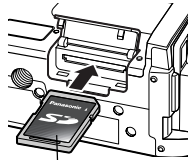
**1** Turn the DVD Video Camera off.

**2** Open the LCD monitor.

**3** Open the cover of card insertion block.



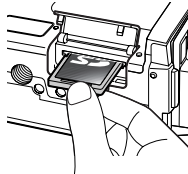
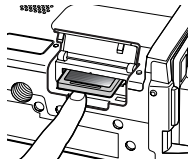
**4** Insert card with its contacts inward until it locks.



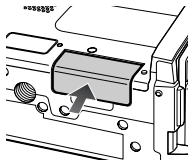
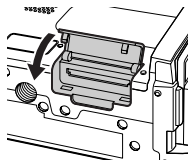
Label pasting portion

## Removing Card

Push the center of card edge: The card will come out so that it can be held by fingers.



**5** Close the cover of the card insertion block until you hear a click.



## Note:

- Do not close the LCD monitor while the cover is open.
- Do not push the label pasting portion of Card when removing it: Doing so could damage Card.
- No card is provided with this DVD Video Camera. Buy cards if you need them.

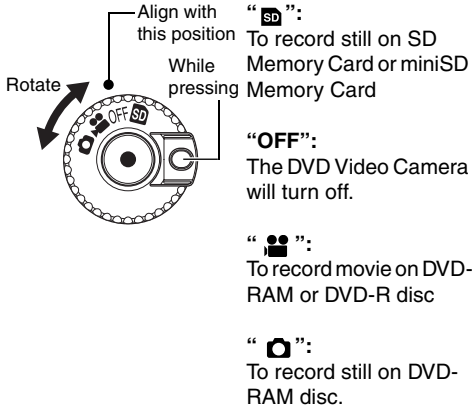
# Basic Techniques

This section explains the basic techniques of recording movies and still images, and also basic settings on DVD Video Camera.

## Basic Operation of DVD Video Camera

### Turning DVD Video Camera On or Off

Set the switch to the appropriate recording function while holding down the button to the right of the power switch.



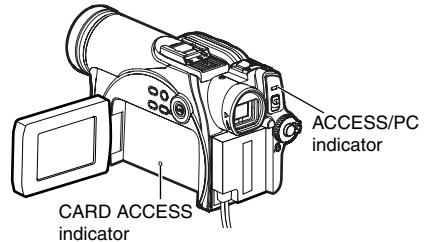
#### Power ON status

During playback, set the power switch to “ ” or “ ” when using disc, or set it to “SD” when using card.

Turn the switch while holding down the button at the right of switch.

#### Note:

- Once you turn the DVD Video Camera on to let it recognize the disc, you can immediately record or play back the same disc when the DVD Video Camera is turned on again. However, if the disc is left in the camera for an extended period, it will take some time for the camera to recognize the disc again (See page 149).
- It will take some time for the DVD Video Camera to display the Disc navigation screen after power is turned on.
- When you turn the DVD Video Camera on, the ACCESS indicator will light or blink to show that the DVD Video Camera is recognizing the disc or card: During this time, no operation, such as recording, can be performed. After several seconds, the ACCESS indicator will go out, and operating the DVD Video Camera will be possible. If the ACCESS indicator does not go out, refer to “Check 4” on page 149.

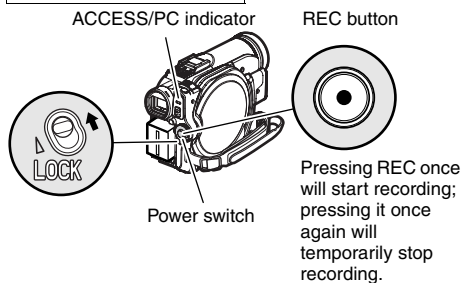


- When the DVD Video Camera is turned on, the self-diagnosis function operates and a message may appear. In this case, refer to “Error Messages” on page 151 and take corrective action.
- While the ACCESS/PC or CARD ACCESS indicator is lit or blinking, do not cause impact or vibration to the DVD Video Camera.

# Recording Movie

## Before You Begin

- Insert a recordable DVD-RAM or DVD-R disc into this DVD Video Camera.



### 1 Turn the DVD Video Camera on.

Set the power switch to “” to turn the DVD Video Camera on.

After the ACCESS/PC indicator goes out, perform the subsequent operations:

### 2 Check the subject on the screen (viewfinder or LCD).

If using the viewfinder, pull it out.

### 3 Press the REC button.

The “●II” mark in the viewfinder or on the LCD screen will change to the “●REC” mark, and recording will start.

During recording, the recording indicator on the front of the DVD Video Camera will light.

Pressing REC again during recording will set the DVD Video Camera to recording pause mode.

### 4 When recording is finished, turn the DVD Video Camera off.

#### Note:

- See “Check 1” on page 149 when recording movie is not possible.
- See “Check 4” on page 149 if it takes some time before recording is possible.
- See “Check 5” on page 150 if the DVD Video Camera does not operate.
- See page 54 for on-screen information display.
- It is recommended that you use DVD-RAM disc from which recorded contents can be deleted.
- Sound is recorded from the internal stereo microphone on the front of DVD Video Camera. Take care that this microphone is not blocked.

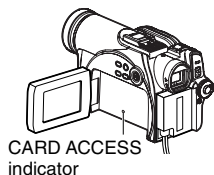
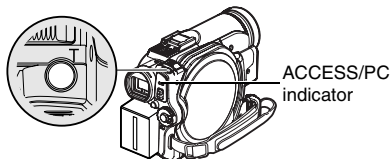
- You can press the REC button immediately after the DVD Video Camera enters recording pause mode, but no further recording can be made while “DISC ACCESS” is being displayed. Recording will restart after the message disappears.
- Do not turn power off while message “DISC ACCESS” is being displayed.
- Take care that power is not interrupted while the ACCESS/PC indicator is blinking.
- The minimum recordable time of movie is approximately 3 seconds.
- See page 94 for setting of Record LED (recording indicator) On/Off.
- For various functions available during recording, see “Setting Up Camera Functions” on page 80.
- Panasonic cannot be responsible for video and audio that cannot be recorded or edited because of any defect.
- The power switch can be changed even during recording, but the operation will not be changed.
- Each time the DVD Video Camera enters the recording pause mode, the counter display will be reset to “0:00:00”.
- When using DVD-R disc, do not perform the following, as doing so may make the disc unusable.
  - Using another device, doing additional recording on DVD-R disc first recorded on this DVD Video Camera
  - Using this DVD Video Camera, doing additional recording on DVD-R disc recorded on another device
- It is recommended that you set the LOCK switch to (to the upper left) to prevent the power switch in the “” position from accidentally moving to “”.
- Do not insert an unfinalized DVD-R in any other device. Doing so may make the disc unusable.

## Recording Stills

### Note:

Recording of still images is possible on DVD-RAM disc and card.

Photo shot button



### 1 Turn the DVD Video Camera on.

When using DVD-RAM disc:

Set the power switch to “”.

When using card:

Set the power switch to “”.

After the ACCESS indicator goes out, perform the subsequent operations:

### 2 Check the subject on the screen (viewfinder or LCD).

### 3 Press the photo shot button halfway down (half press).

The DVD Video Camera automatically focuses on the subject at the center of screen (when auto focus is selected).

When the image is in focus, “●II” is displayed in pink.

### 4 Press the photo shot button all the way down (full press).

The screen will turn black, and then the recorded still will be displayed. When the “●II” mark appears, you can proceed with the next recording; while “DISC ACCESS” or “CARD ACCESS” is being displayed, you cannot proceed with the next recording.

### 5 Set the power switch to “OFF” to turn the DVD Video Camera off.

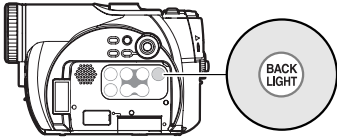
Turn power off only after message “DISC ACCESS” disappears.

### Note:

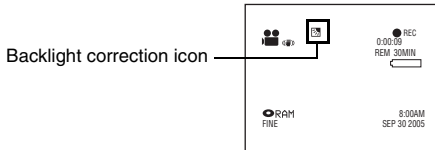
- See “Size and Quality of Photos” on page 33 for details about photos on card.
- See “Check 2” on page 149 if recording photos is not possible.
- Do not operate the power switch or remove the card while the ACCESS/PC or CARD ACCESS indicator is lit or blinking. Doing so may damage the card or the data on card.
- With VDR-M75PP and VDR-M95PP, the range of screen in which recording is possible will be different for movie and still.
- The DVD Video Camera automatically sets the shutter speed between 1/800 and 1/30 second (between 1/800 and 1/10 second if Program AE has been set to Low Light) depending on subject brightness.
- If focusing is difficult, use the manual focus function (p.64).

# Compensating for Backlight

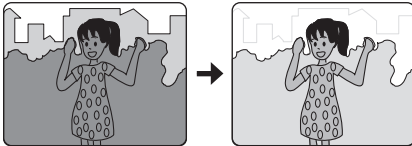
When subject is lit from behind, this function will compensate for lighting so that the subject is not too dark.



**1** Press the BACK LIGHT button during recording.



The backlight correction icon will appear.

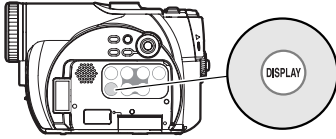


## Note:

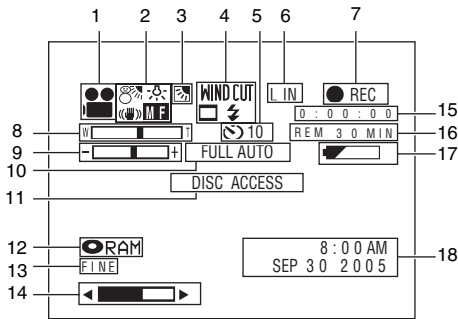
- Pressing the BACK LIGHT button will alternate backlight setting between on and off.
- The backlight setting will automatically return to "off" when the DVD Video Camera is turned off.

# On-Screen Information

Various types of information will appear in the viewfinder or on the LCD screen during recording.



## Information Display during Recording



The above screen is an example for explanation: It is different from the actual display.

### 1. Recording mode

- : Movie
- : Still with disc
- : Still with card
- \*1 : External input (field)
- \*1 : External input (frame)

### 2. Program AE

- No display : Auto
- : Sports
- : Portrait
- : Spotlight
- : Surf & Snow
- : Low Light

### White balance

- No display : Auto
- : Set
- : Outdoor
- : Indoor

### Electronic image stabilizer (EIS)

- No display : EIS OFF
- : EIS ON

### Manual focus

No display : Autofocus

: (display in English or German):  
Manual focus

: (display in French or Italian):  
Manual focus

: (display in Spanish): Manual focus

### 3. Backlight compensation

No display : Backlight compensation OFF

: Backlight compensation ON

### 4. Wind Cut (only in movie recording mode)

No display : Wind Cut OFF

: Wind Cut ON

### Wide mode\*2 \*3

No display : Wide mode 4:3

: Wide mode 16:9

### Flash\*2 [For DVD-M75PP, only when Flash (sold separately) is attached] (only in still recording mode)

A : Emits light automatically (AUTO)

: Always emits light

: No light emission

### 5. Self timer (only in still recording mode)

No display : Self timer OFF

10 : Self timer ON (countdown is from 10 seconds)

### 6. External Input

L IN : AV input

S IN\*3 : S-VIDEO input

### 7. Recording status

: During recording

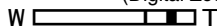
: During recording pause

No display\*4

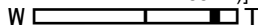
## 8. Zoom



(Digital Zoom: Off)



[Digital Zoom: 40x (VDR-M75PP/  
VDR-M95PP), 60x (VDR-M53PP/  
VDR-M55PP)]



[Digital Zoom: 800x (VDR-M53PP/  
VDR-M55PP), 240x (VDR-M75PP/  
VDR-M95PP), only in movie  
recording mode]

## 9. Exposure correction

## 10. FULL AUTO indicator

## 11. Warning message

## 12. Disc/Card type

: DVD-RAM

: DVD-R

: DVD-RAM (write-protected)

: DVD-R disc already finalized on this  
DVD Video Camera

: DVD-R disc finalized on a device other  
than this DVD Video Camera

: SD Memory Card

: Locked SD Memory Card

No display<sup>\*5</sup>

## 13. Movie recording quality (only when using disc)

XTRA : Image quality prioritized

FINE : Standard

STD : Recording time prioritized

## Still recording quality (when using card)

FINE : High quality

NORM : Standard

ECO : Number of recordable stills is  
prioritized

## 14. Volume



The volume can be adjusted during external  
input and playback.

## 15. Movie recording time (only in movie recording mode)

## 16. Remaining space on disc/card<sup>\*6</sup>

REM XX MIN<sup>\*7</sup> : Remaining recordable minutes  
during movie recording

REM XX<sup>\*8</sup> : Number of remaining  
recordable still images during  
still recording

## 17. Remaining battery level

(full charge)



(low remaining charge)

## 18. Current date/time

\*1 Appears only with external input when the DVD Video Camera is in PHOTO recording mode.

\*2 Not displayed on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP.

\*3 Displayed only in movie recording mode.

\*4 When no disc or card is in the DVD Video Camera, or disc has not yet been initialized, a write-protected disc or locked card, or a disc or card with no remaining space, has been inserted.

\*5 When a disc or card that cannot be used in this DVD Video Camera is inserted

\*6 No remaining time or number will be displayed with a protected disc or locked card, or finalized DVD-R disc.

\*7 In XTRA mode, possible recording time may be longer than the displayed time.

\*8 The displayed number of recordable stills is for reference: The decreasing number may not be correct, depending on recording conditions (not displayed with a DVD-R disc).

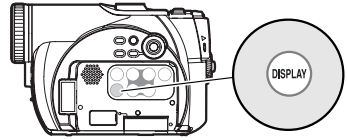
## ● Switching the information display mode

You can switch the display mode of on-screen information:

Press the DISPLAY button.

The full and minimum display modes will alternate.

- **Full display mode:** All types of information will appear.
- **Minimum display mode:** The recording mode (see 1 on page 54) and recording status (see 7 on page 54) will appear. If the DVD Video Camera has warning information, a warning message will appear.



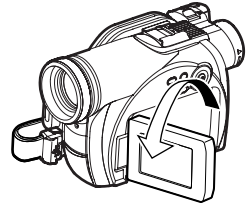
### Note:

The DVD Video Camera does not record the date and time as a part of the image. However, this information during recording will be recorded with image as data which can be checked on Disc Navigation screen during playback (See "Information Display during Playback" on page 63).

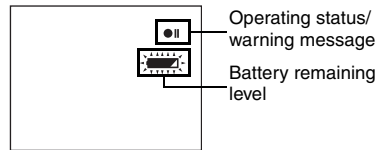
## ● Display when recording an image of yourself

When recording with the LCD screen facing the same direction as the lens, the operating status will appear, and in addition, the battery remaining level will blink when the battery pack has almost no remaining charge.

The following operating status indicator will light or blink to give a warning message to user. The message can be checked by returning the LCD monitor 180° to the original position from the position in which the LCD screen was facing the same direction as the lens.



- : The disc has almost no free space.
- : Write-protected disc or locked card is loaded.
- : You are attempting to record a still on DVD-R disc.
- No display : Disc or card that cannot be used has been loaded.
- II ● : The disc or card is full, or you are attempting to record a copy-guarded image.



### Note:

- If the LCD screen is set facing the same direction as the lens, the LCD screen will display a mirror image (left and right reversed).
- If the LCD screen is set facing the same direction as the lens, you can also view subject image in the viewfinder.
- Although you can switch to the manual focus, exposure and on-screen display modes even during recording with LCD screen facing the same direction as lens, they will not appear on the screen.
- When the LCD monitor is opened and turned 180° with the Program AE set to Low Light, the monitor screen will shine white (p.70).

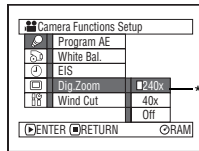


# Zooming

This DVD Video Camera allows you to record using optical 24- (on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP) or 10- (on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP) power zoom and digital zoom.

If you continue to hold the zoom lever on the “T” control side with Dig. Zoom 60x or 800x specified (on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP) or Dig. Zoom 40x or 240x specified (on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP), the digital zoom will be activated midway (when optical 24-power is exceeded on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP or optical 10-power is exceeded on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP). You can set the digital zoom up to 60x (on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP) or 40x (on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP) in photo mode, and 60x and 800x (on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP) or 40x and 240x (on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP) in movie mode.

**1** Press the MENU button, choose “Dig. Zoom” on the “Camera Functions Setup” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.

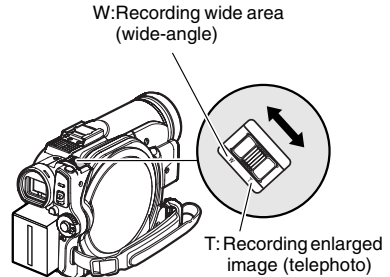
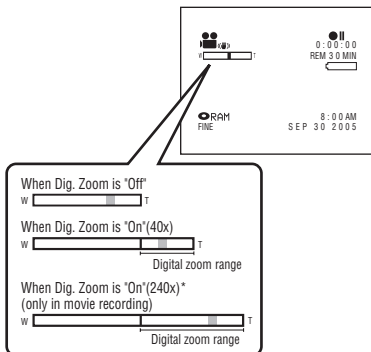


**2** Choose the desired magnification, and then press the ►/|| button.

**3** Press the MENU button to end setting.

Moving the zoom lever will display the digital zoom bar.

\* 800x will appear on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP; 240x will appear on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP.



## Note:

- Dig. Zoom setting will be stored in memory even if the DVD Video Camera is turned off.
- You can also use the DIGITAL ZOOM button on remote controller to switch the digital zoom setting. Pressing the button during movie recording will switch the setting between “Off”, “60x” and “800x” (on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP) or “Off”, “40x” and “240x” (on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP). Pressing the button during still recording will switch between “Off” and “60x” (on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP) or “40x” (on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP).
- If you set zoom to 800x (VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP), 240x (VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP) when recording still, digital zoom will be up to “60x” (on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP) or “40x” (on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP).
- When a subject is zoomed, it may be momentarily out of focus.
- When digital zoom is engaged, the image quality will be rougher.
- When using card, zooming only up to “60x” (on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP) or “40x” (on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP) is possible, even when “800x” (on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP) or “240x” (on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP) has been chosen.
- If the power switch is set to “” with DVD-RAM disc loaded, zooming only up to “60x” (on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP) or “40x” (on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP) is possible, even when “800x” (on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP) or “240x” (on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP) has been chosen.
- When you record pictures, with “24x” (on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP) or “10x” (on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP) or more magnification, the DVD Video Camera is susceptible to shake. We recommend using a tripod (only for VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP).

## Macro Recording

Use the macro function when recording a small object from close-up position: You can shoot the subject as close as approximately 13/16" (2 cm) from the lens surface, magnifying the image to fill the screen.

- 1 Aim the DVD Video Camera at the subject, and press down the zoom lever to "W" control side.

**Note:**

- Zoom can be used, but the subject may not be focused, depending on the distance to the subject. In this case, move the zoom to "W" control side to focus.
- The amount of light tends to be insufficient during macro recording. If the subject image is too dark, use additional lighting.

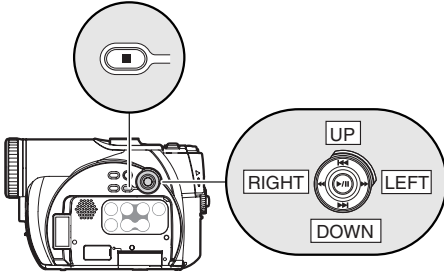
# Playing Back

## Before You Begin

- Insert a disc or card recorded on this DVD Video Camera (P. 46, 49).
- Turn the DVD Video Camera on (P. 50).

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## Playing Back



### 1 Press the ►/|| button in recording pause mode.

The DVD Video Camera will enter the playback mode, and the scene you recorded last will be played back.

When playback is finished, the DVD Video Camera will enter pause mode at the last image on disc.

If playback pause mode continues for as long as 5 minutes, the DVD Video Camera will automatically return to recording pause mode.

### 2 Press the ■ button.

Playback will stop, and recording pause mode will be restored.

#### Note:

- During playback of movie, playback sound will be heard from the speaker. Adjust the sound volume using the volume control buttons (⊕, ⊖).
- You can play back the audio recorded in Dolby Digital (2ch).
- To temporarily stop playback, press the ►/|| button. Press the ►/|| button again to restart playback.
- Even if you stop playback midway and immediately start recording again, the new image will be recorded after the last scene on disc or card (the previous images will not be overwritten).
- Image data edited on PC or certain types of image data may not be displayed on this DVD Video Camera.
- Image data recorded on another camcorder may not be playable on this DVD Video Camera.
- Depending on the amount of data to be played back, it may take some time for the playback image to appear.
- Do not operate the power switch or remove the card while the ACCESS/PC or CARD ACCESS indicator is lit or blinking: Doing so may damage the card or the data on card.

## Playback from Start of Disc or Card

Use the Go To function (P. 62) or Disc Navigation function (P. 96) to play back from the start of disc or card.

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## Search Playback of Movie

During playback, press one of the following buttons and hold it: Search playback will start.

Hold the ►► button: Scenes will be visually scanned forward

Hold the ◀◀ button: Scenes will be visually scanned backward

Release the control buttons when you find the desired image: Normal playback will start from that point.

### Note:

- See "Check 3" on page 149 if search playback does not operate normally.

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## Frame Advance/Frame Back/Slow Playback of Movie

During playback pause, press the following buttons: Frame advance, frame back or slow playback will start.

Press the ►► button : Picture will advance one frame.

Press the ◀◀ button : Picture will go back one frame.

Hold the ►► button : Forward slow playback

Hold the ◀◀ button : Reverse slow playback

After frame advance, frame back or slow playback, the DVD Video Camera will enter playback pause mode.

### Note:

- In forward slow, a rapidly moving subject image may be distorted.
- The intervals for playing back frames in frame advance/frame back/slow playback are as follows:  
Frame advance and forward slow: Approx. 0.03 seconds  
Frame back and reverse slow: Approx. 0.5 seconds
- No sound will be heard during search playback or slow playback.

## Skip Playback of Movie

During playback, press the following buttons to locate the start of desired scene.

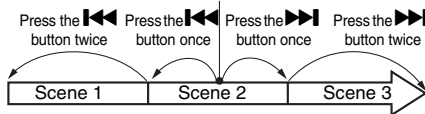
Press the **▶▶▶** button: To skip to the first image of the scene following the one being played back, and start playback.

Press the **◀◀◀** button: To return to the first image of the scene being played back, and start playback.

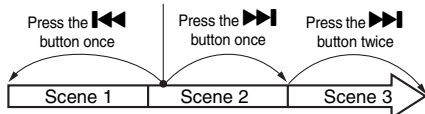
Hold the **▶▶▶** button: To continuously locate the beginnings of scenes, starting from the scene following the scene being played back. When the desired image appears, release the **▶▶▶** button: Playback will start from that point.

Hold the **◀◀◀** button: To continuously locate the beginnings of scenes backward, starting from the scene preceding the scene currently being played back. When the desired image appears, release the **◀◀◀** button: playback will start from that point.

Portion being played back



Portion being played back



Pressing the **◀◀◀** button at a point several seconds from the start of scene being played back will return to the start of the scene preceding that being played back.

### Note:

- If you perform skip playback during playback pause, the DVD Video Camera will enter playback pause mode at the beginning of the located scene.
- Pressing the **▶▶▶** button in the last scene on disc will set the DVD Video Camera to playback pause mode at the last image.
- See "Check 3" on page 149 if skip playback does not operate normally.

## Playing Back Stills

Press the following buttons during playback to quickly play back stills in sequence.

Press the **▶▶▶** button: to display stills one by one forward

Press the **◀◀◀** button: to display stills one by one backward

### [When using disc]

Releasing the control buttons will start continuous playback.

### [When using card]

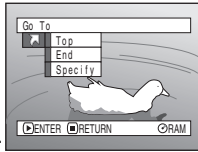
When the control button is released, the photo at that point will be displayed, and then the DVD Video Camera will enter playback pause mode.

Set the slide show function for continuous display (P. 129).

## Jumping to Specified Point (Go To)

1 Press the MENU button during playback.

2 Choose the option (point you want to go to), and then press the ►/II button.

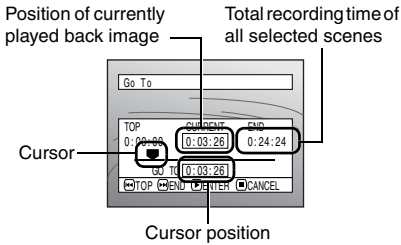


- Top : To go to the start, and enter playback pause.
- End : To go to the end of last scene, and enter playback pause.
- Specify : To go to a specified point and enter playback pause. See the following for details.

### ● Specifying the point to view

1 Choose “Specify” in step 2 above, and then press the ►/II button.

The screen for specifying the point to go to will appear.



3 Press the ►/II button to enter the selection.

The DVD Video Camera will go to the specified point and enter playback pause mode. Pressing ►/II again will start playback.

To cancel the “Go To” procedure midway, press the ■ button before going to the specified point.

**Note:**

- If multiple scenes are selected using the Disc Navigation function or SELECT button, choosing “Top” will jump to the beginning of selected scenes (P. 123).
- When multiple scenes are selected, the total time of selected scenes will appear in the “total recording time” display.
- With card, the number of stills will appear at the “TOP”, “CURRENT”, “END” and “GO TO” indicators.
- The cursor may not move at same-pitch intervals.

2 Use the control buttons to select the desired time of chosen point.

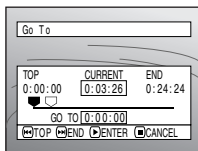
Press the ◀◀ button : To select the start.

Press the ▶▶ button : To select the end.

Press the ◀◀ or ▶▶ button:

–Press once: To move the cursor in 10-second units (1-still units for card)

–Hold down: To move the cursor in 1-minute units (10-still units for card)



(When the start of scene is selected)

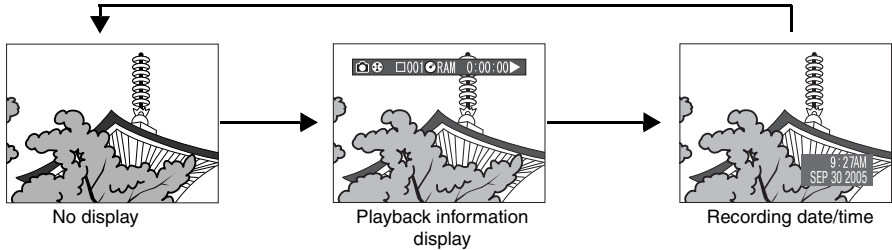
☐ Cursor at current image position.

▼ Cursor at (GO TO) position.

# On-Screen Information Display

## Information Display during Playback

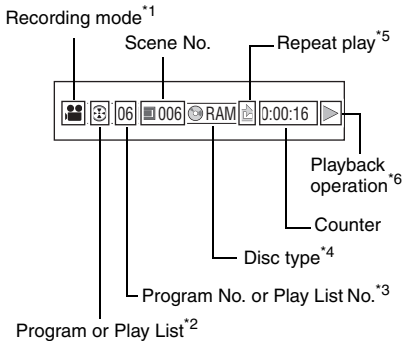
Various types of information on recording will be superimposed on playback image you are viewing.



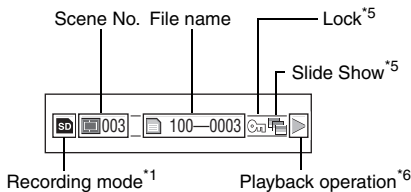
### ● Switching the information display mode

Press the DISPLAY button: You can switch the display mode of on-screen information.

#### When using disc:



#### When using card:



\*1 (movie), (still with disc) or (still with card)

\*2 Program or Play List

\*3 Number of program or play list being played back (not displayed when all programs are being played back)

\*4 Refer to “Disc/Card type” on page 55.

\*5 Will appear when each function is specified “On”

\*6 : Standard playback

: Playback pause

: Forward search playback

: Reverse search playback

: Forward skip playback

: Reverse skip playback

: Forward frame advance

: Reverse frame back

: Forward slow playback

: Reverse slow playback

Refer to “Playing Back” beginning on page 59 for instructions on how to operate.

The “” mark will appear on the first image on disc.

The “” mark will appear on the last image on disc.

- **Recording date/time display:** Shows the date/time when recording was started. Even when playback starts, the date/time display will not advance.
- **No display:** No information will appear. However, when the playback operation mode is switched, the symbol () will appear for approx. 3 seconds.

#### Note:

See “Using Disc Navigation” on page 96 and later for explanation on program and play list.

# Manually Focusing Subject

The DVD Video Camera usually focuses on a subject automatically (autofocus). You can also manually focus a subject depending on the recording conditions.

## Focusing during Recording

This DVD Video Camera automatically focuses a subject at the center of screen (auto-focus). When the DVD Video Camera is turned on, auto-focus will always be set.

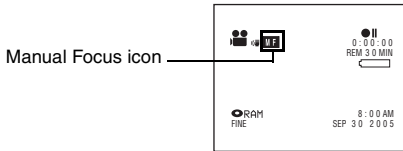
## Focusing range

You can switch the display mode of on-screen information:

- On T (tele) side: approximately 3.6 feet (1 m) from lens surface to infinity
- On W (wide) side: approximately 13/16" (2 cm) from lens surface to infinity

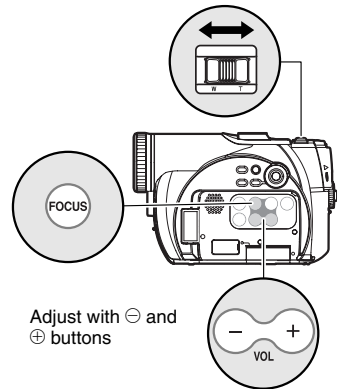
### 1 Press the FOCUS button during recording.

"MF" will appear on the screen.



### 2 Press the zoom lever down to "T" control side to zoom in on subject.

### 3 Use the $\ominus$ $\oplus$ buttons to adjust the focus, while viewing the image in the viewfinder or on the LCD screen.

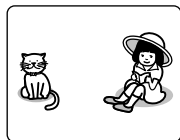


#### Note:

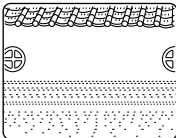
- Pressing FOCUS will alternate between manual focus and auto focus. With auto focus, no indication will appear on the screen.
- Be sure to zoom in on your subject before manually focusing on it. If you bring the subject into focus at the "W" control side, focus will be faulty when you turn the zoom lever to the "T" control side to zoom in on the subject.
- Manual focus setting will be stored in memory even when the DVD Video Camera is turned off.



Manually focus the following objects, which may not be automatically focused (See page 64):



Objects not in the center of screen



Objects with little variation in brightness, such as a white wall



Objects that are far and near at the same time



Objects moving rapidly



Objects lit by neon sign, spotlight, etc. which glares or emits strong light



Dark objects



Object behind glass with water droplets, dirt on it



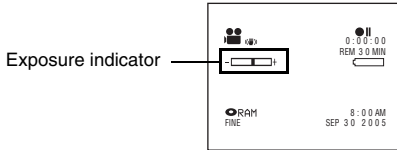
Night view

## Adjusting Exposure Manually

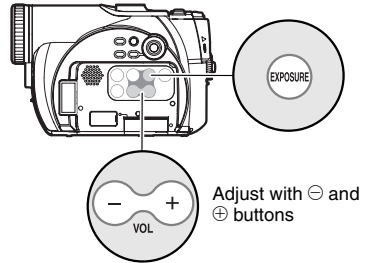
The DVD Video Camera usually adjusts the exposure automatically. You can also manually adjust the exposure depending on the recording conditions.

**1** Press the EXPOSURE button during recording.

The exposure indicator will appear on the screen.



**2** Use the  $\ominus$   $\oplus$  buttons to adjust the exposure while viewing the image in the viewfinder or on the LCD screen.

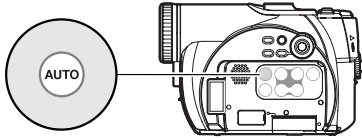


### Note:

- Pressing EXPOSURE will alternate between manual adjustment and auto exposure. With auto exposure, no indication will appear on the screen.
- The exposure setting will be stored in memory even when the DVD Video Camera is turned off.

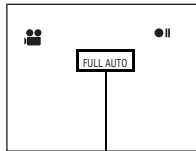
# Using Auto Function

Pressing the *AUTO* button will fully automate the camera functions.



**1** Press the *AUTO* button.

“FULL AUTO” will be displayed on the screen of DVD Video Camera for several seconds.






FULL AUTO



The following settings will reset to defaults:

Function	When setting full auto	Page
Program AE	Auto	80
White balance	Auto	81
Exposure	Auto	66
Focus	Auto	64

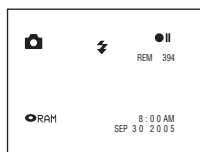
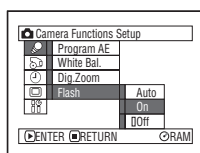
## Built-in Flash (Only for VDR-M95PP)

When recording photos in a dark place, or if the subject is lit from rear, the VDR-M95PP makes use of the built-in flash for automatic brightening: The flash can also be set to “On” where the light is always being emitted, or “Off” when you wish to record without using the flash even in a dark place.


Setting of Flash	On-screen information	Manner of emitting light
AUTO	 A*1	Automatically emits light in dark place or in a place lit from rear.
ON		Always emits light regardless of brightness.
OFF		No light emission.

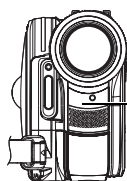
\*1 Without light emission, the “A” display is cleared when you press the Photo shot button halfway. When using the flash, if you press the photo shot button half-way the indication will change to “”.

- 1 Press the MENU button, and choose “Flash” from the “Camera Functions Setup” menu screen.
- 2 Choose the option for “Flash”.
- 3 Press the MENU button to end setting.



### Note:

- When recording dark subjects without using “Flash”, the shutter speed will be slower, so don't let the camera shake.
- The “Flash” setting will not change even when the DVD Video Camera is turned off. Unless recording is to be made with the fixed “Flash” setting, it is recommended to return it to “Auto” after recording with the “On” or “Off” setting, before turning the DVD Video Camera off.
- The flash automatically adjusts the amount of light emitted, but the light amount adjustment may be insufficient when a subject is too far away or too near.
- The distance for the flash to adjust the appropriate amount of light will vary depending on the subject, but it is approximately 1 - 2.5 m.
- When recording a close-up photo, specify “Flash: Off”. Using the flash too near the subject could cause a whitish image.
- “” will blink while the flash battery is charging.
- Do not block the sensor at the top of the flash with your finger.

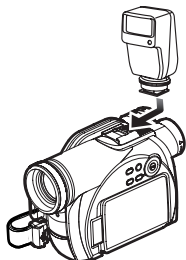


Sensor

## Setting Flash




(See "Introduction to Optional Accessories" on page 145)

When shooting stills, you can use the optional VW-FLH3<sup>\*1</sup> Flash (P. 145). Refer to the Flash manual for instructions.





### Note:

- The DVD Video Camera automatically sets the shutter speed between 1/800 and 1/30 second (between 1/800 and 1/10 second if Program AE has been set to Low Light) depending on subject brightness (P. 80).
- The available range of the Flash is about 1 - 4 m.
- See "Switching Quality of Still Image (Quality)" on page 85 if you want to change the still quality mode.
- Dark subjects may not be in clear focus even if the Flash is used. It is recommended that you illuminate a subject when recording in a dark place.
- When you use accessories for hot shoe (only optional VW-FLH3), the power is supplied by this DVD Video Camera. (Only for VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP.)
- The built-in flash cannot be used together with the separately sold Flash.
- If a separately sold Flash is connected, it is given priority. (Only VDR-M95PP.)

Setting of Flash	On-screen information	Manner of emitting light
AUTO	 A <sup>*2</sup>	Automatically emits light in dark place or in a place lit from rear.
ON		Always emits light regardless of brightness.
OFF		No light emission.

<sup>\*1</sup> Only for VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP

<sup>\*2</sup> Without light emission, the " A" display is cleared when you press the Photo shot button halfway. When using the flash, if you press the Photo shot button half-way the indication will change to ".

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## Recording in Dark Locations Using the Light from the LCD Monitor

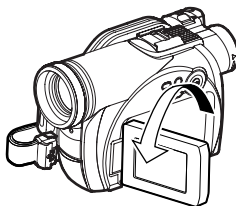
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When Program AE is set to “Low Light”, you can use the light from the LCD monitor to record a subject.

- 1** Press the MENU button, and choose “Program AE” from the “Camera Functions Setup” menu screen.
- 2** Choose “Low Light”, and select it.
- 3** Press the MENU button to end setting.
- 4** Open the LCD monitor, turn it 180° so that it faces the same direction as the lens: The LCD monitor will shine white light.

**Note:**

- Use the viewfinder to check the image to be recorded.
- The LCD monitor light allows you to record a subject up to 1 m away even in a dark place.
- If a subject cannot be focused properly, manually adjust the focus.

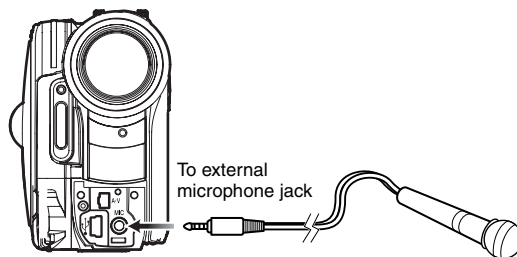


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## Using External Microphone

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Connect external microphone (optional-user provided) to the external microphone jack of this DVD Video Camera. Clearer sound can be recorded. Turn on the switch on microphone and start recording. For details on microphone, see “Major Specifications” on page 164.



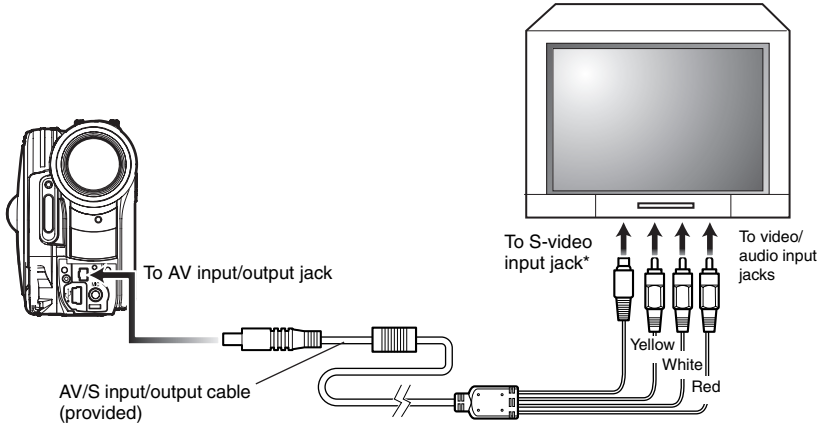
**Note:**

This DVD Video Camera cannot use a plug-in power type microphone (power supplied from Video Camera).

# Viewing on TV Screen

## Connecting to a TV

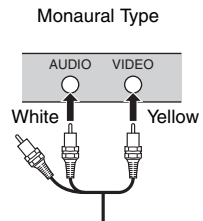
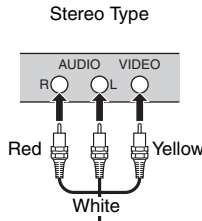
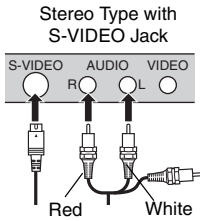
Use the provided AV/S input/output cable to connect the DVD Video Camera to a TV as follows:



\* If your TV has an S-VIDEO input jack, you can connect the S-VIDEO plug into it.

**Note:**

- Using S-VIDEO will deliver clearer playback.
- Before connecting, make sure that the volume on TV is turned down: forgetting this may cause howling (see "Terminology" on page 147) from the TV speakers.
- Carefully connect the input and output cables to the corresponding connections on the device the DVD Video Camera is being used with.



## Viewing on TV Screen

- 1 Turn on the TV and set the input selector to the Input connection the DVD Video Camera is connected to. This is often referred to as "line".

Refer to the TV instruction manual for how to switch the TV input.

- 2 Turn the DVD Video Camera on.

The image that the DVD Video Camera is viewing will appear on the TV screen. You can also monitor the image on the LCD screen or viewfinder of the DVD Video Camera.

- 3 Perform playback, recording or editing.

You can perform playback, recording or editing in Disc Navigation while viewing on TV screen.

### Note:

- Adjust the sound volume on TV.
- The infrared remote controller is useful when operating the DVD Video Camera while viewing an image on TV screen.
- Information that the DVD Video Camera is recording will appear on the TV screen: You can also display only part of information or switch off the display. Refer to "Setting OSD Output On or Off (On-Screen Display)" on page 90, and press the DISPLAY button to switch the display status.
- When copy-guarded disc is played back, no image will appear on TV screen.
- If you use TV with wide mode (aspect ratio 16:9) and set the TV to wide mode, the entire Disc Navigation display may not be displayed on the TV screen. If this happens, turn off the wide mode setting on TV (see the TV instruction manual for turning off the wide mode).



## Playback on DVD Video Recorder/Player

You can use a DVD video recorder (see “Terminology” on page 147) or DVD player that conforms to 8 cm DVD-RAM to play back DVD-RAM discs recorded on this DVD Video Camera. Note, however, that such DVD-RAM discs are not compatible with all DVD video recorders and all DVD players.

- 1 Insert the disc into the DVD video recorder/player and play it back.

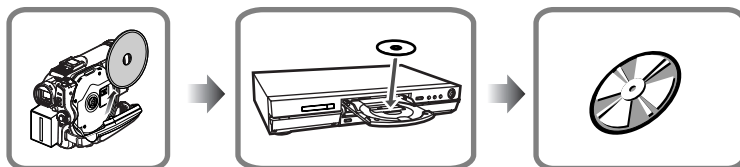
See the instruction manual for DVD video recorder/player.

### Note:

- Do not insert a DVD-R disc that has not been finalized into a DVD video recorder: the disc may be unusable.
- When playing back disc on another device, the Disc Navigation display will be different from the one on this DVD Video Camera.

## To Customers who Have a DVD Video Recorder with a hard disk

- The following is possible using the hard disk of DVD video recorder:



- 1 Writing the images recorded on DVD-RAM disc in DVD Video Camera to hard disk of DVD video recorder.

- 2 Dubbing the images recorded on hard disk to a DVD-RAM disc or brand-new DVD-R disc. (See the Operating Instructions of DVD video recorder for details.)

### ■ Note when recording to hard disk of DVD video recorder

- Use video-only recorded discs.
- Depending on the DVD video recorder you are using, a disc with only photos or a disc on which photos and videos are mixed may not be recordable to the hard disk.
- No images recorded on a DVD-R disc on this Video Camera can be recorded to a hard disk.
- If your DVD video recorder has a card slot, you can write the photos recorded on a card on this Video Camera to disc or hard disk, so it is recommended that you record photos on a card using this Video Camera.

[Creating a Video-only disc] (Use procedure A or B)

- A. Delete all photos on disc using the Video Camera (See page 102).
    - Be sure to use this DVD Video Camera to delete images: If you use the DVD video recorder to delete images, the images remaining on disc cannot be recorded to hard disk.
  - B. Use the Disc Navigation menu of DVD Video Camera to copy photos to card, and then delete those photos from the disc (See page 109).
- You can also connect the DVD Video Camera and DVD video recorder via the provided AV/S input/output cable to record images to hard disk. Note, however, that the image quality will be slightly inferior.

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## ***Playback on DVD Player***

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### **1** Finalize a recorded DVD-R disc.

You need to finalize a disc to play it back on DVD player: See page 127.

No further data can be recorded on finalized disc.

**Note:**

Use this DVD Video Camera to finalize the DVD-R disc recorded on the DVD Video Camera.

### **2** Insert the disc into the DVD player and play it back.

See the instruction manual for DVD player.

**Note:**

- DVD-R discs recorded on this DVD Video Camera can be played back on Panasonic DVD players, but playback on all DVD players is not guaranteed.
- Playback may not be possible on some DVD players, or it may depend on the recording status of DVD-R discs. In such cases, play back the DVD-R disc on this DVD Video Camera.

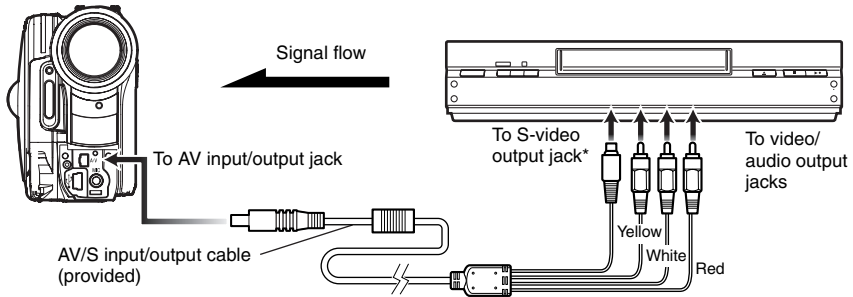
# Recording (Dubbing) Images

## Before You Begin

- Before connecting this DVD Video Camera to another device, be sure to turn both devices off.
- Insert a recordable disc or card in this DVD Video Camera (see P. 28, 30).

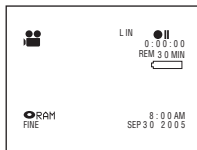
## Recording (Dubbing) Images from Other Video Device

You can record (dub) images from other video devices to disc or card in this DVD Video Camera. Use the AV/S input/output cable (provided) to connect the DVD Video Camera to the other AV device as follows:



\* If you are using VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP and the connected AV device has an S-VIDEO output jack, you can connect the S-VIDEO jack of AV/S input/output cable.

- 1 Set the input source on the DVD Video Camera to "LINE (L IN)". Switch the input referring to "Input Source" on page 88. Choose "S LINE" to input S-VIDEO signal (Only for VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP).



- 2 Turn on the connected device, and start playback. The picture will appear on the LCD screen or viewfinder of this DVD Video Camera.
- 3 Press the REC button. Recording will start on this DVD Video Camera. The operation of this line-input recording is the same as for recording movie.

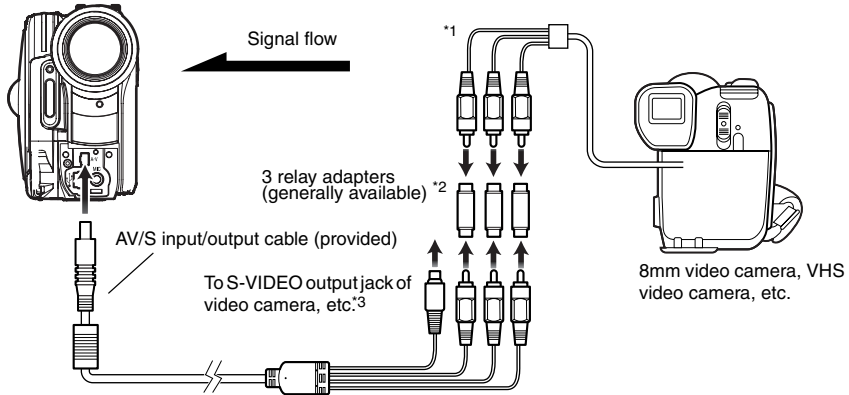
### Note:

- If you operate the DVD Video Camera connected to another device, always power the DVD Video Camera from household AC outlet using the AC adaptor.
- With VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP, using S-VIDEO will enable you to record clearer images.
- The VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP cannot record S-VIDEO input.

- Reduce the volume of external input sound heard from the built-in speaker: The loud volume may cause noise to enter the recorded image.
- The recorded contents can be played back in the same manner as when playing back camera images recorded on this DVD Video Camera.
- Still images can also be recorded on DVD-RAM disc or card. See "Switching External Input Recording Method (PHOTO Input)" on page 88 for details, and "Recording Stills" on page 52 for how to record still images.
- The "Input Source" setting will return to "CAMERA" whenever DVD Video Camera is turned off.
- Recording of most images is prohibited by the copy-guard signal to protect the copyright, except for images recorded on camcorders for personal enjoyment. "COPY PROTECTED" appears in these images: they cannot be recorded on this DVD Video Camera. Typical copyright protected images include those of DVD video, LD, recorded video tapes, some parts of digital satellite broadcasts, etc.
- If a video signal that cannot be read by this DVD Video Camera is present - even in images recorded on the DVD Video Camera for personal enjoyment without copy-guard signal - the input image may not be recorded normally.
- If the input signal is interrupted by switching the channel on TV or switching the signal using video selector (see "Terminology" on page 147), normal recording cannot be performed.

## Recording (Dubbing) Images from Other Video Cameras

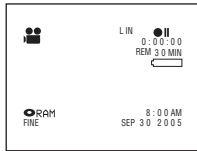
You can record (dub) images from other video cameras on a disc or card in DVD Video Camera. Use the AV/S input/output cable (provided) to connect the DVD Video Camera to the other video camera.



- \*1: The AV/S input/output cable provided with this DVD Video Camera can be directly connected to some video cameras.
- \*2: For relay adapters, JVC VZ-97 (a set of 3 adapters) and Audio-Technica ATL4C32M and PGF-517 (a set of 2 adapters) are generally available.
- \*3: If the video camera to be connected has an S-VIDEO output jack, you can connect it to the DVD Video Camera (VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP only).

**1** Set the input source on the DVD Video Camera to “LINE (L IN)”.

Switch the input referring to “Input Source” on page 88.



Choose “S LINE” to input S-VIDEO signal (Only for VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP).

**2** Turn on the connected device, and start playback.

The picture will appear on the LCD screen or viewfinder of this DVD Video Camera.

**3** Press the REC button.

Recording will start on this DVD Video Camera. The operation of this line-input recording is the same as for recording movie.

### Note:

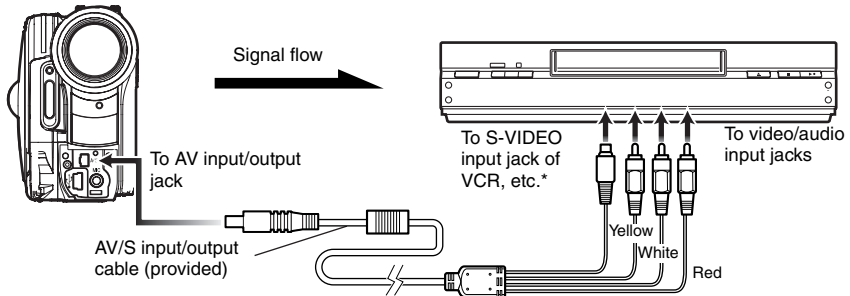
- With VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP, using S-VIDEO will enable you to record clearer images.
- Reduce the volume of external input sound heard from the built-in speaker: the loud volume may cause noise to enter the recorded image.
- Still images can also be recorded on DVD-RAM disc or card. See “Switching External Input Recording Method (PHOTO Input)” on page 88 for details, and “Recording Stills” on page 52 for how to record still images.

## Recording (Dubbing) Images on Other Video Devices

You can record (dub) images played back on this DVD Video Camera, onto other video devices.

Use Disc Navigation to create a play list by selecting desired scenes from those recorded on this DVD Video Camera (P.116).

Use the AV/S input/output cable (provided) to connect the DVD Video Camera to another video device as shown in the following figure:



\* If the video device to be connected has an S-VIDEO input jack, you can connect it to the DVD Video Camera.

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Press the MENU button.
- 3 Choose "Play" on the "PlayList" menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.
- 4 Use the "Start PlayList" screen to select the play list to be recorded (dubbed), and then press the record button on the connected device. The DVD Video Camera will start playback and the recording device will record (dub) it.

### Note:

- Using S-VIDEO will deliver clearer images.
- Audio is heard from the speaker. If the volume is too high, noise may enter the dubbed image.
- Be sure to use the AC adaptor to power the DVD Video Camera from household AC outlet to prevent battery power from shutting off during recording on another video device.

# Advanced Techniques

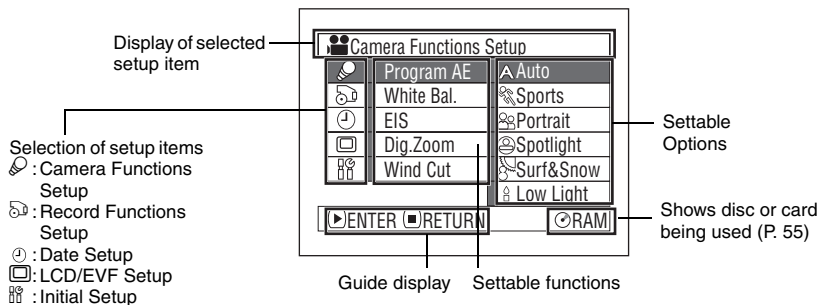
This section explains various settings to further extend the usefulness of this DVD Video Camera.

## Understanding Flow of Menus

Press the MENU button during recording pause. The “Camera Functions Setup” menu screen will appear.

Press **◀▶▶▶/▶▶▶▶** buttons to select a menu item, and then press the **▶/||** button to choose the option. The screens used here to explain menus are displayed when DVD-RAM disc is used, or when no disc is inserted.

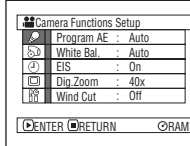
### <Interpreting Setup Screen>



## ● Flow of Menus

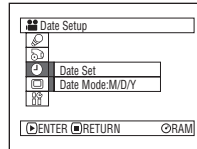
Refer to page indicated for details about each function. Movie functions are described below.

### Camera Functions Setup



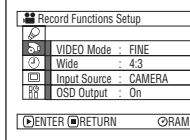
Program AE (P. 80)  
White balance (P. 81)  
EIS<sup>\*1</sup> (P. 83)  
Digital zoom (P. 57)  
Wind Cut<sup>\*1</sup> (P. 83)  
Flash<sup>\*2 \*3</sup> (P. 68)

### Date Setup



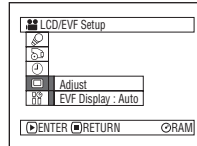
Date setting (P. 40)  
Display format (P. 41)

### Recording Functions Setup



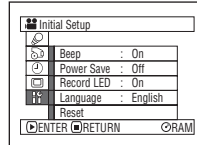
Movie quality<sup>\*4</sup> (P. 84)  
Wide screen<sup>\*5</sup> (P. 86)  
Input selection (P. 88)  
External still input<sup>\*6</sup> (P. 88)  
Self-timer<sup>\*2</sup> (P. 89)  
On-screen information  
display output<sup>\*7</sup> (P. 90)

### LCD/EVF Setup



Adjust (P. 91)  
EVF Display (P. 92)

### Initial Setup



Beep (P. 93)  
Power Save (P. 93)  
Recording LED (P. 94)  
Language selection (P. 94)  
Reset (P. 95)

\*1: Not displayed with stills

\*2: Displayed only with stills

\*3: If a separately sold Flash is connected, it is given priority. (Only VDR-M95PP.)

\*4: "Quality" mode will appear when using card (P. 85)

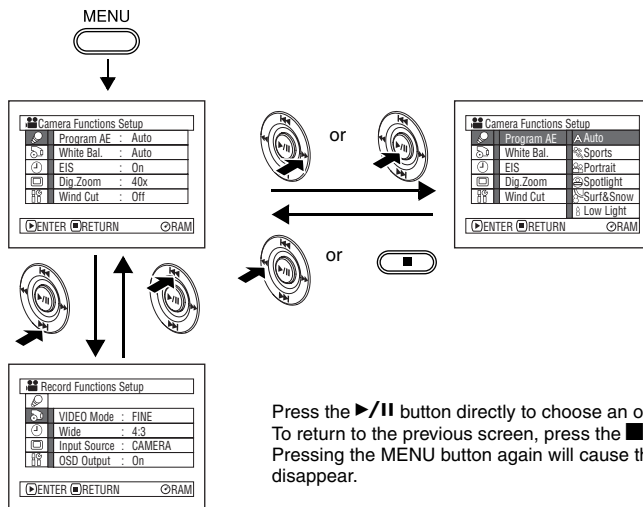
\*5: Not displayed on VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP.

\*6: Displayed when DVD-RAM disc (PHOTO mode) or card is used, and input selection is set to external signal or S external signal.

\*7: Displayed only when input source is set to "CAMERA"

You can use the control buttons on DVD Video Camera to select various setting options in menu.

Press the MENU button.



Press the ►/|| button directly to choose an option from menu. To return to the previous screen, press the ■ button. Pressing the MENU button again will cause the menu screen to disappear.

### Note:

- Pressing the MENU button during recording will not work.
- The menu screen will disappear when it is left for approx. 1 minute without any operation.

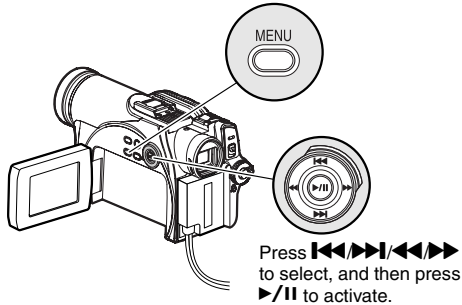
# Setting Up Camera Functions

## Before You Begin

- See page 79 for how to set.
- No menu screen appears with external input.

## Selecting Shooting Mode to Match the Subject (Switching Program AE Mode)

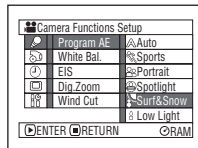
This DVD Video Camera automatically sets the shutter speed and aperture according to the subject brightness for optimum recording: You can also specify one of six modes depending on subject conditions, recording environment or purpose of filming.



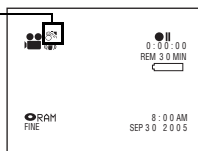
- 1 Press the MENU button, use the control buttons to choose "Program AE" on the "Camera Functions Setup" screen, and then press the button.

The options will appear to the right of "Program AE".

- 2 Use the control buttons to choose the desired option, and then press the button: The selected option will be set.



Selected AE mode



- 3 Press the MENU button to end setting. The menu screen will disappear.

### Note:

- You can check the selected AE mode on the on-screen information display. However, nothing will appear in Auto mode.
- The shooting mode set as above will be stored in memory even if the DVD Video Camera is turned off.

**Auto** : The DVD Video Camera automatically judges the subject and surrounding environment for optimum recording.

**Sports** : Reduces camera blurring when recording rapidly moving subjects such as in golf or tennis. If the Sports mode is used under a fluorescent light, the image may flicker. In this case, use the Auto mode for recording.

**Portrait** : Creates a shallow depth of field so that the person or subject appears against a softened background.

**Spotlight** : Prevents overexposure of subject portrait face, etc. when strong light strikes the subject, as in a wedding or on stage.

**Surf & Snow** : Prevents underexposure of subject portrait face, etc. in a place where reflection of light is intense, such as at the seaside in midsummer or on a ski slope.

**Low Light** : Allows user to record in a dark place even with decreased lighting. However, an after-image will appear with a moving subject. Recording can be done using the light from the LCD. (P.70)

If there is difficulty in automatically focusing subject image, adjust the focus manually.

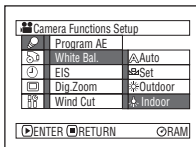


## Adjusting Color (White Balance)

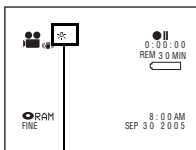
This DVD Video Camera automatically adjusts the color of subject. Change the white balance setting depending on the recording conditions.

Mode	Setting contents	On-screen display
Auto	White balance always automatically adjusted	None
Set	You can manually adjust white balance to match the light source or situation	
Outdoor	To record in fine weather	☼
Indoor	To record under incandescent light, halogen light or bulb-color type fluorescent light	☼

**1** Press the MENU button, choose “White Bal.” on the “Camera Functions Setup” menu screen, and then press the ►/II button.



**2** Choose the desired option, and then press the ►/II button.



White balance mode

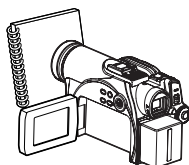
**3** Press the MENU button to end the setting.

### Note:

- The white balance mode can be confirmed using the on-screen information.
- In Set mode, resetting will be necessary when the DVD Video Camera is turned off. (All other modes of white balance will be stored in memory.)
- If “Input Source: LINE” or “S LINE” has been specified, you cannot use the “Set” mode of white balance (P. 88).

## ● Setting white balance manually

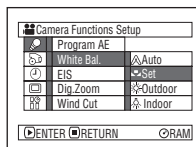
**1** Point the DVD Video Camera at a white object so that it fills the screen. Use an object that is not transparent.



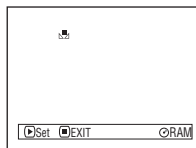
White thick paper

If the object that fills the screen is not focused, correct the focus using “Manual Focus”, P. 64.

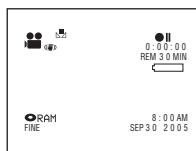
**2** Press the MENU button, choose “White Bal.”, “Set”, and then press the ►/II button.



**3** Hold ►/II pressed until the indicator changes from blinking to a steady light. When the indicator lights, the white balance setting will be complete.



**4** Press the button to end the setting.

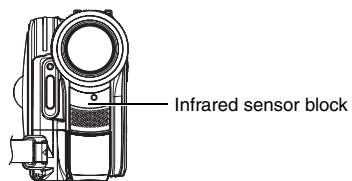


### Note:

- It is recommended that you specify “Dig. Zoom: Off” (See page 57) before setting white balance.
- Do not use a colored object when setting white balance: The appropriate tint cannot be set.
- Setting the white balance might take a while in some cases, depending on the shooting environment. In this case, set white balance in a bright environment using an object as white as possible.
- The white balance cannot be set when the digital zoom is engaged or under low light: The indicator will blink at this time.
- If the white balance that was manually set before is kept, the indicator will blink.

**Note:**

- Do not block the infrared sensor (see "Terminology" on page 147) with hand, etc.

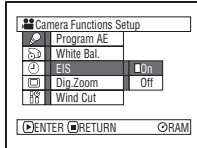


- Be sure to remove the lens cap before turning the DVD Video Camera on. If the DVD Video Camera is turned on with the lens capped, the white balance will not work normally.

## Using the Electronic Image Stabilizer (EIS)

When you use zoom to record a magnified subject image, it will correct fuzziness in the recorded image.

- 1 Press the MENU button, choose “EIS” on the “Camera Functions Setup” menu screen, and then press the ►/II button.

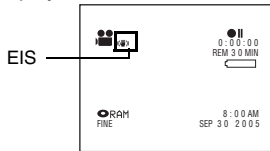


- 2 Choose “On” or “Off”, and then press the ►/II button.

- 3 Press the MENU button to end setting.

### ●Checking whether EIS is On or Off

You can check whether EIS is On or Off by the on-screen information display.



After recording with EIS set to “Off”, it is recommended that you return the setting to “On” and then turn the DVD Video Camera off, unless you normally record with EIS “Off” setting.

#### Note:

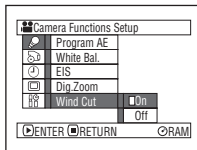
- The EIS setting will be stored in memory even when the DVD Video Camera is turned off.
- It is recommended that you specify “EIS: Off” when using the DVD Video Camera on a desk or tripod.
- When “EIS: On” is specified, there will be a slight difference between the actual movement and the movement on screen.
- Gross camera shake may not be entirely corrected even if “EIS: On” is specified. Firmly hold the DVD Video Camera with both hands.
- When you record pictures with 10x or more magnification and the EIS is “On” in dim places, after-images may stand out. In this case, we recommend using a tripod and turning the EIS to “Off” (only for VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP).
- The EIS function cannot be used when still images are recorded (only for VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP).
- The EIS function will work only during movie recording. (only for VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP).

## Reducing Wind Noise during Recording (Wind Cut)

When recording sound from the microphone built into this DVD Video Camera, you can reduce wind noise in recording.

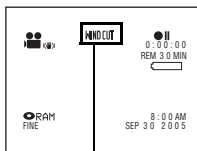
If “Wind Cut: ON” is specified, the low-frequency components in the sound picked up by the microphone will be cut off during recording: This makes it easier to hear the target voice or sound during playback.

- 1 Press the MENU button, choose “Wind Cut” on the “Camera Functions Setup” menu screen, and then press the ►/II button.



- 2 Choose the desired option, and then press the ►/II button.

- 3 Press the MENU button to end setting.



Wind cut icon

#### Note:

- You can also use the on-screen display to confirm that Wind Cut has been set.
- The Wind Cut setting will be stored in memory even when the DVD Video Camera is turned off.
- The Wind Cut function will work only during movie recording.
- The Wind Cut function works only with the built-in microphone. It will not function when using an external microphone (P. 70).

# Setting Up Record Functions

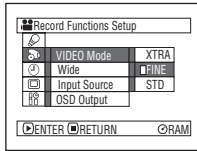
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## Switching Movie Quality (VIDEO Mode)

Choose the movie quality from “XTRA”, “FINE” and “STD”.

**It is recommended that you record critical subjects in “XTRA” or “FINE”.**

**1** Press the MENU button, choose “VIDEO Mode” on the “Record Functions Setup” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.

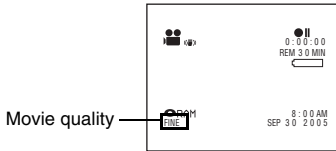


**2** Choose the desired quality mode, and then press the ►/|| button.

**3** Press the MENU button to end the setting.

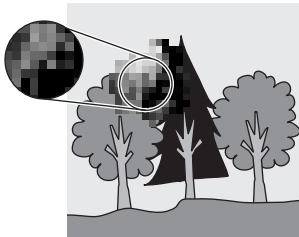
### Note:

- The movie quality setting will be stored in memory even when the DVD Video Camera is turned off.
- When using DVD-R disc, you cannot switch the movie quality while recording on the disc: The DVD Video Camera will be automatically set to the movie quality first used with the disc for recording.
- The movie quality setting is effective only during movie recording: The setting will not be displayed during recording of stills.



Block-like noise may appear in recorded image, or the outline of subject image is distorted under the recording conditions listed below. Pan the DVD Video Camera as slowly as possible. (Block noise is likely to appear in “STD” mode):

- If there is a complicated pattern in the background (as in figure on bottom left)
- If the DVD Video Camera is moved excessively or quickly
- If subject is moving rapidly even when the DVD Video Camera is not moving



(Image when block-like noise occurs)



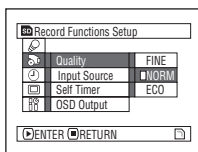
(Image without block-like noise)

## Switching Quality of Still Image (Quality)

You can switch the still recording quality only when using card.

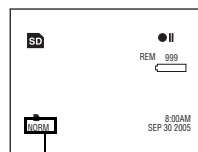
**It is recommended that you use “FINE” when recording vital images.**

- 1 Press the MENU button, choose “Quality” on the “Record Functions Setup” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.



- 2 Choose the option you want, and then press the ►/|| button.

- 3 Press the MENU button to end setting.



Still recording quality

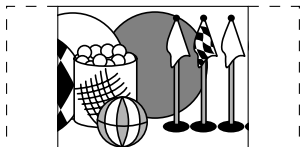
### Note:

- The still quality setting will be stored in memory even when the DVD Video Camera is turned off.
- “PHOTO Input” is displayed only when “Input Source” is set to “LINE” or “S LINE” (VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP only).
- “OSD Output” is displayed only when “Input Source” is set to “CAMERA”.

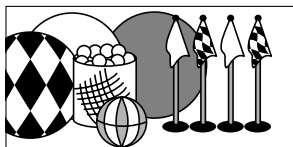
## Setting to Wide TV Screen Mode (Wide) (Only for VDR-M75PP / VDR-M95PP)

You can record video in Wide TV Screen Mode (16:9 aspect ratio) for display on wide-screen TVs.

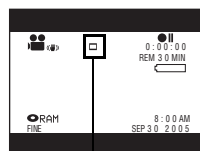
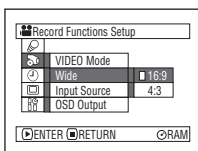
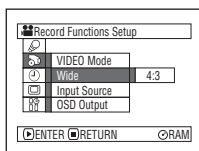
“Wide 4:3” specified  
(aspect ratio 4:3)



“Wide 16:9” specified  
(aspect ratio 16:9)

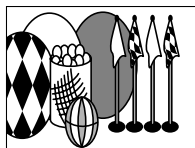


- 1 Press the MENU button, choose “Wide” on the “Record Functions Setup” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.
- 2 Choose “16:9”, and then press the ►/|| button.
- 3 Press the MENU button to end setting.



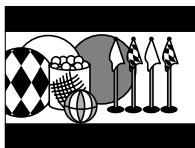
Wide 16:9 icon

When viewing playback on an ordinary TV screen later, specify “Wide 4:3”. Recording with “Wide 16:9” specified will be played back on an ordinary TV with vertical elongation of image.

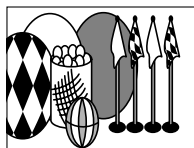


An image recorded with “Wide 16:9” specified will appear as follows :

Display on LCD monitor screen



Display in viewfinder (expanded vertically)



**Note:**

- The Wide setting will be kept even after the DVD Video Camera is turned off.
- The VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP does not have the Wide setting.
- Writing wide mode movies recorded to a DVD-RAM disc using [STD], to a DVD-R disc using the PC program software provided (DVDfunSTUDIO):  
Depending upon the [Video settings] setting of DVDfunSTUDIO, when you play back the contents of a recorded DVD-R disc, black bands may appear at top and bottom and also left and right of the screen when using a wide screen television, or at top and bottom of the screen when using a television other than a wide screen type.
- The Wide 16:9 setting is not compatible with still recording, recording of external input, S-video external input, or STD recording using DVD-R discs.
- Video recorded with Wide TV Screen Mode set to "Wide 16:9" cannot be changed back to 4:3 aspect ratio.
- The characters of dates and titles will be longer in the vertical direction on a wide-screen TV and on the LCD monitor of DVD Video Camera.
- Even if you set the Wide setting at "16:9", screen image will appear at 4:3 when you press the MENU button and display the menu screen.
- When "Wide 16:9" is specified, black bands will appear across the top and bottom of screen.
- When you view the image recorded with "16:9" specified on the television or PC monitor with black bands at the top and bottom of the picture, flicker may occur between the black bands and the picture.
- The "Wide 16:9" setting is not compatible with ID-1/ID-2\*.
- Connecting the DVD Video Camera to the S1 input jack of TV will automatically switch the TV to Wide setting: See TV instruction manual for details.

\* This system records the aspect ratio (16:9, 4:3) information in void space between video signals.

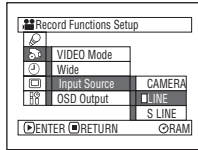
## Receiving Image from Another Device (Input Source)

If you wish to input an image from another device to this DVD Video Camera, you must first switch the setting on the DVD Video Camera. Refer to the explanation starting from page 75 on how to connect the DVD Video Camera to other devices or record images input from them.

Setting	Contents	On-screen display
<b>CAMERA</b>	This option usually selected.	No display
<b>LINE</b>	To input image from another device.	L IN
<b>S LINE*</b>	To input S-VIDEO signal from another device.	S IN

\* Displayed on VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP only.

**1** Press the MENU button, choose "Input Source" on the "Record Functions Setup" menu screen, and then press the ►/II button.

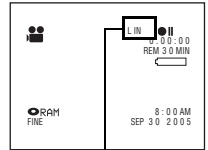


**2** Choose "LINE" or "S LINE", and then press the ►/II button.

**3** Press the MENU button to end setting.

**Note:**

- The "Input Source" setting will return to "CAMERA" whenever the DVD Video Camera is turned off.
- If you pull or push the card in "SD" mode, "Input Source" setting will return to "CAMERA".
- "PHOTO Input" is displayed only when "Input Source" is set to "LINE" or "S LINE" (VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP only).
- "OSD Output" is displayed only when "Input Source" is set to "CAMERA".



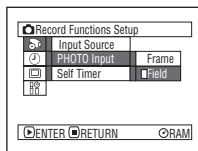
External input icon

## Switching External Input Recording Method (PHOTO Input)

When "Input Source: LINE or S LINE" is specified, you can record stills of externally input images on either a DVD-RAM disc or a card. The DVD Video Camera can record an external image with little movement by specifying "Frame", but "Field" is recommended for recording an image with movement.

Recording format	Details of setting	On-screen display
<b>Frame</b>	Does not suit recording of frequently moving video subjects, despite high image quality. Frame suits recording of less moving video.	
<b>Field</b>	Suitable for recording of frequently moving video subjects.	

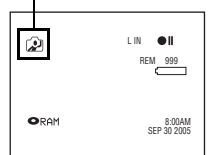
**1** Press the MENU button, choose "PHOTO Input" on the "Record Functions Setup" menu screen, and then press the ►/II button.



**2** Select the desired option and then press the ►/II button.

**3** Press the MENU button to end setting.

Still external input mode





**Note:**

- The PHOTO Input setting can be confirmed using the on-screen information.
- The PHOTO Input setting will be stored in memory even when the DVD Video Camera is turned off.
- Refer to “Recording (Dubbing) Images” on page 75 to see how to connect the DVD Video Camera to another device.
- “PHOTO Input” is displayed only when “Input Source” is set to “LINE” or “S LINE” (VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP only).
- “OSD Output” is displayed only when “Input Source” is set to “CAMERA”.

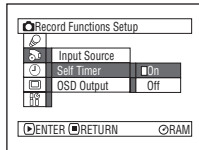
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## Self Timer

You can record photos using the self timer function, as with ordinary cameras.

**The self timer function is valid only when recording photos (stills).**

**1** Press the MENU button, choose “Self Timer” on the “Record Functions Setup” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.



**4** Press the Photo shot button.

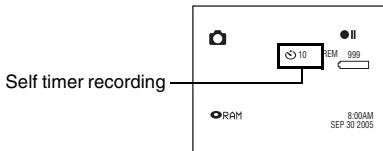
The recording indicator at the front of DVD Video Camera will blink.

The Self timer indicator will start to count down, and recording will commence approximately 10 seconds later.

**2** Select “On”, and then press the ►/|| button.

The self timer will be set.

**3** Press the MENU button to end the setting.



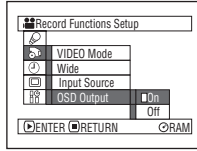
**Note:**

- You can also check that self timer has been set by reviewing the on-screen information.
- To release the self timer mode, choose “Off” on the menu screen or turn DVD Video Camera off.
- To suspend self timer, press the Photo shot button again before recording starts, or press the ■ button.
- “PHOTO Input” is displayed only when “Input Source” is set to “LINE” or “S LINE” (VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP only).
- “OSD Output” is displayed only when “Input Source” is set to “CAMERA”.

## Setting OSD Output On or Off (On-Screen Display)

If you connect this DVD Video Camera to a TV to view images on TV screen, you can switch off the on-screen information (displayed in the viewfinder or on the LCD screen) from the TV screen.

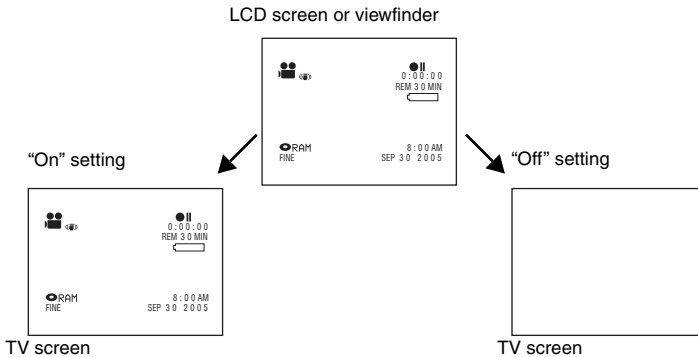
- 1 Press the MENU button, choose "OSD output" on the "Record Functions Setup" menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.



- 2 Choose "On" or "Off", and press the ►/|| button.
- 3 Press the MENU button to end setting.

### Note:

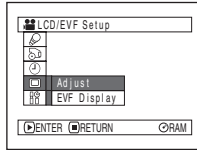
- The "OSD Output" setting will return to "On" whenever the DVD Video Camera is turned off.
- Even if "Off" is chosen, the on-screen information will appear during playback. See page 63 for playback on-screen information display.
- Even after the on-screen information is removed from the TV screen, it will still appear in the viewfinder or on the LCD screen.
- The on-screen display output functions only when the "Input Source" setting is set to "CAMERA". It cannot be set during "LINE" or "S LINE" (VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP only).
- "OSD Output" is displayed only when "Input Source" is set to "CAMERA".



# LCD/EVF Setup

## Setting Brightness of LCD Screen (Brightness)

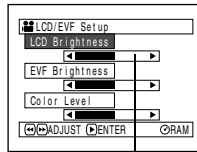
**1** Press the MENU button, choose “Adjust” on the “LCD/EVF Setup” menu screen, and then choose “LCD Brightness”.



**2** Use the control buttons for adjustment.

Press the ◀◀ button:  
the screen becomes dimmer

Press the ▶▶ button:  
the screen becomes brighter



Brightness  
adjustment bar

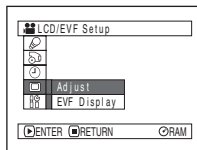
**3** Press the MENU button to end setting.

**Note:**

The brightness setting will be stored in memory even when the DVD Video Camera is turned off.

## Setting Brightness of Viewfinder (EVF Brightness)

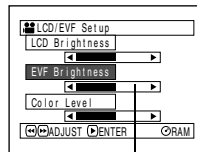
**1** Press the MENU button, choose “Adjust” on the “LCD/EVF Setup” menu screen, and then choose “EVF Brightness”.



**2** Use the control buttons for adjustment.

Press the ◀◀ button:  
the screen becomes dimmer.

Press the ▶▶ button:  
the screen becomes brighter.



Brightness  
adjustment bar

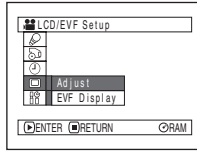
**3** Press the MENU button to end setting.

**Note:**

The brightness setting is stored in memory even after the DVD Video Camera is turned off.

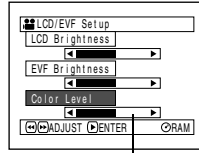
## Setting Color Density (Color Level)

**1** Press the MENU button, choose “Adjust” on the “LCD/EVF Setup” menu screen, and then choose “Color Level”.



**2** Use the control buttons for adjustment.

Press the ◀◀ button:  
for lighter color  
Press the ▶▶ button:  
for denser color



Color density  
adjustment bar

**3** Press the MENU button to end setting.

### Note:

- The color level setting will be stored in memory even when the DVD Video Camera is turned off.
- Even if the brightness or density is changed, the brightness or density of the recorded image itself will not change.

## Always Display Image in Viewfinder

**1** Press the MENU button, choose “EVF Display” on the “LCD/EVF Setup” menu screen.

**2** Choose “On” .

**3** Press the MENU button to end setting.

Images will always appear in the viewfinder regardless of whether the LCD monitor is open/closed.

### Note:

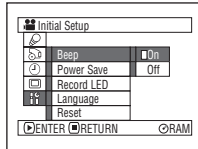
- Adjusting the viewfinder focus (P.37)
- Using the LCD monitor and viewfinder (P.37, 38, 39)

# Initial Settings

## Switching Operating Sound On or Off (Beep)

Setting	Contents
On	Beep is heard when the power switch is turned on/off, the REC button is pressed, etc.
Off	No beep is heard.

- 1 Press the MENU button, choose “Beep” on the “Initial Setup” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.



- 2 Select “On” or “Off”, and then press the ►/|| button.

- 3 Press the MENU button to end setting.

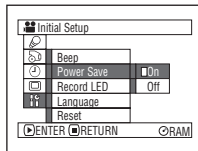
**Note:**

The “Beep” setting will be stored in memory even when the DVD Video Camera is turned off.

## Turning DVD Video Camera Off Automatically (Power Save)

Setting	Contents
On	To engage power save. If the DVD Video Camera is left in recording pause mode without being operated for 5 minutes, it will automatically turn off to prevent the battery from discharging needlessly.
Off	To cancel power save.

- 1 Press the MENU button, choose “Power Save” on the “Initial Setup” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.



- 2 Select “On” or “Off”, and then press the ►/|| button.

- 3 Press the MENU button to end setting.

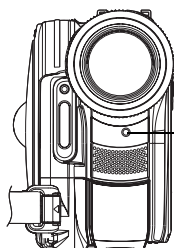
**Note:**

- To turn the DVD Video Camera on again from automatic off activated by the power save function, set the power switch to “OFF”, and then set it to “”, “ ” or “ ”.
- The Power Save setting will not appear in the on-screen information display.
- The Power Save setting will be stored in memory even when the DVD Video Camera is turned off.

## Turning Record LED On or Off (Record LED)

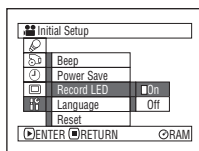
You can switch off the recording indicator on the front of DVD Video Camera even during recording.

Setting	Contents
<b>On</b>	The recording indicator will light red to show that the DVD Video Camera is recording.
<b>Off</b>	The recording indicator will not light even during recording.



Recording indicator

- 1 Press the MENU button, choose “Record LED” on the “Initial Setup” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.



- 2 Select “On” or “Off”, and then press the ►/|| button.

- 3 Press the MENU button to end setting.

### Note:

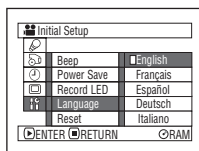
- The Record LED setting will not appear in the on-screen information display.
- The Record LED setting will be stored in memory even when the DVD Video Camera is turned off.
- Specify “Record LED: Off” when recording a subject behind glass or a water tank that reflects light: the reflected light of the recording indicator will not be recorded.
- When using the self timer function, the recording indicator will blink when the REC button is pressed regardless of whether Record LED is On or Off.

## Changing Display Language (Language)

You can change the language used to display the menu and information.

The following shows that English has been changed to French.

- 1 Press the MENU button, choose “Language” on the “Initial Setup” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.

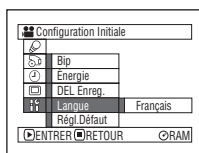


- 3 Press the MENU button to end setting.

### Note:

- The language setting will be stored in memory even when the DVD Video Camera is turned off.

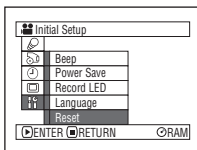
- 2 Select “Français”, and then press the ►/|| button.



## Resetting Menu Settings to Defaults (Reset)

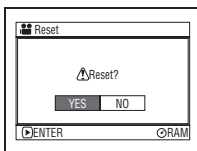
You can restore menu settings to defaults [initial settings at the factory (P. 163)].

- 1 Press the MENU button, choose “Reset” on the “Initial Setup” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.



The screen for verifying reset will appear.

- 2 If you are sure that you wish to reset, use the control buttons to choose “YES”, and then press the ►/|| button.



The settings have now been reset to defaults.

- 3 Press the MENU button to end setting.

**Note:**

To cancel resetting midway, choose “NO” on the verification screen in step 2 or press the ■ button.

## Using Disc Navigation




### Starting or Terminating Disc Navigation

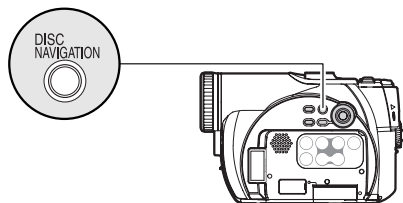
Disc Navigation is a tool for editing scenes recorded on this DVD Video Camera.

Following is an explanation of “scene” and “program” so that you will be able to make the most use of the Disc Navigation function.

The screens in this operating manual are basically those that will appear when DVD-RAM disc is used: Some items will not appear when DVD-R disc or card is used, but the operations are the same.

#### Before You Begin


- Turn the DVD Video Camera on (P.50).
- When using disc: set the power switch to “” or “”.
- When using card: set the power switch to “”.



- 1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

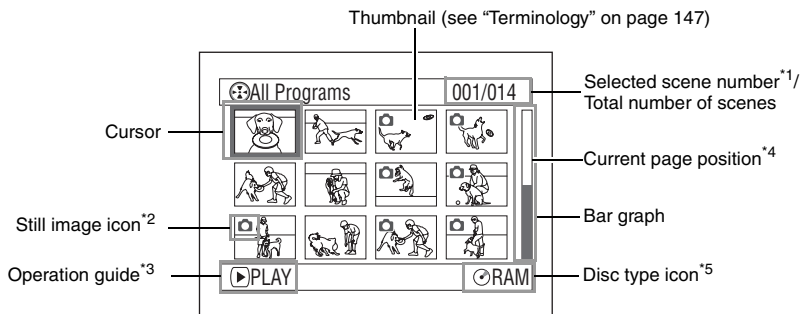
The Disc Navigation screen (shown on page 97) will appear.

- 2** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

Disc Navigation will be terminated and the DVD Video Camera will enter recording pause mode. You can also press the  button to end Disc Navigation.



The following screen will appear when DVD-RAM disc is used: Some display components will not appear when DVD-R disc or card is used.



\*1 Scene number refers to display number on thumbnail display screen.

\*2 No still icon will appear for card.

\*3 The operation guide will vary depending on the operation status of DVD Video Camera.

\*4 Appears when 13 scenes or more have been recorded.

\*5 "© R" appears for DVD-R disc. "RAM" will appear for card.

#### Note:

- The background color of screen allows you to identify whether disc or card is in DVD Video Camera.
  - Purple: When disc is inserted
  - Light blue: When card is inserted
- Pressing the DISPLAY button will display the recording date/time of the scene on which the cursor is placed in the space for operation guide. Pressing DISPLAY again will display the operation guide.
- If no disc or card is inserted, the Disc Navigation screen cannot be displayed even by pressing the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- Each time Disc Navigation is started with a DVD-R disc inserted, message "Creating Thumbnail ..." will appear. After the message appears, the Disc Navigation screen will appear.
- If the following type of disc or card is inserted, the Disc Navigation screen will appear or some message will be displayed:
  - Write-protected disc
  - Locked card
  - Finalized DVD-R disc
- Do not leave the disc navigation screen displayed on TV to which the DVD Video Camera is connected. Doing so could result in displayed image retention or phosphor degradation of TV screen.

## Playing Back from Disc Navigation Screen

**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

**2** Use the control buttons to select the desired scene.

The selected scene will be framed: This is called a “cursor”.

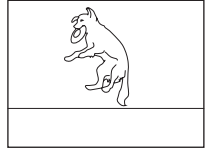
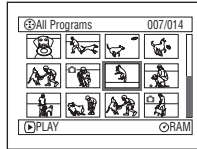
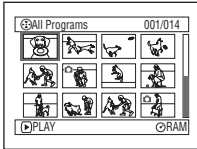
**3** Press the ►/|| button.

Playback will start from the selected scene.

**Note:**

Pressing the ◀◀/▶▶ button will move the cursor to the preceding or following scene.

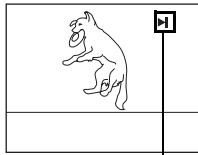
Pressing the ◀◀/▶▶ button will move to preceding or following page.



### ● When playback ends

The DVD Video Camera will enter playback pause mode at the last image of last scene.

Pressing the ■ or DISC NAVIGATION button will restore the Disc Navigation screen.



Playback pause

If playback pause continues for as long as 5 minutes, the Disc Navigation screen will automatically be restored.

### ● Playing back stills

When playing back stills on disc, a still will be displayed for approx. 3 seconds.

When playing back stills on card, playback will stop after each still playback.

**Note:**

- Press the ►/|| button to temporarily stop playback. Pressing ►/|| again will start from that point.
- If you press the ►/|| button after playback of the last scene on disc finishes, playback will start again from the beginning of disc.
- Pressing the ■ button will always restore the Disc Navigation screen.
- When playing back a card still with a large number of pixels, “Playback.” will appear, and it will take some time for the still to appear.

## Selecting Multiple Scenes

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Use the control buttons to select the desired scene.
- 3 Press the SELECT button once:

The selected scene will be framed in red and yellow.

Repeat steps 2 and 3 to randomly select multiple scenes.

To cancel a selected scene, select the scene to be canceled, and then press the SELECT button.

To cancel all selected scenes, press the ■ button.

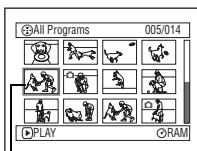
### Note:

Although scenes can be randomly selected, playback will always start from the lowest scene number.

## Selecting Consecutive Scenes Together

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

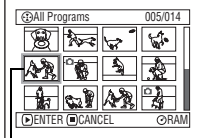
- 2 Use the control buttons to select the desired scene.



Yellow frame

- 3 Hold down the SELECT button for at least one second:

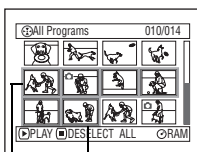
The selected scene will be doubly framed in yellow and blue.



Double frames in yellow and blue

- 4 Use the control buttons to select the last scene in the range you want, and then press the ►/|| button:

The thumbnails of scenes in the specified range will be framed in red, and then selected.



Red frame

When scenes up to this point are selected

### Note:

- You can know the status of scenes from the colors of cursor and bar graph:

Cursor	Bar graph	Status of scenes
Yellow	Light blue	Current cursor position
Blue	Light blue	Range of scenes being selected
Red	Red	Scenes already selected

- Pressing the ►/|| button after selecting scenes will play back only the selected scenes from the beginning of each scene.
- You can also select scenes in reverse from the last scene in the range.
- To release multiple selection, press the SELECT or ■ button after step 4.
- Up to 999 scenes can be selected for both disc and card.

# Disc Navigation Menu

## Functions Available with Disc Navigation

Disc Navigation allows you to do the following:

Function	Disc or card used	Contents	Reference page
Deletion of scenes	RAM CARD	You can delete unnecessary scenes.	102
Editing of scenes	RAM	You can attach fade and skip to a scene, combine scenes, or divide one scene.	104 - 108
Scene information display	RAM R CARD	You can display information on one scene or multiple scenes, such as image quality, recording time, etc.	112
Setting of title	RAM	You can set desired titles to play lists and programs.	114, 122
Creation of play list	RAM	You can create an original movie by changing the combination of scenes.	116
Disc or card initialization	RAM CARD	You can initialize a DVD-RAM disc or card so that it can be used on this DVD Video Camera.	125
Copy from disc to card	RAM	You can copy photos recorded on DVD-RAM disc to card.	109
Disc finalization	R	You can use this DVD Video Camera to finalize any DVD-R disc recorded on it so that the disc can be viewed on DVD player, etc.	127
Repeat play	RAM R	You can repeatedly play back programs and scenes.	128
Slide show	CARD	You can play back stills continuously.	129
Remaining capacity	RAM R CARD	The remaining recordable movie time or number of recordable stills is displayed.	124
Disc protection	RAM	You can protect the DVD-RAM disc to prevent deletion or editing by mistake.	124
Scene lock	CARD	You can lock any scene so that it will not be deleted by mistake; essential scenes are thereby protected, and recording another still is possible.	110

**Note:**

Effect functions (thumbnail, skip, fade) are unique to this DVD Video Camera. When a disc edited on this DVD Video Camera is directly played back on a DVD-RAM recorder or read into PC, the editing results will not be reflected in the playback or reading. To reflect the editing results, connect both devices using the AV/S input/output cable and then perform recording (dubbing).

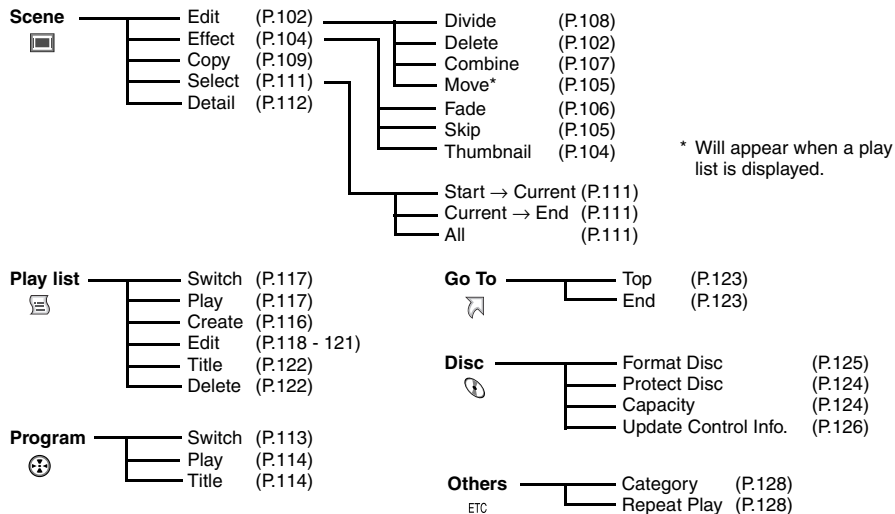
# Understanding Flow of Disc Navigation Menu

Press the MENU button on the Disc Navigation screen: The menu screens for Disc Navigation and menu screens for disc and card will appear.

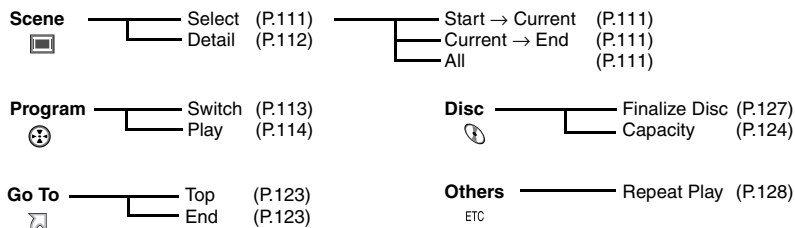
See pages 78-79 and 96 for how to interpret the screen.

Refer to pages indicated for details.

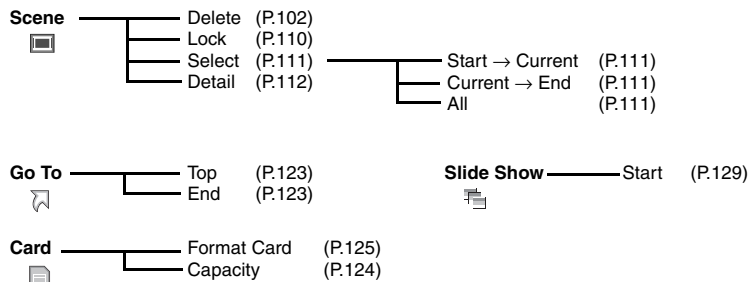
## ● When using DVD-RAM disc



## ● When using DVD-R disc



## ● When using card

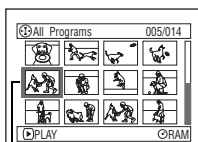


## Deleting Scenes (Edit-Delete)

You may want to delete unwanted scenes.  
Scenes on DVD-R disc cannot be deleted.

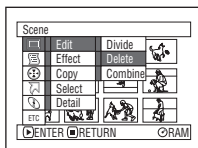
**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

**2** Select the scene to be deleted.



**3** Press the MENU button.

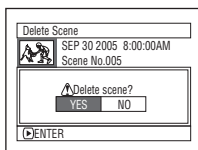
**4** Choose “Edit”, “Delete” on the “Scene” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.



**5** The “Delete Scene” screen will appear. If you are sure you want to delete the selected scene, press the ►/|| button.

If you want to change the scene to be deleted, you can change it on this screen.

**6** The screen for verifying deletion will appear. Choose “YES”, and then press the ►/|| button.

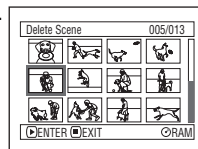


Choose “NO” to cancel deletion.

After Yes or No setting, the “Delete Scene” screen will be restored.

Repeat steps 2–6 to delete other scenes.

**7** Press the ■ button to quit.

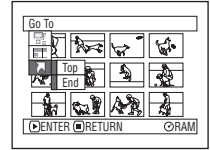
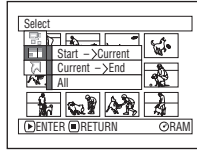
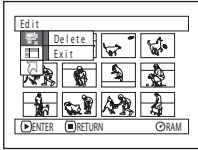


### Note:

- If you point the cursor at the scene to be deleted, and then press the DELETE button on remote controller, the screen in step 5 will appear.
- To delete an unwanted part of a scene on DVD-RAM disc, divide the scene first, and then delete the unnecessary part (See page 108).
- If you delete all data on disc or card, initializing the disc or card is recommended (See page 125).
- If the length of deleted scenes (stills) is quite short, the remaining free space of disc may not increase in the disc or card remaining capacity indicator.
- The locked scenes on card cannot be deleted (See page 110).

## ● Editing using submenu

Press the MENU button before pressing the ►/|| button in step 5 (see page 102): The submenu will appear.



- Edit ——— Delete ..... To delete selected scenes
- Exit..... To restore the Disc Navigation screen
- Select ——— Start→Current.. To select scenes from the start to the one that the cursor is on at the moment
- Current→End... To select scenes from the scene the cursor is on to the end
- All..... To select all scenes
- Go To ——— Top ..... To move the cursor to the first scene
- End ..... To move the cursor to the last scene

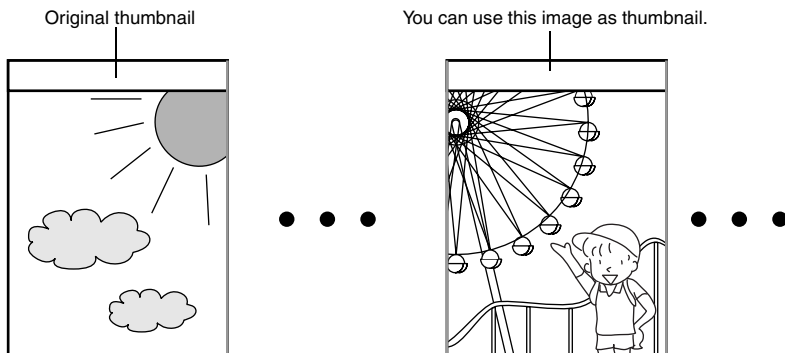
Pressing the ■ button will restore the screen in step 5.

### Note:

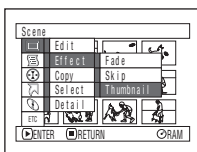
Although the submenu screen will appear for each setting, some menu items may not appear, depending on the setting.

## Changing Images for Thumbnails (Effect - Thumbnail)

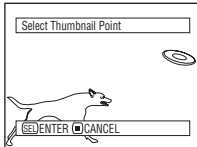
Normally, the first image of the recorded scene is displayed as a thumbnail: You can choose another image of the scene for thumbnail. If you set a vivid image as the thumbnail, you can know what you recorded from a glance at the Disc Navigation screen.



- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Select the thumbnail of the scene to be changed.
- 3 Press the MENU button.
- 4 Choose "Scene", "Effect", "Thumbnail", and then press the ►/|| button.



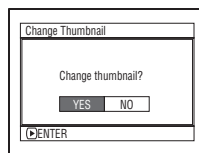
- 5 The "Change Thumbnail" screen will appear. If you are sure you want to change the thumbnail of the selected scene, press the ►/|| button: the selected scene will be played back.



If you want to change the scene whose thumbnail is to be changed, you can change it on this screen.

- 6 When the image you want to use as the thumbnail of the scene appears, press the SELECT button.

- 7 The screen for verifying switching of thumbnail will appear: choose "YES", and then press the ►/|| button.



Choose "NO" to cancel switching of thumbnail. After Yes or No setting, the "Change Thumbnail" screen will be restored. Repeat steps 5-7 to change other scenes.

- 8 Press the ■ button to quit.

### Note:

- If you press the MENU button before pressing the ►/|| button in step 5, the submenu screen will appear. (See page 103)
- A thumbnail of still cannot be changed.
- Since the scene to which skipping is set cannot be played back, you will not be able to change its thumbnail. Release the skip setting of the scene to change the thumbnail.



## Playing Back by Skipping Scenes (Effect - Skip)

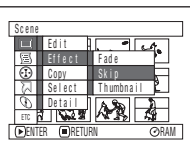
You can specify “Skip” for scenes you do not want to play back: The selected scenes will be skipped.

**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

**2** Select the scene to be skipped.

**3** Press the MENU button.

**4** Choose “Scene”, “Effect”, “Skip”, and then press the ►/II button.




**5** The “Set Skip” screen will appear. If you are sure you want to skip the selected scene, press the ►/II button.

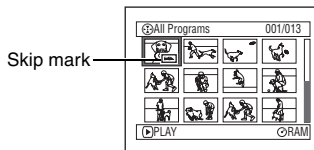
If you want to change the scene to be skipped, you can change it on this screen.

After skip setting, the “Set Skip” screen will be restored.

Repeat step 5 to set skipping of other scenes.

**6** Press the ■ button to quit.

A skip mark “” will appear in the thumbnail of any scene for which skipping has been set.



## ● Releasing Skip

Select the scene set to be skipped, and perform the same procedure as setting skip. The skip mark will disappear and skipping of the scene will be released.

### Note:

- Multiple scenes can be selected for skipping (P.99).
- If you press the MENU button before pressing the ►/II button in step 5, the submenu screen will appear (P.103).

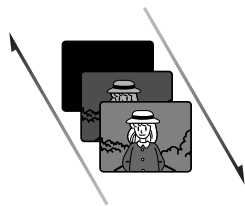
## Arranging Order of Scenes (Edit - Move)

You can arrange scenes within a play list by moving them to desired positions (P.121). Create a play list first, and then arrange the scenes [“Creating New Play List (Create)”, P.116].

## Directing Scenes Effectively (Effect - Fade)

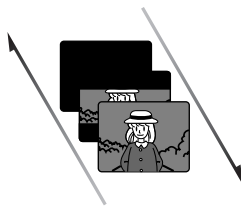
You can add fading to the beginning and/or end of scene. There are three types of special effects:

Fade Out



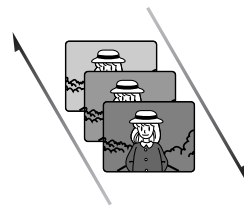
Fade In

Fade Out



Fade In

Fade Out



Fade In

### Black:

Fades in from black screen  
Fades out to black screen

### Wipe:

Fades in from black screen vertically.  
Fades out vertically from screen to black screen

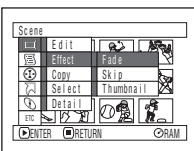
### B/W:

Fades in from Black and White screen to color screen  
Fades out from color screen to Black and White screen

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Select the scene for adding special effects.

- 3 Press the MENU button.

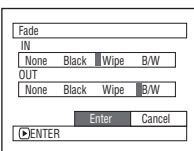
- 4 Choose "Scene", "Effect", "Fade" and then press the ►/|| button.



- 5 The "Fade" screen will appear. If you are sure you want to add the fade effect to the scene, press the ►/|| button.

If you want to change the scene to which fade is added, you can change it on this screen.

- 6 Select the special effects for "IN" and/or "OUT", choose "Enter", and then press the ►/|| button.

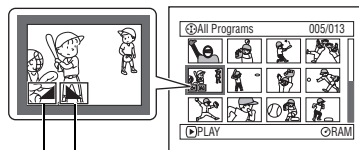


To cancel setting, choose "Cancel".

After setting, the "Fade" screen will be restored. Repeat steps 5 and 6 to add fade to other scenes.

- 7 Press the ■ button to quit.

The "▲" and/or "▼" mark(s) will appear in the scenes for which fade in and/or fade out have been set.



"In" effect "Out" effect

## Combining Multiple Scenes (Edit - Combine)

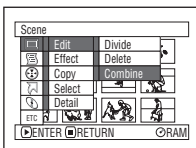
If you have recorded numerous short scenes, combining them will be facilitated by the use of Disc Navigation.

Be sure to select consecutive multiple scenes. Combining scenes is possible only when “Category: All” is specified (page 128). Stills cannot be combined.

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Select the consecutive multiple scenes to be combined.

- 3 Press the MENU button.

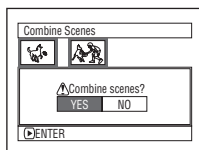
- 4 Choose “Scene”, “Edit”, “Combine” and then press the ►/|| button.



- 5 The “Combine Scenes” screen will appear. If you are sure you want to combine the selected scenes, press the ►/|| button.

If you want to change the scenes to be combined, you can change them on this screen.

- 6 The screen for verifying combination will appear: choose “YES”, and then press the ►/|| button.



The two images appearing on the verification screen are those of the first and last scenes to be combined. choose “NO” to cancel combination.

After Yes or No setting, the “Combine Scenes” screen will be restored.

The thumbnail of the first scene will appear in the combined scene.

Repeat steps 5 and 6 to combine other scenes.

- 7 Press the ■ button to quit.

### Note:

Scenes in different programs (different recording dates) cannot be combined. Create a play list first, and then combine such scenes on the play list.

## Dividing Movies (Edit - Divide)

You can divide a scene into two parts.

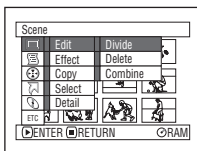
To delete unnecessary portion of scene, first divide the scene, and then delete the unnecessary portion.

**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

**2** Select the scene to be divided.

**3** Press the MENU button.

**4** Choose “Scene”, “Edit”, “Divide” and then press the ►/|| button.

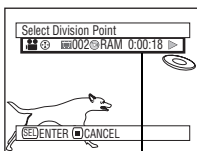


**5** The “Divide Scene” screen will appear. If you are sure you want to divide the selected scene, press the ►/|| button: The selected scene will be played back.

If you want to change the scene to be divided, you can change it on this screen.

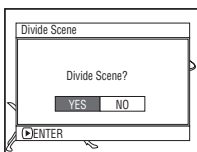
The selected scene will be played back.

**6** When you reach the point where you want to divide the scene, press the SELECT button.



Status bar of scene being played back

**7** The screen for verifying division will appear: choose “YES”, and then press the ►/|| button.



Choose “NO” to cancel division.

After division, the “Divide Scene” screen will be restored.

Repeat steps 5-7 to divide another scene.

**8** Press the ■ button to quit.

### Note:

- The status bar of scene being played back can be switched off or on by pressing the DISPLAY button.
- Search and frame advance are useful when designating division points.
- If a special effect has been added to the original scene, the “IN” effect will be added to the first half of scene, and the “OUT” effect to the latter half.
- The division point may drift before or after the designated point by approximately 0.5 seconds.
- Since a scene with skip set cannot be played back, no division point can be specified. Release the skip for the scene before dividing it.
- If the division point is at a still, a message will appear, but no division will be made.
- If the division point is at the start or end of a scene, a message will appear, but no division will be made.
- A movie scene whose recording time is 0.5 seconds or less cannot be divided.
- If free space available on disc is insufficient, division will not be possible. Delete unnecessary scenes.
- Pressing the ■ button on the verification screen will restore the thumbnail display screen.
- If you press the MENU button before pressing ►/|| in step 5, the submenu will appear (see page 103).


## Copying Stills on DVD-RAM Disc to Card (Copy)

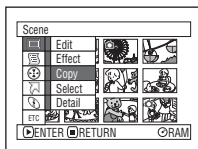
1 Set the power switch to “” or “”.


2 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

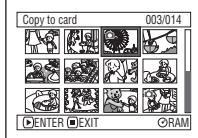
3 Select the still to be copied.

4 Press the MENU button.


5 Choose “Copy” on the “Scene” menu screen, and then press the  button.

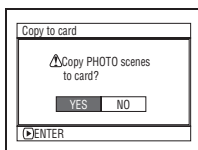


6 The “Copy to card” screen will appear. If you are sure you want to copy the selected still, press the  button.



If you want to change the still to be copied, you can change it on this screen.

7 The screen for verifying copy will appear. Choose “YES”, and then press the  button.




Choose “NO” to cancel copy.

After Yes or No setting, the “Copy to card” screen will be restored.

Repeat steps 6 and 7 to copy other stills to card.

8 Press the  button to quit.

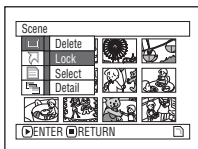
### Note:

- No movie can be copied.
- When you copy stills recorded on DVD-RAM disc to card, recording quality will automatically be set to “FINE”.
- If you press the MENU button before pressing the  button in step 6, the submenu screen will appear (P.103).
- See “Category” (P.128) to check the stills recorded on DVD-RAM disc.
- You can also select multiple scenes (P.99).
- Even if all scenes, including movies, are selected to be copied, only stills will be copied.
- Data on card cannot be copied to disc.
- Stills recorded on a device other than this DVD Video Camera may not be copied normally.

## Locking Scenes on Card (Lock)

You can lock each photo recorded on card so that it will not be deleted or edited by mistake.

- 1 Set the power switch to “SD”.
- 2 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 3 Select the scene to be locked.
- 4 Press the MENU button.
- 5 Choose “Lock” on the “Scene” menu screen, and then press the ►/II button.
- 6 The “Lock Set” screen will appear. If you are sure you want to lock the selected scene, press the ►/II button.

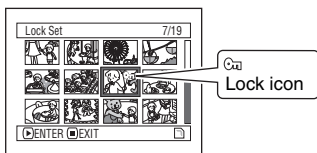


### ●To unlock the scene:

Select the locked scene, and then use the same procedure as above to unlock the scene. The lock mark will disappear and locking will be released.

#### Note:

- If you press the MENU button before pressing the ►/II button in step 6, the submenu screen will appear (P.103).
- You can also select multiple scenes (P.99).
- When initializing the card, the locked scenes will also be deleted.



If you want to change the scene to be locked, you can change it on this screen.

After setting, the “Lock Set” screen will be restored.

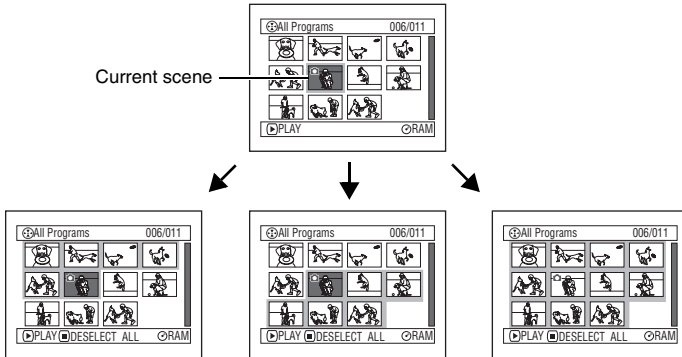
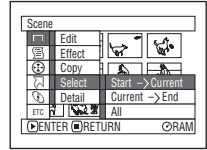
Repeat step 6 to lock another scene.

- 7 Press the ■ button to quit.

## Selecting Scenes Using Menu Screen (Select)

You can use this “Select” function to select consecutive scenes at one time. This function is useful when there are numerous scenes.

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Press the MENU button.
- 3 Choose “Select” on the “Scene” menu screen.
- 4 Choose “Start → Current”, “Current → End” or “All” and then press the ►/|| button.



“Start → Current” is specified:  
The scenes from the first to current will be selected.

“Current → End” is specified:  
The scenes from the current to end will be selected.

“All” is specified:  
All scenes from the first to end will be selected

## ● Deselecting selected scenes

### Deselecting scenes one by one:

While you are displaying the “All Programs” screen on which scenes have been selected, choose the scene to be deselected and then press the SELECT button.

### Deselecting all the selected scenes at once:

While you are displaying the “All Programs” screen on which scenes have been selected, press the ■ button.

### Note:

Up to 999 scenes can be selected.

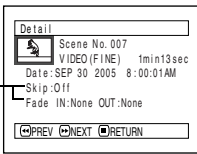
## Displaying Information Using Menu Screen (Detail)

You can display various information for a scene: the recording mode, recording date/time and length, special effects and movie quality mode.

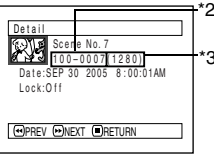
- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Select the scene whose information you wish to know.
- 3 Press the MENU button.
- 4 Choose "Scene", "Detail", and then press the ►/II button.

The detailed information on the scene will appear.

(When using disc)



(When using card)



- \*1 Not displayed with DVD-R disc.
- \*2 May not appear if the loaded card does not comply with DCF.
- \*3 Number of pixels on still in horizontal direction: This may not appear with a JPEG file that does not conform to this DVD Video Camera.

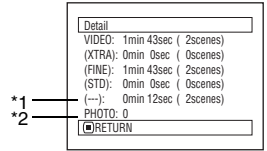
**Note:**

Pressing the ►► button will display information on the following scene; pressing the ◀◀ button will display information on the preceding scene.

- 5 Press the ■ button to quit.

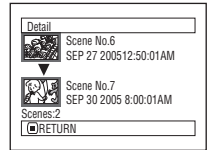
If you have selected multiple scenes, the information shown below will appear. Pressing the ■ button will restore the thumbnail display screen.

(When using disc)



- \*1 Scene whose quality mode is unknown. This will appear when the disc has a scene recorded on a device other than this DVD Video Camera, only if the disc has a scene whose mode is unknown. Also, this will not appear when a DVD-R disc is used.
- \*2 This will not appear with DVD-R disc, since no still image can be recorded on it.

(When using card)



**Note:**

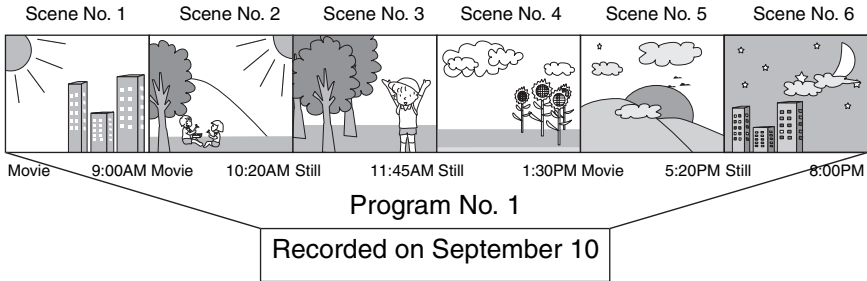
- If multiple scenes have been selected, the total recording time of the selected scenes (total number in case of stills) will appear.
- If a DVD-R disc recorded on a device other than this DVD Video Camera is inserted (already finalized), no scene information will appear.



# Program

## What is “program”?

Program refers to an assembly of scenes recorded on the same date regardless of whether they are movie or still.



RAM R

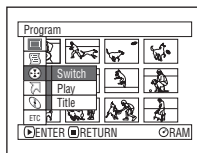
## Switching to Thumbnail Display of Specific Date (Switch)

Since the scenes recorded on this DVD Video Camera are collected as “programs” for each recording date, selecting a program will allow you to display only the scenes on a specific date.

**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

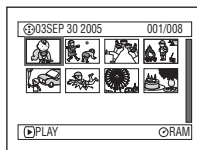
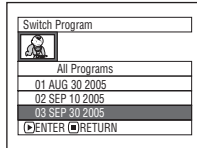
**2** Press the MENU button.

**3** Choose “Switch” on the “Program” menu screen, and then press the ►/II button.



**4** Select the program to be displayed, and then press the ►/II button.

The Disc Navigation screen of the selected program will appear.



### Note:

- Pressing the ■ button on the “Switch Program” screen will restore the Disc Navigation screen.
- The dates displayed on the program select screen will be in the Date Mode used when the first scenes of programs were recorded, and the date displays (M/D/Y, D/M/Y and Y/M/D) may be mixed.

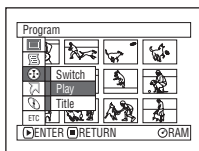
## Playing Back Program (Play)

You can play back only the selected program.

**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

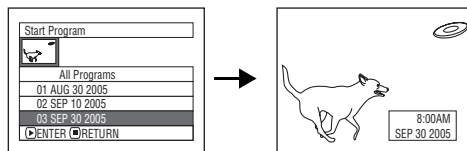
**2** Press the MENU button.

**3** Choose “Play” on the “Program” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.



**4** Select the program to be played back, and then press the ►/|| button.

Playback will start from the first scene of the selected program.



**Note:**

If “Repeat Play: On” is specified, the selected program will be repeatedly played back (see page 128).

## Changing Title of Program (Title)

The recording date/time is automatically attached to a program as its title.

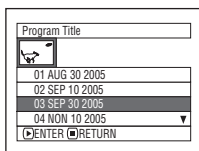
You can change the recording date/time to any desired title.

**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

**2** Press the MENU button.

**3** Choose “Title” on the “Program” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.

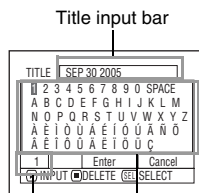
**4** Select the program whose title you want to change, and then press the ►/|| button.



The screen for setting a title will appear.

**5** Select a letter and then press the ►/|| button: The selected letter will be entered.

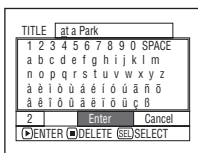
Repeat this procedure to create a title.



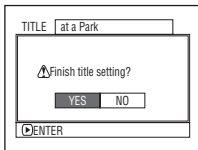
Input mode

Palette for selecting characters

6 After entering the title, choose “Enter” and then press the ►/II button.



7 The screen for verifying the change in title will appear. Choose “YES”, and then press the ►/II button.



Choose “NO” to cancel changing of the title.

After Yes or No setting, the Disc Navigation screen of the selected program will appear.

**Note:**

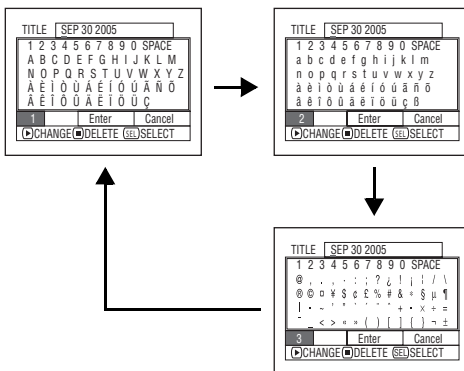
- If you wish to delete a letter in the title, press the ■ button once: The input letter will be deleted. Holding down the ■ button will delete all letters in the TITLE column.
- You can also use the DELETE button on remote controller to delete any input letters.
- Pressing the SELECT button on the title setting screen (in step 5) will change the cursor position from the title input bar to character select palette, input mode number, and then to “Cancel”.
- To cancel the setting of title, choose “NO” on the screen for verifying the entered title: The screen for verifying cancellation of title setting will appear. To cancel title setting, choose “YES”.
- If you press the ■ button on the screen for verifying change in title, the title setting screen will be restored.
- Double byte characters set on other devices may be displayed blank on this DVD Video Camera.

**● Characters available for entering title**

You can use the control buttons to select characters from the “capital letter”, “small letter” and “symbol” input modes.

At step 5, select the input mode and then press the ►/II button, or press the DISPLAY button.

**Input mode**



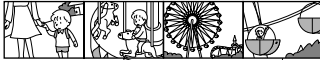
# Play List

## What is “Play List”?

You can create a play list on this DVD Video Camera by gathering your favorites from the recorded scenes. Since the play list is not created by copying data, you will consume little of the disc capacity by making a play list. On the other hand, deleting scenes on play list will not increase the remaining disc capacity for recording.

Example:

Program 1 (recorded on September 27, 2005)



Program 2 (recorded on September 30, 2005)

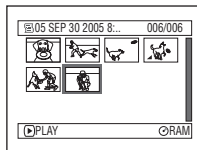
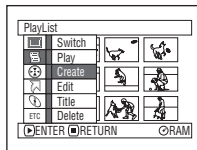


Play list 1 created

Play lists up to No. 99 can be created and 999 scenes can be included in play lists from No. 1 to No. 99.

## Creating New Play List (Create)

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Select the scenes to be programmed in a play list.
- 3 Press the MENU button.
- 4 Choose “Create” on the “PlayList” menu screen, and then press the ►/II button.
- 5 The scene select screen will appear: If the selected scenes on the play list are the ones you want, press the ►/II button.



If you want to change the scenes with which you want to create a play list, you can change them on this screen.

With the created play list, you can also add scenes recorded on another day or delete unnecessary scenes afterwards.

- 6 When creation of a play list is complete, the Disc Navigation screen will appear.

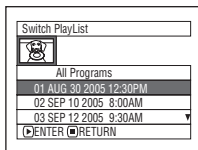
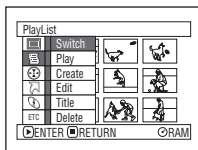
### Note:

- You can also select multiple scenes (P.99).
- If the added scene had skip or fade set, that information will also be added to the play list.
- The date/time when a play list was created will appear as the title for the play list.
- If free space available on disc is insufficient, creation of new play list may not be possible: delete unnecessary scenes.
- Only the data on scenes is recorded in play list. **If you create or delete play lists, the original scenes in programs will not be erased.** Editing scenes on play list will not affect the scenes in programs.
- If you press the MENU button before pressing ►/II in step 5, the submenu will appear (see page 103).

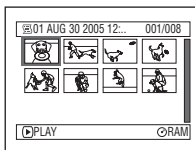
## Switching to Display of Each Play List (Switch)

Select the desired play list: The Disc Navigation screen of the selected play list will appear.

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Press the MENU button.
- 3 Choose “Switch” on the “PlayList” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.



- 4 Use the “Switch Playlist” screen to select the play list you wish to display, and then press the ►/|| button.



The Disc Navigation screen of the selected play list will be displayed.

### Note:

To display the Disc Navigation screen showing all programs (all recorded scenes), choose “All Programs” on the “Switch PlayList” screen.

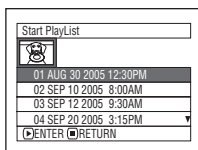
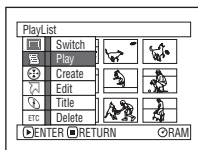
## ● Editing on play list

When adjusting settings on play list, such as changing title, adding fade, setting skip, etc., use the same procedure for adjusting program or scene settings. Perform these settings, referring to the following reference pages:

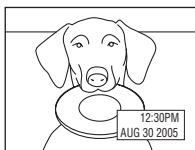
Changing thumbnail,	P.104
Setting skip,	P.105
Adding fade,	P.106
Combining scenes,	P.107
Dividing a scene,	P.108
Arranging order of scenes,	P.121
Changing title,	P.122

## Playing Back a Play List (Play)

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Press the MENU button.
- 3 Choose “Play” on the “PlayList” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.



- 4 Use the “Start Playlist” screen to select the play list to be played back, and then press the ►/|| button.



The selected play list will be played back from the first scene. To cancel playback midway, press the ■ button. The Disc Navigation screen of the play list being played back will appear.

### Note:

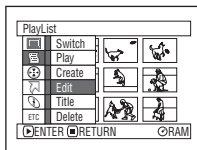
If “Repeat Play: On” is specified, the play list will be repeatedly played back (See page 128).

## Adding Scenes to Play List (Editing Play List)

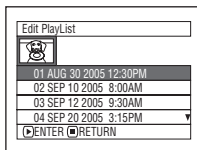
**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

**2** Press the MENU button.

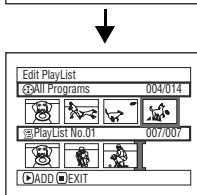
**3** Choose “Edit” on the “PlayList” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.



**4** Use the play list select screen to select the play list to which you wish to add scenes, and then press the ►/|| button.

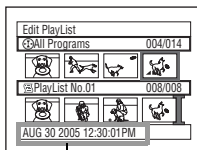


The scenes of the program that was displayed in step 1 will appear in the upper row, and the scenes of the selected play list will appear in the lower row.



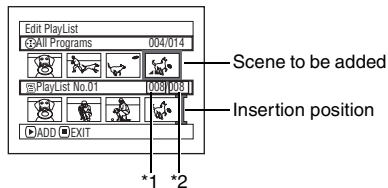
### Note:

If the DISPLAY button is pressed when the thumbnails are displayed, the recording date/time of the selected scene will appear across the bottom of screen. Press DISPLAY again to restore the previous screen.



Recording date/time

**5** Press the ►► button to move the cursor to the lower row, and press the ◀◀/►► button to select the point where the scene is to be inserted.



\*1: Number of scene before insertion position cursor

\*2: Total number of scenes on play list

**6** Press the ◀◀ button to move the cursor to the upper row, and press the ◀◀/►► button to point the cursor to the scene to be added.

**7** Press the ►/|| button to copy the scene.

After adding scenes is completed, the edited play list will appear. Repeat steps 5-7 to add other scenes.

**8** Press the ■ button: The screen verifying exit from editing will appear.

### Note:

- The cursor shows the position where the scene is to be added.
- You can also select multiple scenes (P.99).
- Pressing the ■ button in the middle of adding scenes will display the screen for verifying an exit from “Edit PlayList”. Choose “YES” to exit play list editing. Choosing “NO” will restore the “Edit PlayList” screen.
- If you press the MENU button in step 5 or 6, the submenu screen for editing play list will appear. You can also use this submenu to add scenes (See page 103).

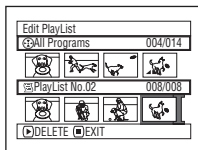
## Deleting Scenes from Play List (Editing Play List)

**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

**2** Display the editing screen of the play list to be edited.

Perform steps 2–4 on page 118.

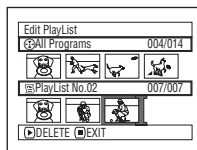
**3** Move the cursor to the play list in lower row, and place the cursor on the scene to be deleted.



**4** Press the ►/|| button.

Repeat steps 3 and 4 to delete other scenes.

**5** Press the ■ button: The screen for verifying exit from editing will appear.



**Note:**

- You can also select multiple scenes (P.99).
- Place the cursor on scene to be deleted, and then press the DELETE button on remote controller.

## Adding Scenes Using Submenu for Editing (Editing Play List)

You can use the menu screen to add scenes to a play list.

**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

**2** Display the editing screen of the play list to be edited.

Perform steps 2–4 on page 118.

**3** From the play list in lower row, select the position where you wish to insert a scene.

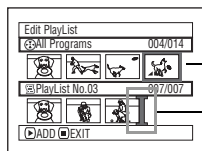
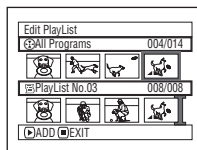
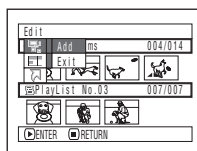
**4** Select the scenes to be added from the upper row.

**5** Press the MENU button.

**6** Choose “Add”, and then press the ►/|| button.

Repeat steps 3-6 to add other scenes.

**7** Press the ■ button: The screen verifying exit from editing will appear.



Scene to be added

Insertion position

**Note:**

- The selected scenes will be added in the insertion position.
- You can also select multiple scenes (P.99).

## Deleting Scenes Using Submenu for Editing (Editing Play List)

You can delete scenes from play list on the editing screen.

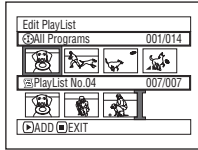
**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

**2** Display the editing screen of the play list to be edited.

Perform steps 2–4 on page 118.

**3** Move the cursor to the play list in lower row.

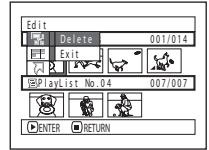
**4** Select the scene to be deleted, and then press the MENU button.



**5** Choose “Delete” on the “Edit” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.

Repeat steps 3-5: other scenes can be deleted.

**6** Press the ■ button: The screen verifying exit from editing will appear.



**Note:**

- If all scenes on play list are deleted, the play list itself will also be deleted.
- You can also select multiple scenes (P.99).

## Selecting Scenes Using Submenu for Editing (Editing Play List)

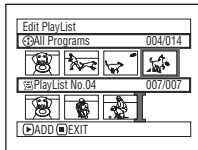
You can specify the range of scenes when adding or deleting consecutive multiple scenes to/from play list. This “Select” menu item is useful when selecting consecutive multiple scenes for adding or deleting, using menu on page 111.

**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

**2** Display the editing screen of the play list to be edited.

Perform steps 2–4 on page 118.

**3** Specify the first scene of those you wish to select, and then press the MENU button.



**4** Choose “Start → Current”, “Current → End”, “All” on the “Select” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.

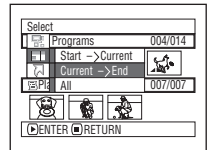
**Note:**

See page 111 for the status of scenes to be selected.

**5** Press the ■ button: The screen verifying exit from editing will appear.

**Note:**

You can also select multiple scenes (P.99).

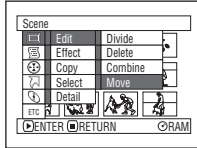




# Arranging Order of Scenes (Move)

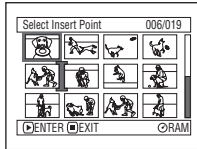
You can move scenes only when “Category: All” is specified.

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Press the MENU button.
- 3 Choose “Switch” on the “PlayList” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.
- 4 Select the scene to be moved, and then press the ►/|| button.
- 5 Press the MENU button.
- 6 Choose “Scene”, “Edit”, “Move”, and then press the ►/|| button.
- 7 The “Move Scene” screen will appear. If you are sure you want to move the scene, press the ►/|| button.

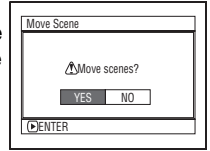


If you want to change the scene to be moved, you can change it on this screen.

- 8 Move the “I” mark to the position where you wish to move the scene, and then press the ►/|| button.



- 9 The screen for verifying move will appear: Choose “YES”, and then press the ►/|| button.



Choose “NO” to cancel move.

After Yes or No setting, the scene select screen will be restored.

Repeat steps 7 - 9 to move another scene.

- 10 Press the ■ button to quit.

### Note:

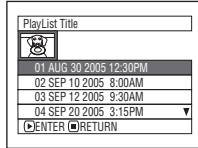
- If you press the MENU button before pressing the ►/|| button in step 7, the submenu screen will appear.
- You can also move multiple scenes (P.99).
- Stills can also be moved.
- Only scenes on play list can be moved.

## Changing Title of Play List (Title)

The play lists have serial numbers based on the order in which you have created them, along with the created dates/times. You can change these titles at any time.

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Press the MENU button.
- 3 Choose "Title" on the "PlayList" menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.
- 4 Use the "PlayList Title" screen to select the play list whose title you wish to change, and then press the ►/|| button.

See "Changing Title of Program (Title)" on page 114 for how to enter a title.

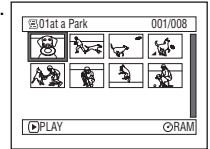


- 5 The screen verifying exit from this menu will appear. Choose "YES" and then press the ►/|| button.



- 6 Press the ■ button to quit.

After changing the title, the Disc Navigation screen for the play list whose title has been changed will appear.

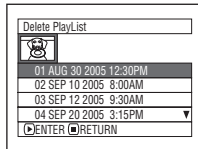


**Note:**

The registered title can be changed at any time using the same procedure.

## Deleting Play List (Delete)

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Press the MENU button.
- 3 Choose "Delete" on the "PlayList" menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.
- 4 Use the "Delete PlayList" screen to select the play list you wish to delete, and then press the ►/|| button.

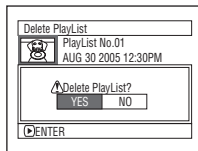


- 5 The screen for verifying deletion will appear. Choose "YES", and then press the ►/|| button.

Choose "NO" to cancel deletion. After Yes or No setting, the Disc Navigation screen for all programs will be restored.

**Note:**

Even if you delete a play list, the original scenes stored on disc will not be deleted.

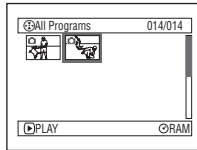
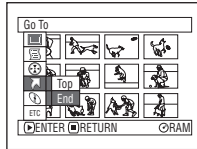


# Go To

From the Disc Navigation screen, you can jump to the first scene or last scene.

## Top (End)

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Press the MENU button.
- 3 Choose "Top" or "End" on the "Go To" menu screen, and then press the ►/II button.



(When "End" is specified)

# Disc or Card Management

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## Verifying Remaining Free Space on Disc or Card (Capacity)

You can find out how long you will be able to record on one side of disc or on card.

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Press the MENU button.
- 3 Choose "Capacity" on the "Disc" or "Card" menu screen, and then press the ►/II button.
- 4 Press the ■ button to quit.

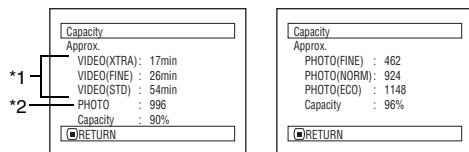
The Disc Navigation screen will be restored.

### Note:

With a write-protected (see "Terminology" on page 147) disc or locked card, the remaining space will always be displayed as "0".

(When using disc)

(When using card)



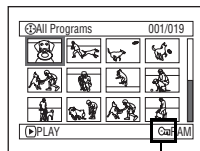
## Protecting Disc from Writing (Protect Disc)

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You can protect a DVD-RAM disc in order to prevent recorded images from being erased or edited by mistake. Further recording will not be possible on protected disc until the protection is released.

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Press the MENU button.
- 3 Choose "Protect Disc" on the "Disc" menu screen, and then press the ►/II button.

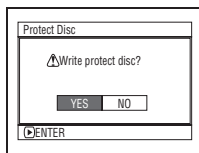
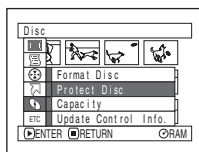
Choose "NO" to cancel protection. After "YES" or "NO" setting, the Disc Navigation screen will be restored.



Disc protect icon

- 4 The screen for verifying protection will appear:

Choose "YES", and then press the ►/II button.



### Note:

To release disc protection, perform the same procedure as above: The screen for verifying the release of protection will appear. Choose "YES" to release the protection.

## Initializing DVD-RAM Disc or Card (Format Disc. Format Card)

### Before You Begin

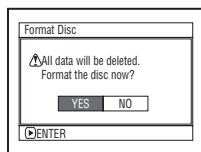
- Take great care that power is not turned off during initialization. If the DVD Video Camera is turned off during initialization and the initialization is interrupted, incorrect initialization will result, and at worst, the data recorded on disc or card before initialization was interrupted may be damaged.

- 1 Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.
- 2 Press the MENU button.
- 3 Choose “Format Disc” or “Format Card” on the “Disc” or “Card” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.

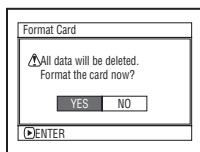
The screen for verifying “Format Disc” or “Format Card” will appear.

- 4 Choose “YES”, and then press the ►/|| button.

Choose “NO” to cancel initialization.



(When using DVD-RAM disc)



(When using card)

When initializing one side of the disc is complete, the DVD Video Camera will return to recording pause mode.

#### Note:

- Initialization will delete all the recorded contents on disc or card. Be careful not to delete data by mistake.
- Be sure to use the AC adaptor when initializing disc or card so that the DVD Video Camera is not turned off midway. If initialization is interrupted by power turning off, the disc or card will not be initialized correctly, or it may be damaged.
- It may not be possible to initialize a disc with many scratches or dirt. Such a disc cannot be used.
- If you use a brand-new DVD-R disc, message “Disc is not formatted” will appear. Initialize the disc, following the subsequent messages (See page 47).
- This DVD Video Camera may not recognize some discs or cards that have been initialized on PC or a device other than this DVD Video Camera.
- If you attempt to initialize a disc or card in this DVD Video Camera using a PC connected to the DVD Video Camera via USB cable, the disc or card may not be initialized and may be unusable on this DVD Video Camera.

## Updating Control Information of DVD-RAM Disc (Update Control Info.)

Disc Navigation in this DVD Video Camera handles information on scenes, such as thumbnail, skip, or fade, in a particular manner. If you use another device to edit a disc recorded on this DVD Video Camera, and then use the data again with Disc Navigation in this DVD Video Camera, the Disc Navigation may not appear normally. If this happens, use the Update Control Info function to update the data.

### Before You Begin

- Use the AC adaptor to power the DVD Video Camera for updating control information, and make sure that power is not turned off during updating. If the DVD Video Camera is turned off during updating and the updating is interrupted, the control information will not be updated correctly.

**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

**2** Press the MENU button.

**3** Choose “Update Control Info.” on the “Disc” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.

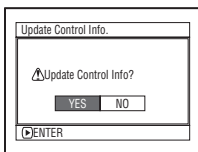
The screen for verifying “Update Control Info.” will appear.

**4** Choose “YES”, and then press the ►/|| button.

The message for proceeding will appear, and then the Disc Navigation menu screen will be restored.

A black screen may appear while the message for updating is displayed.

Choose “NO” to cancel updating.



**5** Press the ■ button to quit.

#### Note:

- It may take time to update the control information if the disc has many recorded scenes.
- Pressing the ■ button on the verification screen will restore the thumbnail display screen.

## Finalizing DVD-R Disc (Finalize Disc)

### Before You Begin

- Be sure to use the AC adaptor to power the DVD Video Camera when finalizing a DVD-R disc. Finalization cannot be executed using a battery pack. If the DVD Video Camera is turned off during finalization and the finalization is interrupted, incorrect finalization will result, and at worst, the disc may be damaged.

If you want to play back a DVD-R disc recorded on this DVD Video Camera using a device that plays 8 cm DVD, you must finalize the disc on this DVD Video Camera.

The date of program will appear on the menu screen of DVD player as a title.

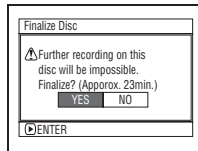
**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

**2** Press the MENU button.

**3** Choose “Finalize Disc” on the “Disc” menu screen, and then press the ►/II button.

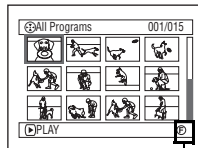
The disc will be finalized.

**4** Choose “YES”, and then press the ►/II button.



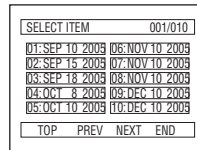
The message showing that the disc is being finalized will appear, and the disc will then be finalized.

© will appear on the Disc Navigation screen for a finalized disc.



Finalized DVD-R disc

**5** When finalization is complete, the Disc Navigation screen for all programs will appear.



(Screen when viewed using DVD player)

### Important Note:

#### Do not finalize a disc recorded on this DVD Video Camera using any other device.

- No recording can be done on any DVD-R disc that has been finalized.
- If the disc in the DVD Video Camera has already been finalized, you cannot choose “Finalize Disc”.
- The time required to finalize the disc that appears on the “Finalize Disc” screen is only for reference.
- The shorter the recording time on disc, the longer it will take to finalize it.

## Other Functions (Others)

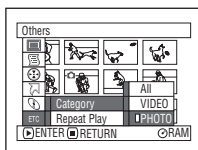
### Displaying Movies or Stills Independently (Category)

Scenes recorded on this DVD Video Camera will be displayed in the order of recording regardless of whether they are movies or stills. You can use the Disc Navigation screen to switch display to stills only or movies only.

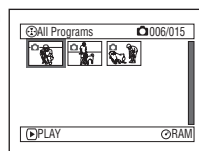
**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

**2** Press the MENU button.

**3** Choose “Category” on the “Others” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.



**4** Specify the desired option for display, and then press the ►/|| button.



(When “PHOTO” is specified)

**All:** To display all scenes, movies or stills, in the order of recording.

**VIDEO:** To display only movies in the order of recording.

**PHOTO:** To display only photos in the order of recording.

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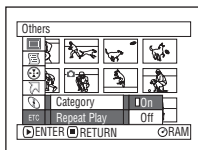
### Playing Back Scenes Repeatedly (Repeat Play)

**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

**2** Press the MENU button.

**3** Choose “Repeat Play” on the “Others” menu screen, and then press the ►/|| button.

**4** Choose “On”, and then press the ►/|| button: Playback will start.



Choose “Off” to cancel Repeat Play Setting.

#### ● When Repeat Play is set

If one scene has been specified: when playback of the last scene is finished, playback of all scenes will repeat from the first scene.

If the range for playback has been specified: playback of the scenes in that range will repeat.

#### ● To release Repeat Play

Use one of the following 3 methods to release:

- Choose “Off” in step 4 left.
- Turn the DVD Video Camera off once.
- Press the DISC EJECT lever to remove the disc.

#### Note:

- Press the ■ button to terminate playback. However, the Repeat Play setting will not be cancelled.
- Still images can also be played back repeatedly.
- Repeat playback will not function when playback is set from the recording pause status.



## Slide Show (Continuous Playback of Stills)

If you play back stills recorded on a card, the DVD Video Camera will enter playback pause mode after each still is played back.

Setting Slide Show allows you to continuously play back stills.

**1** Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.

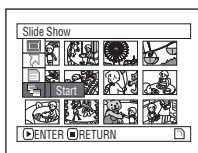
**2** Press the MENU button.

**3** Choose “Slide Show”, “Start”, and then press the ►/|| button.

**Start:** To start the slideshow.

When playback is finished, the DVD Video Camera will enter the playback pause mode at the final still.

Pressing the ■ button will restore the Disc Navigation screen.



**Note:**

- One still is played for approx. 5 seconds.
- With slide show, playback starts from the first still on card.
- If you press the ■ button or turn the DVD Video Camera off, Slide Show will be canceled.

# Installing Software

## (Only for VDR-M55PP/VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP)

This software is compatible only with Windows Me/2000/XP. It will not run in other versions of Windows, such as Windows 98SE.

*Before installing the DVD-RAM Driver on the CD-ROM provided with this DVD Video Camera; If the packet writing software which supports the DVD-RAM disc is installed, it is necessary to un-install it, and then install the provided DVD-RAM Driver.*

**Note:**

- This guide uses the screen of Windows® XP Home Edition/XP Professional to explain installing software: Use the same procedure for Windows® Me/2000 Professional to install the DVD-RAM Driver.
- We will not guarantee proper operation of this DVD Video Camera if you use software other than that supplied with this product to read/write data to the DVD Video Camera even though reading/writing of a file has finished without errors.

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## ***Compatible PC for use with DVD Video Camera***

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### **DVD-RAM Driver**

Personal computer : IBM PC/AT compatible personal computer

OS : Windows® Millennium Edition/2000 Professional/ XP Home Edition/XP Professional

## DVD-MovieAlbumSE 4.1

Personal computer	: IBM PC/AT compatible personal computer
OS	: Windows <sup>®</sup> Millennium Edition/2000 Professional /XP Home Edition/XP Professional
CPU	: Intel <sup>®</sup> Pentium <sup>®</sup> III 450 MHz or higher (1 GHz or higher recommended) or Intel <sup>®</sup> Celeron <sup>®</sup> 633 MHz or higher
RAM	: 128 MB or more (256 MB or more recommended)
Display	: High Color (16 bit) or more Desktop resolution of 800 × 600 pixels or more (1024 × 768 pixels or more recommended) 4 MB video memory or more
Free hard disc space	: 200 MB or more
Necessary software	: DirectX 8.1 or later Acrobat Reader 5.0 or later DVD-RAM Driver
Sound	: DirectSound support Windows compatible sound device

### ●Operations will not be guaranteed under the following conditions

- Even if the system requirements mentioned in these operating instructions are fulfilled, some personal computers cannot be used.
- This software cannot be used on Macintosh.
- DirectX 8.1 will be installed automatically during installation of the supplied software.
- Multi-CPU environment is not supported.

## DVDfunSTUDIO 2.2

Personal computer	: IBM PC/AT compatible personal computer
OS	: Windows® Millennium Edition/2000 Professional Service Pack 3 or later/XP Home Edition/XP Professional Service Pack 1 or later
CPU	: Intel® Pentium® III 800 MHz or higher
RAM	: 256 MB or more (512 MB or more recommended)
Display	: High Color (16 bit) or more Desktop resolution of 1024 × 768 pixels or more 4 MB video memory or more
Free hard disc space	: 1.4 GB or more
Necessary software	: DirectX 8.1 or later Acrobat Reader 5.0 or later
Sound	: Windows compatible sound device
Interface	: USB2.0 (Hi-Speed)

### ● Operations will not be guaranteed under the following conditions

- Even if the system requirements mentioned in these operating instructions are fulfilled, some personal computers cannot be used.
- This software cannot be used on Macintosh.
- DirectX 8.1 will be installed automatically during installation of the supplied software.
- Operation on an OS other than the one pre-installed is not guaranteed.
- Operation is not guaranteed on computers that are not PC/AT compatible.
- Input is not supported in languages other than English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, and Simplified Chinese.
- Operation is not guaranteed when writing with DVD drives other than the DVD Video Camera.
- DVD discs authored with this software are not guaranteed to play in all DVD players.
- DVDfunSTUDIO as bundled with the DVD Video Camera cannot be used for writing to other devices.
- Do not format DVD-R discs you will use for authoring with DVDfunSTUDIO on this DVD Video Camera.

# Contents on Provided CD-ROM

Upon inserting the provided CD-ROM into the PC, the "Setup Menu" screen will appear. You can install the included software.

If the "Setup Menu" screen does not appear, double-click the CD-ROM drive icon.



## ● DVD-RAM Driver

(see page 136 for installation)  
Install this driver if you wish to use JPEG stills recorded on a DVD-RAM disc, on your PC.

## ● DVD-MovieAlbumSE 4.1

(see page 139 for installation)  
You can use DVD-MovieAlbumSE to edit the images recorded on a DVD-RAM disc and create a 3D title.

## ● DVDfunSTUDIO 2.2

(see page 141 for installation).  
You can use DVDfunSTUDIO to create a DVD-Video disc from movies edited on DVD-MovieAlbumSE.

## ● Acrobat Reader

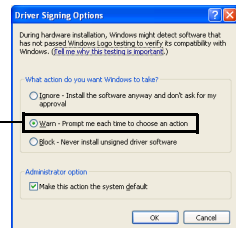
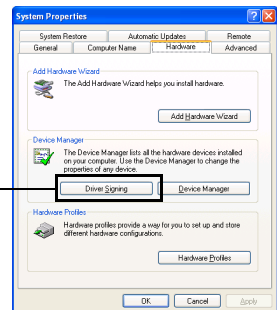
If Acrobat Reader is not installed in your PC, you will need to install it in order to open the on-line manuals (instruction manual files) for DVD-MovieAlbumSE, DVDfunSTUDIO and DVD-RAM Driver.

### Note:

**If any trouble has occurred while installing DVD-RAM Driver :**

(Using other than Windows® Me)  
When the "Block" is selected in the "Driver Signing Options" of the "Hardware" tab in the "System Properties", the installation procedure will not complete. Select "Warn" and try again.

To check and change the setting, open "Control Panel" from the Windows "Start" menu, select "System Properties", and then click the "Hardware" tab.



### ●DVD-MovieAlbumSE

You can read the instruction manual using either of the following procedures:

- After installing DVD-MovieAlbumSE, open “Programs” or “All Programs” from the Windows “Start” menu, choose “Panasonic” and “DVD-MovieAlbumSE”, and then open “Operation Manual”.

To read the above manual, you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader.

If Adobe Acrobat Reader has not been installed in your PC, you can install it from the “Setup Menu” screen. Click any language for the “Acrobat Reader” on the “Setup Menu” screen.

### ●DVD-RAM Driver

- After installing the DVD-RAM Driver, open “Programs” or “All Programs” from the Windows “Start” menu, choose “PanasonicDVD-RAM” and “DVD-RAM Driver”, and then open “Using DVD-RAM disc”.

### ●DVDfunSTUDIO




- After installing DVDfunSTUDIO, open “Programs” or “All Programs” from the Windows “Start” menu, choose “Panasonic” and “DVDfunSTUDIO”, and then open the electronic instruction manual in “Operating instructions” folder.




To read the above manual, you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader.

If Adobe Acrobat Reader has not been installed in your PC, you can install it from the “Setup Menu” screen. Click any language for the “Acrobat Reader” on the “Setup Menu” screen.

## Recognizing the DVD Video Camera on your computer (only when it is connected for the first time)

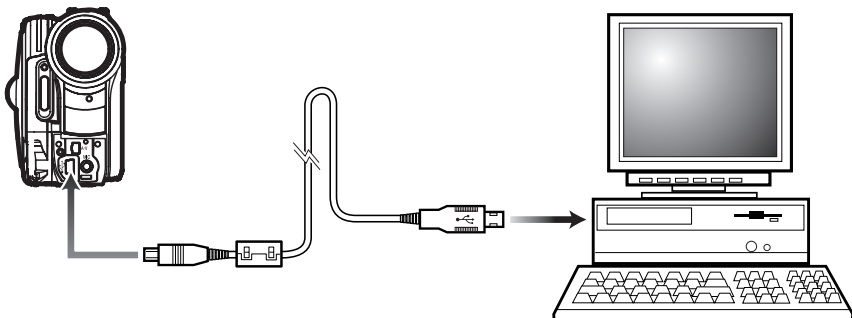
**DVD Video Camera is compatible only with Windows Me/2000/XP. It will not run in other versions of Windows, such as Windows 98SE.**

When you connect the DVD Video Camera to your computer for the first time, a setup operation takes place so that your computer can recognize the DVD Video Camera. The DVD Video Camera has two modes, a disc mode which is activated when you set the power switch to  or  , and a card mode which is activated when you set the power switch to  . It is necessary that your computer recognize both of these modes.

- 1 Set the power switch of DVD Video Camera to “” or “”, and “”, and then use the provided USB cable to connect the DVD Video Camera to the USB port of PC.

The DVD Video Camera is automatically recognized by your computer, so there is no need to carry out any particular operation.

(The standard USB driver contained in Windows is automatically installed. This process may take several minutes.)



## ● Operation with DVD Video Camera connected

- The following operations are not possible when connected to PC:
  - Camera recording and playback using operation buttons on DVD Video Camera
  - Power off using the power switch on DVD Video Camera
- No image will appear on the LCD screen or viewfinder of DVD Video Camera when it is connected to PC:  
Make sure that the DVD Video Camera is properly connected to PC: the ACCESS/PC indicator should show access to DVD-RAM or DVD-R disc, the beep sound indicates start/end of PC connection. (When disc is not accessed, the ACCESS/PC indicator will not blink or light.)
- If still images are recorded on disc, use Windows Explorer to double-click the drive icon of DVD Video Camera (DVD\_CAMERA), and then click the “\DCIM\100CDPFP” folder: The still JPEG files will appear.
- Use the DVD Video Camera with a computer that supports USB2.0. If you connect it to a computer that does not support USB2.0, a message advising you to connect it to a computer that supports USB2.0 will appear.

### **Note:**

- You can check whether or not the DVD Video Camera has been correctly recognized by the computer. (See page 138)
- If the DVD Video Camera is not automatically recognized by your computer, you can use the following method to enable it to be recognized.  
Method 1: Turn off the DVD Video Camera and your computer once and try again.  
Method 2: Eject the DVD-RAM disc, DVD-R disc, or SD Memory Card from the DVD Video Camera and try again.  
Method 3: Try connecting the DVD Video Camera to another USB port on your computer.

# Installing DVD-RAM Driver

This software is compatible only with Windows Me/2000/XP. It will not run in other versions of Windows, such as Windows 98SE.

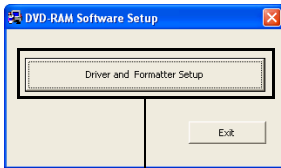
## ● Before Installing DVD-RAM Driver

If another DVD-RAM Driver is already installed in your PC, confirm the original DVD-RAM Driver. If the packet writing software which supports the DVD-RAM disc is installed, it is necessary to uninstall it, and then install the provided DVD-RAM Driver.

**1** Insert the provided CD-ROM into the PC, and click “DVD-RAM Driver” on the “Setup Menu” screen.

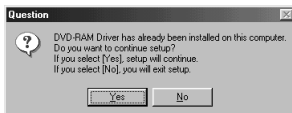
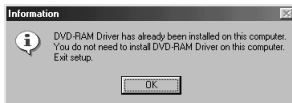
If the “Setup Menu” screen does not appear, double-click the CD-ROM drive icon.

**2** The driver setup screen will appear: Click the “Driver and Formatter Setup” button.

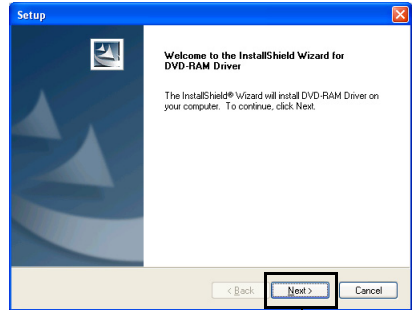


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One of the messages below may appear. In this case, follow the message and continue the installation procedure.

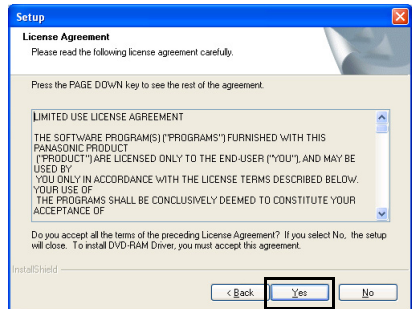


**3** Click “Next”.



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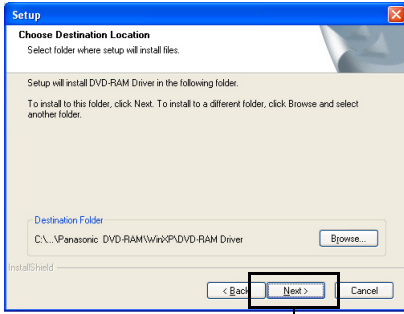
**4** Check the contents of License Agreement. If you accept it, click “Yes” (The contents displayed on actual screen may differ from those in the figure.).



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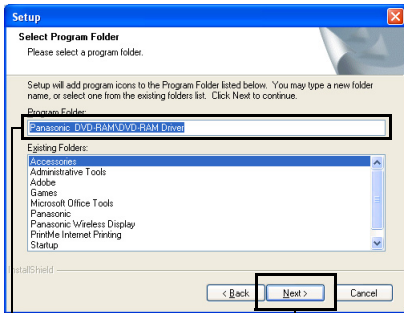


- 5 Check the folder in which the DVD-RAM driver will be installed, and then click "Next".



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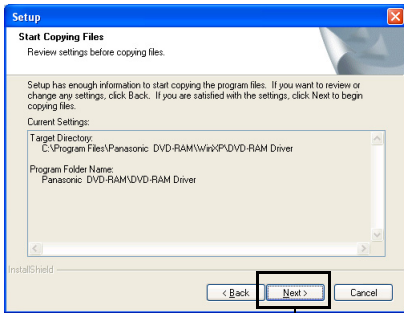
- 6 Check the program folder to be installed, and then click "Next".



Confirm

Click

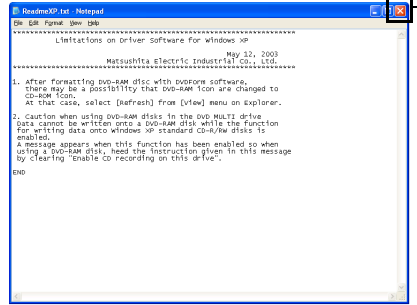
- 7 Click "Next".



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- 8 Installation will start. When installation is complete, some notes will appear: check the contents, and then click "x" at the top right of window.

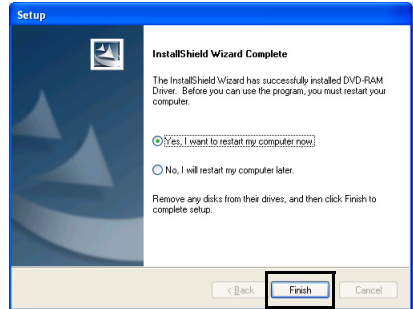
The contents displayed on actual screen may differ from those in the figure.



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- 9 If your PC uses Windows® Me / XP Home Edition / XP Professional, a message that prompts you to restart will appear: follow the on-screen instructions and then click "Finish".

Installing the DVD-RAM Driver is now complete. If your PC uses Windows® 2000 Professional, proceed to step 10.



Click

- 10 If your PC uses Windows® 2000 Professional, a message announcing the start for detecting device will appear. The detection of device will start, after which it will take several minutes for the PC to detect the device. When detecting the device is complete, a message that prompts you to restart will appear: click "Yes" and then restart the PC.

Installing the DVD-RAM Driver is now complete.

**Note:**

You can check whether or not the DVD Video Camera has been correctly recognized by the computer. (See page 138)

## ●Checking whether or not the DVD Video Camera has been correctly recognized by your computer

You can check whether these installations have been completed successfully. Use the following procedure.

- 1 Process for getting to Device Manager as follows.

Windows® XP : Start - Control Panel - System - Hardware - Device Manager  
Windows® 2000 : Start - Settings - Control Panel - System - Hardware - Device Manager  
Windows® Me : Start - Settings - Control Panel - System - Device Manager

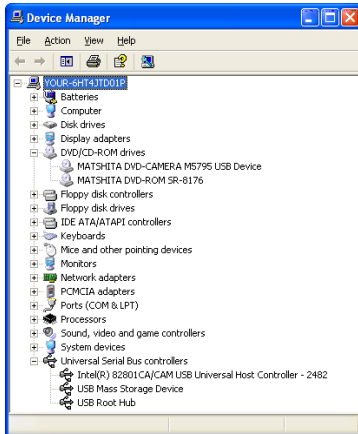
- 2 Click “Device Manager”. Verify that the following items are listed on the screen.

### When using disc:

- “MATSHITA DVD-CAMERA M5795 USB Device” under “DVD/CD-ROM drives” \*1  
\*1:When using Windows® Me, “MATSHITA DVD-CAMERA M5795” is listed under “CDROM”.
- “USB Mass Storage Device” under “Universal Serial Bus controllers”

### When using card:

- “USB Mass Storage Device” under “Universal Serial Bus controllers”



Example for using disc

# Installing DVD-MovieAlbumSE

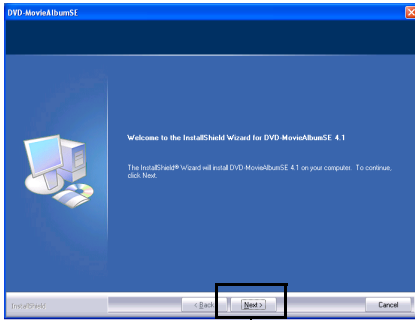
“DVD-MovieAlbumSE” software is used to edit movies that conform to DVD Video Recording format.

**This software is compatible only with Windows Me/2000/XP. It will not run in other versions of Windows, such as Windows 98SE.**

- 1 Insert the provided CD-ROM into the PC, and click “DVD-MovieAlbumSE 4.1” on the “Setup Menu” screen.

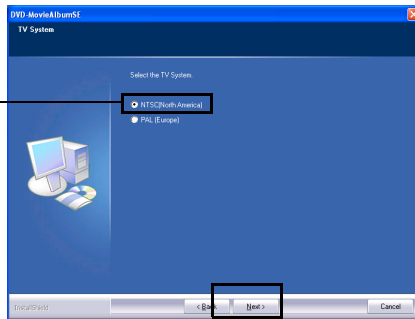
If the “Setup Menu” screen does not appear, double-click the CD-ROM drive icon.

- 2 The screen for installing “DVD-MovieAlbumSE” will appear: Click “Next”.



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- 3 Choose “NTSC (North America)” for the TV broadcast system, click “Next”.

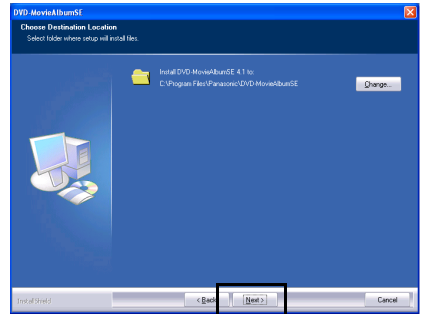


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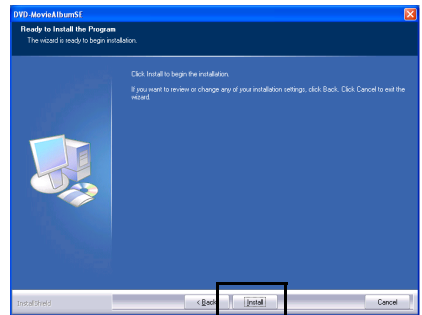
- 4 If you do not change the folder where the software is installed, click “Next”.

To install the software in a different directory, click “Change” and choose the installation directory.



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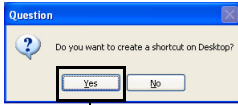
- 5 Check the contents, and then click “Install”.



Click

**6** A message for verifying whether a shortcut icon is to be created on desktop will appear.

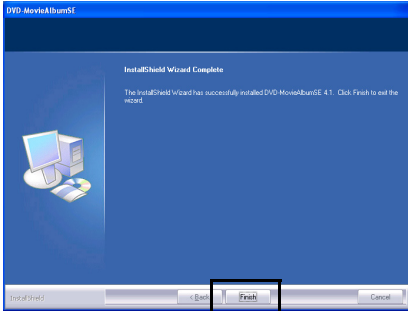
If you want to create one, click “Yes”. If not, choose “No”.



Click

Installation will start.

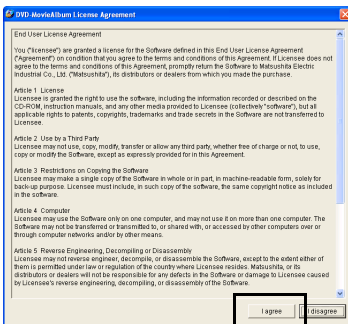
**7** Click “Finish”.



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**8** The following window is displayed during the first run of DVD-MovieAlbumSE after installation.

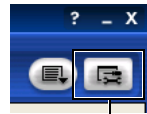
Carefully read the Software License Agreement. If you accept it, click “I agree”.



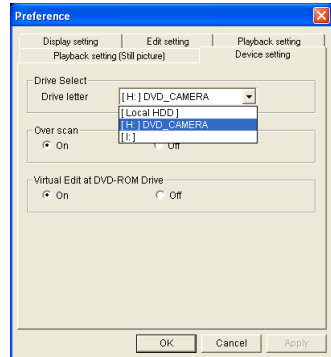
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**Note:**

- If your PC uses Windows® 2000 Professional/XP Home Edition/XP Professional, set the user name to “Administrator (computer’s manager)” (or user name with equivalent authorization), log on to PC, and then install the software (if you do not have authorization, consult your system manager).
- When using DVD-MovieAlbumSE software on Windows® 2000 Professional/XP Home Edition/XP Professional, log on to your PC as Administrator with a login name equally authorized. If you log on with a login name other than Administrator, you can not use DVD-MovieAlbumSE.
- You can not use DVD-MovieAlbumSE to handle an AVI file in DV format with no sound.
- When starting DVD-MovieAlbumSE, “Mount Information” window may appear or the recorded movies may not be shown. If this has occurred, try the following procedure.
  1. Click “Preference”, and then “Device setting”.
  2. Select the drive in which the DVD-RAM disc is inserted in the “Drive Select” column. Click “OK”.



“Preference” tab

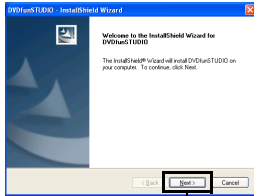


# Installing DVDfunSTUDIO

Does not support recording to DVD-RW or DVD+RW discs with the DVD Video Camera.

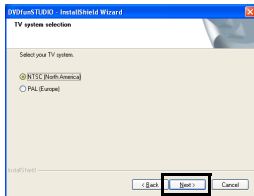
**This software is compatible only with Windows Me/2000/XP. It will not run in other versions of Windows, such as Windows 98SE.**

- 1 Insert the provided CD-ROM into the PC, and click “DVDfunSTUDIO 2.2” on the “Setup Menu” screen. If the “Setup Menu” screen does not appear, double-click the CD-ROM drive icon.
- 2 The screen for installing “DVDfunSTUDIO” will appear. Click “Next”.



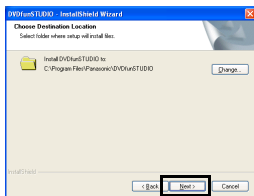
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- 3 Choose “NTSC (North America)” for the TV broadcast system. Click “Next”.



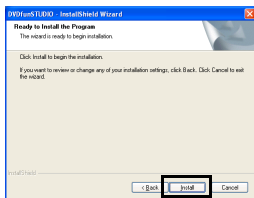
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- 4 “Choose Destination Location” will appear. If you do not wish to change the folder where the software is installed, click “Next”.



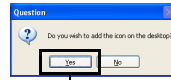
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- 5 Check the contents, and then click “Install”. Installation will start.



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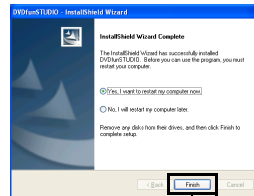
- 6 A message for verifying whether a shortcut icon is to be created on desktop will appear. If you want to create one, click “Yes”. If not, choose “No”.



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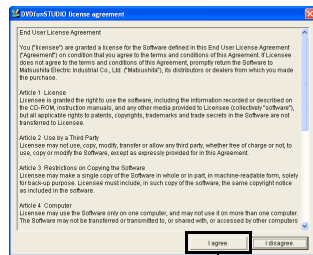
Installation will start.

- 7 Click “Finish”, and then restart the PC.



Click

- 8 The following window is displayed during the first run of DVDfunSTUDIO after installation. Carefully read the Software License Agreement. If you accept it, click “I agree”.



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## Note:

- If your PC uses Windows® 2000 Professional/XP Home Edition/XP Professional, set the user name to “Administrator (computer’s manager)” (or user name with equivalent authorization), log on to PC, and then install the software (if you do not have authorization, consult your system manager).
- When using DVDfunSTUDIO software on Windows® 2000 Professional/XP Home Edition/XP Professional, log on to your PC as Administrator with a login name equally authorized. If you log on with a login name other than Administrator, you can not use DVDfunSTUDIO.

## If you insert an unformatted DVD-R disc in the DVD Video Camera. . . .

The following message is displayed on the camera monitor: "This disc must be formatted before it can be used by this camera".

Follow these steps when authoring DVD-R discs with DVDfunSTUDIO.

**1** Press the  button to cancel formatting.

Formatting discs at this time prevents you from using them with DVDfunSTUDIO. (However, formatted discs can be used for recording movies and shots and with the camera.)


**2** Start DVDfunSTUDIO.

**3** Choose Preference from the Tool menu. In DVD drive, choose the DVD Video Camera.

## Before closing the USB connection (disconnecting the USB cable) or toggling the power switch

You must follow the steps to stop the drive before disconnecting the USB cable from the computer or toggling between Disc Mode and Card Mode with the power switch while the USB cable is connected.

### ● Stopping the Drive

**1** Close the application. In Windows, click the  icon in the task tray (in the lower-right corner).

**2** Choose "Safely remove USB Mass Storage Device" (for Windows XP).

A message will inform you that hardware may be disconnected.

Close the application and make sure the camera access indicator is green before disconnecting the USB cable.

### ● Toggling the Power Switch

**1** Disconnect the USB cable following the instructions in "Stopping the Drive" (see above).

**2** You may now toggle the power switch.

**3** Reconnect the DVD Video Camera to the computer with the USB cable.



# Creating DVD Video on PC from DVD-RAM Disc Recorded on DVD Video Camera

Using DVD-MovieAlbumSE and DVDfunSTUDIO, you can create a DVD Video disc (DVD-R disc) from the images recorded on this DVD Video Camera, following the procedure below:

**1** Insert a recorded DVD-RAM disc into the DVD Video Camera, and connect the DVD Video Camera to the USB terminal of PC.

**Note:**

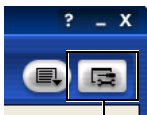
Connect the DVD Video Camera to the AC Adaptor.

**2** Align the DVD Video Camera power switch with  or .

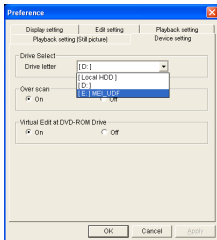
**3** Start DVD-MovieAlbumSE, and edit the images on DVD-RAM disc as necessary.

When starting DVD-MovieAlbumSE, “Mount Information” window may appear or the recorded movies may not be shown. If this has occurred, try the following procedure. If multiple drives exist, for example, another drive may have been selected.

1. Click “Preference”, and then “Device setting”.
2. Select the drive in which the DVD-RAM disc is inserted. In the “Drive Select” column, click “OK”.

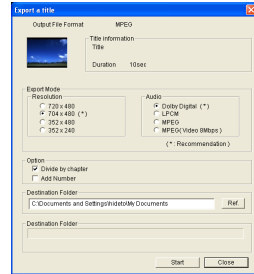


“Preference” tab



**4** Right-click the thumbnail from which you wish to create a DVD Video disc on the DVD-MovieAlbumSE screen, and execute “Export”.

**5** The “Export a title” screen, shown below, will appear: Make the displayed recommended setting.



“Export a title” Screen

**Note:**

- Choose “Divide by Chapter” in the “Option” box. Each scene of program recorded on the DVD Video Camera will be saved as an independent movie file so that export can be executed at high speed. If you do not choose “Divide by Chapter”, movie files may be unified and re-encoded, so it may take time to export them or the image quality may slightly deteriorate. DVD-MovieAlbumSE may automatically encode a movie recorded in the XTRA mode containing rapidly moving scenes (8 Mbps or higher), regardless of the “Divide by Chapter” setting.
- If you want to change the destination folder, click “Ref.” and specify the appropriate folder. If you want to create a new folder, type the name of new folder directly in the “Destination Folder” field.

**6** Click the Start button to start export.

A confirmation message appears.

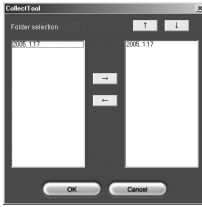
**7** When export is complete, message “Export completed normally. Do you wish to create a ‘DVD-Video’ disc using the exported data?” will appear. Check the small box for “Eject the disc being used”, and then click “Yes”.

Insert a brand-new DVD-R disc into the DVD Video Camera.

(Do not format the disc.)

DVD-MovieAlbumSE will automatically end.

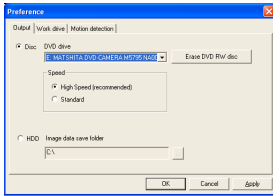
8 DVDfunSTUDIO starts automatically. When the folder selection screen (CollectTool) appears, click OK.



After a few moments, the exported scene will be automatically registered on the DVDfunSTUDIO editing screen.

Now you can change the DVD menu to the desired style, change the title, etc. on this editing screen. (If multiple drives exist, for example, another drive may have been selected.)

If the contents are not displayed, click [Tool], [Preference], and [DVD drive] to select the drive (the DVD Video Camera) in which the DVD-R disc is installed, and then click OK. The drive name (X:) will differ depending upon the computer you are using.



9 Click the Burn button. A confirmation message appears. Writing to DVD-R disc will start. When writing is complete, a DVD video disc will be created.

Then the disc cover of DVD Video Camera will open automatically.

**Note:**

- Depending upon the environment of your computer (if it does not support USB2.0, for example), frame dropout may occur, the audio may be intermittent, or the software may run slowly when you play back recorded images.
- Still images recorded using DVD-MovieAlbumSE or a Panasonic DVD recorder cannot be played back on the DVD Video Camera.
- The following message may appear if you swap over discs while DVD-MovieAlbumSE is running. In this case, click OK.



- Title names set using DVD-MovieAlbumSE cannot be displayed on the DVD Video Camera. (Title names set using the DVD Video Camera will be displayed.)
- Writing wide mode movies recorded to a DVD-RAM disc using [STD], to a DVD-R disc using the PC program software provided (DVDfunSTUDIO): Be careful of the following points.
  - The image quality is degraded when you write movies to a DVD-R disc. (The data is first decoded, and then encoded again to match the DVD standard.)
  - Depending upon the [Video settings] setting of DVDfunSTUDIO, when you play back the contents of a recorded DVD-R disc, black bands may appear at top and bottom and also left and right of the screen when using a wide screen television, or at top and bottom of the screen when using a television other than a wide screen type.
- The following table shows the recordable time on 8 cm DVD-R disc using DVDfunSTUDIO. The recordable time is shorter than that of 8 cm DVD-RAM disc because DVDfunSTUDIO always records audio in the LPCM format.

Movie quality mode of DVD-RAM disc in DVD Video Camera	Recordable time on 8 cm DVD-R disc (using DVDfunSTUDIO)
STD	Approx. 50 minutes
FINE	Approx. 25 minutes
XTRA	Approx. 18 minutes

## Uninstalling Software

To uninstall the applications, use "Control Panel" to open "Add or Remove Applications", choose the applications to be uninstalled from the displayed list of applications, and then click "Change/Remove".

**Note:**

- After uninstalling software, be sure to restart the PC.



# Supplementary Information

## *Introduction to Optional Accessories*

### Video Camera Accessories

Accessory No.	Description
LM-AF30U	8cm DVD-RAM
LM-AF60U	8cm DVD-RAM
LM-RF30V	8cm DVD-R
PV-DAC13	AC adaptor with AC Cable and DC Cable
CGA-DU14A*	1360mAh/Rechargeable Lithium Ion Battery Pack
CGA-DU21A	2040mAh/Rechargeable Lithium Ion Battery Pack
RP-SDH01GU1A RP-SDK512U1A RP-SDH256U1A RP-SD128BU1A	1 GB SD Memory Card 512 MB SD Memory Card 256 MB SD Memory Card 128 MB SD Memory Card
VW-FLH3	Flash (only for VDR-M75PP/ VDR-M95PP)
VW-LDC10	Video DC light

\* Please refer to page 43 concerning the battery charging time and available recording time.  
NOTE: Accessories and/or model numbers may vary by country. Please consult your local dealer.

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# Cleaning

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*Be sure to set the power switch to "OFF" before cleaning this DVD Video Camera.*

## ● **Cleaning LCD screen and camera lens**

Use a dry, soft cloth to wipe dirt off. When cleaning the LCD screen, be careful not to use force, scratch it, or subject it to impact. Doing so could cause a defect in the screen, resulting in display unevenness, or damage the LCD monitor.

## ● **If dust adheres to the viewfinder lens, remove it using a cotton cloth.**

Do not rub the lens with force: Doing so could scratch the lens.

## ● **Do not use benzene or thinner to clean DVD Video Camera case**

The coating of case could peel off or the case could deteriorate. Wipe off dirt on the case with a moist cloth which has been completely wrung out. When using a chemical cleaning cloth, follow instructions for use.

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# Terminology

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## **DVD-RAM disc:**

Rewritable DVD disc.

## **DVD-R disc:**

One-time recordable DVD disc.

## **DVD Video format:**

This application format establishes the file name, directory structure, data format, etc. to record videos (movies). A generally available DVD video conforms to this format.

## **DVD Video recorder:**

This device can record video and audio on any recordable DVD disc, such as DVD-RAM, that conforms to the DVD Video Recording format. Some DVD Video recorders can record on a DVD-R disc conforming to DVD Video format. A DVD Video recorder that is compatible with 8 cm DVD-RAM can play back DVD-RAM discs recorded on the DVD Video Camera.

## **DVD Video Recording format:**

Format of recorded video data on writable type DVD disc. This format is adopted by DVD Video Cameras and DVD-RAM recorders that are compatible with DVD-RAM.

## **DVD Player:**

This device can play back video and audio signals recorded on DVD Video and DVD-R discs using the DVD Video format. Most DVD players can play back a DVD-R disc recorded on the DVD Video Camera (some DVD players cannot play back the disc).

## **SD Memory Card:**

SanDisk, Matsushita and Toshiba jointly developed this memory card standard in 1999. The card is 32 mm long x 24 mm wide x 2.1 mm thick, and has 9 pins.

## **USB 2.0:**

There are two kinds of USB ports for a PC. As for USB2.0 (full speed), transfer speed is slow, and, as for USB2.0 (high speed), transfer speed is higher-speed. If the DVD Video Camera is connected to the PC via a USB2.0 (high speed port), movies can be enjoyed without difficulty.

## **Infrared sensor:**

This sensor is used to adjust the white balance.

## **Thumbnail:**

This refers to a reduced screen displayed on Disc Navigation in order to identify the recorded image contents.

## **Scene:**

Video (movie): "One scene" refers to images recorded from one press of REC button until recording is stopped by pressing the REC button again.

Photo (still): "One scene" refers to a single photo recorded by pressing the photo shot button.

## **Slot-in type PC:**

PC that has a DVD drive into which a DVD is directly inserted or ejected from without using a tray.

**Disc-protect:**

This disables writing to disc (protects disc from writing) so that images recorded on DVD-RAM disc cannot be accidentally deleted and the disc cannot be initialized.

**Howling:**

This phenomenon occurs as follows: when the DVD Video Camera is connected to a device, such as TV, the audio input to the microphone of DVD Video Camera is amplified and output from the speakers of TV, and the signal is again input to the microphone. This is repeated to form an endless loop of audio signal, and the signal is amplified up to the audio output amplitude limit of the device. Howling can be prevented by changing the positional relationship between the DVD Video Camera and TV, or by turning down the volume on TV.

**Suspending PC:**

This function stores the status of a PC before it is turned off. It will restart the PC in the same status as immediately before the PC was turned off, when the PC is turned on next time.

**Video selector:**

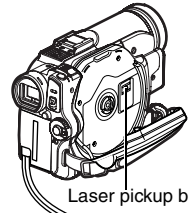
This device can input multiple audio and video signals, and select the desired audio and video signals among those input, to output them.

**Finalize:**


This process makes a DVD-R disc recorded on this DVD Video Camera playable on a DVD player, etc. that conforms to 8 cm DVD-R: No further recording can be made on a finalized DVD-R disc.



**Laser pickup block:**

This block emits laser beam to a disc, and then collects the laser beam reflected from the disc to convert it to an electric signal. The block consists of a laser, lens, receiving element, etc.



## Before Requesting Service

Check 1	No movie can be recorded
<p>Movie can be recorded only on DVD-RAM or DVD-R disc.</p> <p>Check the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the correct type of disc inserted?</li> <li>• Is power switch set to “”?</li> <li>• Is the DVD-RAM disc in DVD Video Camera write-protected? Release the write-protect.</li> <li>• If you are using a DVD-R, has it been finalized?</li> <li>• Does disc have remaining recording space?</li> </ul> <p>If movie still cannot be recorded after the above checks, the disc may be damaged: use another disc.</p>	

Check 2	No still can be recorded
<p>Still can be recorded only on DVD-RAM disc or SD Memory Card.</p> <p>Check the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the correct type of disc or card inserted?</li> <li>• Is power switch set to match the recording medium? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– When using DVD-RAM disc: Set to “”.</li> <li>– When using SD Memory Card: Set to “”.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Is loaded DVD-RAM disc write-protected?</li> <li>• When using SD Memory Card: is it locked?</li> <li>• Does disc or card have remaining recording space?</li> </ul> <p>If still cannot be recorded after the above checks, the disc or card may be damaged: use another disc or card.</p>	

Check 3	Skip or search playback does not work well
<p>If the temperature inside the DVD Video Camera is high, normal operation may not be possible. Turn the DVD Video Camera off, wait for a few moments, and then turn it on again for operation.</p>	

Check 4	No operation can be performed because the ACCESS/PC or CARD ACCESS indicator on this DVD Video Camera remains lit or blinking.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After disc or card is inserted, it takes some time until recording is possible.</li> </ul>	
<p>In the following cases, it will take more time than usual until operation is possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When a disc has just been inserted</li> <li>• When the last action was to turn off the power, and a long period of time has passed since then</li> <li>• When the temperature is greatly different from the time of previous recording</li> <li>• When disc with scratches, dirt or fingerprints is inserted</li> <li>• When disc is subject to severe vibrations</li> <li>• When the battery or DC cord was disconnected instead of following the correct procedure using power switch to turn the DVD Video Camera off</li> </ul>	

<b>Check 5</b>	<b>No DVD Video Camera operation</b>
Is a fully charged battery pack attached? Is the DVD Video Camera powered from AC outlet?	

<b>Check 6</b>	<b>No image in viewfinder</b>
Is LCD monitor open? No image will appear in viewfinder unless the LCD monitor is closed and securely locked to DVD Video Camera.	

<b>Check 7</b>	<b>No image appears on the LCD screen or in the viewfinder</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is DVD Video Camera connected to PC using USB cable? Unplug the USB cable.</li> <li>• Does DVD Video Camera stop at the end of the scene to which wipe-out was set and played back? Press the DISC NAVIGATION button.</li> </ul>	

# Error Messages

A message may appear while you are operating the DVD Video Camera. If a message appears, refer to the following table and take appropriate corrective action.

Messages are arranged in alphabetical order.

Message	Cause & Troubleshooting	Reference page
(1) Data error in a part of image file. Repair data now? (2) Found error in image file. Repair data now? (3) Data error in all image file. Repair all data now?	It is possible that the system cannot normally complete writing of file when, for example, power is turned off for some reason during recording or editing (deleting, dividing or combining scenes, or creating play list). Selecting "YES" will automatically repair the video file, but even if "NO" is selected, the same message will appear when the DVD Video Camera is turned on next time. (Do not remove the disc while the DVD Video Camera is recognizing it: ignoring this will deactivate the file repair function.) Follow the instructions on screen, taking note of the following cautions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data may not be repaired, depending on the timing when power was turned off.</li> <li>• Data may not be repaired normally if data recorded on another recorder is mixed in.</li> <li>• The repaired data may be different from the original recorded content because of partial deletion of defective portion.</li> <li>• Since the date/time of repair is added to the repaired data (only the corrected portion for partial repair), the original date/time information will be lost.</li> <li>• Since all movies, and then all stills, are repaired, the order of recorded contents will be lost. (In case of message (2) (3) only)</li> <li>• See *1 on page 156.</li> </ul>	—
(1) This disc must be formatted before it can be used by this camera. (2) Do not format this disc if you want to record from the PC connection terminal. (3) Format the disc now?	DVD-R disc that was not initialized for camera use was inserted.	47
Battery is almost empty. Replace it.	Replace with a charged battery pack, or use AC adaptor to power the DVD Video Camera.	42, 45
Cannot combine scenes.	Unless consecutive scenes are selected, they cannot be combined.	107
Cannot combine. Deselect PHOTO scenes.	Select only movies and combine them.	107
Cannot combine scenes of multiple programs.	Scenes cannot be combined, because the programs are different. Create a play list first, and then combine scenes.	116
Cannot combine. Select multiple scenes.	Select a range of at least 2 scenes to be combined, and then combine them.	107
Cannot delete scenes.	This may occur when scene that was edited for division, etc. is to be deleted. Combine the divided scenes, and then delete them.	107
Cannot execute. Change display category to ALL.	This message will appear if you attempt to combine or move scenes with "Category: VIDEO or PHOTO" specified.	128

Message	Cause & Troubleshooting	Reference page
Cannot execute. Unselect multiple scenes.	Division or change in thumbnail was executed when multiple scenes were selected.	99
Cannot read disc. Please clean disc, check for disc cracks insert properly and try again.	An error occurred during disc recognition. Make sure the disc is not dirty, inserted upside down, or not fully inserted on the spindle.	9, 42, 45, 46
CANNOT RECORD PHOTOS	Are you using DVD-R disc? You cannot record still images on DVD-R disc. Use DVD-RAM disc to record still images.	28
Cannot replace thumbnail on PHOTO scenes.	The thumbnail of a still cannot be changed. Select a movie.	104
Cannot select any more scenes.	The maximum number of selectable scenes is 999.	111
CARD ALMOST FULL	Remaining space is only enough to record less than 10 stills. Delete unnecessary stills and try the card, or use another card.	33, 102
Card error has occurred. Format the card now?	Was the card formatted on PC? Was formatting interrupted midway? When using the card on this DVD Video Camera, choose "YES" and format it.	125
Card error has occurred. Formatting is not complete.	The card may be damaged: Use another card.	30
Card error.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The card terminals may be dirty: Wipe off dirt, and try the card again, or use another card.</li> <li>Data other than still image may be included: Use another card.</li> </ul>	30
Card error has occurred. Keep card inside & restart.	Card error could have occurred during editing of scenes. Turn off the DVD Video Camera with the card being used inside, connect the AC adaptor, and then power the DVD Video Camera again. Repair of scenes will be attempted.	45, 50
Card full.	Delete unnecessary stills and try the card, or use another card.	33, 102
	No more recording on this card can be done: Delete unnecessary stills or use another card.	
Card full. Cannot execute.	Delete unnecessary stills and try the card, or use another card.	33, 102
Card has no data.	This message will appear when an attempt is made to execute playback or editing on Disc Navigation with no scene recorded.	—
Card is not formatted. Format the card now?	Was the card formatted on PC? When using the card on this DVD Video Camera, choose "YES" and format it.	125
Control Information Error.	Mismatch may occur between the recorded image and scene information. Update the control information.	126
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use another disc.</li> <li>See *3 on page 156.</li> </ul>	28, 30
COPY PROTECTED	The video signal input to this DVD Video Camera may be copy-guarded. Some prerecorded video materials, such as movies, are guarded against copying. Copy-guarded materials cannot be recorded on this DVD Video Camera.	75



Message	Cause & Troubleshooting	Reference page
DISC ACCESS	The recorded scene is being stored on disc. Wait until the message disappears, and you can start to use the DVD Video Camera.	51, 52
	This DVD Video Camera is verifying whether the correct disc has been inserted. Wait until the message disappears, and you can start to use the DVD Video Camera.	—
DISC ALMOST FULL	The disc will soon be full, and recording will be impossible. Delete unnecessary scenes and try the disc again, or use another disc.	32, 33, 102
Disc error has occurred. Finalizing is not complete.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disc error occurred during finalizing, and finalizing failed. Replace the disc.</li> <li>• See *3 on 156.</li> </ul>	127
Disc error has occurred. Format the disc now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the disc been initialized on PC? Has initializing the disc on PC been interrupted? Choose "YES" and initialize the disc when using it on this DVD Video Camera. Initializing the disc will erase all data on it.</li> <li>• See *2 on page 156.</li> </ul>	125
Disc error has occurred. Formatting is not complete.	The disc may be dirty. Remove the disc and wipe off fingerprints, dust, etc. before reusing it, or use another disc. This message may also appear if you insert a disc for which formatting was interrupted midway. In this case, use another disc.	30, 125
Disc error has occurred. Keep disc inside & restart.	Disc error could have occurred during editing of scenes. Turn off the DVD Video Camera with the disc being used in it, connect AC adaptor, and then power the DVD Video Camera again. Repair of scenes will be tried.	45
Disc error.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use another disc.</li> <li>• See *3 on page 156.</li> </ul>	28, 30
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mismatch in recording information may be caused by editing done on some device other than this DVD Video Camera. Initialize the disc or use another disc.</li> <li>• Initializing the disc will erase all data on it.</li> </ul>	125
Disc full. Cannot execute.	Delete unnecessary scenes before using this disc, or use another disc.	102
Disc has no data.	This message will appear when an attempt is made to execute playback or editing on Disc Navigation with no scene recorded.	—
Disc has no Play List.	Switching of play list was selected with no play list stored.	117
Disc includes protected scenes. Delete scenes?	The disc may have been software protected using a device other than this DVD Video Camera. To release in this case, use the device that has executed software-protect.	—
Disc is full. Cannot add control info.	The number of entered scenes has reached the limit that can be entered, so the control information for generating thumbnails cannot be added. Combine several scenes or delete them.	102, 107
Disc is not formatted. Format the disc now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the disc been initialized on a PC? Choose "YES" and initialize the disc when using it on this DVD Video Camera. Initialization will delete all data on the disc.</li> <li>• See *2 on page 156.</li> </ul>	125

Message	Cause & Troubleshooting	Reference page
Drive overheat. Please retry later.	The temperature inside the DVD Video Camera is too high, and reading or writing of the data on disc may not be performed normally. Turn the DVD Video Camera off and wait for a while. The temperature will be effectively decreased if the DVD Video Camera is placed in a well-ventilated spot.	50
DVD-R Disc, Video mode cannot be changed.	With DVD-R disc, the movie quality mode once selected and used for recording cannot be changed.	32
END OF DISC	The disc is full. You cannot record on this disc anymore. Prepare another disc or delete unnecessary movie scenes from this disc.	102
End scene cannot be divided.	Division is not possible at the end of scene.	108
Error occurred. Please replace disc or format disc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abnormality has occurred with the DVD-RAM disc to be repaired. Initialize the disc before using it, or use another disc. Initializing the disc will erase all data on it.</li> <li>See *2 on page 156.</li> </ul>	125
Error occurred. Please replace disc.	An abnormality occurred with a DVD-R disc to be repaired. Replace the disc.	—
Finalize may not be complete. Finalize again now?	Instantaneous shutoff occurred during finalizing, after which power was supplied and disc was inserted.	127
It is unrecordable on this card.	The inserted card cannot be used in this DVD Video Camera. Use another card.	30
JPEG files related to scenes are not found.	This message will appear when stills recorded on DVD-RAM disc using a device other than this DVD Video Camera are to be copied to card.	—
NO CARD	Insert a card.	49
No card. Please insert card.	No card is inserted. Insert a card.	49
NO DISC	This message may appear when the DVD Video Camera or disc is moved from a cold place to a warm place. Condensation has occurred on the DVD Video Camera lens or DVD-RAM drive. Do not remove the disc; leave the DVD Video Camera turned off in a place as dry as possible for 1-2 hours.	9
	The disc has not been inserted. Insert it.	46
No more scenes. Play List was deleted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All scenes are deleted from the play list.</li> <li>Since a play list with no scenes cannot be supported by specifications, a play list from which all registered scenes have been deselected will be deleted.</li> </ul>	119, 120
Photo cannot be divided.	Still image cannot be divided.	108
PlayLists over limit.	An attempt was made to create new play list or copy play list, even though limit specified for play lists in the video recording standard had already been stored.	116
Same scenes on Play List will be deleted. Delete scenes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This will appear when scenes are to be deleted.</li> <li>When a play list exists on disc, an attempt to delete scenes in program will display this message. (This message will not appear if you deselect scenes from play list.)</li> </ul>	102
Scenes over limit. Cannot add scene.	The number of scenes entered in play list has reached the limit that can be entered. Delete several scenes.	116, 120

Message	Cause & Troubleshooting	Reference page
Scenes over limit. Cannot divide scene.	The number of entered scenes has reached the limit that can be entered. Delete several scenes.	108, 116
Scenes over limit. Cannot move scene.	This message will appear if you try to move a scene when the number of scenes has already reached the registrable limit.	105, 116
Stop processing	The button was pressed to stop processing of multiple scenes.	—
There was no scene which can be deleted.	This message will appear if you try to delete multiple scenes on Disc Navigation when all the selected scenes have been locked. Release the lock on scenes before executing deletion.	102, 110
This card cannot be used. Please replace card.	The card cannot be used in this DVD Video Camera. Use another card.	30
This disc cannot be used. Please replace disc.	A disc that cannot be used in this DVD Video Camera has been loaded. Check the type of disc.	29
This disc is recorded by the PAL system. Please replace disc.	This DVD Video Camera can use only discs recorded on the NTSC system. A disc recorded on the PAL system cannot be used in this DVD Video Camera.	—
Top scene cannot be divided.	Division is not possible at the start of scene.	108
UNFORMAT DISC	The disc is not initialized or it is damaged. If this message appears, be sure to initialize the disc in this DVD Video Camera before using it. Reinitializing even a disc used in this DVD Video Camera may be necessary (initializing will erase all recorded contents on disc). If this message appears, try to initialize the disc. If the same message still appears, the disc may be damaged. Use another disc.	125
	See *2 on page 156.	—
Use AC adapter/ charger.	Finalization is not possible when the DVD Video Camera is powered by a battery pack. Use the AC adaptor for finalization.	45, 127
Use AC adapter/ charger. Turn off power.	Scene cannot be repaired when the DVD Video Camera is powered by a battery pack. If the AC adaptor is unavailable in handy place, remove the disc, use the opposite side, or use another disc. To repair the removed disc, insert the disc into the DVD Video Camera afterwards, and connect the AC adaptor.	45
VIDEO scene cannot be copied to card.	No movie can be copied to card. Select stills and copy them to card.	109
Write protected. Check card.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A locked card or write-protected disc is inserted.</li> <li>• Release the lock or write-protect using the Card or Disc Navigation menu.</li> </ul>	30, 124
Write protected. Check disk.		

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- This message may also appear when dirt adheres to disc. If this message appears when a recorded disc is recognized immediately after it is inserted, do not repair the disc; remove it and then use Disc Cleaning Cloth to clean off the dirt before using it.
- This message may appear when condensation occurs. In this case, do not repair the disc; turn the DVD Video Camera off, wait until it dries out, and then turn it on again.
- If the repair message appears when you turn the DVD Video Camera on from off with a disc loaded after recording on it, choose repair.
- If the repair message appears when recording and playback are normally possible with another disc - and no condensation has occurred and the disc is not dirty - choose repair.

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- This message may appear when dirt adheres to disc. In this case, do not initialize the disc; remove it and then use Disc Cleaning Cloth to clean the dirt before using it.
- This message may appear when condensation occurs. In this case, do not initialize the disc; turn the DVD Video Camera off, wait until it dries out, and then turn it on again.
- Initialization will delete all data on disc.


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- This message may also appear when dirt adheres to disc. Remove the disc and then use Disc Cleaning Cloth to clean the dirt before using it.
- This message may appear when condensation occurs. Wait until the DVD Video Camera dries out, and then turn it on again.
- This message will appear when a single-sided disc is inserted in reverse. Reinsert the disc correctly. (Insert the disc with the label/printed surface facing up.)

# Troubleshooting

Check to see the following before asking for a repair. If the suggested solution still cannot restore the DVD Video Camera to normal, do not attempt to repair it yourself, but consult your dealer.

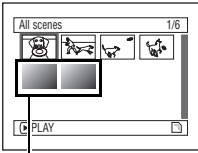
## Power supplies

Symptom	Cause and Correction	Reference page
Battery pack cannot be charged. * If the battery pack does not charge after you try the four procedures shown on the right, it may be dead. Purchase a new battery pack.	Is the ambient temperature too low or too high? Charge the battery pack at 50-86°F (10-30°C).	23
	Is the battery pack abnormally hot? Remove the battery pack, leave it for a while to cool down, then charge it.	
	Is the DC cord connected to AC adaptor? Unplug it.	
	Has the battery pack been unused for a long time? Remove the battery pack, and then reattach it.	
Battery pack weakens fast.	Are you using the DVD Video Camera where the temperature is very low? A fully charged battery may be discharged sooner than usual at low temperatures. Keep extra batteries on hand.	43
	Battery pack may be dead. The performance of battery pack will deteriorate if it is used for an extended period of time or frequently. Purchase a new battery pack.	44
The CHARGE indicator on AC adaptor is blinking.	Is the ambient temperature too low or too high? Charge the battery pack in environment where the temperature is 50-86°F (10-30°). The battery pack has possibly discharged excessively. Continue charging. After a while, the battery pack will be charged to the specified voltage, and the CHARGE indicator will light. Then the battery charge will be completed normally.	43
Power turns off immediately after being turned on.	Is battery pack charged? Charge it.	23
When power is turned on, the LCD screen will turn on and off.		
Power goes off unexpectedly.	Is Power Save set to "On"? If the powered DVD Video Camera is left for as long as 5 minutes without recording or playback with "Power Save: On" specified, it will automatically turn off to save battery power. To restart recording in this case, set the power switch to "OFF" and then set it to "  ". You can also specify "Power Save: Off" to stop automatic power off.	93
Power cannot be turned off.	Detach the battery pack or AC adaptor once, and then press the RESET button of DVD Video Camera: Reattach a power supply to DVD Video Camera before turning it on again.	—
If the disc cover is opened while the power is off, the access light flashes.	The power turns on automatically so that the disc can be recognized. If the cover is closed, the power turns off automatically.	46




## During recording

Symptom	Cause and Correction	Reference page
Pressing the REC button will not start recording.	Is input image copy-guarded? Copy-guarded image cannot be recorded on this DVD Video Camera.	75
Recording starts but stops immediately.	Is disc scratched or do dirt or fingerprints adhere to it? Clean the disc. If there is still no improvement, replace the disc.	30
	If you turn this DVD Video Camera on for many hours in a high temperature location, this DVD Video Camera may automatically stop recording for the protection of the lens in the laser pickup assembly. In this case, follow the messages on the display of this DVD Video Camera. To start recording again, turn this DVD Video Camera off and leave it for a while.	—
	Is some other AV device directly connected to the AV input/output jack of this DVD Video Camera? If the AV device is connected via several other devices, such as AV selector, the video signal may be transmitted incorrectly. In such a case, reduce the number of devices through which the video signal is transmitted, or connect AV device directly.	75
	Are you attempting to record an image from a video game or PC? From some video games or PCs, images cannot be recorded on this DVD Video Camera.	75
LCD screen is hard to see.	Has brightness of LCD screen been adjusted? Stop recording and adjust the brightness.	91
	Is the DVD Video Camera being used outdoors? Use the viewfinder. When using LCD monitor, adjust its angle so that LCD screen is not exposed to direct sunlight.	38
Focus is not correct.	Is it difficult to use auto focus with your subject? Focus manually.	65
	Does "MF" appear? The DVD Video Camera is set to manual focus. Focus the subject manually, or release manual focus.	64
	Is the diopter control correctly adjusted if you are using the viewfinder as a monitor? Adjust the diopter control.	37
	In cases other than the above, set the power switch to "OFF", and then set it to "i" , "O" or "SD" again.	50
Some vibrations are felt or slight sound is heard from mechanism.	These vibrations or sound are caused by disc drive: This does not indicate a fault.	—

## During playback

Symptom	Cause and Correction	Reference page
Recognition of disc is not complete	Is disc dirty? Use Disc Cleaning Cloth to clean it.	30
Pressing the playback button will not start playback.	Has the image been recorded by devices other than this DVD Video Camera? Playback of images recorded on devices other than this DVD Video Camera may be impossible on this DVD Video Camera.  Has scene been edited on a device other than this DVD Video Camera? If a scene recorded on this DVD Video Camera is edited on a device other than this DVD Video Camera, playback may not be possible on this DVD Video Camera.	126
No playback picture appears on TV screen.	Is TV input selector set correctly? Some TVs have multiple video input jacks. Check whether the correct input was selected on TV to match the connected jacks. If the DVD Video Camera is connected to VCR, set its input selector to "external input (LINE)".	72
	Is the DVD Video Camera connected to TV correctly? Check the connections.	71
Playback picture is momentarily interrupted.	Is disc scratched or do dirt or fingerprints adhere to it? Clean the disc.	30
Poor playback picture	Was the image input from analog VCR (VHS, 8 mm) and recorded? The problem may be remedied if a VCR equipped with TBC circuit is used for playback.	—
Playback picture is greatly distorted.	Was recording of external input made with "Frame" specified? Specify "Field" for "PHOTO Input" in record mode settings.	88
No sound	Is the TV volume control set correctly? Adjust TV volume control.	—
Disc Navigation thumbnails do not appear.	Was the image recorded from AV input/output jack with interference? Record images with no noise or disturbance.	—
Photos on card cannot be played back.	This DVD Video Camera can play back image data recorded on SD Memory Card in other digital cameras conforming to the DCF (Design rule for Camera File system) standard. The range of image data normally playable on this DVD Video Camera is that with pixels from 80 horizontal x 60 vertical to 4000 horizontal x 3000 vertical. If the pixel data is outside this range, blue thumbnails will appear (thumbnails* in the figure), meaning the image is unplayable.   <p style="text-align: center;">* Fig. 1</p> <p>Even when the number of pixels is within the above range, playback may not be possible, depending on the recording status of the digital camera used. DCF (Design rule for Camera File system) is an integrated image file format for digital cameras: Image files can be used on all digital devices conforming to DCF.</p>	—
It will take some time to play back photos on card.	When playing back a still, "Playback." will appear: Stills with a large number of pixels will take some time to appear.	—


## When the DVD Video Camera is connected to PC:

Symptom	Cause and Correction	Reference page
No drive icon appears on PC.	The DVD Video Camera is not turned on. Check the power supply.	50
	Turn PC off and then disconnect the USB cable. Turn PC on again, and then use the USB cable to connect the DVD Video Camera to PC.	—
	Make sure the USB cable is completely plugged into this DVD Video Camera.	—
Error occurs in playback of DVD Video Camera on PC.	If error occurs with USB connection, the transfer rate is not sufficient. It is recommended that you use a USB terminal conforming to USB2.0 when connecting the DVD Video Camera.	147
Application is abnormally run on PC.	Turn the PC and DVD Video Camera off, and try again.	—
Error occurs during writing to disc.	The temperature of DVD Video Camera is too high due to continuous operation. Disconnect the DVD Video Camera from PC once, remove the disc from the DVD Video Camera, and then turn it off. After a few moments, connect them again and write to a brand-new disc.	—
Transfer of images stops.	Connect the DVD Video Camera to another USB terminal of PC. If your PC is a desktop type, it is recommended that you use USB terminal on the back of PC.	—
DVD-RAM/R drive built into PC cannot be used after the provided software has been installed.	This problem may be solved if the software related to DVD-RAM/R of your PC is upgraded, or if the DVD-RAM Driver is uninstalled. However, with Windows® Me / 2000 Professional, uninstalling the DVD-RAM Driver will make it impossible for the JPEG stills recorded on DVD-RAM on this DVD Video Camera to be read by the PC.	—
DVD-R disc cannot be played back on DVD-MovieAlbumSE.	DVD-MovieAlbumSE does not support playback or data read of DVD-R disc. Use optional-user provided DVD video playback software to play back DVD-R disc on PC.	139
Error appears when starting DVD-MovieAlbumSE.	Make sure that your PC display adapter (video card) conforms to DirectX 8.1.	—
Movies are not recognized by application in PC.	Make sure the power switch of this DVD Video Camera is set to "  ", "  " or "  ".	—
The DISC EJECT lever does not work when the DVD Video Camera is connected to PC.	While the DVD Video Camera is connected to PC, use Explorer to right-click the DVD Video Camera drive icon and execute "Eject".	—
The DVD-RAM drive of DVD Video Camera cannot be opened by PC Explorer or application. Error appears. Disc cannot be ejected.	If DVD-MovieAlbumSE is running, terminate it.	—
When the time stamp of file in DVD-RAM is viewed on PC, it is different from the actual recording time.	The file system of this DVD Video Camera is operated on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), and time lag information has not been set. With Windows®, the time stamp of file viewed on Explorer looks different from the actual recording time. The actual recording time will appear as date/time indication on playback screen.	—
When DVD-MovieAlbumSE is started, "Disc in Drive X: cannot be used" appears.	A disc other than DVD-RAM is loaded in drive: DVD-MovieAlbumSE cannot be used for media other than DVD-RAM.	—
	Click the "Preference" button in the dialog box, click the "Device setting" tab to choose the drive where DVD-RAM disc is loaded in the "Drive Select" column, and then click "OK".	143



Symptom	Cause and Correction	Reference page
An image that should have been recorded does not appear when DVD-MovieAlbumSE is started.	Click the "Preference" button at top right of DVD-MovieAlbumSE screen, click the "Device Setting" tab to choose the drive where DVD-RAM disc is loaded in the "Drive Select" column, and then click "OK".	—
The DISC EJECT lever does not work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insert DVD-RAM discs in the camera before connecting the DVD Video Camera to your computer. The cover of the disc insertion block may not open after the camera is connected to a computer in some cases.</li> <li>• After files are exported from DVD-MovieAlbum, a confirmation message is displayed about ejecting DVD-RAM discs. Select "Eject the disc being used."</li> </ul>	143
No USB HS (high speed) connection even when USB2.0 card is used.	Make sure that you have already installed the driver provided with the USB2.0 card. You will need to install the driver provided by USB2.0 card maker in order to operate the USB2.0 card at HS (high speed).	—
When executing "Export" on DVD-MovieAlbumSE, it takes much time to read.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If stills are included in the range of "export", it may take more time because data must be re-encoded and read.</li> <li>• If "Divide by Chapter" is not chosen, it may take some time because data will be read while being re-encoded.</li> </ul>	143

## Miscellaneous

Symptom	Cause and Correction	Reference page
Power does not come on, or no operation occurs by pressing button.	Execute system reset (press the RESET button).	163
	Has the DVD Video Camera been subjected to impact? The DVD Video Camera could be damaged. Please contact us.	168
The date and time are incorrect.	Has the DVD Video Camera been left unused for a long period of time? The internal backup memory battery may be discharged: charge it.	40
No scene can be deleted.	Is the cursor placed on the scene to be deleted? If the selected scene (framed in red) exists, that scene will be deleted even if you use yellow cursor to select a scene. Check the colors of cursors and bar graph on the thumbnail screen.	97
Disc cannot be removed. Cover will not open.	Did you detach the battery pack or AC adaptor before setting the power switch to "OFF"? Connect the battery pack or AC adaptor, set the power switch to "  " and then "OFF", and remove the disc.	42, 45, 50
DVD Video Camera cannot be operated from remote controller.	Is the remote controller pointed at the infrared receiver on DVD Video Camera? Point it at the infrared receiver to operate the DVD Video Camera.	37
	Is the infrared receiver on DVD Video Camera exposed to direct sunlight or strong fluorescent light, etc.? The remote controller cannot operate the DVD Video Camera when strong light strikes the infrared receiver. Adjust the place or angle of the DVD Video Camera.	37
	Is there a battery in the remote controller? Also check the polarities of battery. The battery could be dead: Try replacing it.	36
	Is the DVD Video Camera powered? Turn it on.	50
Disc cover cannot be closed.	Is disc correctly inserted? Was disc inserted from wrong direction? Remove the disc and then reinsert it.	46
	Is disc inserted in wrong orientation? Remove the disc, and then reinsert it.	46
	Connect a fully charged battery pack or AC adaptor, and then turn the DVD Video Camera on.	23
Operating sound is heard cyclically.	This sound is heard because the disc is cyclically operated and does not indicate a fault.	—

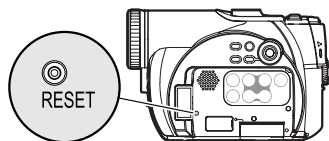
# System Reset

If the DVD Video Camera does not operate normally, perform "System Reset": The DVD Video Camera may recover to normal. "System Reset" will reset all settings to factory defaults. The date and time will also be reset. Set the date and time again before using the DVD Video Camera.

- 1 Set the power switch to "OFF" to turn the DVD Video Camera off.

Detach the battery pack or AC adaptor.

- 2 Use a fine tipped pen to hold down the reset button for several seconds.



All settings will be reset.

**Note:**

Do not press the reset button with undue force.

## ●List of setting items

	Item	Default	Setting method
Camera Functions Setup	Program AE	Auto	P. 80
	White Bal.	Auto	P. 81
	EIS	On	P. 83
	Dig.Zoom	"60x" (VDR-M53PP/VDR-M55PP) "40x" (VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP)	P. 57
	Wind Cut	Off	P. 83
Record Functions Setup	VIDEO Mode	FINE	P. 84
	Quality	FINE	P. 85
	Wide*	4:3	P. 86
	Input Source	CAMERA	P. 88
	PHOTO Input	Field	P. 88
	Self Timer	Off	P. 89
	OSD Output	On	P. 90
Date Setup	Date Set	JAN 1 2005 12:00AM	P. 40
	Date Mode	M/D/Y	P. 41
LCD/EVF Setup	LCD Brightness	◀■■■■▶	P. 91
	EVF Brightness	◀■■■■▶	P. 91
	Color Level	◀■■■■▶	P. 92
	EVF Display	Auto	P. 92
Initial Setup	Beep	On	P. 93
	Power Save	Off	P. 93
	Record LED	On	P. 94
	Language	English	P. 94

Some items will not appear depending on the disc or card inserted.

\* Only for VDR-M75PP/VDR-M95PP.

# Major Specifications

DVD Video Camera

Information for your safety

Power Source:	DC 7.9/7.2 V
Power Consumption:	When recording with LCD monitor off VDR-M53PP/M55PP approx. 3.7 W (in FINE mode) VDR-M75PP approx. 4.3 W (in FINE mode) VDR-M95PP approx. 4.9 W (in FINE mode)

CCD	VDR-M53PP/M55PP: 1/6-inch interlaced VDR-M75PP: 1/4.5-inch interlaced VDR-M95PP: 1/3.6-inch interlaced
	Total number of pixels VDR-M53PP/M55PP: approx. 680,000 VDR-M75PP: approx. 1,330,000 VDR-M95PP: approx. 2,120,000 Number of effective pixels VDR-M53PP/M55PP: Movie: approx. 340,000 Still: approx. 340,000 VDR-M75PP: Movie: approx. 690,000 Still: approx. 1,100,000 VDR-M95PP: Movie: approx. 1,230,000 Still: approx. 1,920,000
Lens	VDR-M53PP/M55PP: F1.8 - 3.6, f = 1/8" - 2" (2.1 - 50.4 mm) VDR-M75PP: F1.8 - 2.3, f = 1/8" - 1-1/4" (3.2 - 32 mm) VDR-M95PP: F1.8 - 2.2, f = 3/16" - 1-3/4" (4.5 - 45 mm) Filter diameter: VDR-M53PP/M55PP/M95PP: 1-5/16" (34 mm) VDR-M75PP: 1-3/16" (30.5 mm)
Focus	Auto/Manual
Zoom	Optical 24x (VDR-M53PP/M55PP), Optical 10x (VDR-M75PP/M95PP), 60x-800x with digital zoom added, 60x for still (VDR-M53PP/ M55PP), 40x-240x with digital zoom added, 40x for still (VDR-M75PP/ M95PP),
Required minimum illumination	VDR-M53PP/M55PP: 12 lx (1 lx in Low Light mode) VDR-M75PP: 15 lx (1 lx in Low Light mode) VDR-M95PP: 24 lx (1 lx in Low Light mode)
Viewfinder	0.2-inch color TFT (equivalent to approx. 200,000 pixels)
LCD monitor	2.5-inch color TFT (approx. 120,000 pixels)
Electronic image stabilizer	Electronic type
Shutter speed	1/4 - 1/4000 second (movie)
Self-timer recording	Still recording only
External microphone jack	ø3.5 mm stereo mini-jack (a plug-in power type microphone cannot be used)
Recording mode	Movie (with sound) Still (with DVD-RAM disc, SD Memory Card)
Maximum recordable time (per side)	DVD-RAM/R disc approx. 18 minutes (XTRA) approx. 30 minutes (FINE) approx. 60 minutes (STD)

Maximum number of recordable stills	DVD-RAM disc (per side)	VDR-M53PP/M55PP/M75PP: 999 VDR-M95PP: 750 However, if movies and stills are mixed on one disc, the recordable number may decrease.
	SD Memory Card (when using 32 MB card) (See page 31 for "Suitable SD Memory Card".)	VDR-M53PP/M55PP approx. 232 (in FINE mode) VDR-M75PP approx. 58 (in FINE mode) VDR-M95PP approx. 29 (in FINE mode) Varies depending on the recording quality and the type of card. (P. 33)
Recording format	DVD-RAM disc	Movie: Conforming to DVD Video Recording format (Dolby Digital) Still: Simultaneous recording, conforming to DVD Video Recording standard (704 × 480 pixels) and JPEG (VDR-M53PP/M55PP: 640 × 480 pixels, VDR-M75PP: 1280 × 960 pixels, VDR-M95PP: 1600 × 1200 pixels)
	DVD-R disc	Movie: Conforming to DVD Video Recording format (Dolby Digital)
	Card	Still: Conforming to JPEG (VDR-M53PP/M55PP: 640 × 480 pixels, VDR-M75PP: 1280 × 960 pixels, VDR-M95PP: 1600 × 1200 pixels) standard
Audio playback format	Dolby Digital, linear PCM, MPEG Audio Layer 2	
Recording media	8 cm DVD-RAM disc (conforming to DVD-RAM Ver. 2.1) 8 cm DVD-R disc (conforming to DVD-R for General Ver. 2.0) SD Memory Card	
Jacks	Video/audio input/output × 1, External microphone input × 1, USB port (connected to PC USB port) × 1 (not provided with VDR-M53PP)	
USB (not provided with VDR-M53PP)	USB2.0 compliant (Hi-Speed)	
Battery system	Lithium-ion	
Dimensions (W × H × D)	VDR-M53PP/M55PP: approx. 2" × 3-1/2" × 5-1/4" (51 × 89 × 135 mm) (excluding projections) VDR-M75PP: approx. 2" × 3-3/8" × 4-13/16" (51 × 86 × 123 mm) (excluding projections) VDR-M95PP: approx. 2" × 3-9/16" × 5-3/8" (51 × 90 × 137 mm) (excluding projections)	
Operating temperature (humidity)	32-104 °F (0-40 °C) (less than 80%). 32-86 °F (0-30 °C) when connected to PC	
Storage temperature	-4-140 °F (-20-60 °C)	
Weight	VDR-M53PP/M55PP approx. 0.97 lbs (440 g) VDR-M75PP approx. 0.95 lbs (430 g) VDR-M95PP approx. 1.08 lbs (490 g) (without battery pack or disc)	
Total weight when recording	VDR-M53PP/M55PP approx. 1.13 lbs (485 g) VDR-M75PP approx. 1.11 lbs (475 g) VDR-M95PP approx. 1.24 lbs (565 g) (when using battery pack)	
Provided accessories	AC adaptor/Charger, battery pack, AV/S input/output cable, remote controller*, button type battery for remote controller*, lens cap, lens cap string, shoulder belt, power cable, DC cord, software CD-ROM*, USB cable*, 8 cm DVD-RAM disc*, Disc cleaning cloth	

\* (not provided with VDR-M53PP)

Power Source:	AC 110-240 V, 50/60 Hz
Power Consumption:	19 W 0.5 W (When not in use)
DC Output:	DC 7.9 V, 1.4 A (DVD Video Camera operation) DC 8.4 V, 0.65 A (Battery Charging)

Dimensions (W × H × D)	approx. 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> × 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> × 3 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>16</sub> inch (61 × 32 × 91 mm)
Weight:	approx. 0.231 lbs (105 g)

**Note:**

Weight and dimensions shown are approximate.

Designs and specifications are subject to change without prior notice.

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

In the unlikely event this product needs service.

## **Request for Service Notice:**

- Please include your **proof of purchase**.  
(Failure to do so will delay your repair.)
- To further speed your repair, please provide an explanation of what wrong with the unit and any symptom it is exhibiting.

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Mail this completed form and your Proof of Purchase along with your unit to:

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

Please write the displayed above Self Diagnostic number here.

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## Panasonic/Quasar Video Products Limited Warranty

### Limited Warranty Coverage

If your product does not work properly because of a defect in materials or workmanship, Panasonic Consumer Electronics Company or Panasonic Puerto Rico, Inc. (collectively referred to as "the warrantor") will, for the length of the period indicated on the chart below, which starts with the date of original purchase ("warranty period"), at its option either (a) repair your product with new or refurbished parts, or (b) replace it with a new or a refurbished product. The decision to repair or replace will be made by the warrantor.

Product	Parts	Labor	Service	Contact Number
Camcorder	One (1) Year (except CCD Image Sensor) CCD Image Sensor - 6 (Six) Months	Ninety (90) Days Ninety (90) Days	Carry-In or Mail-In	1-800-211-PANA(7262)
DVD/VCR Deck, A/V Mixer	One (1) Year	Ninety (90) Days	Carry-In or Mail-In	1-800-211-PANA(7262)
TV/VCR, TV/DVD, TV/DVD/VCR Combination	One (1) Year (except CRT) CRT - Two (2) Years	Ninety (90) Days Ninety (90) Days	Carry-In: 21" CRT and Smaller In-Home or Carry-In: 22" CRT and Larger	1-800-211-PANA(7262)
TV/HDR Combination	One (1) Year (except CRT) CRT - Two (2) Years	Ninety (90) Days Ninety (90) Days	In-Home or Carry-In	1-888-843-9788
Rechargeable Batteries (in exchange for defective item)	Ten (10) Days	Not Applicable	Carry-In or Mail-In	1-800-211-PANA(7262)
Tape (in exchange for defective item)	Five (5) Days	Not Applicable	Carry-In or Mail-In	1-800-211-PANA(7262)
Memory Cards (in exchange for defective item)	Ninety (90) Days	Not Applicable	Carry-In or Mail-In	1-800-211-PANA(7262)

During the "Labor" warranty period there will be no charge for labor. During the "Parts" warranty period, there will be no charge for parts. You must carry-in or mail-in your product or arrange for in-home service, as applicable, during the warranty period. If non-rechargeable batteries are included, they are not warranted. This warranty only applies to products purchased and serviced in the United States or Puerto Rico. This warranty is extended only to the original purchaser of a new product which was not sold "as is". A purchase receipt or other proof of the original purchase date is required for warranty service.

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In-Home service, if applicable, requires clear, complete and easy access to the product by the authorized servicer and does not include removal or re-installation of an installed product. It is possible that certain in-home repairs will not be completed in-home, but will require that the product, or parts of the product, be removed for shop diagnosis and/or repair and then returned.

### Limited Warranty Limits And Exclusions

This warranty ONLY COVERS failures due to defects in materials or workmanship, and DOES NOT COVER normal wear and tear or cosmetic damage, nor does it cover markings or retained images on the picture tube resulting from viewing fixed images (including, among other things, letterbox pictures on standard 4:3 screen TV's, or non-expanded standard 4:3 pictures on wide screen TV's, or onscreen data in a stationary and fixed location). The warranty ALSO DOES NOT COVER damages which occurred in shipment, or failures which are caused by products not supplied by the warrantor, or failures which result from accidents, misuse, abuse, neglect, mishandling, misapplication, alteration, faulty installation, set-up adjustments, misadjustment of consumer controls, improper maintenance, power line surge, lightning damage, modification, or commercial use (such as in a hotel, office, restaurant, or other business), rental use of the product, service by anyone other than a Factory Servicenter or other Authorized Servicer, or damage that is attributable to acts of God.

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**PARTS AND SERVICE (INCLUDING COST OF AN IN-HOME SERVICE CALL, WHERE APPLICABLE) WHICH ARE NOT COVERED BY THIS LIMITED WARRANTY ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**

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# Warranty (For Canadian Customers)

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## Panasonic Canada Inc.

5770 Ambler Drive, Mississauga, Ontario L4W 2T3

### PANASONIC PRODUCT – LIMITED WARRANTY

Panasonic Canada Inc. warrants this product to be free from defects in material and workmanship and agrees to remedy any such defect for a period as stated below from the date of original purchase.

#### Camcorder Product – One (1) year, parts and labour

#### **LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS**

This warranty does not apply to products purchased outside Canada or to any product which has been improperly installed, subjected to usage for which the product was not designed, misused or abused, damaged during shipping, or which has been altered or repaired in any way that affects the reliability or detracts from the performance, nor does it cover any product which is used commercially. Dry cell batteries are also excluded from coverage under this warranty.

This warranty is extended to the original end user purchaser only. A purchase receipt or other proof of date of original purchase is required before warranty service is performed.

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#### **WARRANTY SERVICE**

**For product operation and information assistance, please contact your Dealer or our Customer Care Centre at:**

Telephone #: (905) 624-5505

Fax #: (905) 238-2360

Web: [www.panasonic.ca](http://www.panasonic.ca)

**For product repairs**, please contact one of the following:

- Your Dealer who will inform you of an authorized Servicentre nearest you.
- Our Customer Care Centre at (905) 624-5505 or [www.panasonic.ca](http://www.panasonic.ca)
- A Panasonic Factory Servicentre listed below:

#### Richmond, British Columbia

Panasonic Canada Inc.  
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Richmond, BC V6W 1K8  
Tel: (604) 278-4211  
Fax: (604) 278-5627

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Calgary, AB T2E 7H7  
Tel: (403) 295-3955  
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Mississauga, ON L4W 2T3  
Tel: (905) 624-8447  
Fax: (905) 238-2418

#### Lachine, Quebec

Panasonic Canada Inc.  
3075, rue Louis A. Amos  
Lachine, QC H8T 1C4  
Tel: (514) 633-8684  
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#### **IF YOU SHIP THE PRODUCT TO A SERVICENTRE**

Carefully pack and send prepaid, adequately insured and preferably in the original carton.  
Include details of the defect claimed, and proof of date of original purchase.

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