

# USER'S GUIDE





RECORDER

### **Important Information**

### WARNING

To reduce the risk of fire or shock hazard, do not expose this VCR to rain or moisture.

#### Cautions



RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT OPEN

#### TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.



This symbol indicates "dangerous voltage" inside the product that presents a risk of electric shock or personal injury.



This symbol indicates important instructions accompanying the product.

Caution: To prevent electric shock, match wide blade of plug to wide slot, fully insert.

Attention: Pour éviter les chocs électriques, introduire la lame la plus large de la fiche dans la borne correspondante de la prise et pousser jusqú au fond.

Do not defeat the safety feature of the plug. The wide blade fits into the wall socket only one way. If you need an extension cord, make sure it matches the plug of the VCR.

For U.S.A. — Operate VCR only on 120 volts, 60Hz AC power (normal house power).

FCC Regulations state that unauthorized changes or modifications to this equipment may void the user's authority to operate it.

#### **Note To Cable TV Installer**

This reminder is provided to call your attention to Article 820-40 of the National Electrical Code (Section 54 of the Canadian Electrical Code, Part 1) which provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the

#### **Product Registration**

Please fill out the product registration card and return it immediately. Returning this card allows us to contact you if needed.

Keep your sales receipt to obtain warranty parts and service and for proof of purchase. Attach it here and record the serial and model numbers in case you need them. The numbers are located on the back of the VCR.

Model No. VR725HF

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Date:

Dealer/Address/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **Choosing a Hookup**

The hookups on pages 3 through 8 are divided into two hookup types: Basic (A) and Advanced (B).

The basic hookup shows the backs of TVs that have only an antenna/cable connection. It is the easier of the two and additional accessories may not be needed.

The advanced hookup shows the VCR hooked up to a monitor/receiver (TV with audio and video jacks) using a signal splitter. This connection may improve the picture quality as well as convenience of operation.

#### Answer the questions to choose the hookup for your VCR.

#### 1. How do you receive your TV signals?

Choose one answer from below.

- A. Outside antenna Turn to page 3.
- B. Rabbit ears (set-top) and/or bow tie antenna Turn to page 3.
- C. Cable System Go to question 2.
- D. RCA DSS<sup>®</sup> Satellite System and another source (A, B, C) Go to question 3.

#### 2. What type of Cable-TV system\* do you have?

Choose one answer from below.

- A. Cable without a box Turn to page 3.
- B. Cable box to unscramble all the channels Turn to page 4.
- C. Cable box to unscramble only pay channels, such as HBO, Showtime, Cinemax, etc. Turn to page 5.

\*You may need to contact your local cable company for assistance.

# 3. What type of RCA DSS<sup>®</sup> satellite system\*\* do you have?

Choose one answer from below.

- A. Satellite receiver connected to TV without audio/video inputs Turn to page 6.
- B. Basic satellite receiver connected to TV with audio/video inputs Turn to page 7.
- C. Deluxe satellite receiver connected to TV with audio/video inputs Turn to page 7.

#### **Optional Hookups**

#### How to hook up two VCRs for copying tapes?

- A. Select a hookup by answering the questions above.
- B. Then, modify the connections as shown on page 8.

#### How to hook up a stereo amplifier/receiver?

- A. Select a hookup by answering questions 1 and 2 above.
- B. Then, modify the connections as shown on page 9.

\*\*DSS<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of DIRECTV, INC., a unit of GM Hughed Electronics.

### Antenna or Cable System Without a Cable Box

#### A. Basic hookup.

Use this hookup for a simple connection which requires fewer accessories.

### **1.** Set the **3 CH. 4** switch on back of VCR to either channel 3 or 4.

Tune the TV to this channel and use the TV•VCR button to watch the VCR.

2. Connect as shown.

This connection may require additional accessories not provided.

- 3. Plug in power cords of VCR and TV.
- 4. Continue to page 10.



#### **B.** Advanced hookup.

Use this hookup for slightly improved picture quality and more convenient operation — use of the TV•VCR button is not required.

#### 1. Connect as shown.

This connection requires additional accessories not provided.

If your TV/monitor has an S-VIDEO connector, also connect the supplied S-VHS cable to take advantage of S-VHS.

If your TV is not stereo, you may need a Y-adapter to hear sound from both channels.

#### 2. Plug in power cords of VCR and TV.

#### 3. Continue to page 10.

Tune the TV to its video input to watch the VCR. Set the AUTO TV/VCR feature to OFF. *See page 12 for details*.



## **Cable System With Cable Box to Unscramble All Channels**

#### **Position Cable Box**

Position the remote-controllable cable box on top of the VCR. You may need to position it at different angles before the VCR can control it. Make sure the cable box does not cover the transmitting window on top of the VCR.

#### A. Basic hookup.

Use this hookup for a simple connection which requires fewer accessories.

- Set the 3 CH. 4 switch on back of VCR to either channel 3 or 4.
   Tune the TV to this channel and use the TV•VCR button to watch the VCR.
- 2. Connect as shown.

This connection may require additional accessories not provided.

**3**. Plug in power cords of VCR, TV, and cable box.

4. Continue to page 10.

#### **B.** Advanced hookup.

Use this hookup for slightly improved picture quality and more convenient operation — use of the TV•VCR button is not required.

1. Connect as shown.

This connection requires additional accessories not provided.

2. Plug in power cords of VCR, TV, and cable box.

If your TV/monitor has an S-VIDEO connector, also connect the supplied S-VHS cable to take advantage of S-VHS.

If your TV is not stereo, you may need a Y-adapter to hear sound from both channels.

#### 3. Continue to page 10.

Tune the TV to its video input to watch the VCR. Set the AUTO TV/VCR feature to OFF. *See page 12 for details*.

**Caution:** The unauthorized recording of satellite broadcasts, television programs, or other materials may infringe the rights of others.



#### Hooking Up the VCR

### **Cable System With Cable Box to Unscramble Only Pay Channels**

(such as HBO, Showtime, Pay-Per-View, etc.)

#### **Position Cable Box**

Position the remote-controllable cable box on top of the VCR. You may need to position it at different angles before the VCR can control it. Make sure the cable box does not cover the transmitting window on top of the VCR.

#### A. Basic hookup.

Use this hookup for a simple connection which requires fewer accessories.

1. Set the **3 CH. 4** switch on back of VCR to either channel 3 or 4.

Tune the TV to this channel and use the **TV•VCR** button to watch the VCR.

2. Connect as shown.

This connection may require additional accessories not provided.

3. Plug in power cords of VCR, TV, and cable box.

4. Continue to page 10.





Use this hookup for slightly improved picture quality and more convenient operation — use of the TV•VCR button is not required.

#### 1. Connect as shown.

This connection requires additional accessories not provided.

If your TV/monitor has an S-VIDEO connector, also connect the supplied S-VHS cable to take advantage of S-VHS.

If your TV is not stereo, you may need a Y-adapter to hear sound from both channels.

2. Plug in power cords of VCR, TV, and cable box.

#### 3. Continue to page 10.

Tune the TV to its video input to watch the VCR. View all pay channels through the VCR.



### **RCA DSS® Satellite Receiver**

#### Position RCA DSS<sup>®</sup> receiver.

Position the receiver on top of the VCR. You may need to position it at different angles before the VCR can control it. Make sure the receiver does not cover the transmitting window on top of the VCR.



#### A. Basic hookup.

Use this hookup if your TV does not have audio/video jacks.

 Set the CH3 CH4 switch on back of satellite receiver to either channel 3 or 4. You will tune the VCR to this channel or its line

input (L1) to record from the receiver.

To watch the satellite receiver, turn off the VCR. If you want to watch or record the signal from your antenna, cable, or cable box, make sure the satellite receiver is turned off.

### 2. Set the **CH3 CH4** switch on back of VCR to either channel 3 or 4.

You will tune the TV to this channel and use the TV•VCR button to watch the VCR.

#### 3. Connect as shown.

This connection may require additional accessories not provided.

4. Plug in power cords of VCR, TV, and receiver.

#### 5. Continue to page 10.

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### **RCA DSS<sup>®</sup> Satellite Receiver**

#### B. Advanced hookup with basic receiver.

Use this hookup if your TV has audio/video jacks and your receiver has one set of AUDIO/VIDEO jacks.

1. Set the CH3 CH4 switch on back of receiver to either channel 3 or 4.

You will tune the VCR to this channel to record from the satellite receiver.

To watch the satellite receiver, tune your TV to its video input channel.

If you want to watch or record the signal from your antenna, cable, or cable box, make sure the satellite receiver is turned off.

2. Set the CH3 CH4 switch on back of VCR to either channel 3 or 4.

You will tune the TV to this channel and use the TV•VCR button to watch the VCR.

3. Connect as shown.

This connection may require additional accessories not provided.

- 4. Plug in power cords of VCR, TV, and receiver.
- 5. Continue to page 10.

# C. Advanced hookup with deluxe receiver.

Use this hookup if your TV has audio/video jacks and your receiver has two sets of AUDIO/VIDEO jacks.

1. Set the CH3 CH4 switch on back of VCR to either channel 3 or 4.

You will tune the TV to this channel and use the TV•VCR button to watch the VCR.

To record from the satellite receiver, you will tune the VCR to its line input (L1). To watch the satellite receiver, tune your TV to its video input channel.

#### 2. Connect as shown.

This connection may require additional accessories not provided.

- 3. Plug in power cords of VCR, TV, and receiver.
- 4. Continue to page 10.

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### **Connecting Two VCRs for Copying Tapes**

#### **Option A hookup.**

Use this hookup for a simple connection which requires fewer accessories.

- **1.** Select a hookup from pages 2 through 5 and then modify with this connection.
- 2. Set the 3 CH. 4 switch on the playback VCR to either channel 3 or 4.

Tune the recording VCR to this channel to receive the signal from the playback VCR.

3. Connect as shown.

This connection may require additional accessories not provided.

- 4. Plug in power cords of VCRs and TV.
- 5. Continue to page 10.



Use this hookup for slightly improved copy quality and more convenient operation — use of the TV•VCR button is not required.

- 1. Select a hookup from pages 2 through 5 and then modify with this connection.
- 2. Connect as shown.

This connection requires additional accessories not provided.

If your other VCR has an S-VIDEO connector, also connect the supplied S-VHS cable to take advantage of S-VHS.

If your VCR is not stereo, you may need a Y-adapter to hear sound from both channels.

#### 3. Plug in power cords of VCRs and TV.

#### 4. Continue to page 10.

Select the line (audio/video) input ("L1" or "L2") on the recording VCR to receive the signal from the playback VCR.

Caution: The unauthorized recording of television programs and other materials may infringe the rights of others.

# Front View for front audio/video input connection.

VIDEO 1: For rear audio/video connection. VIDEO 2: For front audio/video connection.



### **Connecting a Stereo Amplifier/Receiver**

# Record on the VCR from an amplifier/receiver.

Connect your VCR to a stereo amplifier/ receiver to record stereo audio.

- 1. Select a hookup from pages 2 through 7 and then modify with this connection.
- 2. Connect as shown.

This connection requires additional accessories not provided.

- 3. Plug in power cords of amplifier/ receiver, VCR, and TV.
- 4. Turn to page 32 for "Recording Audio Only."

Select the line input ("L1" or "L2") on the VCR to receive the audio signal from the amplifier/receiver.



#### Play back stereo tapes or receive a stereo broadcast through an amplifier/receiver.

Connect your VCR to a stereo amplifier/receiver to receive stereo broadcasts or play back stereo tapes.

- 1. Select a hookup from pages 2 through 7 and then modify with this connection.
- Connect as shown. This connection requires additional accessories not provided.
- 3. Plug in power cords of amplifier/ receiver, VCR, and TV.
- 4. Turn to page 20 for "Playback Operation."



**1. Check accessories with VCR.** 

Contact your dealer if any items are missing.



#### 2. Insert batteries in remote.



#### 3. Turn on the TV.

- A. Turn on the TV.
- B. If you used one of the basic hookups, tune the TV to the channel selected with the **3** CH. **4** switch on back of VCR.

If you used one of the advanced hookups, tune the TV to the TV's video input. (See TV owner's manual for details.)

#### 4. Turn on the VCR.

A. Press VCR1 on the remote.

#### 5. Place channels in the VCR's memory.

The first time you turn on the VCR or after a power interruption, the VCR displays a message on the TV screen prompting you to perform an AUTO CHANNEL SEARCH. If the message does not appear, go to step A below. If the message appears, follow the directions on the screen.

Wait until the channel numbers stop changing. This takes about one to two minutes. Then, the TV tunes to the lowest channel found. Pressing CHAN up or down selects only the active channels.

If you ever need to manually SETUP CHANNELS on the VCR because you change cable or antenna signals:

- A. Press MENU•PROG to display the VCR MAIN MENU on the TV screen. If this menu does not appear:
  - Make sure TV is tuned to the same channel as the **3** CH. 4 switch on the VCR or the TV's video input (refer to the TV's manual).
  - Press VCR1, then press MENU•PROG again.
  - If you are using a basic hookup, the VCR indicator should be on. If it is not on, press TV•VCR to turn it on.
  - Check the connections.
- B. Press 4 to display the CHANNELS menu.
- C. Press 1 to begin AUTO CHANNEL SEARCH.

The VCR automatically selects CABLE (cable TV) or ANTENNA. If you need to change the setting manually, press 3.

#### 6. Add or remove channels from the VCR's memory.

You can add or remove channels if some of the channels are not active, have weak signals, or if you do not want to watch them.

We recommend channels be placed in memory using the AUTO CHANNEL SEARCH feature described in step 5 before adding or removing channels. Channels 2-13, L1 and L2 are present at the factory.

- A. Press VCR1.
- B. Press MENU•PROG on the remote to see the VCR MAIN MENU on the TV screen.
- C. Press 4 to display the CHANNELS menu.
- D. Press 2 to display the ADD/REMOVE CHANNEL menu.
- E. Follow the directions on the screen.
- F. You can add or remove more channels by entering channel numbers or using CHAN up or down.

AUTO CHANNEL SEARCH

CONNECT ANTENNA CABLE... THEN PRESS CH UP





#### 7. Use TV•VCR button.

Skip this step if you used one of the advanced hookups.

If you are using one of the basic hookups, the **TV**•VCR button lets you switch between the picture coming from the VCR and the picture from the TV channel. This button lets you record a program on the VCR while watching another channel on the TV. *Details are on page 30*.

- A. Press VCR1 to set the remote to control the VCR.
- B. Press TV•VCR to see the picture from the VCR. The VCR indicator lights in the display panel.
- C. Press CHAN up or down to change channels on the VCR. The channel number changes on the TV screen and in the display panel.
- D. Press TV•VCR to see the TV channels. The VCR indicator does not light in the display panel. Change channels using the TV's remote.
- E. Return the TV to the VCR viewing channel CH3 or CH4.
- F. Press VCR1, then TV•VCR to switch back to the picture from the VCR.

#### 8. Set AUTO TV/VCR feature.

Skip this step if you used one of the basic hookups.

If you connected your VCR using the video input of your TV, you can prevent the VCR indicator from turning on automatically.

- A. Press MENU•PROG on remote to see VCR MAIN MENU.
- B. Press 5 to display the PREFERENCES menu.
- C. Press 3 to select AUTO TV/VCR: ON or OFF.
  - Select ON if you are using one of the basic hookups and watch your VCR on channel 3 or 4 of your TV. Then, you can press the TV•VCR button to switch between the picture coming from the VCR (the VCR indicator is on) or television channels (the VCR indicator is off).
  - Select OFF if you are using one of the advance hookups and watch your VCR on the video input channel of your TV. The VCR indicator will not turn on automatically.

Pressing TV•VCR still turns the VCR indicator on or off.



#### 9. Set the time and date.

When you first turn on the VCR, -:-- appears in the clock area of the VCR's display panel.

VCR Display Panel



- A. Press MENU•PROG on the remote to see the VCR MAIN MENU.
- B. Press 3 to display SET CLOCK.
- C. Enter the time and date with the number buttons on the remote.
  - Press 0 before single-digit numbers. Example: press 0, then 5, then 0, then 7 for a time of 5:07. Press 1 for AM or 2 for PM.
  - Press CLEAR on the remote to change incorrect entries.
- D. Press MENU•PROG on the remote to remove SET CLOCK from the TV screen and start the clock. The time appears in the VCR's display panel, and the time and date appear on the TV screen when you press DISPLAY on remote.

#### **10. Set the Automatic Daylight-Saving Time**

Select this feature if you want the VCR's clock to advance one hour in April and reverse one hour in October automatically.

- A. Press MENU•PROG on the remote to display the VCR MAIN MENU.
- B. Press 5 to display the PREFERENCES menu.
- C. Press 5 to select an AUTO DST mode.
  - Select ON if you want the VCR's clock to adjust for Daylight Saving Time automatically.
  - Select OFF if you do not want the VCR's clock to adjust for Daylight Saving Time automatically.

In the Spring, daylight-saving time begins on the first Sunday in April. Clocks are set forward one hour.

Because the clock automatically changes from 2:00 AM to 3:00 AM, remember that any part of a sheduled Timer Recording that falls between these two times will not be recorded

**In the autumn**, daylight-saving time finish on the last Sunday in October. Clocks are set back one hour.

The VCR clock automatically changes from 2:00 AM to 1:00 AM. Therefore, it can affect your recording length.

#### 11. Select the display panel brightness.

You can change the brightness level of the fluorescent display panel.

- A. Press MENU•PROG on remote to see the VCR MAIN MENU.
- B. Press 5 to display the PREFERENCES menu.
- C. Press 4 to select a FRONT PANEL mode.
  - Select AUTO to keep the display panel bright when VCR is on and dim when it is off.
  - Select **BRIGHT** to keep the display panel bright.
  - Select DIM to keep the display panel dim.

	VCR MAIN MENU
1 2 3	VCR PLUS+ TIMER RECORDINGS SET CLOCK
	SET CLOCK
	TIME \ (HH:MM)
	DATE//
	PRESS CLEAR TO CORRECT PRESS MENU TO EXIT



### Buttons



#### **Component Buttons**

Press one of the buttons to set the remote to operate that component.

#### AUX (Auxiliary)

Used with **POWER** button to turn on a compatible RCA audio component. *See page 19.* 

#### DSS•CABLE

Used with **POWER** button to turn on a compatible cable box or satellite receiver. *See page 18.* 

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Turns on a compatible RCA, ProScan, or GE TV and sets the remote to control the TV.

Used with POWER button to turn on another brand of TV when the remote is programmed to control that TV. *See page 17*.

#### **VCR Function Buttons**

Press VCR1 (VCR2•LD) to set the remote to control the VCR and use the function buttons.

#### A•V DUB

Used for audio and video dubbing. *See pages* 42-43.

#### CHAN (Channel) Up or Down

Selects next higher or lower channel in the VCR's channel memory.

#### CLEAR

Resets time counter to 0:00:00.

Lets you change entries when setting the clock or VCR for a VCR Plus+ or a timer recording.

#### DISPLAY

Displays VCR operating displays on the TV screen. Displays the time counter.

**FF** (Fast Forward) Fast forwards the tape when the VCR is stopped.

Searches the picture in forward motion during playback.

#### VCR1 Turns

Turns on a compatible RCA, ProScan, or GE VCR and sets remote to control VCR.

#### VCR2•LD

Turns on a compatible RCA, ProScan, or GE VCR and sets remote to control VCR when it has been setup. *See page 16*.

Used with POWER button to turn on compatible RCA or ProScan LaserDisc player.

#### INPUT

Turns the line input ("L1" or "L2") on or off.

Line input refers to the signal coming from the component connected to the audio/video jacks on the back or the front of the VCR.

#### JOG SHUTTLE and 🗘

Used for frame advance.

Used for variable speed search.

The indicator in the center of the arrow buttons lights when the jog shuttle is turned on.

#### **MENU•PROG**

Displays the VCR MAIN MENU on the TV screen.

Removes a menu from the screen.

#### Numbers (0 through 9)

Select a channel up to 99––press two numbers.

Select a cable channel over 99 press and hold 1 until 1-appears on the screen. Then, press the other two numbers.

### **Buttons**

#### VCR Function Buttons

(continued)

#### PAUSE

Pauses action for viewing during playback.

Pauses recording to prevent recording of unwanted scenes.

**PLAY** Plays a tape.

#### POWER

Turns off VCR when remote is set to control the VCR.

#### **PREV CH** (Previous Channel)

Switches between two channels.

Select one channel and then select another. Press **PREV CH** to switch between the two channels.

#### REC

Starts VCR recording.

Used for express recording. *See page 30.* 

#### **TV Function Buttons**

**REW** (Rewind)

Rewinds the tape when the VCR is stopped. Searches the picture in reverse motion during playback.

#### SEARCH

Displays INDEX, ZERO, and BLANK search menus on TV.

Advances tape 60 seconds during playback.

#### SLOW - / +

Used for slow-motion playback.

#### SPEED (Tape Speed)

Selects a recording speed (SP, LP, SLP).

#### STOP

Stops the normal functions such as record, playback, rewind, fast forward, and pause of the VCR.

#### **TRACKING** Up or Down

Lets you manually reduce the streaks that may appear on the picture during play, slow, or pause.

Reduces picture "jitter" during stop-action playback.

#### TV•VCR

Switches the picture signal so that it either comes from the VCR or the TV channel. *See page 12.* 

Press the TV button to set remote to control a compatible TV. Some buttons may not work with the TV.

#### CHAN (Channel) Up or Down

Selects next higher or lower channel in the TV's channel memory when remote is set to control a TV.

#### CLEAR

Removes menus from the screen.

#### DISPLAY

Shows the status displays on the screen. Removes displays from the screen.

#### POWER

Turns off a compatible TV when remote is set to control that TV. Used with TV button to turn on a compatible TV that the remote has been programmed to control. *See page 17.* 

#### MUTE

Turns the TV sound on or off.

#### Numbers (0 through 9)

Select a channel up to 99 by pressing two numbers.

To select a cable channel over 99, press and hold 1 until 1-- appears on the screen. Then press the other two numbers.

#### **PREV CH (Previous Channel)**

Switches between two channels. Select one channel and then select another. Press **PREV** CH to switch between the two channels.

#### VOL (Volume) Up or Down

Raises and lowers sound.

#### Cable Box or RCA DSS<sup>®</sup> Receiver Function Buttons

Press the CABLE button to set remote to control a compatible cable box or RCA satellite receiver. Some buttons may not work with the cable box or receiver.

#### CHAN (Channel) Up or Down

Selects next higher or lower channel in the cable box's or satellite receiver's channel memory when remote is set to control it. Numbers (0 through 9) Used to select a channel.

#### POWER

Turns off a compatible cable box or satellite receiver when remote is set to control it.

### **Controlling a VCR**

The VCR's remote controls compatible RCA, ProScan, or GE VCRs with the VCR1 and VCR2•LD buttons. Most compatible VCRs automatically respond to VCR1 without being programmed. If you own two compatible VCRs, test them to see if VCR1 turns on both VCRs. If it does, then you may want to program this VCR to respond to the VCR2•LD button on the remote.

#### **Program the VCR for Remote Control**

Set the REMOTE CONTROL feature of the VCR to the VCR1 or VCR2 position. Then, the remote controls the VCR with either the VCR1 or VCR2•LD button — the position you select in the menu.

- 1. Press MENU•PROG to display the VCR MAIN MENU.
- 2. Press 5 to display the PREFERENCES menu.
- 3. Press 1 to activate the REMOTE CONTROL feature.
- Press VCR1 or VCR2•LD to change the setting and program this VCR to respond to the VCR1 or VCR2•LD button — the position you select.

**Important Reminder:** Remember you must press VCR1 or VCR2•LD on the remote the position you selected in the menu before the remote will operate this VCR.

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### **Controlling a TV**

The VCR's remote is preprogrammed to control the basic functions of a compatible RCA, ProScan, or GE TV. The remote can also be set up to control other manufacturer's brands. To program the remote, enter remote code numbers that correspond to your brand.

#### **Program the Remote for a TV**

- 1. Turn on the TV.
- 2. Point the VCR remote at the TV.
- 3. Hold the TV button and press two number buttons to enter the code for your brand. If the TV changes channels when you press CHAN up or down, setup is complete.
- 4. Release the buttons.
- 5. Repeat steps 2 4 with a different code if the first one does not work.

Helpful	Hint:	Notic	e the	difference
between	the 🛛	ΓV and	VCR	on-screen
				o tell if the
remote is	set to c	ontrol th	e VCR	or the TV.

	Code		Code
Brand *	Number(s)	Brand *	Number(s)
Akai	03	NAD	07,08
AOC	06,12	NEC	06,12
Candle	06	Panasonic	04,11
Citizen	06	Philco	04,06,12
Colortyme	06	Philips	03,04,06
Concerto	06	Pioneer	06
Curtis Mathes	01,06	Portland	06,12
Daewoo	06,12	ProScan	01
Daytron	06	Proton	06
Electrohome	06	Quasar	11
Emerson	06	Radio Shack	01,05,13
Envision	05,06	RCA	01,06,12
Fisher	05	Realistic	05
GE	00,01,06,11	Sampo	06
Goldstar	06,12	Samsung	06,09,12
Hallmark	06	Sanyo	05
Hitachi	06,14	Sears	01,05,06,07,
Infinity	04		08,10
J C Penney	00,01,06,09,12	Sharp	06,13
JBL	04	Sony	03
Jensen	06	Soundesign	06
JVC	10,11	Sylvania	04,06
Kawasho	03,06	Technics	11
Kenwood	06	Techwood	06
Loewe	04	Teknika	06
Luxman	06	ТМК	06
LXI	04,05,07	Toshiba	05,07,08,09
Magnavox	04,06	Universal	00
Marants	04	Victor	10
Marantz	04,06	Wards	00,01,04,06,
MGA	06,12		12,13
Mitsubishi	06,12	Yamaha	12
MTC	06,12	Zenith	02

<sup>+</sup> The remote may not be able to control every model TV of the brands listed.

#### **Operate the TV**

After you set up your remote to control your TV, test the TV buttons to see which ones operate your TV.

- 1. Point the remote at the TV and press TV.
- 2. If TV does not turn on in step 1, press TV and then POWER.
- 3. Use the "TV Function Buttons" as described on page 15.

# Controlling a Cable Box or an RCA DSS<sup>®</sup> Receiver\*

The CABLE button on the VCR's remote is preprogrammed to control either a compatible RCA cable box or satellite receiver. If your cable box is another manufacturer's brand and has its own remote, you will probably be able to program the VCR's remote to control your cable box. To program the VCR's remote, enter the code that corresponds to your brand.

#### **Program the remote**

- 1. Turn on the cable box.
- 2. Point the VCR remote at the cable box.
- 3. Hold the CABLE button and press two number buttons to enter the code for your brand.
- 4. Release the buttons.
- 5. Press POWER on the remote. If the cable box turns off, setup is complete.
- Repeat steps 2 4 with a different code if the first one does not work.

Brand of Cable-TV Box or RCA DSS <sup>®</sup>	Code Number(s)
ABC	53,54
Anvision	07, 08
Cablestar	56
Diamond	07, 08
Eagle	07,08
Eastern International	02
General Instrument	04, 05, 15, 23, 24, 25, 30, 36
Hamlin	12, 13, 34,48
Hitachi	37, 43
Jerrold	04, 05, 15, 23, 24, 25, 30, 36, 45, 46,47
Macom	37, 43
Magnavox	07, 08, 19, 26, 28, 29, 32, 33, 40, 41
NSC	09
Oak	01, 16, 38
Oak Sigma	16
Panasonic	03, 27, 39
Philips	07, 08, 19, 26, 28, 29, 32, 33, 40, 41
Pioneer	18, 20, 44
Randtek	07, 08
RCA	60, 27
RCA DSS®	00
Regal	12, 13
Regency	02, 33
Samsung	44
Scientific Atlanta	03, 22, 35
Stargete2000	58
Sylvania	11, 59
Teknika	06
Texscan	10, 11, 59
Tocom	17, 21, 49, 50, 55
Unika	31, 32, 41
Universal	51, 52
Viewstar	07, 08, 19, 26, 28, 29, 32, 33, 40, 41
Warner Amex	44
Zenith	14, 42, 57

\* The remote may not be able to control every cable box of the brands listed.

#### **Operate the Cable Box or Satellite Receiver**

After you set up your remote (if required) to control your cable box, test the buttons to see which ones operate your cable box or satellite receiver.

- 1. Point the remote at the cable box or satellite receiver and press CABLE.
- 2. If the cable box or receiver does not turn on in step 1, press CABLE, then POWER.
- 3. Use the "Cable Box or RCA Digital Satellite Receiver Function Buttons" for the cable box and test the "TV Function Buttons" to see which ones operate the satellite receiver. *See page 15.*

\*DSS<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of DIRECTV, Inc., a unit of GM Hughes Electronics.

### **Controlling an Auxiliary RCA Component**

The remote that came packed with your VCR is also capable of controlling one compatible RCA audio component, such as an AM/FM radio, CD player, tape player, or phonograph. The remote must be programmed for the specific component it is to control. To program the remote, use the code that corresponds to your component.

#### **Program the Remote for an Auxiliary Component**

- 1. Turn on the component.
- 2. Point the VCR remote at the component.
- 3. Hold the AUX button and press two number buttons to enter the code for your component.
- 4. Release the buttons.
- 5. Press POWER on the remote. If the component turns off, setup is complete.

51	Type of Auxiliary Audio Equipment and Code*												
	AM/FM	CD	Tape	Phono									
RCA	03	07	06	05									

#### **Operate the Auxiliary Component**

After you have set up your remote to control your component, test the buttons to see which ones operate the component.

- 1. Point the remote at the component and press AUX.
- 2. If the component does not turn on in step 1, press AUX and then POWER.
- 3. Test the buttons on the remote to see which ones operate your component.

<sup>\*</sup> The remote may not be able to control every RCA model of audio equipment listed.

### **Operating Instructions**

#### To Play a Tape

- 1. Turn on the TV and tune it to channel 3, 4, or the 1 v s video input to see the picture from the VCR.
- 2. Insert a tape in the VCR.

VCR automatically turns on. The cassette-in indicator ( 🖸 ) lights, and the VCR indicator lights if the AUTO TV/VCR feature is set to ON. The tape automatically begins playback if the safety tab on the cassette has been removed and the AUTO PLAY feature is turned on.



Safety Tab

- 3. Press PLAY•PAUSE on the VCR or PLAY on the remote, if necessary. The playback indicator (▶) appears in the VCR's display panel.
- 4. Press **TRACKING** up or down to remove any streaks from the picture, if necessary. *Details are on page 25.*
- 5. Press STOP•EJECT on the VCR or STOP on the remote.
- 6. Press REW on the VCR or remote.

The VCR automatically rewinds the tape if it reaches the end of the tape during playback. Also, while a tape is rewinding, if you press **POWER**, the VCR turns off after rewinding complete.

7. Press STOP•EJECT on the VCR to eject the tape once it is completely rewound.

#### **TAPE PLAYBACK: HI-FI/MIX/LINEAR Feature**

The VCR records the same audio on both the Hi-Fi and linear tracks on the tape. The Hi-Fi sound is recorded on separate left and right stereo channels. Monaural sound is recorded on the linear track.

To enjoy Hi-Fi sound, connect your VCR to a stereo television or amplifier/receiver using the audio/video jacks. The TAPE PLAYBACK: HI-FI/MIX/LINEAR feature lets you select which audio you play back.

#### **To Select Playback Sound**

- 1. Press MENU•PROG to display the VCR MAIN MENU.
- 2. Press 6 to display the AUDIO menu.
- 3. Press 2 to switch between HI-FI, MIX, or LINEAR sound.
  - Select HI-FI to play back sound recorded on the Hi-Fi track and for normal use.

The Hi-Fi indicator lights in the VCR's display panel.

• Select MIX to play back the sound recorded on both the linear track and the Hi-Fi track, sound-on-sound.

The Hi-Fi indicator lights in the VCR's display panel.

• Select LINEAR to play back the sound recorded on the linear monaural track, such as a second audio program (SAP).

The Hi-Fi indicator turns off in the VCR's display panel.

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#### **AUTO PLAY Feature**

This feature lets you tell the VCR whether to start playing automatically when you insert a tape with its safety tab removed.

- 1. Press MENU•PROG on the remote to see the VCR MAIN MENU.
- 2. Press 5 to display the PREFERENCES menu.
- 3. Press 2 again to select AUTO PLAY: ON or OFF.
  - Select ON if you want a tape with its safety tab removed to start playing automatically.
  - Select OFF if you do *not* want a tape with its safety tab removed to start playing automatically.



#### **AUTO REPEAT Feature**

When you set this feature, the VCR plays a tape for the amount of time you specify, over and over. For example, if you enter a length of two hours, the VCR will play the tape for two hours, automatically rewind the tape, and play the tape again.

- 1. Press MENU on the remote to display the VCR MAIN MENU
- 2. Press 5 to display the PREFERENCES menu.
- 3. Press 6 to display the SET AUTO REPEAT menu.
- 4. Set the length of time you want the tape to play in a repeating loop.
- Press CLEAR on the remote to correct the length.
- Select a length of 0:00 with the CLEAR button if you do not want the tape to repeat.
- Eject the tape to cancel the repeat feature.
- If the time you enter exceeds the actual length of the tape, the VCR plays to the end of the tape.

AUTO REPEAT MENU SET THE LENGTH OF TIME YOU WANT THE TAPE TO PLAY IN A REPEATING LOOP LOOP FROM 0:00 TO -:--(H:MM) PRESS MENU TO EXIT



### Using the Playback Features DISPLAY Button

1. Press DISPLAY to display the status of the VCR, channel number, time counter, date, time, and tape speed on the TV screen.

The time and date must be set before they can be displayed. If you do not press DISPLAY again, this display times out.

- 2. Press DISPLAY again to continually display the time counter on the TV screen. The time counter appears instead of the time in the VCR's display panel.
- 3. Press DISPLAY again to remove the time counter from the screen. No displays appear on the TV screen and the time counter remains in the VCR's display panel. This is convenient for editing tapes.
- 3. Press DISPLAY again to return to the normal status displays. The clock appears in VCR's display panel. Turning off the VCR automatically returns the displays to

Turning off the VCR automatically returns the displays to normal.

#### **Time Counter**

The time counter shows the actual time it takes to record a program or play back a segment of a prerecorded tape. It helps locate the beginning or end of programs you taped. The time counter resets to 0:00:00 whenever the tape is ejected from the VCR.

For example, if a 30-minute program was recorded at the beginning of the tape, you would:

- 1. Insert the prerecorded tape.
- 2. Press DISPLAY twice to display only the time counter on the TV screen.
- 3. Use SHUTTLE Ring on the VCR or FF on the remote to fast forward the tape until 0:30:00 appears in the time counter.
- 4. Press STOP.

This is the approximate end of the program. You can begin recording a new program.

- 5. Press CLEAR to reset the time counter to 0:00:00.
- 6. Press DISPLAY twice to remove the time counter from the screen and return to the normal display mode. These displays time out.





#### **Pause for Stop Action**

This feature stops the tape in action and lets you examine details of the scene on the screen. Stop action works best for tapes recorded in the SP and SLP speeds.

1. Press PLAY•PAUSE on the VCR or PAUSE on the remote during playback to stop the action.

The pause indicator (**II**) appears in the VCR's display panel.

- 2. Press TRACKING up or down to reduce any picture jittering.
- 3. Press PLAY•PAUSE on the VCR or PAUSE or PLAY on the remote to return to playback.

The VCR automatically switches from stop-action playback to stop after a few minutes.

#### **Slow Motion**

You can view a tape in slow motion during play or play pause. SLOW + and – let you change the speed. Sound is turned off during slow-motion playback. Slow motion works best in the SP and SLP speeds.

- 1. Press SLOW + or to begin slow-motion playback.
- 2. Press SLOW + to increase the speed or SLOW to decrease the speed.
- 3. Use TRACKING up or down to remove any streaks from the picture.
- 4. Press PLAY•PAUSE on the VCR or PLAY on the remote to return to playback.

The VCR automatically switches from slow-motion playback to stop after a few minutes.

#### **Picture Search**

You can search for a specific tape location during playback by fast forwarding or rewinding the tape. Sound is turned off during picture search. Picture Search works best for tapes recorded in the SP or SLP speed.

#### **Fast Forward Search**

- 1. Use the SHUTTLE Ring on the VCR or FF on the remote to search forward at a faster-than-normal speed.
- 2. Use FF or PLAY on the remote to return to playback.

#### **Rewind Search**

- 1. Use the SHUTTLE Ring on the VCR or REW on the remote to search in reverse at a faster-than-normal speed.
- 2. Use REW or PLAY on the remote to return to playback.

#### **Automatic Tracking**

The VCR has automatic tracking which adjusts the picture when playing back a tape recorded on another VCR. Automatic tracking is turned on whenever a tape is inserted or the VCR's power is turned on.

#### **Manual Tracking**

Occasionally, you may need to manually adjust tracking on a tape recorded on a different VCR or camcorder. The **TRACKING** buttons on the remote or VCR are used when playing a tape. They have no effect during recording.

When streaks or snow appear, press **TRACKING** up or down for the best possible picture.



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#### Variable Speed Picture Search Using the SHUTTLE Ring on the VCR

The Shuttle lets you search a picture during playback at variable speeds in both forward and reverse.

Sound is turned off during picture search. The picture is best for tapes recorded in the SP or SLP speed.

- 1. Turn the SHUTTLE Ring on the VCR while in Play or Still mode to start a forward or reverse search.
  - The more you turn the Ring, the faster the search speed.
  - When the SHUTTLE Ring on the VCR is turned more than half way in stop mode, normal Fast Forward or Rewind begins.
  - Some noise bars are normal during Shuttle operation.
  - After 3 minutes in Still or Slow, the VCR will go into Stop mode.
  - When the SHUTTLE Ring is released, the VCR goes into Still mode.
- 2. Press PLAY•PAUSE on the VCR, or PLAY or PAUSE on the remote to return to normal playback and turn off the shuttle feature.

#### Variable Speed Picture Search and Frame Advance Using JOG SHUTTLE on the Remote Control

During playback, the JOG SHUTTLE button and the left ( $\triangleleft$ ) or right ( $\triangleright$ ) arrow let you search a tape at variable speeds in both forward and reverse. The JOG SHUTTLE button and the up ( $\blacktriangle$ ) or down ( $\triangledown$ ) arrow let you view one stop-action frame after another.

Sound is turned off during picture search and frame advance. The picture is best for tapes recorded in the SP or SLP speed.

- 1. Press JOG SHUTTLE on the remote during playback. The indicator in the center of the arrows lights, and the VCR enters pause.
  - Press and quickly release ► on the remote to search forward slowly. Press and hold ► to search faster.
  - Press and quickly release ◀ on the remote to search in reverse slowly. Press and hold ◀ to search faster.
  - Press ▲ or ▼ on the remote while VCR is searching to place the VCR in pause. Press ▲ to advance or ▼ to reverse the picture one frame at a time.
- 2. Press PLAY•PAUSE on the VCR, or PLAY or PAUSE on the remote to return to normal playback and turn off the jog shuttle feature.

Pressing a button other than a JOG SHUTTLE button, except TRACKING UP or TRACKING DOWN, turns off the jog shuttle and indicator.





#### **Commercial Scan (SEARCH Button)**

This is useful for scanning commercials or short program segments.

1. Press SEARCH once during playback to advance the tape approximately 60 seconds.

#### **Index Search**

The VCR has a "VHS Index Search System" that automatically records an index mark on the tape every time you stop and start recording. You can locate the program you want to play by the number of index marks. The VCR automatically locates the index number you select. The VCR will search forward or backward from the current location on the tape.



T INDEX SEARCH 04

- 1. Insert the prerecorded tape and press STOP.
- 2. Press SEARCH on the remote to display the INDEX SEARCH menu.
- **3**. Press two number buttons to enter the number of index marks you want the VCR to search.

Press CLEAR on the remote to correct an entry.

- 4. Use SHUTTLE Ring on the VCR or FF on the remote to search forward or REW to search in reverse.
- 5. Press STOP to stop index searching.

Some index marks may be missed by the VCR.

- A mark too close to your location on the tape.
- The mark at the beginning of a recorded segment of five minutes or less.
- The first index mark on the tape when you start at the beginning of the tape.



#### Zero Search

The zero search feature lets you quickly return to a counter reading of 0:00:00 anywhere on the tape. This is especially convenient when you want to watch a segment of the tape several times.

- 1. Insert the prerecorded tape.
- 2. Press DISPLAY twice to display only the time counter on the TV screen.
- 3. Use PLAY•PAUSE, the SHUTTLE Ring or FWD on the VCR or FF on the remote, or REW to advance to the spot on the tape where you want to return to quickly.
- 4. Press STOP.
- 5. Press CLEAR to reset the time counter to 0:00:00.
- 6. Continue playing the tape.
- 7. Press STOP.
- 8. Press SEARCH twice in the stop mode to display the ZERO SEARCH menu on the TV screen. The current time counter is displayed.
- 9. Use SHUTTLE Ring on the VCR or FF on the remote, or REW to return to 0:00:00. The time counter appears in the upper right corner of the TV screen during search.

#### **Blank Search**

The VCR searches for blank portions of the tape that are more than six seconds long.



- 1. Insert a prerecorded tape. Press STOP.
- 2. Press SEARCH three times to display the BLANK SEARCH menu.
- 3. Use SHUTTLE Ring on the VCR or FF on the remote to begin searching for six seconds of blank tape.

A message appears on the screen if a blank area is not found.

4. Press STOP to stop BLANK searching.

ZERO SEARCH CURRENT TAPE COUNTER IS 2:17:25 PRESS REW TO GO TO 0:00 PRESS SEARCH TO EXIT





### **Types of Recordings**

Your VCR provides different types of recording. These types are explained in the following sections.

### **Basic Recording – Operating Instructions**

#### To Make a Recording

Turn on the TV and tune it to the VCR viewing channel, either 3, 4, or the TV's video input channel.

- 1. Insert a tape with its safety tab in place.
- 2. Press VCR1 (VCR2•LD) to set the remote to control VCR.
- 3. If you are using one of the basic hookups, make sure the VCR indicator appears in the VCR's display panel. If not, press TV•VCR to turn it on.
- Select a recording speed using SPEED on the remote. The tape speed indicator appears in the VCR's display panel and on the TV screen.
- Select the channel or line input ("L1" or "L2") to be recorded. The channel number, "L1", or "L2" appears in the VCR's display panel and VIDEO1 or VIDEO2 appears on the TV screen.
  - L1: For rear audio/video connection.
  - L2: For front audio/video connection.
- 6. Press REC on the remote or RECORD on the VCR to begin recording. The REC indicator (REC) and the playback indicator (►) appear in the VCR's display panel while the VCR is recording.

#### **To Stop a Recording**

Press STOP on the VCR or the remote.

#### Watch a TV Channel While VCR is Recording a Different Channel

- 1. Follow steps 1 through 6 above.
- 2. If you are using one of the basic hookups, press TV•VCR to switch to the TV channel. The VCR indicator turns off in the display panel.
- 3. Press TV to set the remote to control TV functions for a compatible TV.
- 4. Select the channel you want to watch with the TV's channel buttons.
- 5. Press STOP•EJECT on VCR or STOP on remote when recording is finished.

### **Recording Features**

#### **Recording Speeds**

Press SPEED on the remote to select a recording speed (SP, LP, or SLP). The speed you select appears in the VCR's display panel and on the TV screen.

	<b>Recording Time</b>										
Cassette	SP	LP	SLP								
T-120	2Hr	4Hr	6Hr								
T-160	2Hr 40Min	5Hr 20Min	8Hr								

**SP** (Standard Play) gives the best quality recording. This is why most prerecorded, rental tapes are recorded in SP. Fewer programs can be recorded on the tape. Special effects such as pause, slow motion, picture search, and frame advance work well in this speed.

**LP (Long Play)** gives twice the recording time of tapes recorded in SP. Special effects in playback are not recommended in LP.

**SLP (Super Long Play)** gives three times the recording time of tapes recorded in SP. Special effects such as pause, slow motion, picture search, and frame advance work well in this speed.

#### **Recording Pause**

You can skip short passages of unwanted material and not record them.

Press PLAY•PAUSE on the VCR or PAUSE on the remote during recording to stop and start recording.

The record indicator (MEC) and the pause indicator (N) appear in the VCR's display panel.

The VCR automatically switches from pause to stop after a few minutes.

#### **Flying Erase Head**

A separate erase head is mounted on the spinning headwheel — hence the term "flying". This lets you make clean edits without the glitches or rainbow noise that can appear when editing a tape.

#### **Automatic Head Cleaner**

The VCR has an automatic head cleaner system. When a cassette is inserted, the head cleaning system is activated. This system minimizes the need for accessory cleaners or a visit to a Servicenter.

### **Express Recording**

Express recording lets you record up to four hours without using the timer program feature. The VCR turns off automatically at the end of the recording.



#### **Operating Instructions**

- 1. Turn on the VCR.
- 2. Insert a tape with its safety tab in place.
- 3. Select the channel you want to record.
- 4. Select the desired recording speed using SPEED on the remote.
- 5. Press REC on remote or RECORD on the VCR to activate the recording.
- Press RECORD or REC repeatedly until the amount of recording time for the program is displayed in the VCR's display panel or on the TV screen.

Each press of RECORD or REC increases the time -- 30 minutes up to 4 hours.

[	Press RECORD	Recording Time
RECORD LENGTH 0:00	0:30	(30 Min)
CH 04	1:00	(1 Hr)
	1:30	(1 Hr, 30 Min)
	2:00	(2 Hrs)
	3:00	(3 Hrs)
Recording Display on	4:00	(4 Hrs)
TV Screen	0:00	(Turns Off)

The amount of time the VCR will record and the record ([REC]) the playback (>) and the time ( TIMER ) indicators appear in the VCR's display panel.

During recording, press **RECORD** on the VCR or **REC** on the remote to display the time remaining on the TV screen. Press **RECORD** or **REC** again to increase the recording time.

#### **Stopping an Express Recording in Progress**

With the VCR: Press POWER and then STOP•EJECT within a few seconds.

With the Remote: Press VCR1 (VCR2•LD) and then STOP within a few seconds.



### **Recording Broadcast Stereo TV or SAP** (Second Audio Program)

Some TV programs are broadcast with stereo audio or a second audio language (SAP). The RECEPTION: STEREO/MONO/SAP feature lets you select the type of audio you want to record.

#### To Record Stereo Broadcast TV or SAP

Turn on the TV and tune it to the VCR viewing channel, either 3, 4, or the TV's video input.

- 1. Insert a tape with its safety tab in place.
- If using one of the basic hookups, make sure the VCR indicator appears in the VCR's display panel. If not, press TV•VCR to turn it on.
- 3. Use SPEED on the remote to select a recording speed.

The tape speed indicator appears in the VCR's display panel and on the TV screen.

- Select the channel, "L1" (Rear connection), or "L2" (Front connection) to be recorded. Channel number, "L1", or "L2" appears in the VCR's display panel.
- 5. Set the RECEPTION:STEREO/MONO/SAP feature for the type of audio you want to record.
  - A. Press MENU•PROG to display the VCR MAIN MENU on the TV screen.
  - B. Press 6 to display the AUDIO menu.
  - C. Press 1 to select the type of audio RECEPTION: STEREO, MONO, or SAP.
    - Set to STEREO for normal recording and to record broadcast stereo TV.

The STEREO indicator lights in the VCR's display panel when the station you are tuned to is broadcasting stereo.

- Set to MONO if the stereo signal is weak and the sound is too "noisy".
- Set to SAP to record SAP (second audio program) instead of the normal audio on both the hifi and linear tracks.

The SAP indicator lights in the VCR's display panel when the station you are tuned to is broadcasting SAP.

- D. Repeatedly press 0 to remove the menus from the TV screen.
- 6. Press REC on remote or RECORD on the VCR to start recording. The record indicator (REC) and the playback indicator (►) appear in the VCR's display panel.
- 7. Press STOP•EJECT on the VCR or STOP on the remote when you are finished.



### **Recording Audio Only**

You can record audio only from another audio source connected to the AUDIO1 or AUDIO2 IN (L and R) jacks on the back of the VCR.

#### To Record Audio Only (Refer to hookup on page 9.)

 Press the INPUT button on remote until the line indicator "L1 (Rear connection)" or "L2 (Front connection)" appears in the VCR's display panel.

Then, the VCR records audio from the audio equipment connected to the AUDIO1 or AUDIO2 IN jacks.

- Use SPEED on the remote to select the recording speed.
   The tape speed indicator appears in the VCR's display panel and on the TV screen.
- Start playing the audio source and press REC on remote or RECORD on the VCR to begin recording. The record indicator (EEC) and the playback indicator (►) appear in the VCR's display panel.
- 4. Press STOP•EJECT on the VCR or STOP on the remote when you are finished.

### **Recording While You're Away**

# Setup Cable Box or RCA Satellite Receiver (Required Only if All Channels are Received From a Cable Box or Receiver)

CABLE BOX SETUP tells the VCR the output channel of your cable box or RCA satellite receiver. If your cable box can be controlled by a remote, the VCR may be able to tune it to the channel you want to record during VCR Plus+ and timer recordings. Position the remote-controllable cable box on top of the VCR *as shown on page 4 or 5*.

- 1. Turn on your cable box and tune it to channel 02.
- 2. Press MENU•PROG on the remote to display the VCR MAIN MENU.
- 3 Press 4 to display the CHANNELS menu.
- 4 Press 5 to display the CABLE/DSS BOX SETUP menu.
- 5. The cable box or receiver is not used for all channels: Press 2 on the remote. You are finished with CABLE/DSS BOX SETUP.

**The cable box or receiver is used for all channels:** Press 1 on the remote.

 Press two numbers on the remote to enter the output channel of your cable box or receiver. Press 0 before a single digit number. Valid numbers are 01-125.

If you connected your cable box or receiver to the VCR using the audio/video jacks, press INPUT on the VCR to select the VIDEO 1 or VIDEO 2 option.

 Press MENU•PROG to enter the output channel of your cable box. THE VCR WILL NOW RECEIVE ALL CHANNELS FROM THE CABLE BOX message will appear on the TV screen showing the output channel.

The VCR automatically enters the output channel of your cable box or receiver as the channel to be recorded in the VCR PLUS+ and TIMER RECORDINGS menus.

- 8. Press MENU•PROG to display the THE CODE FOR YOUR CABLE BOX or DSS RECEIVER message on the TV screen.
- 9. Manual Controlled Cable box or Satellite Receiver: Press MENU•PROG. You are finished with CABLE BOX SETUP.
  Remote Controlled Cable box: Enter your cable box type (01-60) from the chart *on page 18*. or enter 00 for the DSS Receiver.
- 10. Press MENU•PROG twice to enter your cable box type. The VCR will change the cable box from channel 02 to channel 09 when you enter the correct code for your cable box.
- 11. The cable box is tuned to channel 9: Press number 1 on the remote. You are finished with CABLE BOX SETUP. The VCR then tunes the cable box to the correct channel during VCR Plus+ and timer recording. Complete "VCR Plus+ Set Up" on the next page.

**The cable box did not tune to channel 9:** Press number **2** on the remote and enter a different code from the chart. If these codes do not work:

- Try repositioning the cable box on top of the VCR and reentering the codes.
- Try entering all code numbers (00 60). Press CLEAR on remote to change incorrect entries.

If none of the codes work, press MENU•PROG to quit. The VCR will not control your cable box. Turn on the cable box and leave it tuned to the channel you want to record some time before the recording is to begin.

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### **Recording While You're Away (VCR Plus+\* Recording)**

# VCR Plus+ Setup for Antenna, Unscrambled (Not Requiring a Cable Box) Cable Systems, or Cable Box VCR Can Control

A VCR Plus+ channel number is assigned for each broadcast or cable channel. These numbers are listed in most publications that list PlusCode numbers.

1. Prepare a worksheet for the VCR Plus+ channels that are different from the channels you receive them on. Refer to the chart below for standardized VCR Plus+ channel numbers.

Broadcast or Cable-TV Station Name	VCR Plus+ Channel Number	Channel Number You Receive This Station On
НВО	33	See Note 1
ESPN 💦	34	See Note 1
ABC	See Note 2	See Note 1
FOX 5	See Note 2	See Note 1

Note 1: Check your local or cable listing for the channel number you receive this station on. Note 2: Check your local listing for the broadcast or VCR Plus+ channel number assigned to this station.

- 2. Press MENU•PROG on the remote to display the VCR MAIN MENU on the TV screen.
- 3. Press 4 to display CHANNELS menu.
- 4. Press 4 to display VCR PLUS+ CHANNEL LIST menu.
- 5. Using your worksheet, press two numbers to enter each channel number you receive on a <u>different</u> channel than the assigned VCR Plus+ channel number.

If a channel in your area has been assigned more than one VCR Plus+ channel number, enter that same channel number next to each VCR Plus+ channel number.

Press CHAN up or down to move the VCR PLUS+ numbers up or down on the menu. Press CLEAR on the remote to erase a number.

6. Press MENU•PROG when you are finished.

VCR MAIN MENU 1 VCR PLUS+ 2 TIMER RECORDINGS 3 SET CLOCK 4 CHANNELS	
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USE CHAN UP/DN TO SELEC PRESS 0-9 TO CHANGE PRESS MENU TO SAVE	т

#### Standardized VCR Plus+ Channel Numbers for Cable-TV

U.S.A. List58The Movie Channel35American Movie Classics48Music Television39Arts & Entertainment49The Nashville Network57Black Entertainment38Nickelodeon54Bravo64Nostalgia Television42Cable News Network99Quality Value Cable45Cinemax41Showtime98Cinemax 297Showtime 237The Discovery Channel59Sports Channel53Entertainment Television44USA Network44ESPN Sports Network62Video Hits 147The Family Channel93Viewer's Choice 133Home Box Office94Viewer's Choice 296Home Box Office 343WTBS Atlanta51The Learning Channel60WWOR New York	Canadian List         67       Allarcom Pay Television/Superchannel         44       Arts & Entertainment         72       Cable News Network-Headline News         61       Cable News Network         70       Canadian Home Shopping Network         56       Canal Famille         69       Cathay International Television Inc         68       Chinavision Canada Corp         60       Country Music Television         63       Family Channel         62       First Choice Two         97       First Choice Three	99 90 91 51 65 48 55 52 73 53 43 64 37 98 66 46 92	First Choice Four House of Commons La Chaine Francaise The Learning Channel MeteoMedia/The Weather Network MuchMusic Network MusiquePlus Nashville Network Newsworld/CBC Le Reseau des Sports The Sports Network Super Ecran Super Ecran B Super Ecran C Telatino Network TV5 Montreal Viewer's Choice 1							

\*VCR Plus+ and PlusCode are trademarks of Gemstar Development Corporation.
# **Recording While You're Away (VCR Plus+ Recording)**

The VCR Plus+ and timer program features let you program the VCR to record up to eight different programs within a one year period. Before using VCR Plus+ to record a program, make sure that:

- The clock is set correctly.
- A tape with safety tab has been inserted with enough tape to record the programs.
- The remote is set to control the VCR using VCR1 (VCR2•LD).
- The VCR is setup for VCR Plus+ programming if you.
  - receive all channels through a cable box or RCA satellite receiver, setup the cable box or receiver as described on page 33.
  - use an antenna, do not use a cable box for all channels, or have a cable box the VCR can control, complete VCR Plus+ Setup *on page 34*.

### Setting a VCR Plus+ Recording

- Press MENU•PROG on the remote to display the VCR MAIN MENU.
- 2. Press 1 to display the VCR PLUS+ menu.
- 3. Press numbers on the remote to enter PlusCode number for the program you want to record. VCR PlusCode numbers are found in most local TV listings.

Press CLEAR on the remote to correct an entry.

4. Press MENU•PROG to enter the program.

If the VCR does not recognize the PlusCode number, UNRECOGNIZED NUMBER... PLEASE RE-ENTER appears on the TV screen. Check the number and enter it again.

- 5. Press 1, 2, 3, or 4 to select type of program.
  - 1 ONE TIME single program recorded once.
  - 2 DAILY program recorded at same time every day.
  - 3 WEEKDAYS program recorded at same time Monday through Friday.
  - 4 WEEKLY program recorded at same time once a week.
- 6. Select a recording speed using SPEED on the remote.
- Press CLEAR if you want to change the program end time. This feature lets you extend the recording time on VCR Plus+ programs. Also, this option may be useful when you are recording programs such as sporting events that could exceed scheduled broadcast times.
- Press MENU•PROG to enter your program. A reminder appears which will time out or you can press MENU•PROG to return to the VCR MAIN MENU.
- Repeat steps 2 6 for additional programs or press MENU•PROG to remove the menu from the TV screen.
- 10. **Turn off the VCR** before recording time.

The TIMER indicator appears in the VCR's display panel when the timer has been programmed.

11. Manually Controlled Cable box or Satellite Receiver: Turn on the cable box or satellite receiver and tune it to the channel you want to record before the time the recording is to begin.

**Remote Controlled Cable box:** Turn on the cable box before the time the recording is to begin.

### Stopping a Timer Recording in Progress

With the VCR: Press POWER and then STOP•EJECT within a few seconds.

With the Remote: Press VCR1 (VCR2•LD) and then STOP within a few seconds.

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# **Recording While You're Away (Timer Recording)**

The timer program feature lets you program the VCR to record up to eight different programs within a one year period. Before setting the timer, make sure that:

- The clock is set correctly.
- A tape with its safety tab in place has been inserted and has enough tape to record the programs.
- The remote is set to control the VCR using VCR1 (VCR2•LD).
- If you receive all channels through a cable box or RCA satellite receiver, setup the cable box or receiver as described *on page 33*.

# **Setting a Timer Recording**

- 1. Press MENU•PROG on the remote to display the VCR MAIN MENU.
- 2. Press 2 to display the TIMER RECORDINGS menu.
- 3. Press 1 to display the CREATE A NEW PROGRAM menu.
- 4. Press 1, 2, 3, or 4 to select type of program.
  - 1 ONE TIME single program recorded once.
  - 2 DAILY program recorded at same time every day.
  - 3 WEEKDAYS program recorded at same time Monday through Friday.
  - 4 WEEKLY program recorded at same time once a week.
- Press number buttons on the remote to enter the channel number (or INPUT to select "L1" or "L2"), start time including AM or PM, end time, and start date of the recording. Just follow the on-screen prompts.

Press CLEAR on the remote to correct an entry.

If you receive all channels from a cable box or satellite receiver and have completed CABLE BOX SETUP and the cable box is not controlable, the output channel of your cable box or receiver and CABLE automatically appear on the menu.

- 6. Use SPEED on the remote to select a recording speed.
- Press MENU•PROG to enter your program. A reminder appears which will time out or you can press MENU•PROG to return to the TIMER RECORDINGS menu..
- Repeat steps 3–7 for additional programs or press MENU•PROG twice to remove the menu from the TV screen.
- 9. Turn off the VCR before recording begins.

The TIMER indicator appears in the VCR's display panel when the timer has been programmed.

10. Manually Controlled Cable box or Satellite Receiver: Turn on the cable box or receiver and tune it to the channel you want to record before the time the recording is to begin.

**Remote Controlled Cable box:** Turn on the cable box before the time the recording is to begin.

### **Stopping a Recording in Progress**

With the VCR: Press POWER and then STOP•EJECT within a few seconds.

With the Remote: Press VCR1 (VCR2•LD) and then STOP within a few seconds.



PROGRAM 1 HAS BEEN SAVED

# **Recording While You're Away**

## **Checking or Clearing VCR Plus+ or Timer Recordings**

- 1. Press MENU•PROG on remote to display VCR MAIN MENU on TV screen.
- 2. Press 2 to display the TIMER RECORDINGS menu.
- 3. Press 2 to display the REVIEW EXISTING PROGS.
- 4. Press MENU•PROG or 2 to display the information faster.
- 5. Press CLEAR when the program you want to erase appears on the screen.

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# **Timer Recording From the VCR's Line Input**

The line input refers to the signal coming from the AUDIO1, AUDIO2, S-VIDEO, VIDEO1 or VIDEO1 IN jacks of the VCR. Recording from the line input is convenient if you have a satellite receiver or similar component attached to these jacks. To timer record from the component connected to the VCR's line input: press INPUT to enter VIDEO 1 or VIDEO 2 instead of the channel number on the TV screen during timer programming.

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# S-VHS Recording

### S(Super)-VHS Recording (Refer to hookups on pages 3-9.)



The VCR is capable of recording in VHS or S-VHS format. To record in S-VHS, use cassettes labeled with the **SWS** symbol. It is not possible to record in S-VHS using a standard VHS tape.

**SWHS** tapes must be played back in a VCR with S-VHS. S-VHS recordings cannot be played back in VCRs that do not have the **SWHS** symbol. The S-VHS indicator lights when playing back an S-VHS tape.



- To record in S-VHS, push the S-VHS AUTO button. The S-VHS AUTO indicator light turns on.
- To turn off S-VHS and record in VHS, push S-VHS AUTO button. The S-VHS AUTO indicator light turns off.

Refer to the chart below for the results.

S-VHS Recording										
S-VHS AUTO Tape S-VHS Button Type Indicator Result										
OFF	Standard	Off	Standard VHS							
OFF	S-VHS	Off	Standard VHS							
ON	Standard	Off	Standard VHS							
ON	S-VHS	On	Super VHS							

# **Using Two VCRs for Copying and Editing Tapes**

### **Operating Instructions** (Refer to hookup on page 8.)

Use one VCR as the playback VCR and the other as the recording VCR.

- **Caution:** The unauthorized recording of television programs and other materials may infringe the rights of others.
- 1. Turn on the TV and VCRs.
- 2. Tune TV to the VCR viewing channel, either 3, 4, or the TV's video input.
- **3**. If you have connected your VCR using Option A (*page 8*), tune recording VCR to channel 3 or 4 the one selected on the back of the playback VCR.

If you have connected your VCR using Option B (*page 8*), press INPUT on recording VCR to select the line input. "L1" or "L2" appears in VCR's display panel.

- 4. Insert the tape you want to copy into playback VCR. Insert a blank tape with safety tab in place into recording VCR.
- Press PLAY•PAUSE, then PLAY•PAUSE on playback VCR when you reach the point on the tape or program where you want to begin copying. If the tape was not recorded on the playback VCR, streaks may appear and you may need to adjust tracking.
- 6. Press RECORD on the VCR or REC on the remote, then PLAY•PAUSE, on recording VCR.
- 7. Press PLAY•PAUSE buttons on both VCRs at the same time to begin copying the tape.\*
- Edit out segments that you do not want to copy by pressing PLAY•PAUSE on recording VCR to stop copying the tape. Then, locate the next segment you want to copy on playback VCR by using SHUTTLE Ring, and PLAY•PAUSE. Press PLAY•PAUSE on the playback VCR. Press PLAY•PAUSE at the same time on both VCRs to resume copying.
- 9. Press STOP•EJECT on both VCRs when you are finished.
- \* You can turn off the TV after the recording has started as it does not have to be on to copy a tape.

# **Audio and Video Dubbing**

Audio dubbing records new audio in place of the audio formerly recorded on the linear (mono) track of the tape. Audio dubbing does not affect the audio recorded on the Hi-Fi tracks or the recorded video. To playback the dubbed audio, set the RECEPTION: HI-FI/MIX/LINEAR feature to LINEAR. To hear the original audio, set the RECEPTION feature to HI-FI.

Video dubbing records new video in place of existing video segments. Hi-fi audio will be erased, but linear audio will remain unchanged. The flying erase head produces clean edits when you video dub.

### To Audio Dub (Refer to hookup on page 9.)

- 1. Turn on the audio source and VCR.
- 2. Tune the TV to the VCR viewing channel, either 3, 4, or the TV's video input.
- 3. Insert the tape you want to dub on into the VCR.
- 4. Press INPUT on VCR's remote to select the line input (L1 or L2). "L1" or "L2" appears in the VCR's display panel.
- Press PLAY•PAUSE on the VCR or PLAY on the remote. When you reach the point on the tape where you want to begin dubbing, press PLAY•PAUSE on the VCR or PAUSE on the remote, or JOG SHUTTLE.
- 6. Press A•V DUB on the remote until A.DUB appears in the VCR's display panel. The VCR enters the audio dubbing mode and A.DUB remains in the VCR's display panel.
- 7. Start the audio source playing, and press PLAY•PAUSE on the VCR or PAUSE on the remote to begin audio dubbing.\*

New audio is recorded on the linear track.

- 8. Press STOP•EJECT on the VCR or STOP on the remote when you are finished.
- \* You can turn off the TV after the dubbing has started as it does not have to be on to dub a tape.

# Audio and Video Dubbing

### To Video Dub (Refer to hookup on page 8, Option B.)

- Caution If you attempt to video dub onto a blank tape, the video will "break up" and flash during playback. Record something on the blank tape, and then video dub.
- 1. Connect the two VCRs and turn them on.
- 2. Tune TV to the VCR viewing channel, either 3, 4, or the TV's video input.
- 3. Press INPUT on recording VCR to select the line input (L1 or L2). "L1" or "L2" appears in the VCR's display panel and "VIDEO 1" or "VIDEO 2" appears on the TV screen.
- 4. Insert the tape you want to copy into playback VCR. Insert a tape you want to dub with the safety tab in place in the recording VCR.
- 5. Press PLAY•PAUSE on the recording VCR. When you reach the point on the tape where you want to begin dubbing, press PLAY•PAUSE.
- 6. Press A•V DUB on the recording VCR's remote until V.DUB appears in the VCR's display panel. The VCR enters the video dubbing mode and V.DUB remains in the VCR's display panel.
- 7. Press PLAY•PAUSE on the playback VCR. Then press PLAY•PAUSE. The VCR enters the play-pause mode.
- 8. Press PLAY•PAUSE on both VCRs at the same time to begin dubbing the tape.\*
- 9. Press STOP•EJECT on the VCR or STOP on the remote when you are finished.
- \* You can turn off the TV after the dubbing has started as it does not have to be on to dub a tape.

### **To Audio and Video Dub**

- 1. Connect the dubbing source(s) and follow steps 1– 5 above.
- Press A•V DUB on the recording VCR's remote until A.DUB and V.DUB appear in the VCR's display panel. The VCR will enter the audio/video dubbing mode and A.DUB and V. DUB remain in the VCR's display panel.
- 3. Proceed with steps 7 8 above.

The existing video, linear audio, and hi-fi audio will be replaced by the new audio and video.

4. Press STOP•EJECT on the VCR or STOP on the remote when you are finished.

# **Location of Controls**

# Front Panel



### CHANNEL or TRACKING Up or Down

Selects next higher or lower channel in the VCR's channel memory. Adjusts tracking during playback.

#### PLAY-PAUSE

Plays a tape. Pauses the tape for stop-action viewing during playback. Pauses the tape during recording to prevent recording unwanted material.

#### POWER

Turns the VCR on or off.

### RECORD

Starts the VCR recording. Used for express recording.

#### **Remote Sensor**

Receives signals from the remote control. Aim the remote at this sensor with no objects between them.

### S-VHS AUTO

Selects VHS or S-VHS recording. *See page 38*.

**S-VHS (Indicator)** Lights during S-VHS recording or playback.

#### SHUTTLE Ring

Places the VCR in Shuttle mode and starts a forward or reverse search when you turn the Ring while in Play or Still mode.

### STOP•EJECT

Stops the normal functions such as record, playback, rewind, fast forward, or pause. Press when the VCR is stopped to eject the cassette.

#### **TV-VCR** (Applies only to basic hookup)

Switches the picture signal so that it either comes from the VCR or the TV channel. *See page 12.* 

#### VIDEO and AUDIO (R and L) IN Jacks

Receives signals from another component, such as a VCR or camcorder, when it is connected to these jacks.

# **Location of Controls**

### **Back Panel**



### 3 CH. 4 Switch

Selects the channel to which you will tune the TV to see the VCR picture if you connect the VCR using one of the basic hookups.

#### IN FROM ANT. (Antenna) Connector

Receives a signal from an antenna or cable system when attached.

#### **OUT TO TV** Connector

Passes signal to TV using the cable supplied.

#### S-VIDEO OUT and IN Connectors

Lets you attach another S-VHS component to the S-VIDEO IN connector using the included S-VHS cable. Use INPUT on the remote to display L1 in the VCR's display panel to select.

Lets you attach the S-VIDEO OUT connector to a TV monitor having an S-VIDEO IN connector to take full advantage of the S-VHS format.

Also, remember to attach the audio jacks. The S-VHS cable carries only video.

### VIDEO1 and AUDIO1 (R and L) IN jacks

Receives signals from another component, such as a VCR or camcorder, when it is connected to these jacks.

Display L1 in the VCR's display panel using INPUT on the remote to select these jacks.

#### VIDEO1 and AUDIO1 (R and L) OUT Jacks

Sends signals from VCR to another component, such as a monitor TV or another VCR, when it is connected to these jacks.

If the other component is not stereo, you may need a Y-adapter to hear both channels.

# **Location of Controls**

# **Display Panel**



### A. DUB Indicator

A.DUB lights during audio dubbing.

#### Cassette-in Indicator (00)

Lights when a tape is in the VCR.

#### Channel Number or Line Input ("L1" or "L2")

The channel number or line input is displayed. Press INPUT on the remote to light "L1" or "L2" to record from the VIDEO1 or VIDEO2 and AUDIO1 or AUDIO2 IN jacks on the back of the VCR.

#### Hi-Fi Indicator

Lights when AUDIO PLAY is set to HIFI or MIX.

### Repeat Indicator ( 👝 )

Lights when the repeat play is performed.

### **SAP** Indicator

Lights when the station you are tuned to is broadcasting SAP.

#### **Status Indicators**

Show what the VCR is doing.

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BEC and ►	Record
RECI and II	Record-pause
•	Playback
•	Reverse playback
H	Play-pause
n	Frame advance
1 🕨	Slow motion
◀	Reverse slow motion
◄ flashing	Rewind
◀ flashing	Reverse search
<ul> <li>flashing</li> </ul>	Fast forward
▶ flashing	Forward search
¶ flashing	Cassette ejecting

#### **STEREO** Indicator

Lights when the station you are tuned to is broadcasting stereo.

**Tape Speed Indicators (SP, LP,** or SLP) Tape speed. Press **SPEED** on remote to change.

### **Time or Time Counter**

Press DISPLAY on remote to switch between the current time and elapsed-time counter.

#### TIMER Indicator

Lights when VCR is set for timer recording and VCR is turned off or XPR recording is performed. Flashes if tape is not inserted.

### **V.DUB** Indicator

V.DUB lights during video dubbing.

### VCR Indicator (Applies Only to Basic Hookups)

Press TV•VCR to turn on or off. VCR indicator on: Picture from VCR. VCR indicator off: Picture from TV channel.

# **Specifications**

Format:	S-VHS
Record/Playback System:	Video: 4-Head Audio: 2 Hi-Fi record/playback system Flying Erase Head
Video Signal System:	EIA standard: NTSC color
Antenna:	75-ohm external VHF/UHF combined antenna terminal
Tuner:	USA: 181 channels capability* (125 cable channels) Canada: 178 channels capability* (122 cable channels)
Туре:	AutoProgramming frequency synthesis
Power Requirement:	120V AC, 60 Hz
Power Consumption:	28 watts
Dimensions:	3.5 inches high (89 mm) 15 inches wide (380 mm) 11.5 inches deep (292 mm)
Weight:	9.5 pounds (4.3 kg)
Storage Temperature Range:	- 22 °F to +149 °F
Operating Temperature Range:	+41 °F to +104 °F

\*Check your cable company's compatibility requirements.

# **Cleaning the VCR**

Use a soft cloth or dusting attachment of your vacuum cleaner to dust your VCR. Remove dust from the ventilation holes on the top, back, sides, and bottom of the cabinet.

Plastic surfaces are easily scratched and can be marred by alcohol and various solvents. Avoid excessive use of oil-based furniture polishes since the materials used in the cabinet will accumulate more dust. We recommend using a non-abrasive, anti-static cleaner and polisher.

# **Trouble Checks**

Sometimes problems can be easily solved by checking a few basic things. Check below before you call for help or take your VCR to an Authorized RCA VCR Servicenter.

Trouble	Here's what to try:
No power	<ul><li>Plug VCR into an operating outlet.</li><li>Check connections.</li></ul>
VCR does not respond to remote	<ul> <li>Remove batteries and hold down one or more buttons for several seconds to drain the microprocessor inside the remote and reset it. Re-install the batteries and try remote again.</li> <li>Press VCR1 (VCR2•LD) to set remote to control the VCR. See page 16.</li> <li>Aim remote at VCR with no objects between them.</li> <li>Change batteries.</li> </ul>
Remote no longer controls an RCA TV	<ul> <li>Press TV to set remote to control a compatible TV. See page 17.</li> <li>Reprogram remote for RCA TV. See page 17</li> </ul>
Remote no longer controls a compatible TV, cable box, or auxiliary component	<ul> <li>Press TV, AUX, or CABLE to set remote to control the corresponding component. <i>See pages 17-19.</i></li> <li>Aim remote at TV with no objects between them.</li> <li>Reprogram remote after batteries have been changed. <i>See pages 17-19.</i></li> <li>Change batteries.</li> </ul>
VCR only responds to VCR2•LD button on remote	• Check setting of REMOTE CONTROL: VCR1/VCR2 feature. See page 16.
Poor or no picture for normal TV viewing	<ul> <li>Press TV•VCR to turn VCR indicator off.</li> <li>Switch TV to an active channel.</li> <li>Check antenna connections.</li> </ul>
Snowy or no picture during playback	<ul> <li>Press TV•VCR to turn VCR indicator on.</li> <li>Check TV channel selected (3 or 4) to make sure it matches the channel selected with 3 CH. 4 switch on back of VCR.</li> <li>Check TV's fine tuning.</li> <li>Check video cable connections between VCR and TV monitor.</li> <li>Set TV monitor to video input channel.</li> <li>Try another tape.</li> <li>Some snow/streaks are normal during search, stop action, frame advance, and slow-motion playback.</li> </ul>
Streaks in picture during normal playback	<ul> <li>Press one of the TRACKING buttons to move streaks up or down for the bes picture.</li> <li>Check tape — it may be worn out or of poor quality.</li> </ul>
Time counter not working or not advancing during search mode.	<ul> <li>The time counter does not advance during unrecorded portions of tape. When an unrecorded segment of tape is encountered, the time counter will hold its count until recorded material is detected again.</li> <li>A minus (-) will appear in front of the time if you rewind the tape farther back than a counter reading of 0:00:00.</li> </ul>
Will not record or play	<ul> <li>No cassette in VCR.</li> <li>Eject and reinsert cassette.</li> <li>Broken tape — try another cassette.</li> <li>VCR is in pause mode. Press PLAY•PAUSE on the VCR or PAUSE on the remote.</li> <li>Pressing JOG SHUTTLE during playback places VCR in pause mode. Press PLAY•PAUSE on the VCR or PLAY on the remote, or PAUSE to return to normal playback.</li> </ul>

# **Trouble Checks**

Trouble	Here's what to try:
Will not record	<ul> <li>Safety tab removed from cassette.</li> <li>Make sure the line indicator ("L1" or "L2") is turned off in VCR's display panel for normal recording from the VCR's tuner. Press INPUT on remote to turn off the line indicator.</li> </ul>
Stereo or SAP sound not recorded	<ul> <li>RECEPTION: STEREO/SAP/MONO feature must be set to STEREO to record broadcast stereo. <i>See page 31.</i></li> <li>RECEPTION: STEREO/SAP/MONO feature must be set to SAP to record SAP. <i>See page 31.</i></li> <li>STEREO or SAP indicator not on. Station not broadcasting stereo or SAP.</li> </ul>
Rewind does not operate	• Tape already rewound.
VCR plus+ or timer recording not made or wrong program recorded	<ul> <li>Wrong VCR plus+ code entered.</li> <li>Cable box setup not done or not done correctly. See page 33.</li> <li>Cable box was not turned on at time recording was to begin.</li> <li>Program entered incorrectly (wrong channel or times).</li> <li>Power interruption. Clock area in display panel will show -:</li> <li>Check to see if time and date are correct — including AM/PM.</li> <li>Program exceeded tape's length or tape was not rewound beforehand.</li> <li>VCR was not turned off at the time recording was to start.</li> <li>No tape in VCR or cassette's safety tab broken off.</li> <li>VCR ejects cassette when the end of the tape is reached during a timer recording.</li> </ul>
Clock shows incorrect time or date	<ul> <li>Power interruption. Clock on the front panel will show -:</li> <li>Clock was not set accurately (check AM/PM and date).</li> <li>Time counter display appears in VCR's display panel. Press DISPLAY on remote.</li> </ul>
VCR makes noise when stopped	• VCR is removing tape from heads. This is normal. The head cylinder inside the VCR will continue to rotate for a few minutes after you put the VCR in the stop mode.
Will not AUTO-SEARCH active channels correctly	<ul> <li>Check antenna connections.</li> <li>Check SIGNAL TYPE: CABLE/ANTENNA feature. See page 11.</li> </ul>
Tape plays back in slow motion	• Press PLAY•PAUSE on the VCR or PLAY on the remote to return to normal playback.
Cannot select channels over 69	• Cable channels over 69 can only be selected if SIGNAL TYPE: CABLE/ANTENNA feature is set to CABLE. Details are on page 11.

# **Trouble Checks**

Trouble	Here's what to try:
<b>Cassette</b> with safety tab removed does not start to play automatically	• Set AUTO PLAY ON/OFF feature to ON. <i>Details are on page 22.</i>
No stereo sound during playback	• TAPE PLAYBACK: HI-FI/MIX/LINEAR feature must be set to HI-FI to hear stereo sound during playback. See page 21.
Stereo audio too noisy	<ul> <li>Stereo signal is weak. Set RECEPTION: STEREO/SAP/MONO feature to MONO.</li> <li>Press one of the TRACKING up or down buttons to minimize the noise.</li> </ul>
S-VHS recording not made or no sound during playback	<ul> <li>Check position of S-VHS AUTO switch on VCR. See page 38.</li> <li>A tape with S-VHS must be used to make S-VHS recordings.</li> <li>Make sure the component's S-VIDEO connectors are connected using an S-VHS cable .</li> <li>Be sure to also connect the audio cables. The S-VHS cable carries only video.</li> </ul>
Tape plays over and over	• Check setting of AUTO REPEAT ON/OFF menu. See page 22.
Jog shuttle arrow buttons will not function	<ul> <li>Press JOG SHUTTLE button to turn on jog shuttle buttons. Indicator will light.</li> <li>Indicator light off. Pressing any other button during jog shuttle operation will turn off jog shuttle. Press JOG SHUTTLE to turn jog shuttle back on.</li> </ul>
Tape continues forward or reverse search during jog shuttle operation	<ul> <li>Press PLAY•PAUSE on the VCR or PLAY on the remote to return to normal playback.</li> <li>Press ▼ or ▲ to place VCR in pause mode.</li> </ul>

# **Limited Warranty**

### What your warranty covers:

• Any defect in material or workmanship.

### For how long after your purchase:

- Ninety days for labor charges.
- One year for parts.

The warranty period for rental units begins with the first rental.

### What we will do:

- Pay any Authorized RCA VCR Servicenter the labor charges to repair your VCR.
- Pay any Authorized RCA VCR Servicenter for the new or, at our option, refurbished replacement parts required to repair your VCR.

### How you get service:

- Take your VCR to any Authorized RCA VCR Servicenter. To identify your nearest Authorized RCA VCR Servicenter, ask your dealer, look in the Yellow Pages, or call 1-800-336-1900.
- Show the service technician your evidence of purchase date.
- Pick up your VCR when repairs are completed.

### What your warranty does not cover:

- Customer instruction. (Your Owner's Manual clearly describes how to install, adjust, and operate your VCR. Any additional information should be obtained from your Dealer.)
- Installation and related adjustments.
- Signal reception problems not caused by your VCR.
- Damage from misuse or neglect.
- Cleaning of video/audio heads.
- Remote control batteries.
- A VCR that has been modified or incorporated into other products or is used for institutional or other commercial purposes.
- A VCR purchased or serviced outside the USA.
- Acts of God, such as but not limited to lightning charge.

### **Product Registration:**

• Please complete and mail the Product Registration Card packed with your VCR. It will make it easier to contact you should it ever be necessary. The return of the card is not required for warranty coverage.

### How state law relates to this warranty:

• This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you also may have other rights that vary from state to state.

### If you purchased your VCR outside the United States:

• This warranty does not apply. See your dealer for details.

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For your nearest Home Entertainment Dealer or Authorized Servicenter call toll-free in the U.S.A.

1-800-336-1900

Canadian Consumers – Your toll free numbers are:

English: 1-800-522-0338 French: 1-800-522-0445

If you would like a copy of this manual in French, please follow the instructions below:

Si un livret d'instructions en français n'est pas inclus avec votre appareil, vous pouvez en obtenir un (indiquer le numéro de modèle, votre nom, et votre adresse) en vous adressant à:

Thomson Consumer Electronics Attention: Canadian Operations P.O. Box 0944 Indianapolis, IN 46206-0944

If your VCR needs service, please contact your dealer or the nearest Servicenter from the yellow pages. Please do not send any products to the Indianapolis address listed in this manual or on the carton. This will only add delays in service for your product.

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