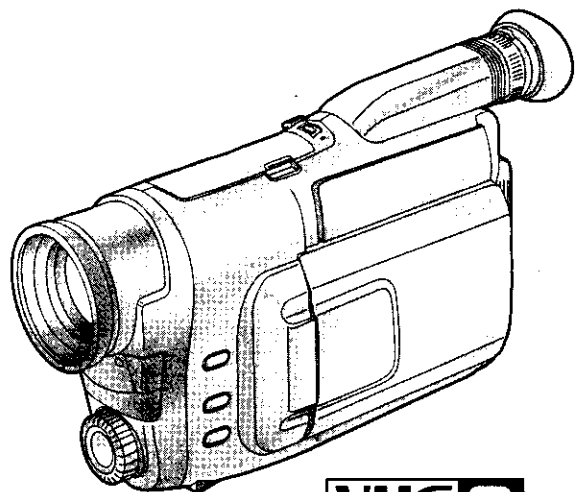
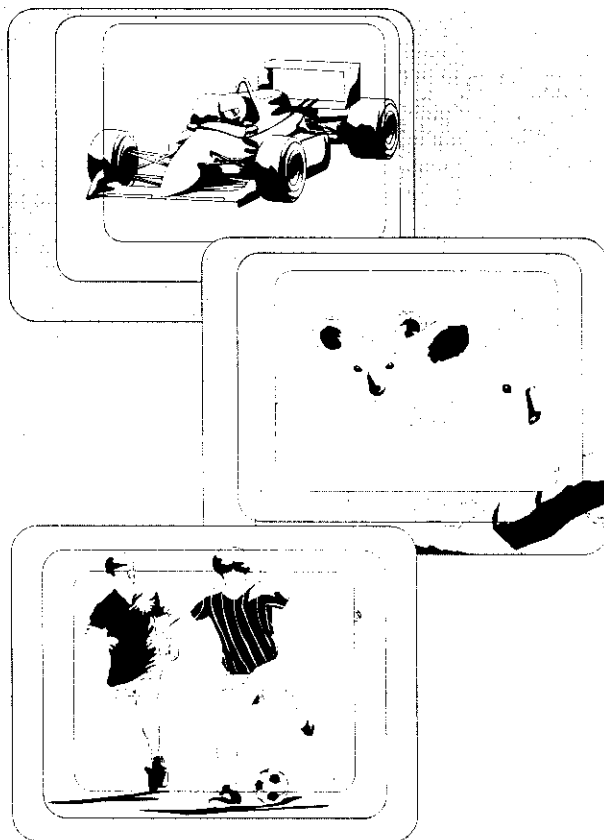


Panasonic

VHS-C Movie Camera
Operating Instructions

NV-VX10A

Model No. **NV-VX10A**



Before use, please read these instructions completely.

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Information for Your Safety

WARNING

To reduce the risk of fire or shock hazard and annoying interference, use only the recommended accessories and do not expose this equipment to rain or moisture. Do not remove the cover (or back); there are no user serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.

Movie Camera

- The rating plate is on the underside of the Movie Camera.

AC Adaptor

- The rating plate is on the underside of the AC Adaptor.
- As this equipment gets hot during use, operate it in a well ventilated place; do not install this equipment in a confined space such as a book case or similar unit.

IMPORTANT

- Recording of pre-recorded tapes or discs or other published or broadcast material for purposes other than your own private use may infringe copyright laws.
- Try out the Movie Camera.
 - Before you go out to record your first important event, please try out all the versatile functions of this Movie Camera so that you can make full and correct use of its many advanced capabilities.
- Carefully read the Operating Instructions and use the Movie Camera correctly.
 - Injury or material damage resulting from any kind of use that is not in accordance with the operating procedures explained in these Operating Instructions is the sole responsibility of the user.
 - In these Operating Instructions, the explanations are based on the use of the LCD Monitor.

IF THE SUPPLY CORD OF THIS EQUIPMENT IS DAMAGED, IT MUST BE REPLACED BY THE SPECIAL CORD.

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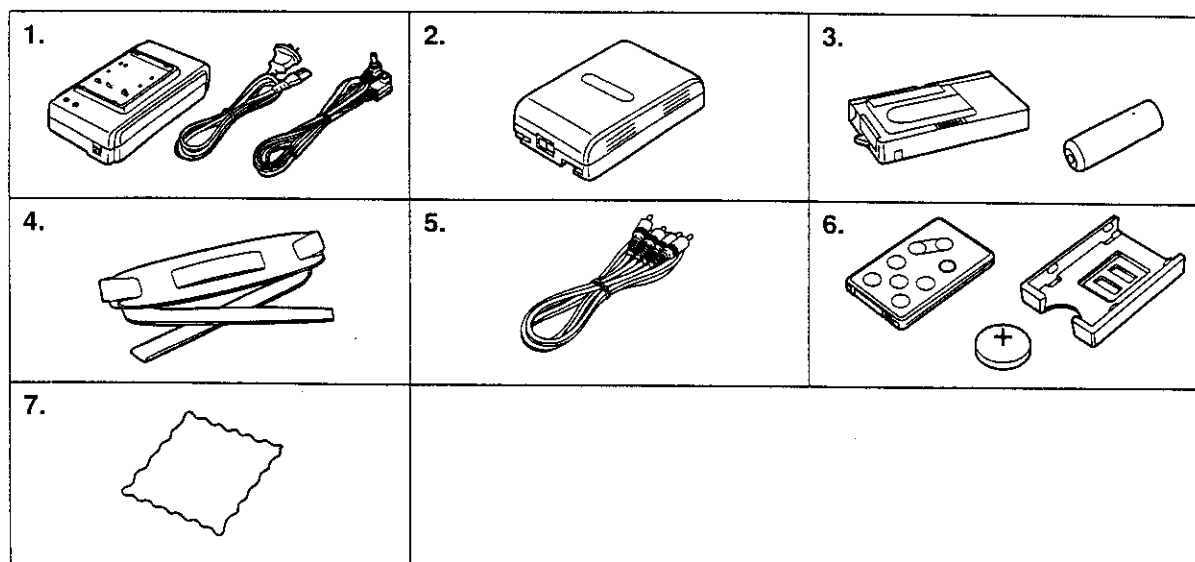
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Preparations

This chapter explains the necessary steps before you can start using the Movie Camera.

Standard Accessories

1. AC Adaptor (→ 9, 23, 34, 52)

To supply power to the Movie Camera and to charge the Battery

DC Input Cable and AC Mains Cable

(→ 9, 10)

To connect the AC Adaptor to the Movie Camera and to an AC mains socket

2. Battery (→ 10)

To supply power to the Movie Camera

3. Cassette Adaptor and Battery (→ 31)

4. Shoulder Strap (→ 18)

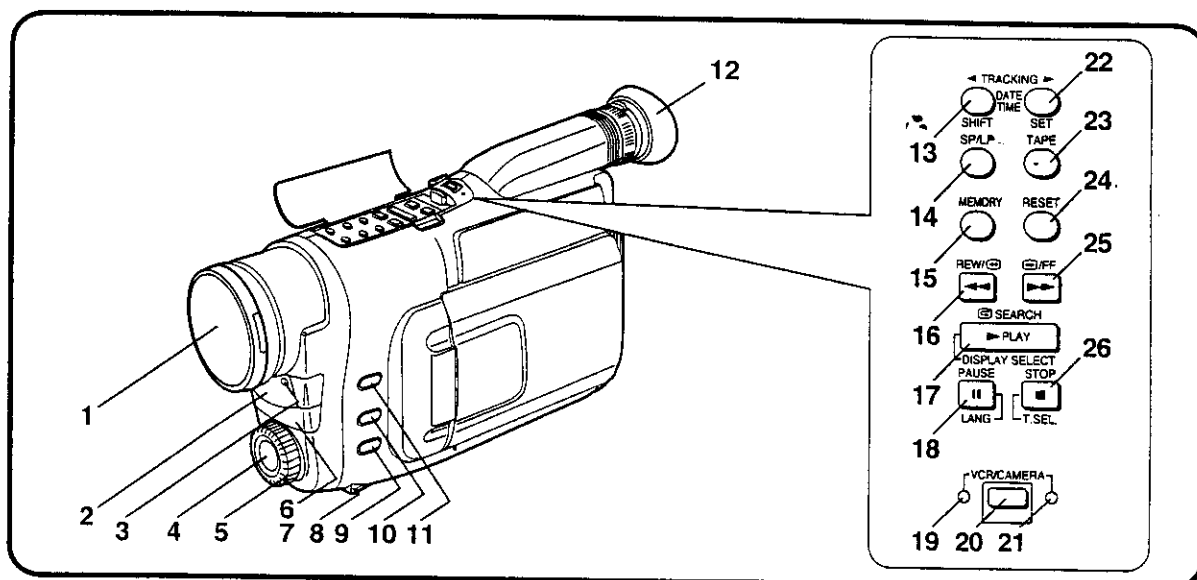
5. AV Cable (→ 30)

To connect the Movie Camera to the Video Input and Audio Input Sockets on a TV or a VCR

6. Remote Controller, Remote Controller Holder and Button-Type Battery (→ 18, 43, 44)

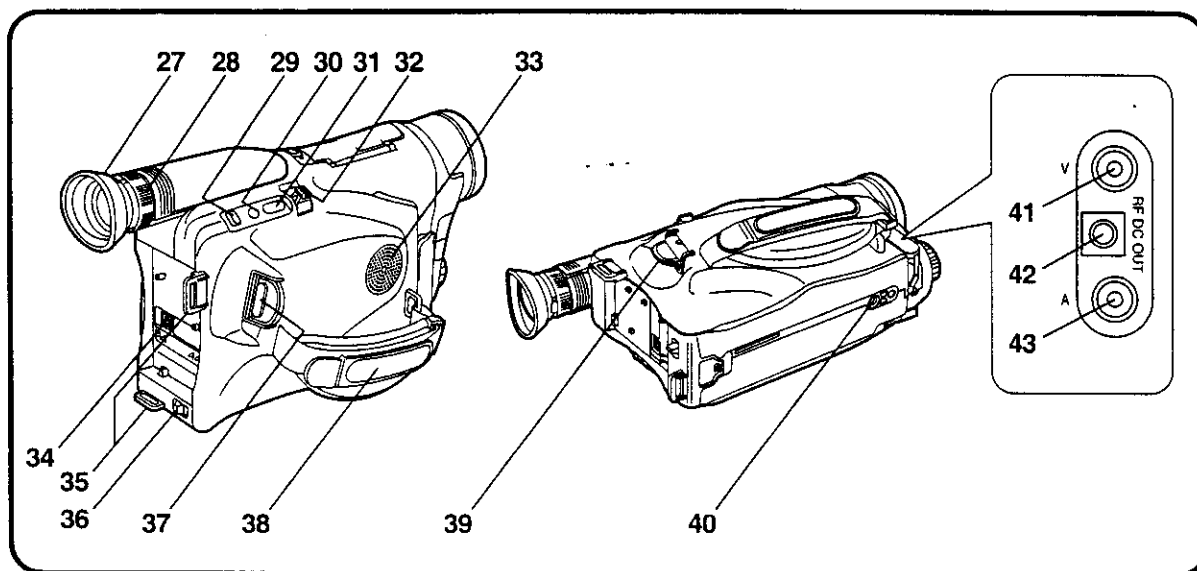
7. Cleaning Tissue (→ 16)

For cleaning the Lens and the LCD Monitor

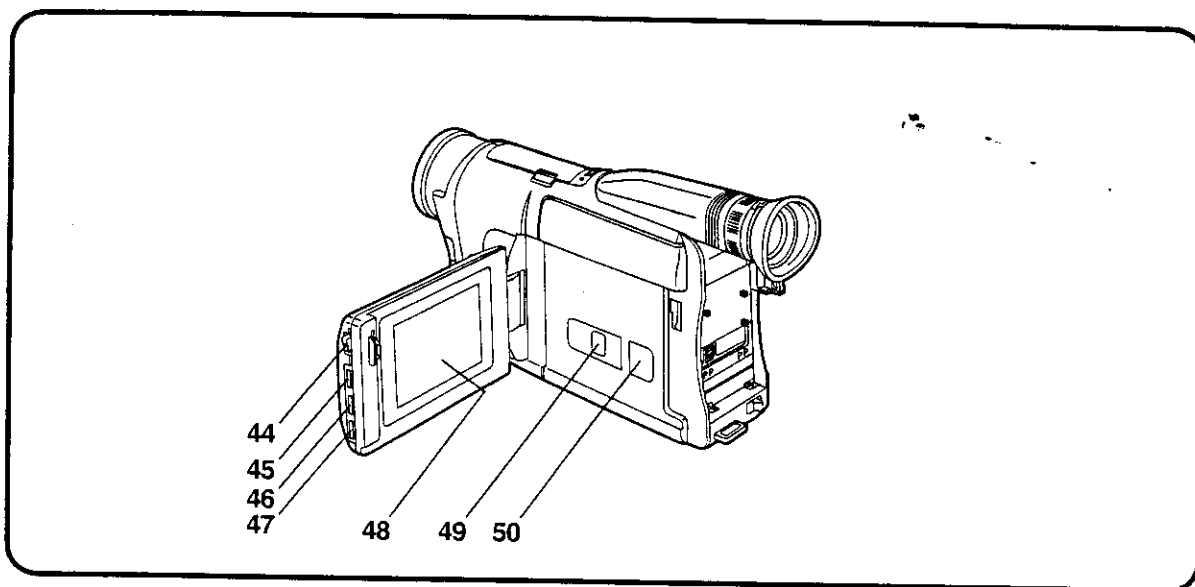


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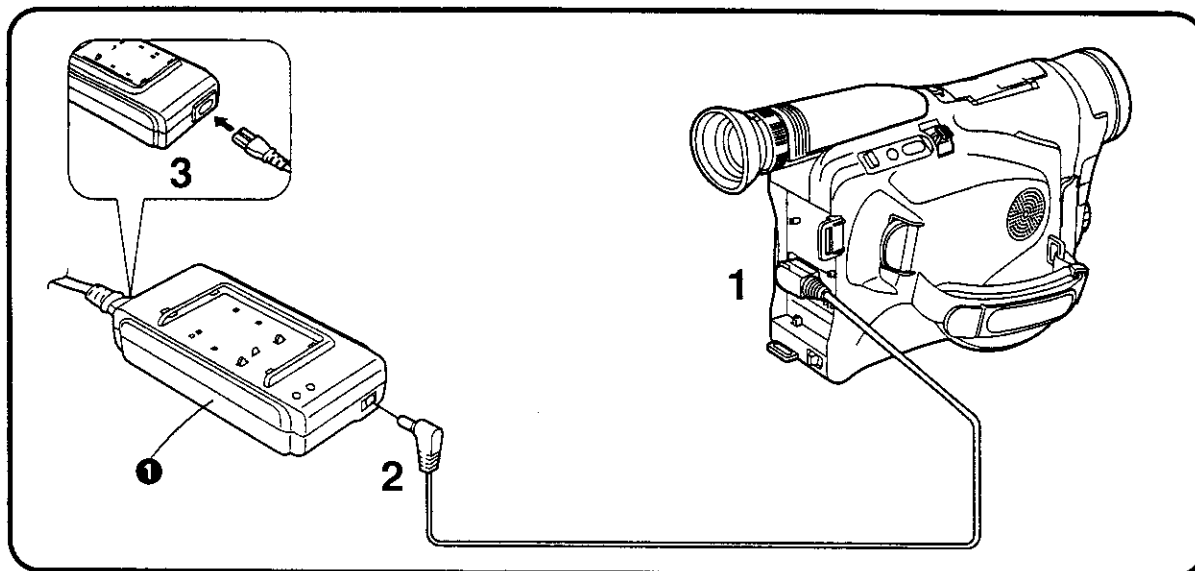
- 1 Lens Cap (→ 17, 37)
- 2 Microphone
- 3 Tally Lamp (→ 22)
- 4 Focus Button [FOCUS] (→ 39)
- 5 Focus Ring (→ 39)
- 6 Remote Control Sensor (→ 43)
- 7 White Balance Sensor (→ 55)
- 8 LCD Monitor Support Leg (→ 29)
- 9 White Balance Button [W.B.] (→ 37)
- 10 Auto Exposure Button [PROGRAMME AE] (→ 22, 37, 39, 40, 41)
- 11 Fade Button [FADE] (→ 35)
- 12 Eyecup
- 13 Button for Shifting the Date/Time and for Tracking Adjustment [DATE/TIME/SHIFT • ◀ TRACKING] (→ 19, 32)
- 14 Recording Speed Selector Button [SP/LP] (→ 14, 22)
- 15 Memory Button [MEMORY] (→ 49, 50)
- 16 Rewind/Review Button [REW/◀] (→ 24, 25, 28, 32, 33, 50)
- 17 Play Button/Display Selector Button [PLAY/DISPLAY SELECT] (→ 20, 28, 47, 48, 50)
- 18 Pause Button/Language Selector Button [PAUSE/LANG] (→ 33, 47)
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- 20 VCR/Camera Mode Selector Button [VCR/CAMERA] (→ 28)
- 21 Camera (Recording) Mode Lamp [CAMERA] (→ 17, 22, 28)
- 22 Button for Setting the Date/Time and for Tracking Adjustment [DATE/TIME/SET • TRACKING ▶] (→ 19, 32, 47)
- 23 Tape Length Selector Button/Remaining Tape Time Button [TAPE] (→ 14)
- 24 Tape Counter Reset Button [RESET] (→ 49, 50)
- 25 Fast Forward/Cue Button [FF/▶▶] (→ 25, 32, 33, 50)
- 26 Stop Button/Title Selector Button [STOP/T.SEL.] (→ 28, 48, 50)



- 27 Finder (→ 17, 34)
- 28 Eyepiece Corrector Ring (→ 17)
- 29 Cassette Eject Lever [EJECT ▲] (→ 13)
- 30 Date/Time/Title Button [DATE/TITLE]
(→ 19, 20, 47, 48)
- 31 Backlight Button [BACKLIGHT] (→ 42)
- 32 Zoom Lever [W • T] (→ 26, 27, 39)
- 33 Speaker (→ 28)
- 34 DC Input Socket [DC IN] (→ 9)
- 35 Shoulder Strap Holders (→ 18)
- 36 Battery Eject Lever [BATTERY EJECT ►] (→ 12)
- 37 Start/Stop Button (→ 17, 20, 22, 23, 25, 48)
- 38 Grip Belt (→ 17)
- 39 Power Switch [POWER]
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- 40 Tripod Receptacle
- 41 Video Output Socket [VIDEO OUT] (→ 30, 51)
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(→ 30)
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- 44 LCD Monitor Open Lever [► OPEN] (→ 13, 15)
- 45 Volume Control [VOLUME] (→ 16)
- 46 Bright Control [BRIGHT] (→ 16)
- 47 Control [COLOUR] (→ 16)
- 48 LCD Monitor
- 49 Cassette Compartment (→ 13)
- 50 Cassette Compartment Lock Button [LOCK]
(→ 13)



The 3 Types of Power Supplies

To try out the Movie Camera at home, we recommend that you use the AC Adaptor ❶.

❶ AC Adaptor (supplied)

- To use the Movie Camera indoors.
- To charge the Battery. (→ 10)

❷ Battery (supplied)

- To use the Movie Camera outdoors, and also indoors when there is no AC mains socket nearby. (→ 10)

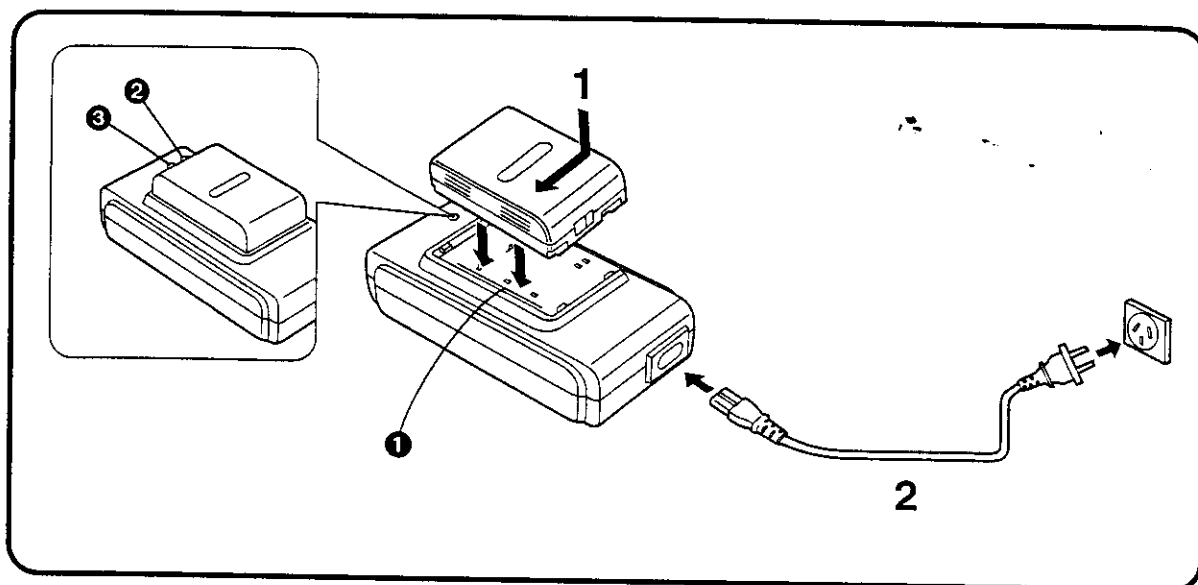
❸ Car Battery Cord (optional) or Car Battery Charger (optional)

- To use the Movie Camera in a car.

Using the AC Adaptor as Power Supply Unit

- 1 Connect the DC Input Cable to the [DC IN] Socket on the Movie Camera.
- 2 Connect the other end of the cable to the [DC OUT] Socket on the AC Adaptor.
- 3 Connect the AC Mains Cable to the AC Adaptor and to an AC mains socket.

- The AC Adaptor features automatic universal voltage adjustment (AC 100–240 V, 50/60 Hz), therefore, there is no need for any manual voltage adjustment for use in other countries.



Charging the Battery

1 Attach the Battery.

- Align the Battery with line ① and push it in the direction of the arrow while holding it down.
(To remove the Battery, slide it in the opposite direction.)

2 Securely connect the AC Mains Cable to the AC Adaptor and an AC Mains Socket.

- The Power Lamp ② lights and then the Charging Lamp ③ lights, too.

■ Charging Lamp

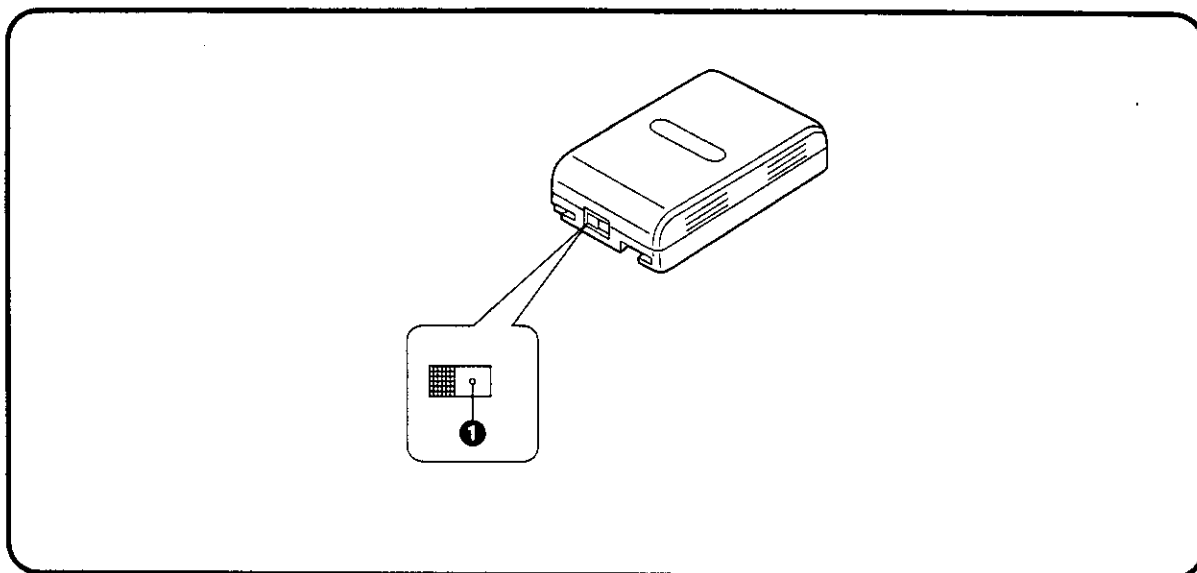
Lit: During charging

Not lit: Charging has finished. For an optimum charge, continue charging for 2 hours after the lamp goes out.

■ Removing the Battery

Slide it in the opposite direction of that indicated in Step 1 above.

- Charge the Battery at a room temperature between 10°C and 35°C.
- When the AC Adaptor is being used to supply the Movie Camera with power, it cannot charge the Battery.
- Do not charge the Battery again when it is already fully charged.
- During recording or during charging, the Battery may become warm. This is normal.



■ Charging Time and Maximum Time for Continuous Recording in the Manual Recording Mode

Battery Model No.	Charging Time	Max. Continuous Recording Time
Supplied	60 min.	40 min.
VW-VBS10E	65 min.	45 min.
VW-VBS20E	130 min.	90 min.
VW-VBH10E	80 min.	55 min.
VW-VBH20E	160 min.	110 min.

(The times shown in the above chart are approximations.)

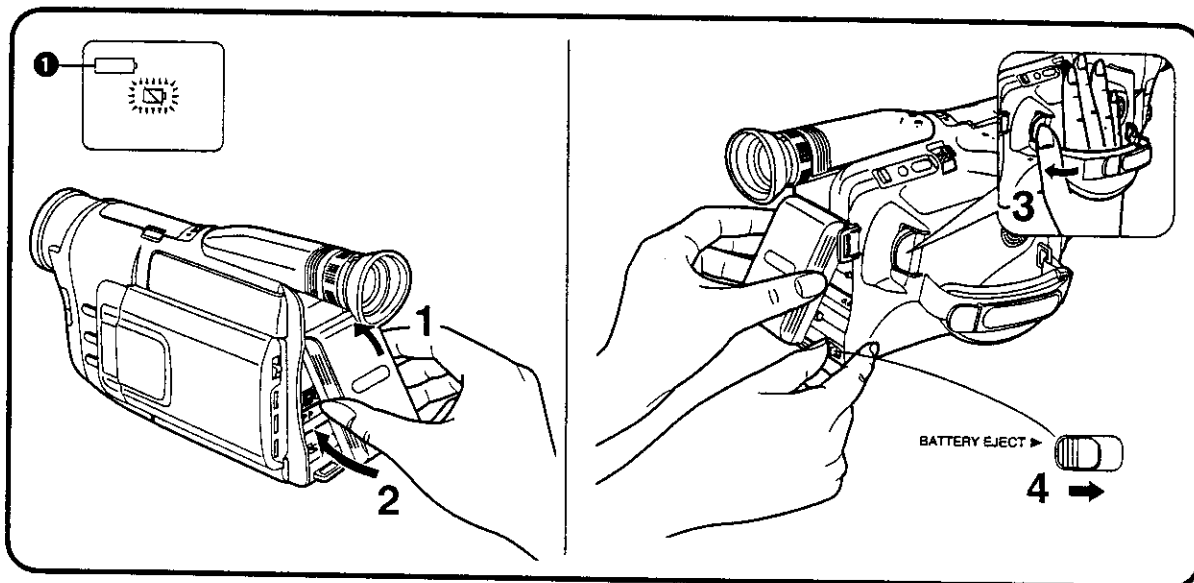
- Maximum Continuous Recording Time means the duration of continuous recording performed at an ambient temperature of 20°C and 60% relative humidity and with the LCD Monitor turned out.
- In actual recording, however, using the LCD monitor facing forward or using the zoom and other functions increases the power consumption. Furthermore, higher or lower temperatures reduce the Battery's ability to generate electricity. Therefore, the actual recording time per Battery may be approximately 30% – 50% shorter than listed above.

■ Using the Charge Confirmation Marker

You can use this marker to easily distinguish between charged and discharged Batteries.


For example, slide the knob so that the red dot ① is visible after charging is completed.

Contains a Nickel-Cadmium Battery. Must be recycled or disposed of properly.



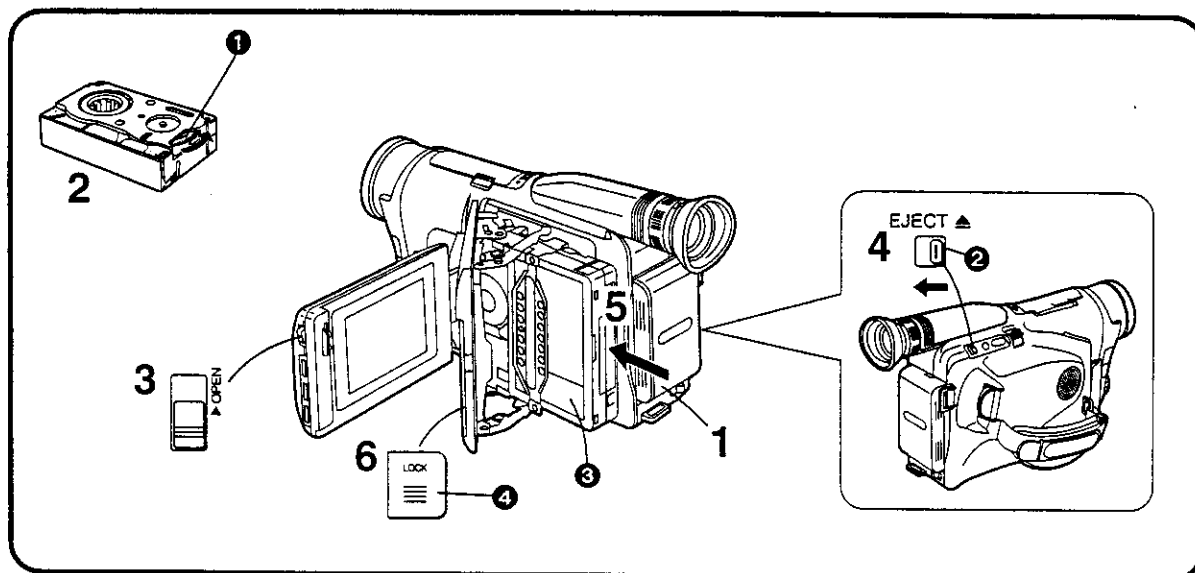
Attaching the Charged Battery

- 1** Insert the Battery with its top (the end with the Charge Confirmation Marker) into the top Battery Holder.
- 2** Press the bottom of the Battery toward the Movie Camera until it locks with a click.

- After attaching the Battery, the Remaining Battery Power Indication briefly indicates a fully charged Battery regardless of the actual charging condition. After a few seconds, it indicates the actual remaining battery power.
- The remaining battery power can be confirmed with the Remaining Battery Power Indication **1** displayed on the LCD Monitor.
- When the Battery is exhausted, the [] Indication flashes and the Movie Camera automatically turns off.

■ Removing the Battery

- 3** Turn in the [POWER] Switch to turn the Movie Camera off.
- 4** Hold the Battery firmly to prevent it from dropping and pull it off while sliding the [BATTERY EJECT ►] Lever in the direction of the arrow.

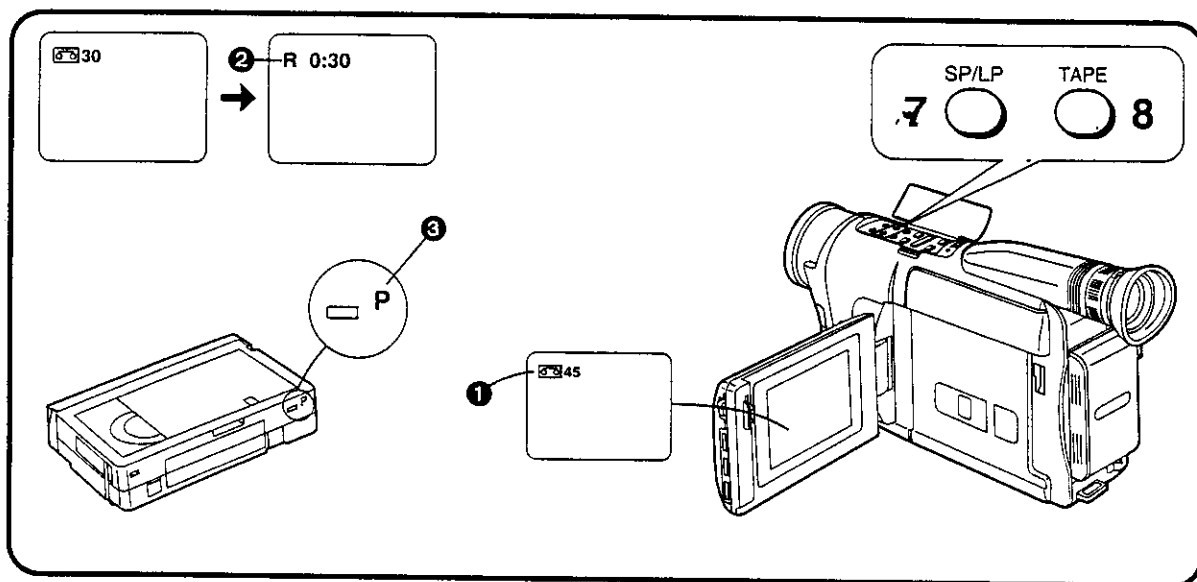


Inserting the Cassette

- 1** Connect the AC Adaptor or attach a charged Battery. (→ 9, 10)
- 2** Turn the cog wheel ❶ to tighten the tape.
- 3** Slide the [▶ OPEN] Lever upward and simultaneously open the LCD Monitor in the direction of the arrow (approximately 90°).
 • Be sure to keep the LCD Monitor in its vertical position, so that the Cassette Compartment Cover, when it opens, does not hit the LCD Monitor.
- 4** Slide the [EJECT ▲] Lever ❷ in the direction of the arrow.
- 5** Insert the cassette with the cassette window ❸ facing outward and push it all the way in.
- 6** Close the Cassette Compartment by pressing the [LOCK] Button ❹.

■ Ejecting the Cassette

Slide the [EJECT▲] Lever ❷ in the direction of the arrow and pull out the cassette.
 Close the Cassette Compartment by pressing the [LOCK] Button ❹.



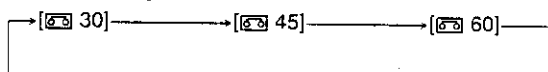
Setting the Correct Tape Length

To ensure that the displayed remaining tape time during recording and playback is correct, you need to set the tape length that matches that of the inserted cassette. The initial setting is [30].

- If you use a 45-minute cassette, for example:

- 7** Press the [SP/LP] Button to select the desired recording speed (SP or LP).
- 8** Press the [TAPE] Button until the Tape Length Indication ① on the LCD Monitor is [45].

- The Tape Length Indication changes in the following order:



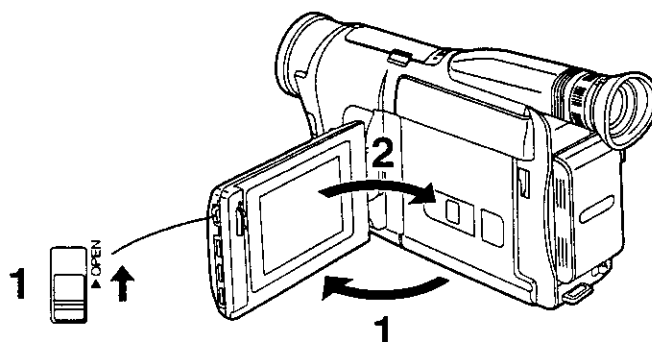
Confirming the Remaining Tape Time

During recording and playback, the Remaining Tape Time Indication ② is automatically displayed on the LCD Monitor, so you always know how much time you have left on the cassette.

- When recording or playback starts, the Tape Length Indication disappears, and in its place the [R] Indication flashes while the remaining tape time is being calculated. A few seconds later, the Remaining Tape Time Indication appears. ([R] means Remaining.)
- When the remaining tape time is less than 2 minutes, the [R] Indication and the Remaining Tape Time Indication start to flash.

If you want to confirm the tape length of the inserted cassette while the Remaining Tape Time Indication is displayed, press the [TAPE] Button. The Tape Length Indication appears for approximately 2 seconds, and then the Remaining Tape Time Indication is displayed again.

When you use a cassette bearing the [P] mark ③ or other special types of cassettes, the Tape Counter Indication may not be very precise.



Viewing on the LCD Monitor

Improved LCD backlight transmission makes the picture extra bright. In addition, special coating of the LCD's surface diffuses the light from outside to minimize light reflection, so the picture has vivid colours and is easy to see.

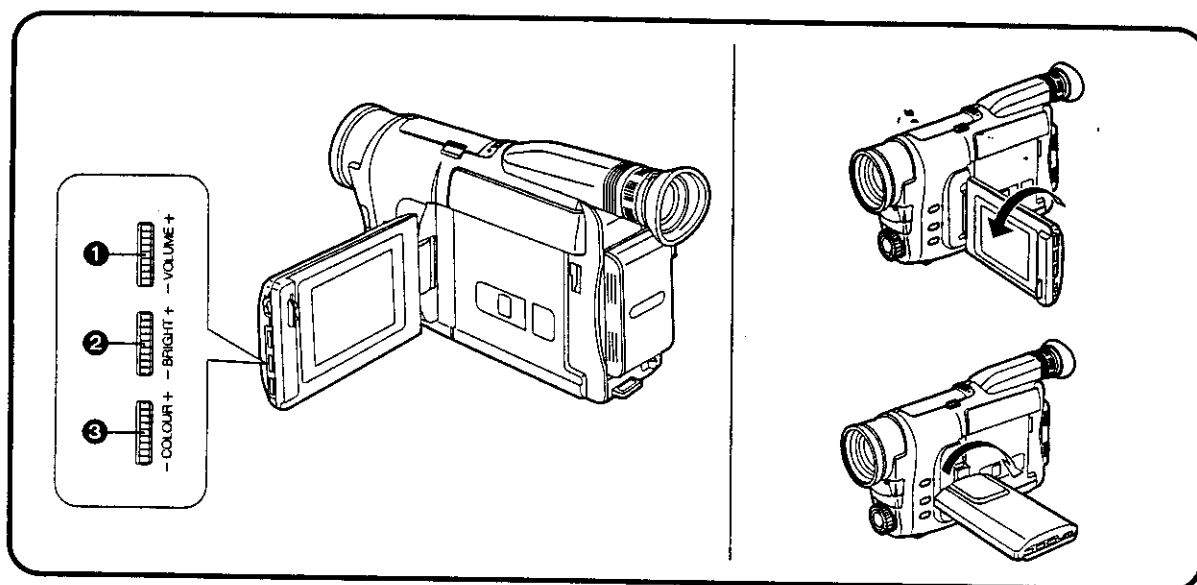
■ Opening the LCD Monitor

- 1** Slide the [▶ OPEN] Lever upward and simultaneously open the LCD Monitor in the direction of the arrow (approximately 90°).

■ Closing the LCD Monitor

- 2** Turn the LCD Monitor back toward the Movie Camera body until it locks with a click.

- Return the LCD Monitor to its vertical position before closing it. Also, make sure that the Cassette Compartment is securely closed before closing the LCD Monitor.
- When the LCD Monitor is open, no picture appears in the Finder.



Adjusting the Picture Quality of the LCD Monitor

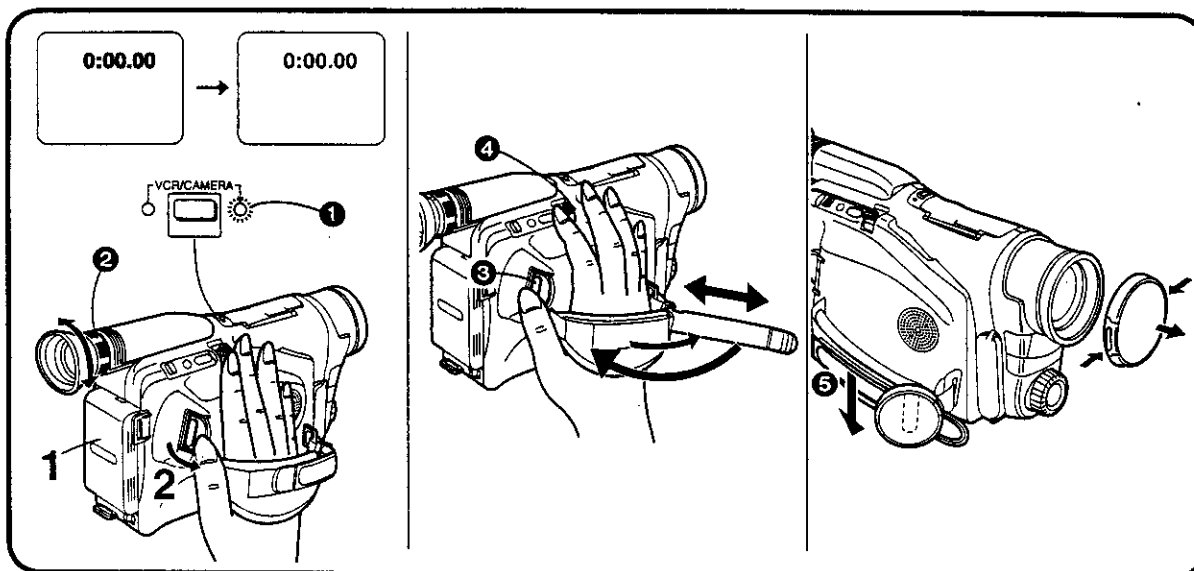
Use the following controls to adjust the picture quality when the picture on the LCD Monitor is not easy to see because of surrounding conditions.

- ① **[VOLUME] Control**
For adjusting the volume of the sound.
- ② **[BRIGHT] Control**
For adjusting the LCD's luminance intensity.
- ③ **[COLOUR] Control**
For adjusting the LCD's colour saturation.

■ Adjusting the Angle of the LCD Monitor

The LCD Monitor rotates upward up to 180° and downward 90° from its normal vertical position.

- Extremely high precision technology is employed in producing the LCD Monitor. The result is more than 99.99% effective pixels with a mere 0.01% of the pixels inactive or always lit.
- When the Movie Camera is very cold when turning it on, the picture on the LCD Monitor is darker than normally. However, as it reaches normal temperature, it regains its normal brightness.
- To remove fingerprints, wipe the LCD Monitor with the supplied Cleaning Tissue or a similar soft cloth.
- Do not expose the LCD Monitor to direct sunlight. When sunlight falls onto the LCD Monitor, it may be difficult to view the picture.
- Do not apply any pressure to the surface of the LCD Monitor or subject it to strong shocks.
- Before transporting the Movie Camera, securely close the LCD Monitor.



Adjusting the Finder

Before adjusting the Finder, make sure that the LCD Monitor is completely closed.

- 1** Connect the AC Adaptor or attach a charged Battery.
- 2** Turn out the [POWER] Switch to turn the Movie Camera on.
 - The [CAMERA] Lamp ① lights.
- 3** Look in the Finder and turn the Eyepiece Corrector Ring ② clockwise or counterclockwise.
 - Stop turning the Eyepiece Corrector Ring at the point where the indications in the Finder are sharpest.

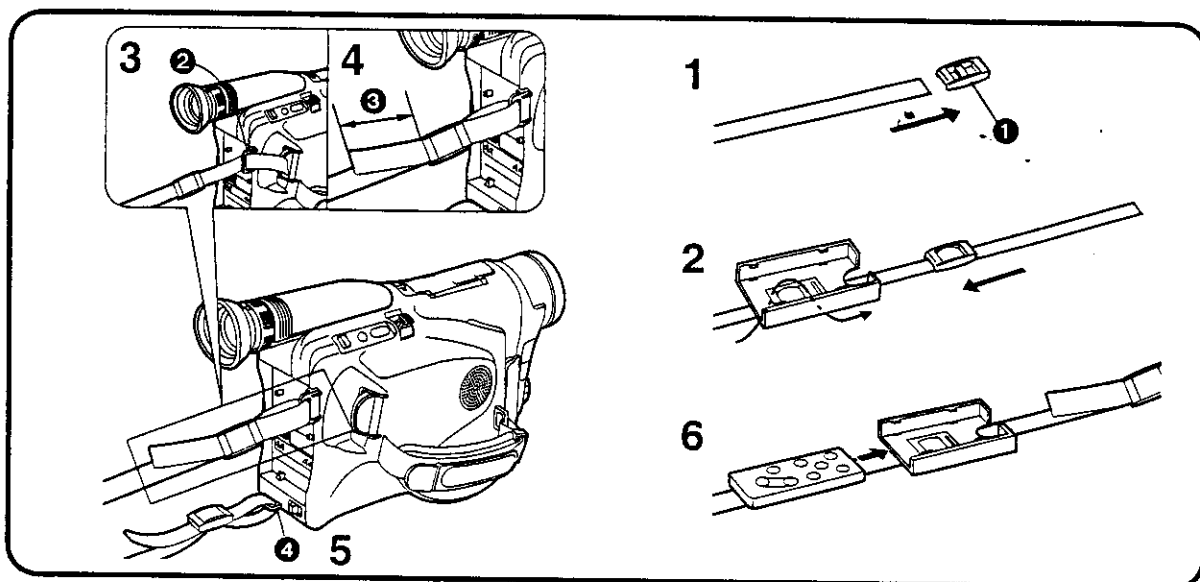
Never aim the Movie Camera with its Finder or Lens directly at the sun; this could damage internal parts of the unit.

Adjusting the Grip Belt

Adjust the length of the Grip Belt so that you can easily press the Start/Stop Button ③ with your thumb and push the [W • T] Zoom Lever ④ with your index or middle finger.

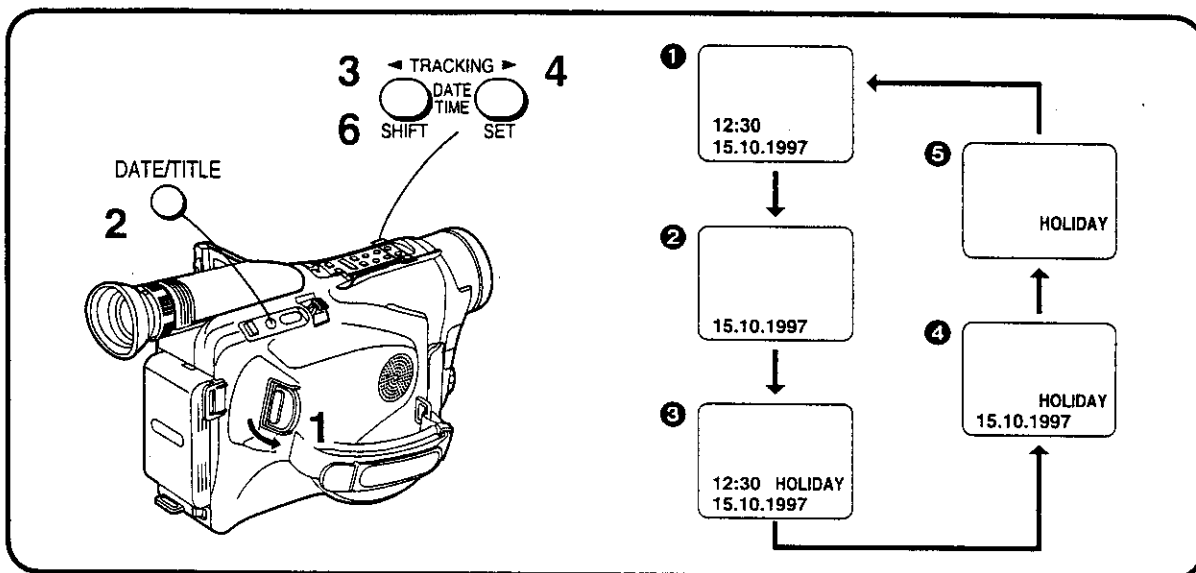
Handling the Lens Cap

Remove the Lens Cap from the Lens Hood and hook it onto the Grip Belt ⑤.



Attaching the Shoulder Strap and Remote Controller Holder

- 1** Remove the Shoulder Strap Length Adjuster ❶ from one end of the Shoulder Strap, as shown above.
- 2** Pull the same end of the Shoulder Strap through the two slots in the Remote Controller Holder so that it faces outward. Then re-insert the Shoulder Strap Length Adjuster.
- 3** Pull the same end of the Shoulder Strap through the Shoulder Strap Holder ❷.
- 4** Fasten this end of the Shoulder Strap securely (❸ more than 2 cm).
- 5** Perform the above steps 1, 3 and 4 to attach the other end of the Shoulder Strap to the other Shoulder Strap Holder ❹ on the Movie Camera.
- 6** Insert the Remote Controller securely into the Remote Controller Holder.



Setting the Date and Time

1 Turn out the [POWER] Switch to turn the Movie Camera on.

2 Press the [DATE/TITLE] Button to make the Date/Time/Title Indication appear on the LCD Monitor.

• To set the date and time, one of the indications ① to ④ shown above must be displayed on the LCD Monitor. If the Title Indication ⑤ alone is displayed, press the [PLAY/DISPLAY SELECT] Button once.

3 Press the [SHIFT] Button repeatedly until the "Year" portion flashes.

4 Press the [SET] Button repeatedly until the current year (for example: 1997) is displayed.

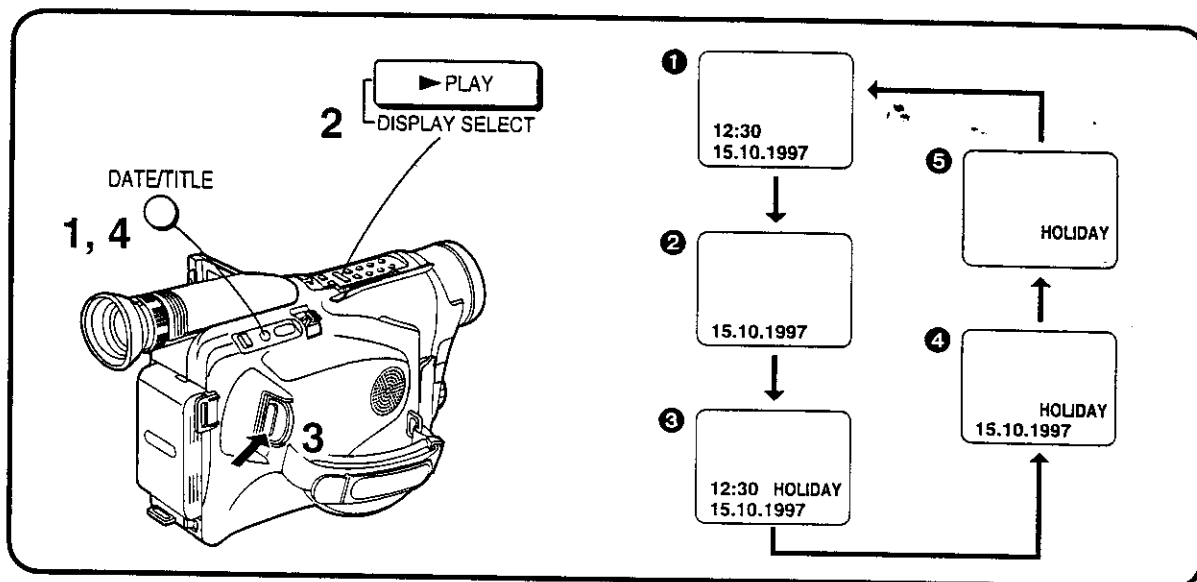
• The figures in the Date/Time Indication change in the following order:

Year: 1990 → 1991 → → 2089 → 1990 → ...
 Month: 1 → 2 → → 12 → 1 → ...
 Day: 1 → 2 → → 31 → 1 → ...
 Hour: 0 → 1 → → 23 → 0 → ...
 Minute: 00 → 01 → → 59 → 00 → ...

5 Also set the "Month", "Day", "Hour", "Minute" in the same way as explained in steps 3 and 4.

6 After you have set the date and time and confirmed that they are correct, press the [SHIFT] Button.

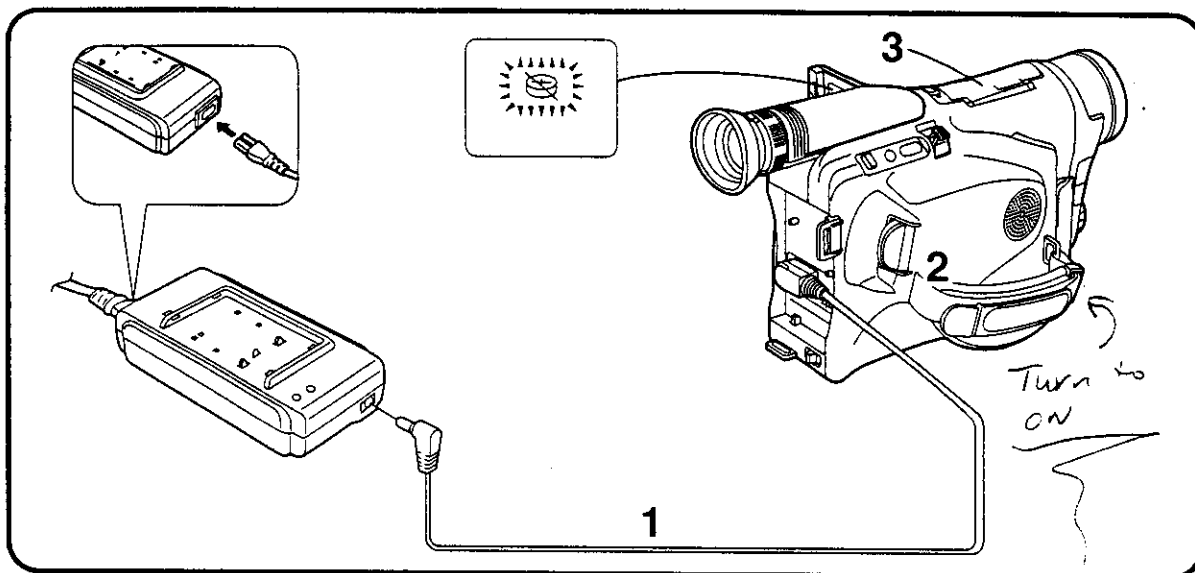
• The operation of the clock starts.



Recording with the Time and/or Date Superimposed in the Picture

- 1 Press the [DATE/TITLE] Button to make the Date/Time/Title Indication appear on the LCD Monitor.
 - 2 Press the [PLAY/DISPLAY SELECT] Button repeatedly until the desired type of Title Indication appears on the LCD Monitor.
 - The indications change in the order 1 to 5 shown above.
 - After turning the Movie Camera off and then on again, the previously selected Date/Time/Title Indication is no longer displayed on the LCD Monitor. To make it appear again, press the [DATE/TITLE] Button once.
 - 3 Press the Start/Stop Button to start recording.
- Deleting the Date/Time/Title Indication
- 4 During recording or when the Movie Camera is in the Recording Pause Mode, press the [DATE/TITLE] Button to make the Date/Time/Title Indication disappear on the LCD Monitor.

Be sure to turn the Movie Camera off before removing the Battery or disconnecting the AC Adaptor. Disconnecting the power supply while the Movie Camera is on erases the Date/Time/Title Indication (→ 47) stored in memory.



WARNING

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

Charging the Built-in Lithium Battery

The internal clock works even when the Movie Camera is turned off, and it consumes power from the built-in lithium battery. When the Movie Camera is in operation, it automatically charges this battery. However, if the Movie Camera is not used for a very long time, the lithium battery can become discharged. The discharged battery can be charged in the following way:

■ Determining Whether the Built-in Lithium Battery Is Discharged

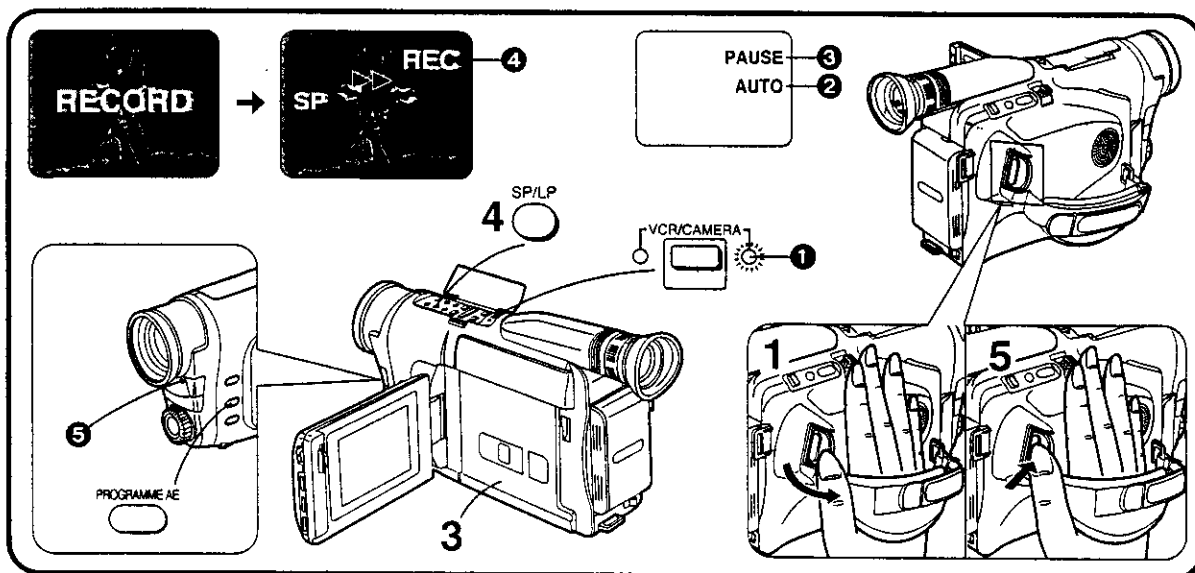
Turn out the [POWER] Switch to turn the Movie Camera on.

- If the [⊙] Indication on the LCD Monitor flashes, the built-in lithium battery is discharged.

■ Charging the Built-in Lithium Battery and Other Required Operations

- 1 Connect the AC Adaptor to the Movie Camera.
- 2 Leave the Movie Camera in this condition for approximately 4 hours. Power is supplied for charging even with the [POWER] Switch turned in.
 - The Charge Indication Lamps on the AC Adaptor do not flash or light. After charging for 4 hours, the built-in lithium battery can power the clock for approximately 3 months.
- 3 Set the clock to the current date and time. (→ 19)

When you charge the built-in lithium battery, we recommend that you turn the Movie Camera off to conserve energy.

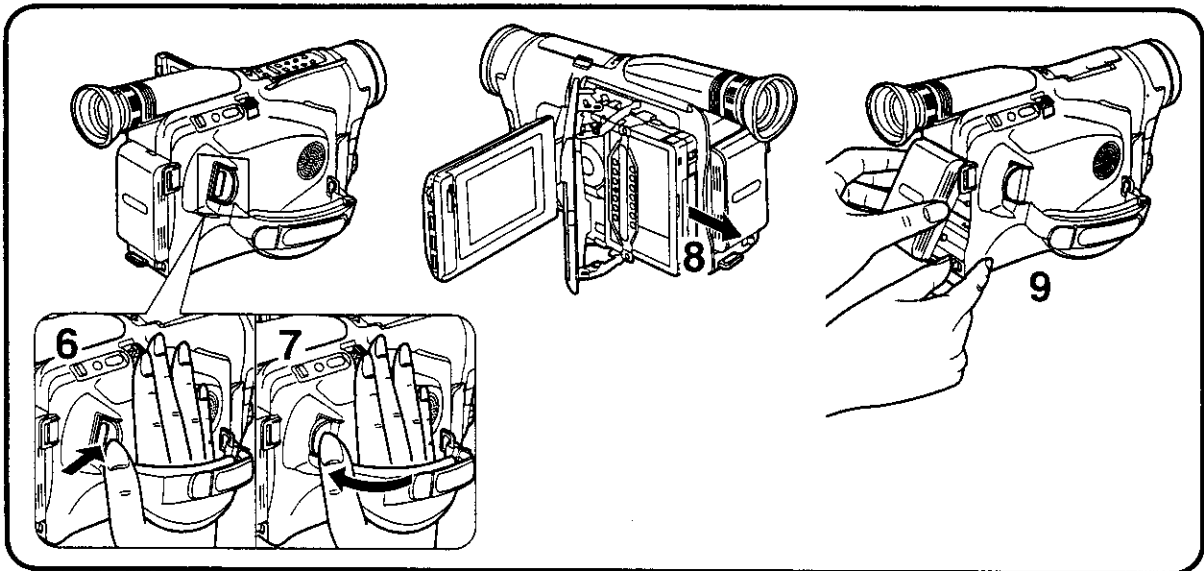


Basic Operations

Recording in the Full Auto Mode

The Full Auto Mode adjusts the white balance and focus automatically. However, if you want, you can also adjust either one or both of them manually (→ 37, 39).

- 1 Turn out the [POWER] Switch to turn the Movie Camera on.**
 - The [CAMERA] Lamp ① lights.
- 2 Confirm that the [AUTO] Indication ② is displayed on the LCD Monitor.**
 - The initial setting is [AUTO].
 - If the [MNL] Indication is displayed on the LCD Monitor, press the [PROGRAMME AE] Button repeatedly until the [AUTO] indication appears. ([MNL] means Manual.)
- 3 Insert a cassette with an intact erasure prevention tab.**
 - The [PAUSE] Indication ③ appears on the LCD Monitor.
- 4 Press the [SP/LP] Button to select the desired recording speed (SP or LP).**
 - The [SP] or [LP] indication appears on the LCD Monitor.
- 5 Press the Start/Stop Button to start recording.**
 - Recording starts and the [▶▶] Indication and the [REC] Indication ④ appear on the LCD Monitor. The Tally Lamp ⑤ on the front of the Movie Camera remains lit during recording. ([REC] means Recording.)



■ Stopping Recording

6 Press the Start/Stop Button.

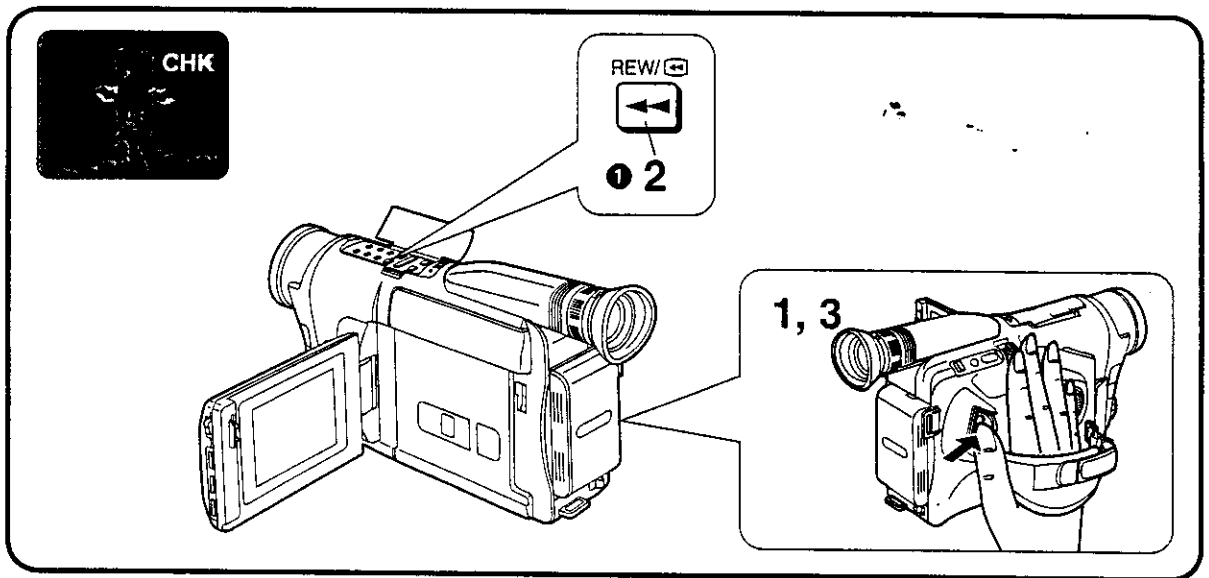
- Recording stops and the Movie Camera changes over to the Recording Pause (standby) Mode.

7 Turn in the [POWER] Switch to turn the Movie Camera off.

8 Take out the cassette.

9 Disconnect the AC Adaptor or remove the Battery.

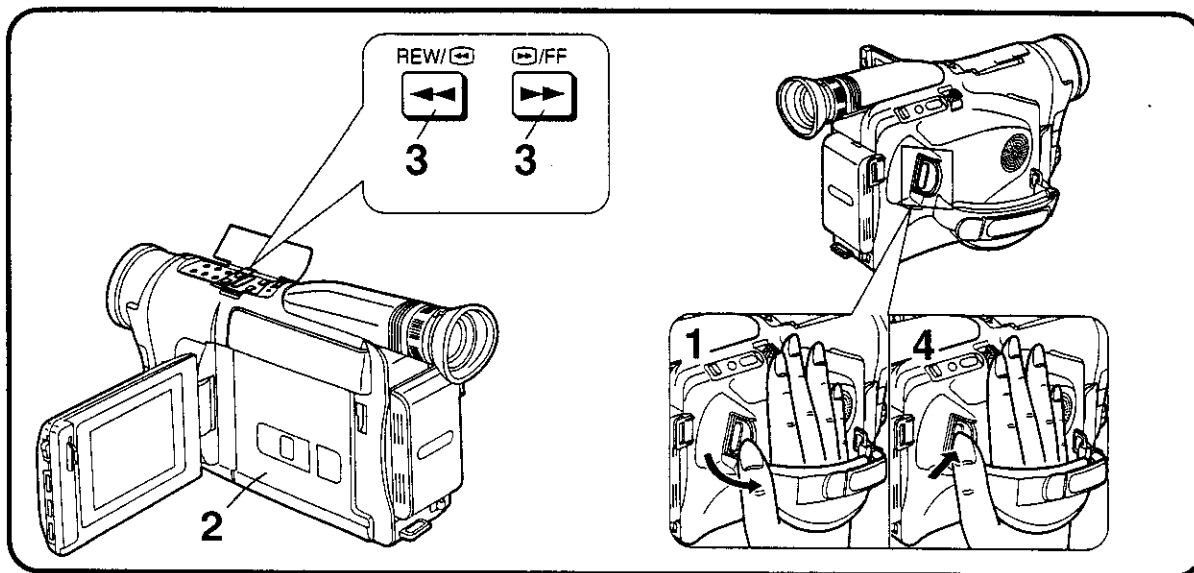
If you leave the Movie Camera in the Recording Pause Mode for more than 6 minutes, it automatically switches off to protect the tape and to conserve battery power. To resume recording from this condition, turn in the [POWER] Switch (the Movie Camera switches off) and then turn it out again.



Checking the End of a Recorded Scene (Recording Check Function)

By automatically playing back the final approximately 2 seconds of the last recorded scene, this function lets you check if a just finished scene has been recorded correctly. After that, the next scene is automatically joined with a smooth transition free from picture distortion. For especially important scenes, use this function from time to time for confirmation.

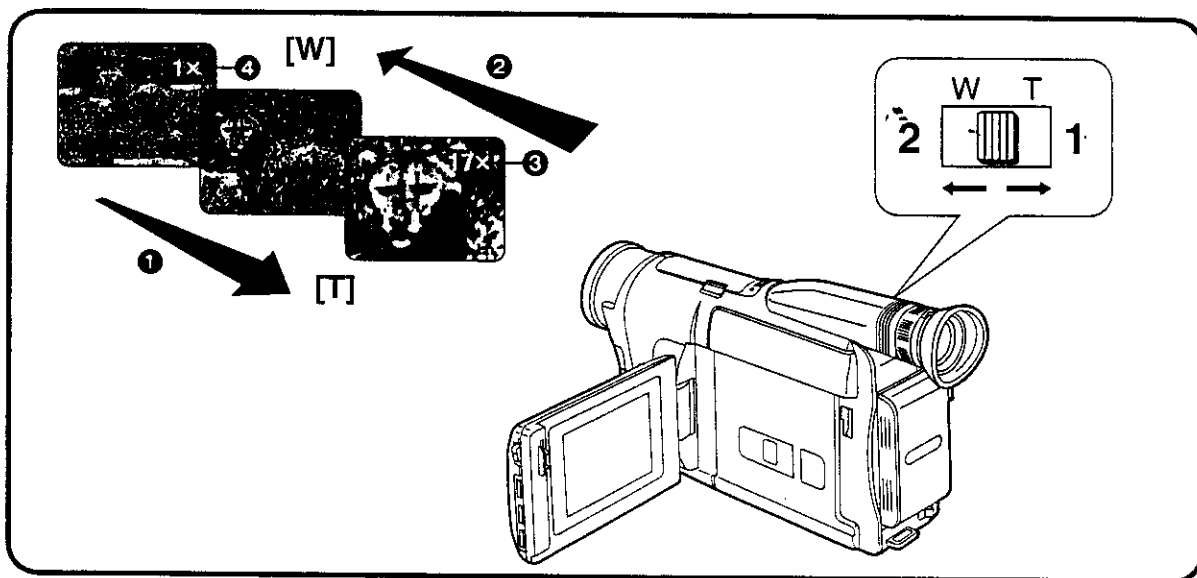
- 1 Press the Start/Stop Button to stop recording.**
 - The Movie Camera changes over to the Recording Pause Mode.
- 2 Look on the LCD Monitor and briefly press the [REW/⏮] Button ②.**
 - The [CHK] Indication appears on the LCD Monitor and the final approximately 2 seconds of the last recorded scene are played back.
After that, the Movie Camera returns to the Recording Pause Mode and is ready for recording the next scene.
([CHK] means Check.)
- 3 Press the Start/Stop Button to start recording again.**



Searching for a Tape Position Before the End of the Last Recording (Camera Search Function)

This function makes it easy to search for a point in a previously recorded scene or cassette from which you want to start recording a new scene. In addition, it ensures smooth scene-to-scene transitions free from picture distortion.

- 1** Turn out the [POWER] Switch to turn the Movie Camera on.
 • The Movie Camera is in the Recording Pause Mode.
- 2** Insert a cassette.
- 3** Look on the LCD Monitor and keep the [REW/⏮] Button (or the [⏭/FF] Button) pressed. When you have found the point where you want to join the new recording, release the button.
 • When pressing the [REW/⏮] Button, no indication appears on the LCD Monitor.
- 4** Press the Start/Stop Button to start recording again.



Zooming In/Out

■ Zooming-in ①

Zooming-in lets you record close-ups of distant subjects.

1 Push the [W • T] Zoom Lever toward [T].

- The Zoom Magnification Indication ③ appears on the LCD Monitor.

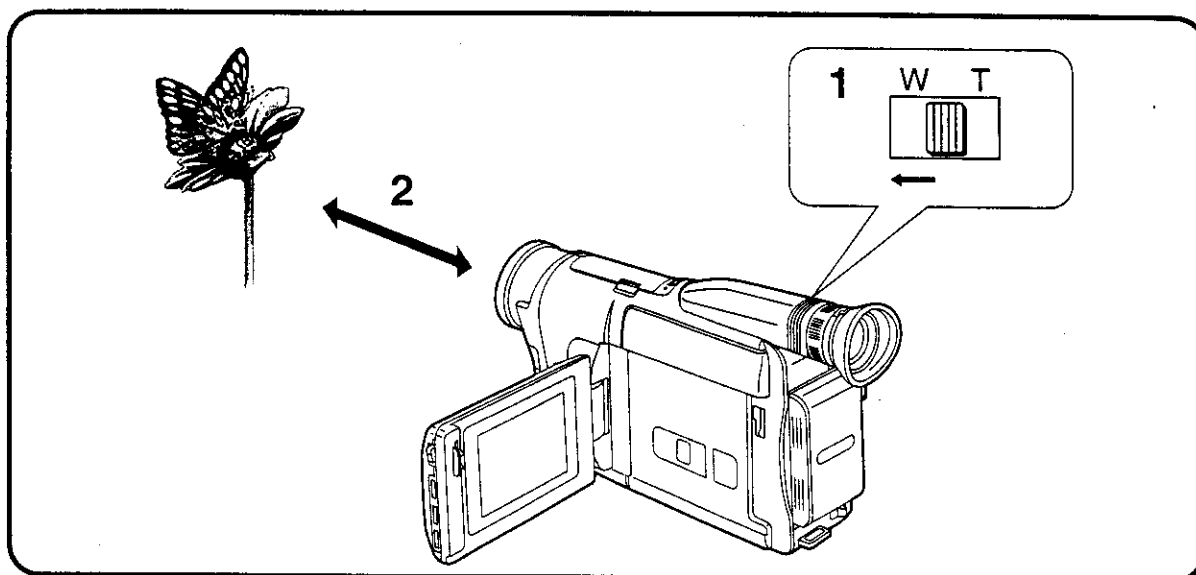
■ Zooming-out ②

Zooming-out lets you record wider views.

2 Push the [W • T] Zoom Lever toward [W].

- The Zoom Magnification Indication ④ appears on the LCD Monitor.
- Zooming is possible between wide-angle (Zoom Magnification Indication [1x]) and telephoto (Zoom Magnification Indication [17x]).
- The farther you push the [W • T] Zoom Lever toward [W] or [T], the faster the zooming speed becomes.
- In the maximum telephoto setting (when you have zoomed in), precise focusing is only possible for subjects that are more than 1.5 m from the lens.

Avoid too much zooming during recording as it gives videos an unprofessional look.

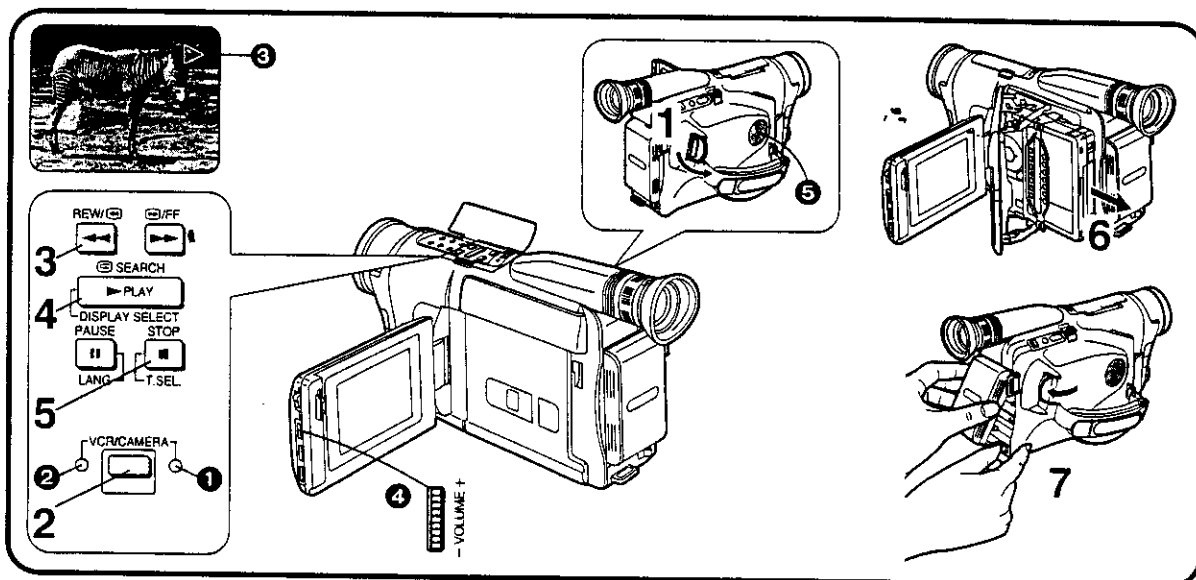


Using the Macro Close-up Function

This function lets you record very small subjects such as insects.

- 1** Keep the [W•T] Zoom Lever pushed toward [W] to zoom to the maximum wide-angle setting ([1×] Indication).
- 2** Approach the subject with the Movie Camera until it reaches the desired size in the picture.

- With the lens in the maximum wide-angle setting, the Movie Camera can automatically focus on subjects from infinity to a minimum distance of only 5 mm between lens and subject.
- To prevent unstable pictures, use a tripod (optional) for macro close-up recording.



Playback

Playing Back on the LCD Monitor

You can watch playback of the recorded scenes on the LCD Monitor.

- 1 Turn out the [POWER] Switch to turn the Movie Camera on.**
 - The [CAMERA] Lamp ① lights.
- 2 Press the [VCR/CAMERA] Button to select the [VCR] Mode.**
 - The [VCR] Lamp ② lights.
- 3 Press the [REW/FFW] Button.**
 - The tape starts to rewind. When the tape reaches the beginning, the rewinding automatically stops.
- 4 Press the [PLAY/DISPLAY SELECT] Button.**
 - Playback starts and the [▷] Indication ③ appears on the LCD Monitor. When the tape reaches the end, it automatically rewinds to the beginning.

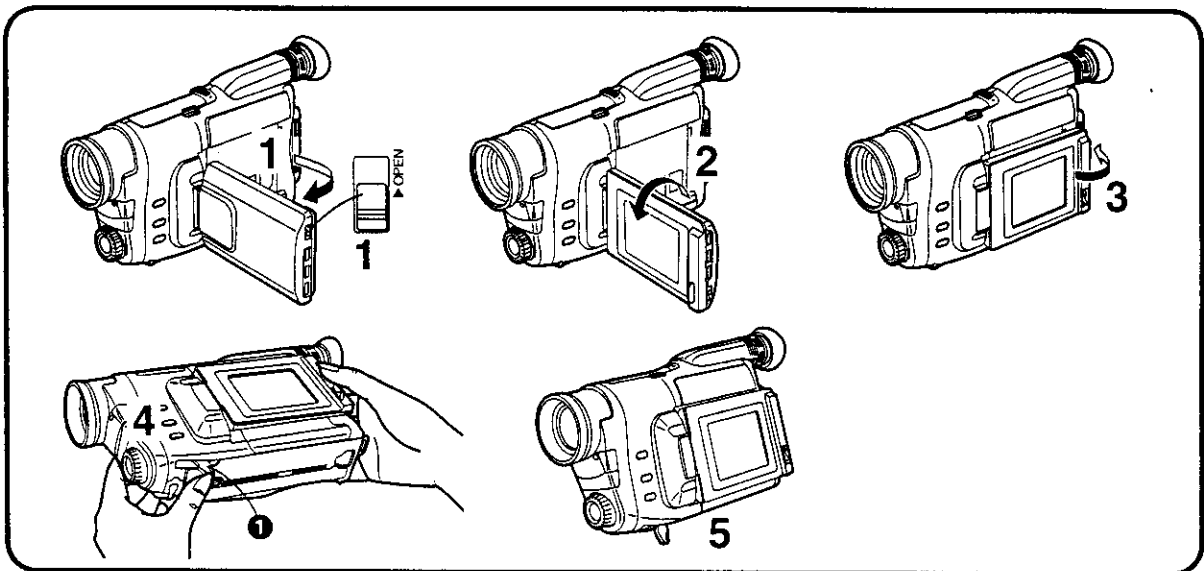
■ Adjusting the Volume of the Speaker

The volume of the sound can be adjusted with the [VOLUME] Control ④.

- Do not cover the Speaker ⑤ during playback.
- Because the speaker contains a magnet, do not bring a cassette near the speaker. It could adversely influence the recorded content.

■ Stopping Playback

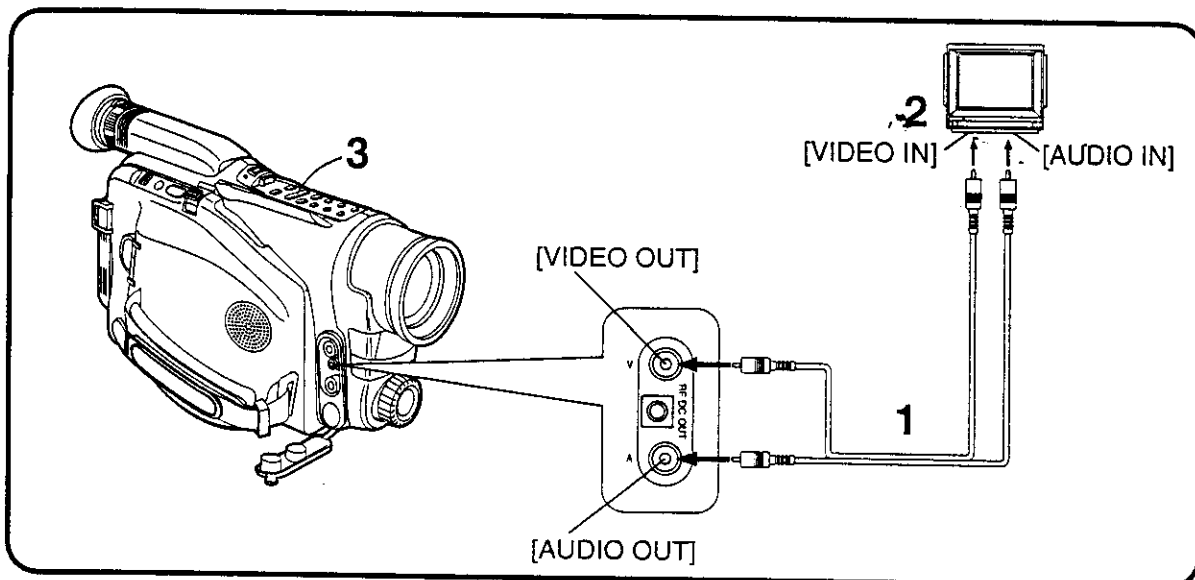
- 5 Press the [STOP/T.SEL.] Button.**
- 6 Take out the cassette.**
- 7 Disconnect the AC Adaptor or remove the Battery.**



Viewing Playback on the LCD Monitor with the Movie Camera Placed on a Table

- 1** Slide the [▶ OPEN] Lever upward and simultaneously open the LCD Monitor in the direction of the arrow (approximately 90°).
- 2** Turn the LCD Monitor so that it faces forward (approximately 180°).
- 3** Close the LCD Monitor.
- 4** Extend the LCD Monitor Support Leg **1**.
- 5** Place the Movie Camera on a flat, stable surface for playback.

- If you use the Remote Controller to operate the Movie Camera, use it within approximately 1 meter from the Movie Camera.
- During playback of scenes recorded with the LCD Monitor facing forward, the Date and Time Indications are not displayed. (This is because the Date and Time Indication cannot be inserted during recording with the LCD Monitor facing forward.)



Playing Back on a TV

By connecting the Movie Camera to a TV, you can watch playback of the recorded scenes on the TV screen.

- Before connecting, turn off both the Movie Camera and the TV for safety's sake.

1 Use the AV Cable (supplied) to connect the Movie Camera with the TV.

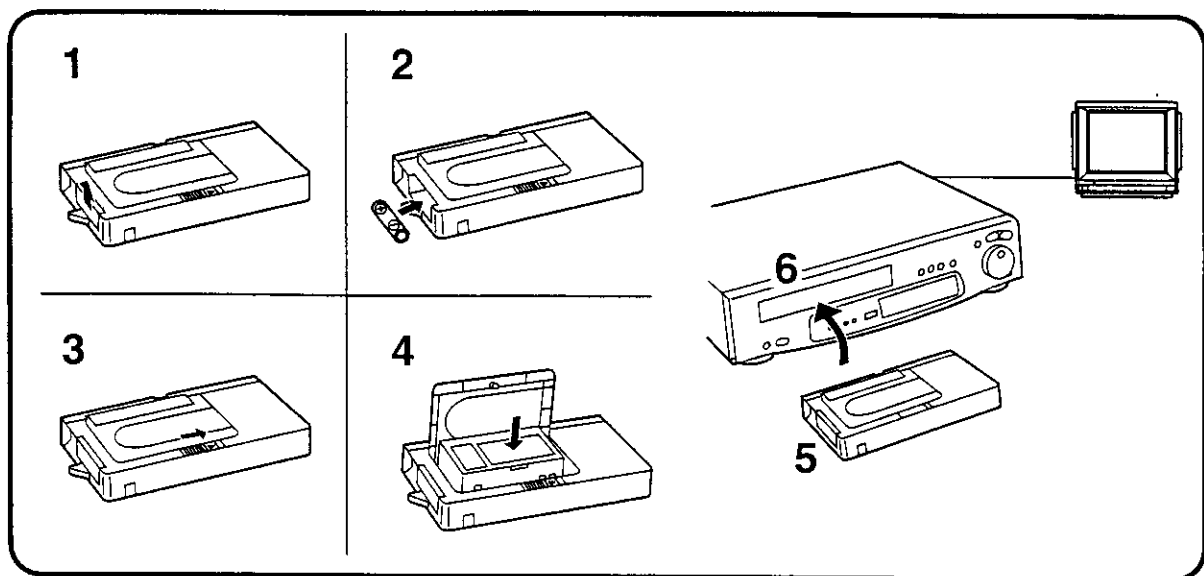
Movie Camera		TV (AV Input Sockets)
[VIDEO OUT]	→	VIDEO IN
[AUDIO OUT]	→	AUDIO IN

2 Select the channel on the TV which corresponds to the video/audio input sockets used for connecting.

(Refer to the operating instructions of your TV).

3 Start playback on the Movie Camera. (→ 28)

- If your TV is not equipped with AV Input Sockets, the RF Adaptor (VW-RF7E; optional) is necessary. Consult your dealer.

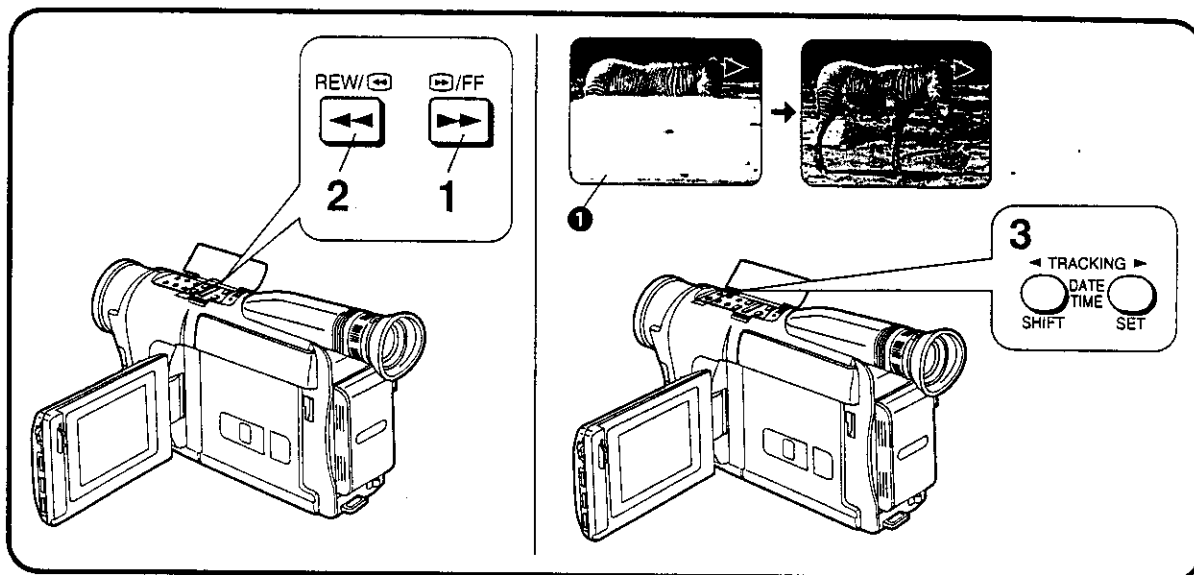


Playing Back on a VCR (Using the Supplied Cassette Adaptor)

By using the supplied Cassette Adaptor, you can play back compact cassettes in your VCR in the same way as full-size cassettes.

- 1** Push the Battery Compartment Cover upward and remove it.
- 2** Insert the supplied battery and then re-attach the Battery Compartment Cover.
- 3** Slide the Open Lever in the direction of the arrow.
- 4** Insert the recorded cassette and close the Top Cover.
- 5** Insert the Cassette Adaptor into the VCR.
- 6** Start playback on the VCR.

After use, take out the cassette from the Cassette Adaptor.



Perform the following operations with the Movie Camera in the [VCR] Mode (the [VCR] Lamp lights) and in the Stop Mode.

Fast-Forwarding

- 1 Press the [FF] Button.**
 - When the tape reaches the end, it automatically rewinds to the beginning.

Rewinding

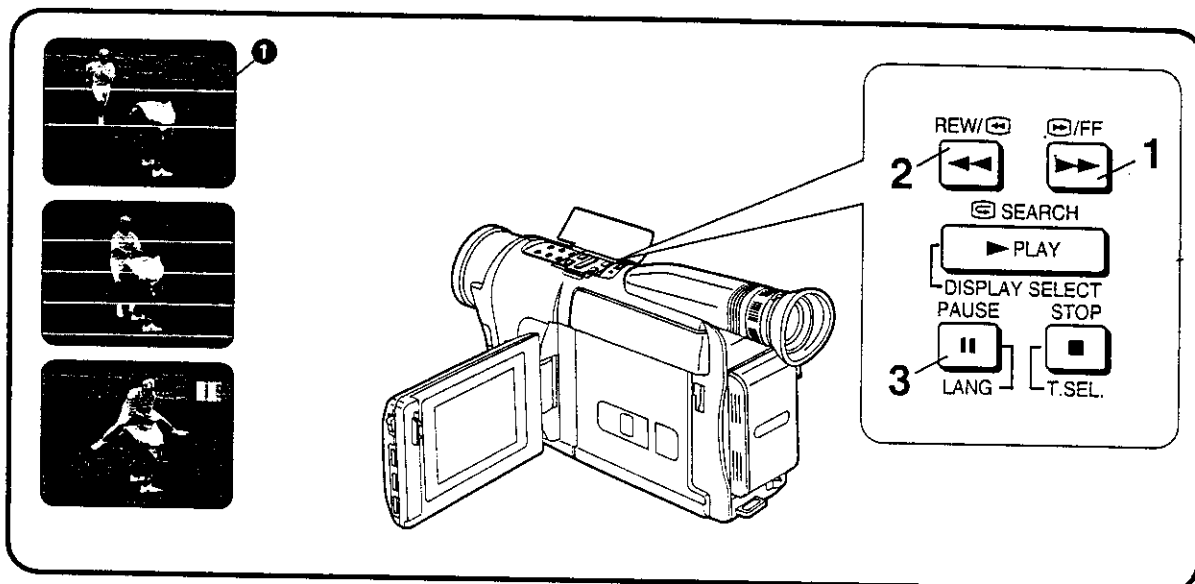
- 2 Press the [REW] Button.**
 - When the tape reaches the beginning, the rewinding automatically stops.

Eliminating Picture Distortions (Tracking Adjustment)

If horizontal noise bars ❶ appear in the playback picture, you can reduce this picture distortion by adjusting as follows:

- 3 Press both the [◀ TRACKING] and the [TRACKING ▶] Buttons simultaneously.**

- If pressing both buttons simultaneously does not improve the picture quality, adjust the tracking by pressing the [◀ TRACKING] or [TRACKING ▶] Button individually. (It may not be possible to remove the noise bars completely.)



Perform the following operations with the Movie Camera in the [VCR] mode ([VCR] Lamp lights) and in the Normal Playback Mode.

Cue Playback

1 Keep the [▶/FF] Button pressed.

■ Resuming Normal Playback

Release this button.

Review Playback

2 Keep the [REW/◀] Button pressed.

■ Resuming Normal Playback

Release this button.

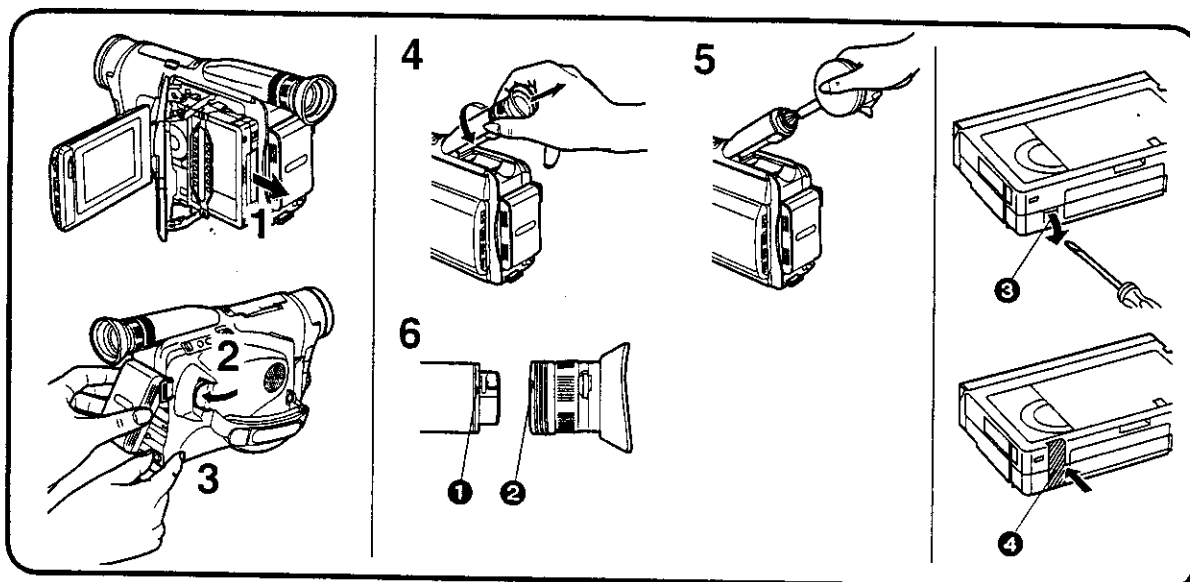
Still Playback

3 Press the [PAUSE/LANG] Button.

■ Resuming Normal Playback

Press the [PAUSE/LANG] Button again.

- In the Cue, Review and Still Playback Modes, horizontal noise bars ❶ appear in the picture, or the picture may become black and white or distorted.
- If you perform Cue or Review Playback when the LCD Monitor is open, no indication appears on the LCD Monitor.
- If you leave the Movie Camera in the Still Playback Mode for about 6 minutes, it automatically switches over to the Stop Mode. And, if the Movie Camera is being powered by the Battery, it switches off completely after a further 6 minutes.



After Use

- 1** Take out the cassette.
- 2** Turn in the [POWER] Switch to turn the Movie Camera off.
- 3** Disconnect the AC Adaptor or remove the Battery.

Cleaning the Finder

If dust has entered the Finder...

- 4** Turn the Finder counterclockwise and pull it off.
- 5** Remove dust with a blower brush (not supplied).
- 6** To re-attach the Finder, insert it so that the marks **1** and **2** are aligned, and then turn the Finder clockwise until it stops.

Cleaning the Movie Camera Body

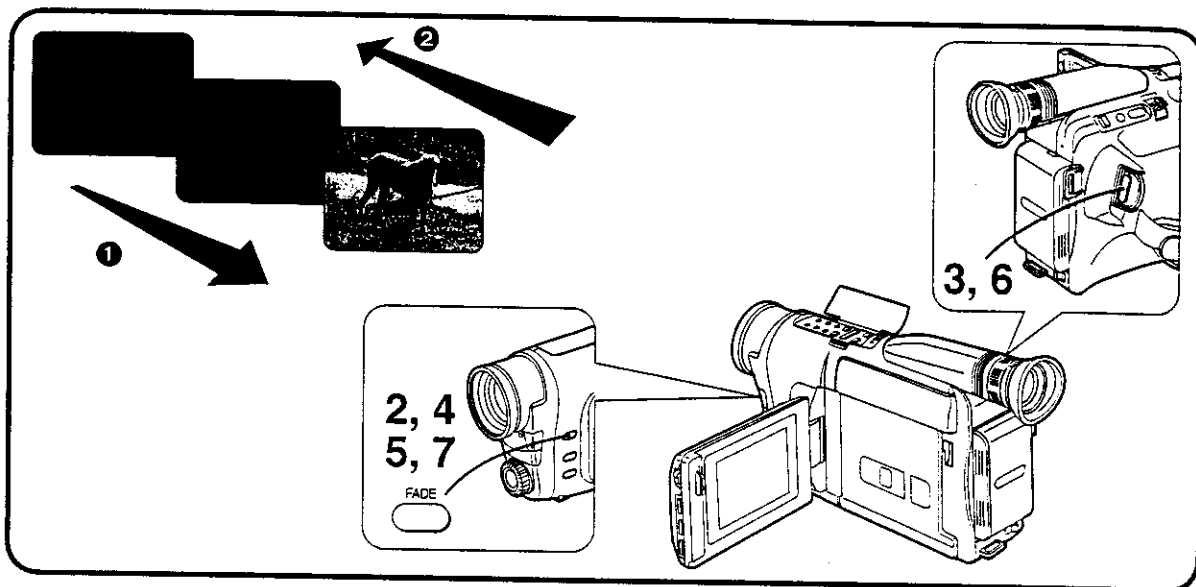
Wipe it with a clean, soft cloth.

Cleaning the Lens

Clean the lens with a lens cleaning tissue or a blower brush.

■ Preventing Accidental Erasure of Recordings

- Recording on a previously recorded cassette erases the existing scenes and sound.
- To protect important recordings against accidental erasure, use a screwdriver to break off the tab **3** on the cassette (some cassettes have sliding-type tabs).
- To be able to record again on a protected cassette, firmly cover the hole where the tab was with two layers of adhesive tape **4**.



Advanced Operations

Fading In/Out

■ Fading In ①

Fading-in lets you make the picture (and sound) appear gradually at the beginning of a recording.

- 1 With the Movie Camera in the Recording Pause Mode, aim it at the scene that you want to start recording.
- 2 Press the [FADE] Button and keep it pressed.
- 3 When the picture on the LCD Monitor has completely disappeared, press the Start/Stop Button to start recording.
- 4 Wait 2–3 seconds and then release the [FADE] Button.

■ Fading Out ②

Fading-out lets you make the picture (and sound) disappear gradually at the end of a recording. By fading out a scene and fading in the following one, you can produce smooth scene-to-scene transitions.

- 5 During recording, press the [FADE] Button at the point where you want to fade out, and keep it pressed.
- 6 After the picture on the LCD Monitor has completely disappeared, press the Start/Stop Button to stop recording.
- 7 Release the [FADE] Button.

Subjects and Recording Conditions for Which the Manual Mode Is More Suitable

The following subjects and recording situations are not suitable for recording in the Full Auto Mode. In these cases, adjusting the white balance and/or focus manually will provide more beautiful pictures. Also read the pages related to the manual adjustment indicated in parentheses.

■ **White Balance:**

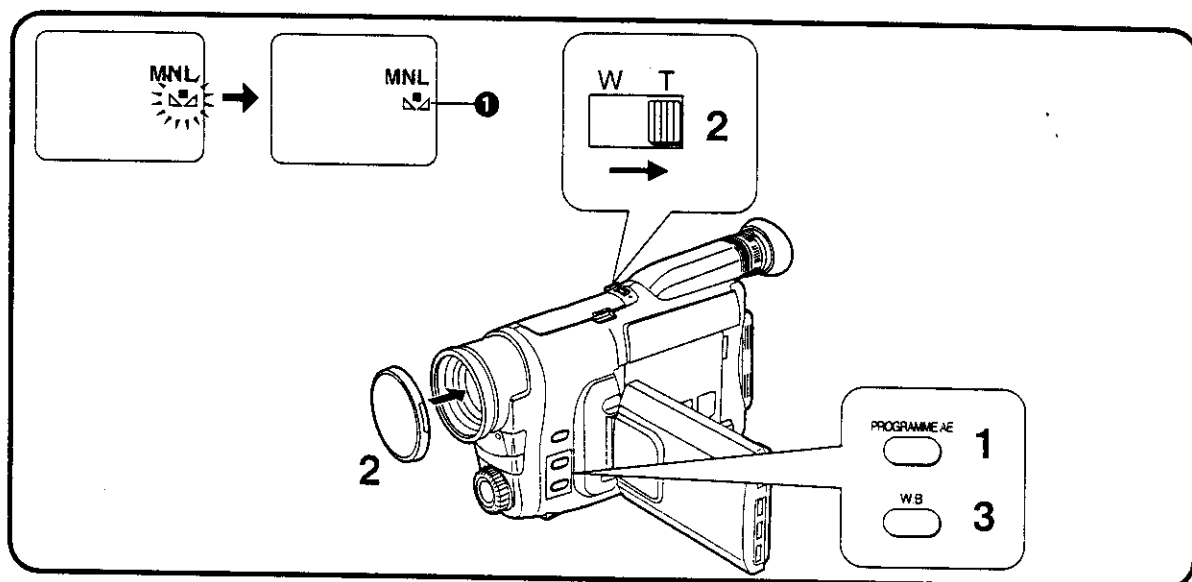
To adjust the white balance manually, see "Recording with Manual White Balance Adjustment" (→ 37).

■ **Focus:**

To adjust the focus manually, see "Recording with Manual Focus Adjustment" (→ 39).

■ **Subjects and Recording Conditions Not Suitable for Recording in the Full Auto Mode (problematic adjustments in parentheses)**

- Subjects with dark surfaces (White Balance, Focus)
- When moving the Movie Camera from outdoors to indoors while recording (White Balance)
- Subjects lit by different light sources (White Balance)
- Subjects lit by mercury-vapour or sodium lamps (White Balance)
- Subjects with shiny surfaces or a lot of light reflection (Focus)
- Subjects with weak contrast (Focus)
- Subjects with part of it near and part of it far away from the Movie Camera (Focus)
- Subjects without vertical contours (Focus)
- Subjects with fast movement (Focus)
- Subjects behind moving objects (Focus)
- Subjects behind glass covered by dirt, dust or water drops (Focus)



Recording with Manual White Balance Adjustment

With this Movie Camera, you can also adjust the white balance manually.

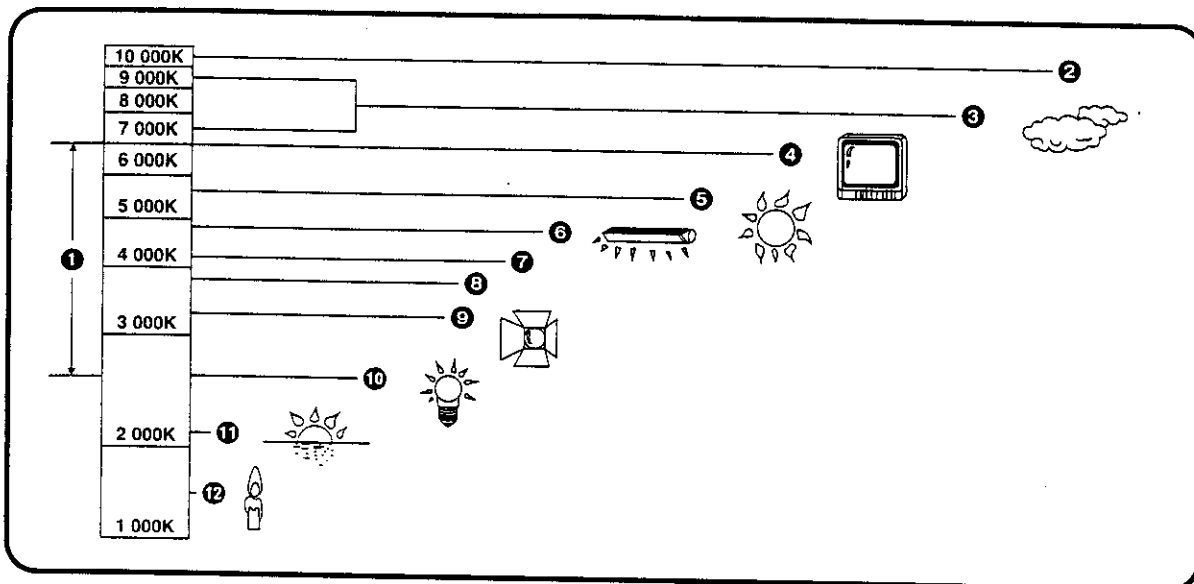
Use this mode for special subjects and recording conditions such as listed (→ 36), for which the Full Auto Mode is not suitable. Use it also when you want to manually adjust the white balance for each new scene as professionals do.

- 1** Press the [PROGRAMME AE] Button repeatedly until the [MNL] Indication appears on the LCD Monitor.
- 2** Attach the White Lens Cap and zoom in until the entire Finder Screen is white.
- 3** Aim the Movie Camera at the subject that you want to record and then keep the [W.B] Button pressed until the [MNL] Indication ❶ on the LCD Monitor stops flashing and remains lit.

■ Cancelling the Manual White Balance Mode

Press the [W.B] Button.

- The flashing [MNL] Indication on the LCD Monitor indicates that the manually adjusted white balance setting is being maintained. This setting is maintained until you manually adjust the white balance again or change back to recording in the Full Auto Mode.

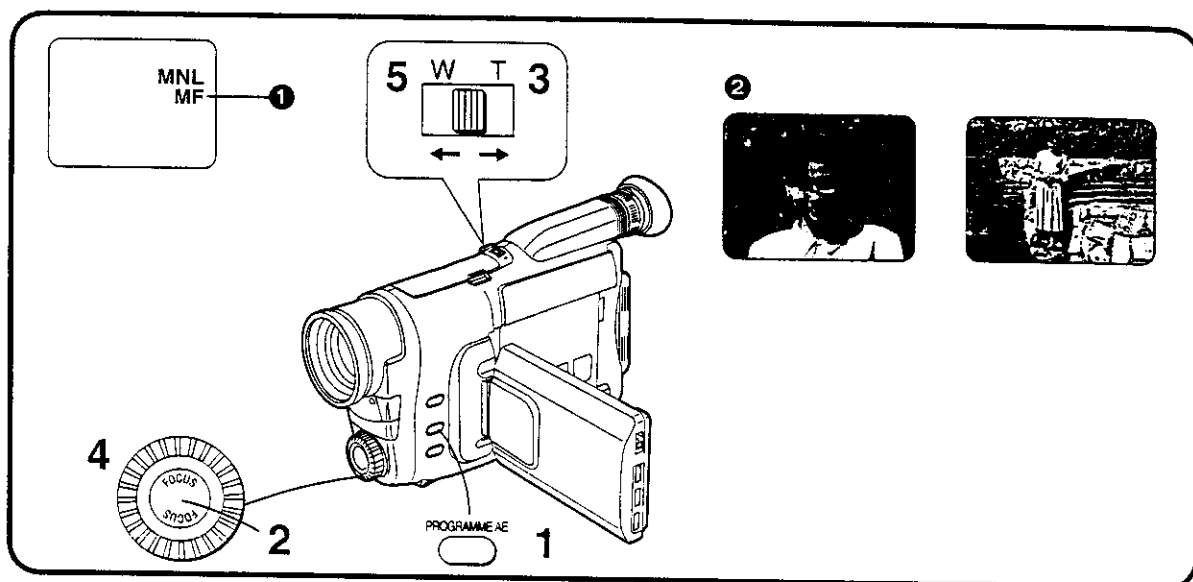


Colour Temperature and White Balance Adjustment

Every light source has its own colour temperature measured in Kelvin (K). The higher the Kelvin value, the more bluish the light; the lower the value, the more reddish the light. The Kelvin value is related to the tint of the light, but not directly to its brightness.

The range **1** indicated in the illustration above shows the light sources for which this Movie Camera can provide precise white balance adjustment and, therefore, natural colours in the recorded pictures, when using the Full Auto Mode. For light sources outside this range, adjust the white balance manually (→ 37). Also, additional lighting may be necessary.

- 1** Control range of this Movie Camera's Auto White Balance Adjustment Mode
- 2** Blue sky
- 3** Cloudy sky (Rain)
- 4** TV screen
- 5** Sunlight
- 6** White fluorescent lamp
- 7** 2 hours after sunrise or before sunset
- 8** 1 hour after sunrise or before sunset
- 9** Halogen light bulb
- 10** Incandescent light bulb
- 11** Sunrise or sunset
- 12** Candlelight



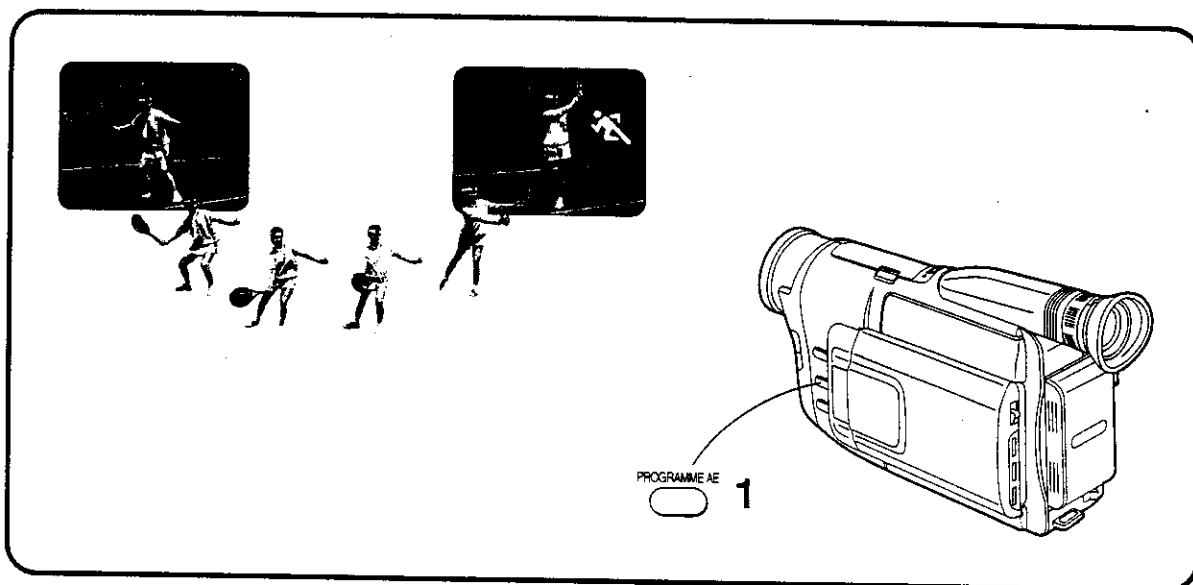
Recording with Manual Focus Adjustment

With this Movie Camera, you can also adjust the focus manually.

Use this mode for special subjects and recording conditions such as listed (→ 36), for which the Full Auto Mode is not suitable.


- 1** Press the [PROGRAMME AE] Button repeatedly until the [MNL] Indication appears on the LCD Monitor.
- 2** Press the [FOCUS] Button.
 - The [MF] Indication ❶ appears on the LCD Monitor.
([MF] means Manual Focus.)
- 3** Keep the [W • T] Zoom Lever pushed toward [T] to zoom in on the subject ❷.
- 4** Turn the Focus Ring to adjust the focus.
- 5** Push the [W • T] Zoom Lever toward [W] to zoom out as desired.

■ **Cancelling the Manual Focus Mode**
Press the [FOCUS] Button.



Recording Fast-moving Subjects (Sports Mode)


In the Sports Mode, the shutter speed is automatically adjusted (between 1/50 s and 1/500 s) according to the brightness of the subject, so images are sharp and stable even when recording subjects with fast movements. When you play back scenes recorded in the Sports Mode on a VCR, you can enjoy still and slow motion playback of very sharp images with fine details.

- 1** Press the [PROGRAMME AE] Button repeatedly until the [] Indication appears on the LCD Monitor.

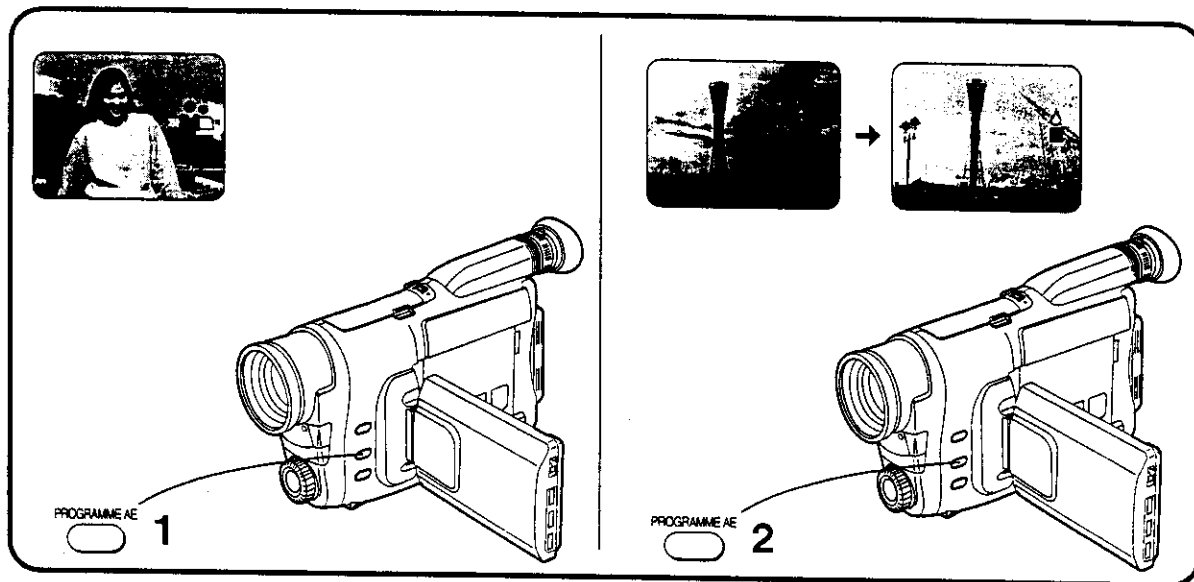
■ Cancelling the Sports Mode

Press the [PROGRAMME AE] Button repeatedly until the [AUTO] Indication appears on the LCD Monitor.

■ Condition for Using the Sports Mode

- The subject must be brightly lit by sunlight or other strong light. When the [] Indication flashes on the LCD Monitor, it warns you that the Sports Mode is not suitable. In this case, increase the amount of light or change back to recording in the Full Auto Mode.

- When recording under fluorescent, mercury-vapour or sodium lamps, the playback picture may flicker.
- When a scene recorded in the Sports Mode is played back in the normal playback mode, the picture movement may not be as smooth as it normally is.



Making Your Subject Stand out Sharply from the Background (Portrait Mode)

In the Portrait Mode, the iris is automatically set to the maximum aperture for a very small depth-of-field. This gives you a sharply focused subject in the centre of the picture with a blurred background and foreground.

- 1** Press the [PROGRAMME AE] Button repeatedly until the [] Indication appears on the LCD Monitor.

- Zooming in on the subject by pushing the [W•T] Zoom Lever toward [T] increases the blurring of the background.

■ Cancelling the Portrait Mode

Press the [PROGRAMME AE] Button repeatedly until the [AUTO] Indication appears on the LCD Monitor.

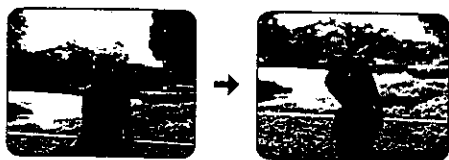
Recording Dark Scenes More Brightly (Low Light Mode)

With this function, you can record dimly lit subjects more brightly. However, even if you use this mode for outdoor recording in the daytime, the result will be practically the same as when recording in the normal mode.

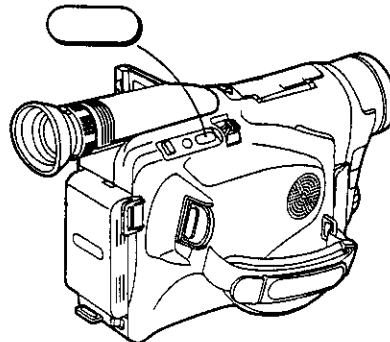
- 2** Press the [PROGRAMME AE] Button repeatedly until the [] Indication appears on the LCD Monitor.

■ Cancelling the Low Light Mode

Press the [PROGRAMME AE] Button so that the [AUTO] Indication appears on the LCD Monitor.



1 BACKLIGHT



Recording Backlit Scenes (Backlight Mode)

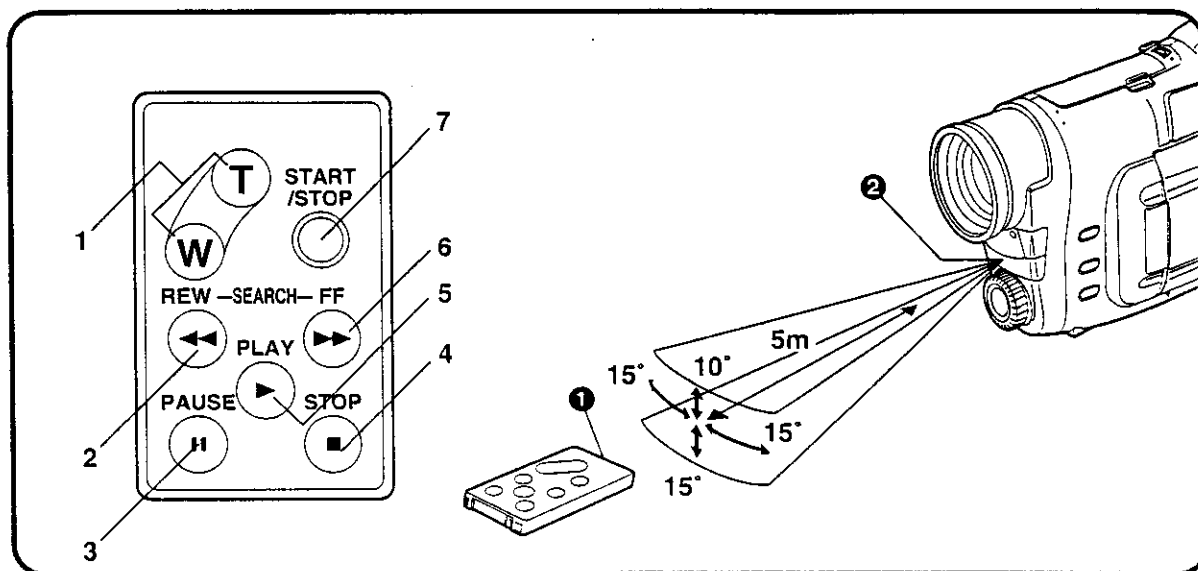
As a general rule, subjects should be lit from the front by sunlight or strong artificial light. However, if recording a backlit subject cannot be avoided, the Backlight Mode lets you brighten up the subject a little, to prevent very dark faces, etc.

This mode is also effective in extremely bright situations, for example on a beach in summer or on a ski slope, as it prevents dark faces and keeps the snow white.

- 1** When recording a backlit scene, keep the [BACKLIGHT] Button pressed from before you press the Start/Stop Button to start recording until after you press it again to stop recording.

■ When Using the Backlight Recording Function

- The sky may appear whitish.
- When recording with the sun striking the subject at an angle, star-shaped light reflections may be recorded in the picture.
- When recording a subject in front of a very bright background, the subject may still appear dark in the picture.



Using the Remote Controller

The Remote Controller lets you take part in the action and control the recording operation from in front of the Movie Camera. It is also convenient for controlling the playback functions for playback via a TV or for dubbing.

■ Buttons on the Remote Controller

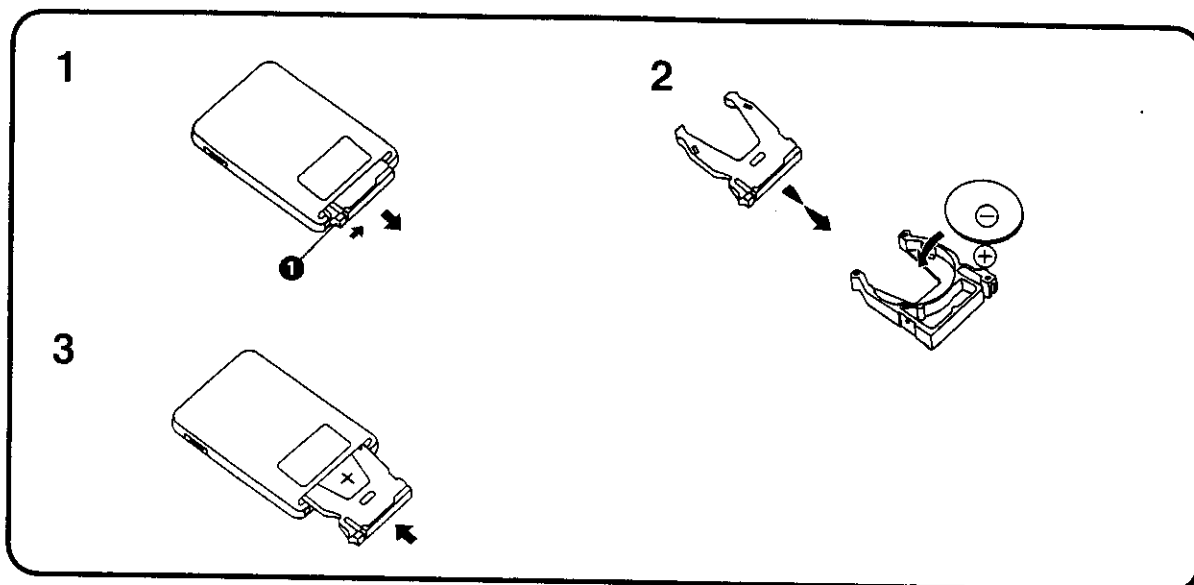
The buttons with the same mark as on the Movie Camera have generally the same function.

- 1 [W • T] Zoom Buttons (→ 26, 27, 39)
- 2 Rewind [◀◀] Button (→ 24, 25, 28, 32, 33, 50)
- 3 Pause [||] Button (→ 33)
- 4 Stop [■] Button (→ 28)
- 5 Playback [▶] Button (→ 20, 28, 50)
- 6 Fast-forward [▶▶] Button (→ 25, 32, 33, 50)
- 7 [START/STOP] Button (→ 23)

■ Conditions for Correct Operation of the Remote Controller

- The button-type battery must be inserted correctly and not be exhausted.
- The distance to the Movie Camera must not be more than 5 metres.
- The Transmitter Window ① on the Remote Controller or the Remote Control Sensor ② on the Movie Camera must not be exposed to direct sunlight and not be covered with clothes, etc.

• When operating the Zoom Function with the Remote Controller, it is not possible to vary the zooming speed. Also, there is a slight delay between pressing the Zoom Buttons on the Remote Controller and the actual operation of the mechanical zoom function on the Movie Camera.



Inserting the Button-Type Battery

- 1** Pull out the Battery Holder while pushing the Stopper ❶.
- 2** Insert the battery with the stamped (+) mark facing downward as shown in the illustration.
- 3** Insert the Battery Holder into the Remote Controller.

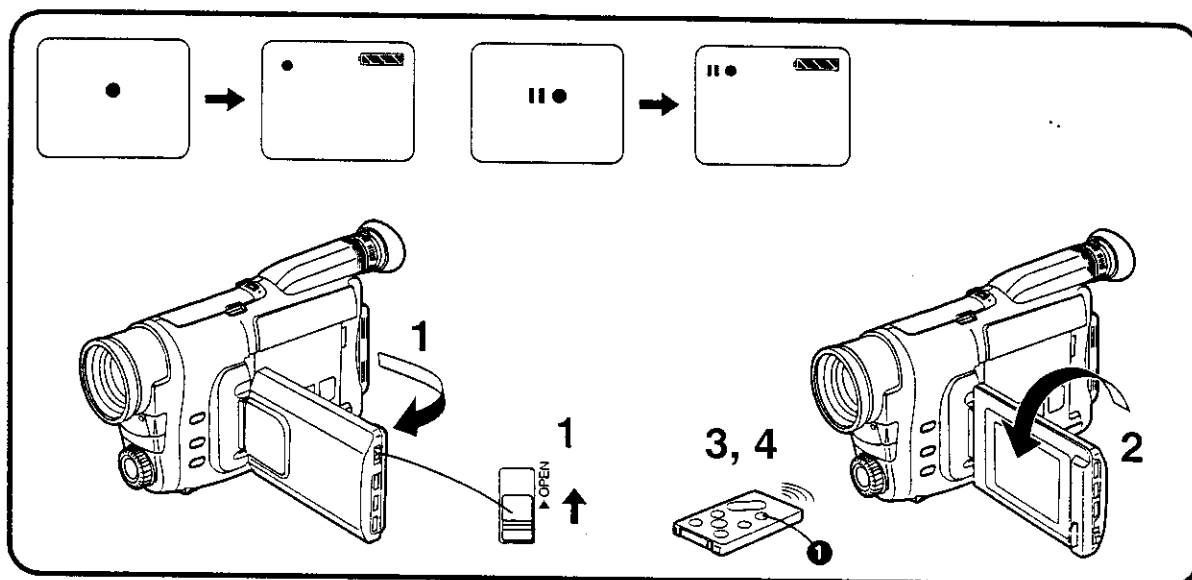
■ Replacing the Button-Type Battery

The life of the battery is about 1 year.

When the battery is exhausted, purchase a new CR2025 battery and replace in the same way as explained above.

CAUTION

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.



Recording Yourself with the LCD Monitor Facing Forward

Turning the LCD Monitor facing forward allows you to take part in the action that you are recording. It also lets the person(s) in front of the camera check the picture during recording while you are behind the camera and aim the Movie Camera using the Finder.

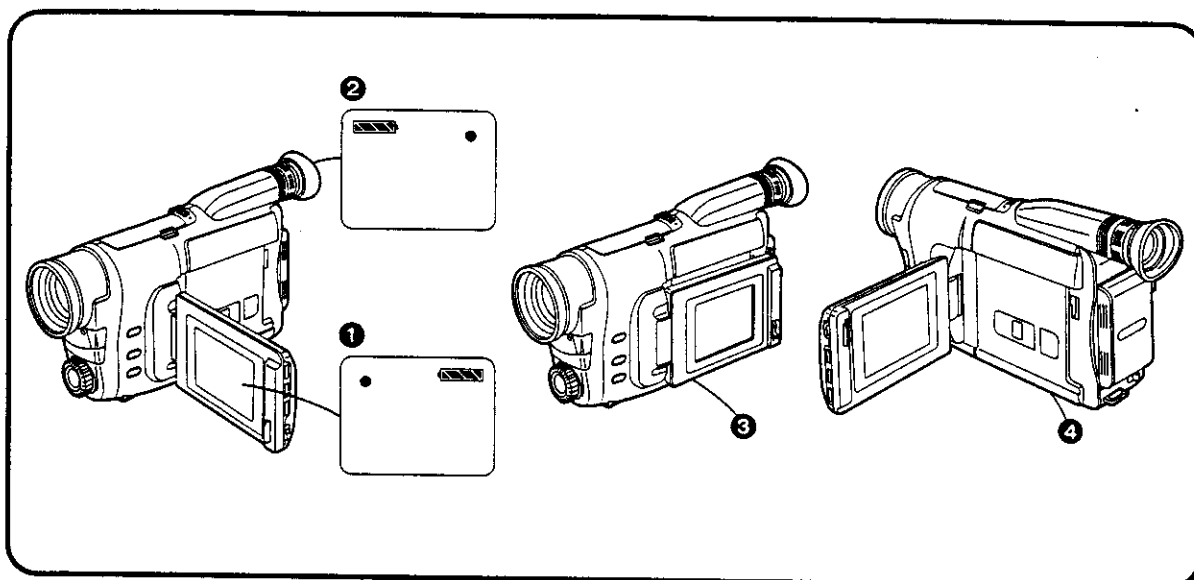
1 Slide the [▶ OPEN] Lever upward and simultaneously open the LCD Monitor in the direction of the arrow (approximately 90°).

2 Turn the LCD Monitor until it faces forward (approximately 180°).

3 Press the Start/Stop Button ❶.
•The [●] Indication appears on the LCD Monitor.

■ Stopping Recording

4 Press the Start/Stop Button ❶.
•The [●●] Indication appears on the LCD Monitor.



Confirming the Indications on the LCD Monitor or in the Finder

When you record with the LCD Monitor facing forward, the following indications can appear on the LCD Monitor or in the Finder: Remaining Battery Indication [▬], Recording Mode Indication [●], the Recording Pause Mode Indication [II ●] and General Warning/Alarm Indication [!] (→ 58). On the LCD Monitor, they appear as mirror-images of the indications in the Finder as shown above.

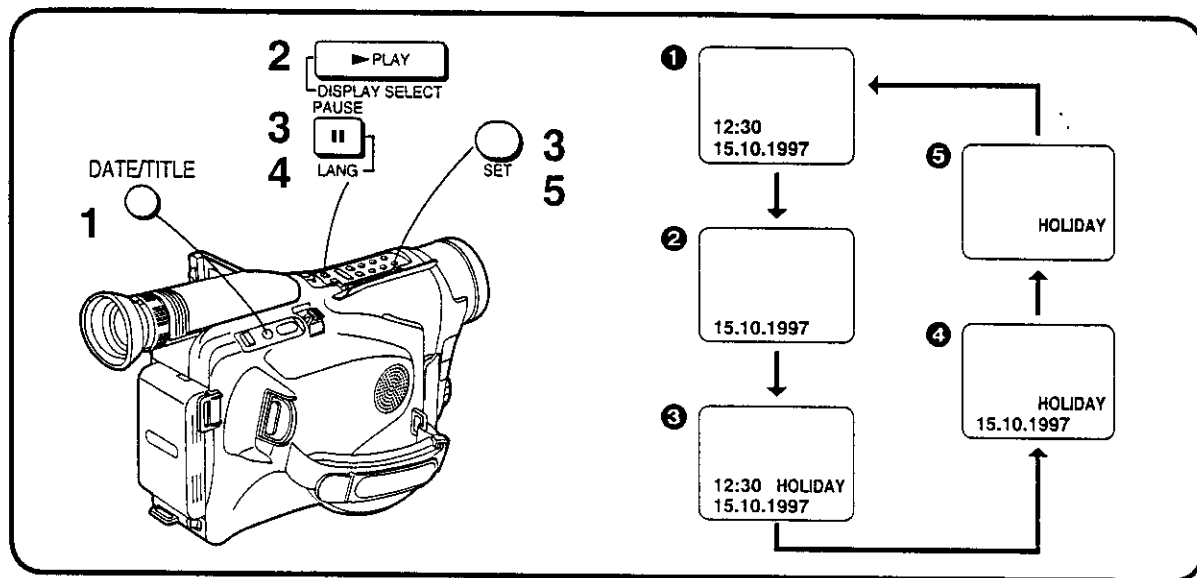
① Indication on the LCD Monitor

② Indication in the Finder

If you want to confirm indications that cannot be displayed on the LCD Monitor and in the Finder, when the LCD Monitor turned forward, proceed as follows:

Turn the LCD Monitor so that it faces backward, as shown above ④, or close the LCD Monitor with the screen facing outward, as shown above ③.

- If you turn the LCD Monitor so that it faces forward, the Finder also automatically turns on. However, in the following cases, the Finder turns off:
 - Pressing the [VCR/CAMERA] Button to switch the Movie Camera over to the [VCR] Mode.
 - Closing the LCD Monitor with the screen facing outward (as shown above ③).
- When the General Warning/Alarm Indication [!] appears on the LCD Monitor, turn the LCD Monitor so that it faces backward, and the actual warning/alarm indication then appears on the LCD Monitor.
- It is not possible to insert the Date and Time Indications while recording with the LCD Monitor facing forward.
- When the LCD Monitor is facing forward, the picture on the LCD Monitor is a mirror image. However, the picture is recorded correctly (non reversed).



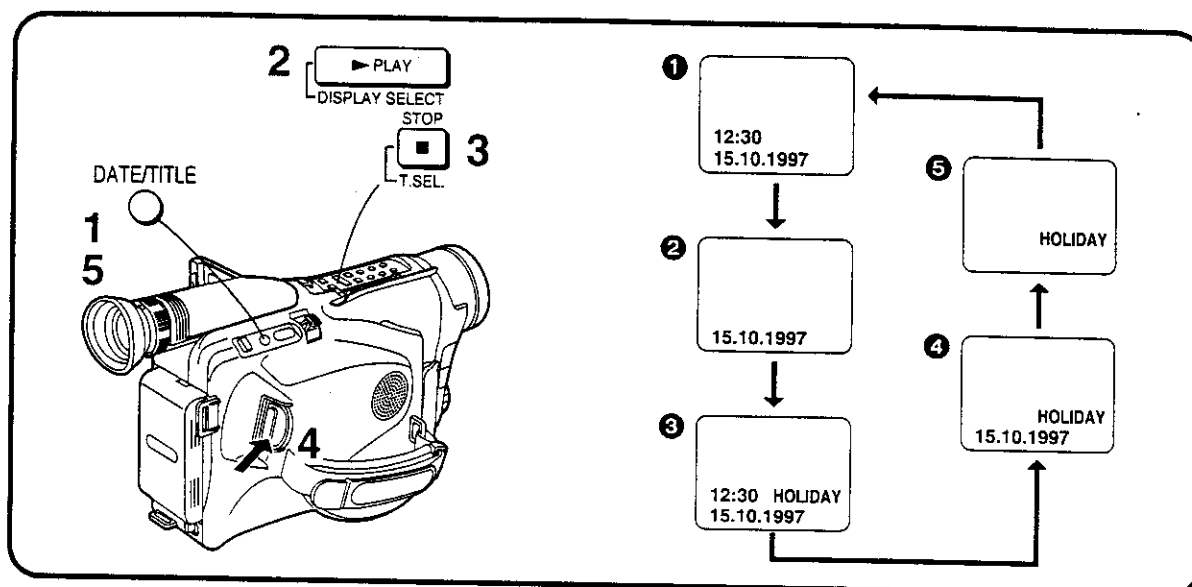
Recording with Programmed Titles Inserted in the Picture

You can insert one of 10 programmed titles in recordings of special occasions such as weddings and birthday parties. These titles are available in 6 languages.

1. Selecting the Desired Language

- 1 Press the [DATE/TITLE] Button in the Recording Pause Mode.**
 - The Date/Time/Title Indication appears on the LCD Monitor.
- 2 Press the [PLAY/DISPLAY SELECT] Button repeatedly to select the desired type of Title Indication (3, 4 or 5).**
 - The initially selected title is [HOLIDAY] (in English).
- 3 Press the [PAUSE/LANG] Button and the [SET] Button simultaneously for approximately 1 second.**
 - The selected type of Title Indication flashes on the LCD Monitor.
- 4 Press the [PAUSE/LANG] Button repeatedly until the title appears in the desired language.**
 - The languages change in the following order:

English	→ German	→ French
Russian	← Spanish	← Italian
- 5 Press the [SET] Button to finish the language selection.**
 - The selected language is maintained until you select another language.



2. Selecting and Recording a Title

1 Press the [DATE/TITLE] Button in the Recording Pause Mode.

- The Date/Time/Title Indication appears on the LCD Monitor.

2 Press the [PLAY/DISPLAY SELECT] Button repeatedly to select the desired type of Title Indication (3, 4 or 5).

3 Press the [STOP/T.SEL.] Button repeatedly until the desired title is displayed.

- The titles change in the order shown below.
(In the other available languages, they are arranged in the same order.)

[HOLIDAY] → [HAPPY BIRTHDAY] →
[WEDDING] → [FAMILY] → [PARTY] →
[THE END] → [CONGRATULATIONS] →
[MERRY CHRISTMAS] → [HAPPY MEMORIES]
→ [HAPPY NEW YEAR] → [HOLIDAY] →

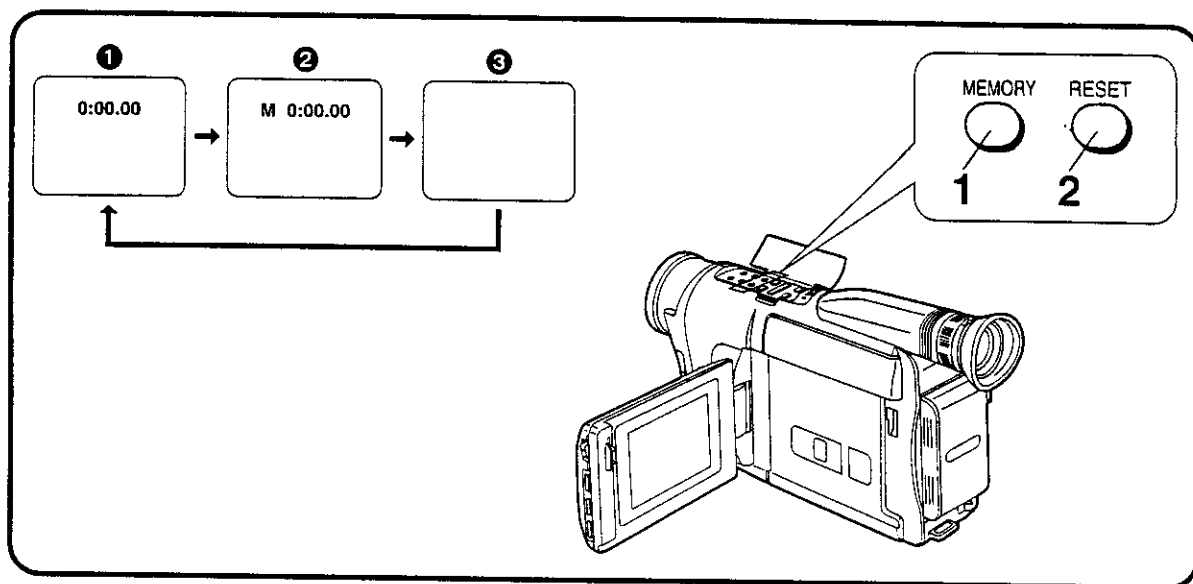
- If you want to change the language after selecting the title, perform steps 3 to 5 (→ 46) to change to the desired language.

4 Press the Start/Stop Button to start recording.

- The selected title is maintained until you select another title.

■ Deleting the Title Indication

5 During recording or when the Movie Camera is in the Recording Pause Mode, press the [DATE/TITLE] Button to make the Title Indication disappear on the LCD Monitor.



Using the Tape Counter Indication

The Tape Counter Indication is convenient for the following two purposes: For Checking the Elapsed Tape Time (described below) and for Using the Memory Stop Function (→ 50).

1. Checking the Elapsed Tape Time

The Elapsed Tape Time Indication shows the amount of time that has elapsed during recording or playback.

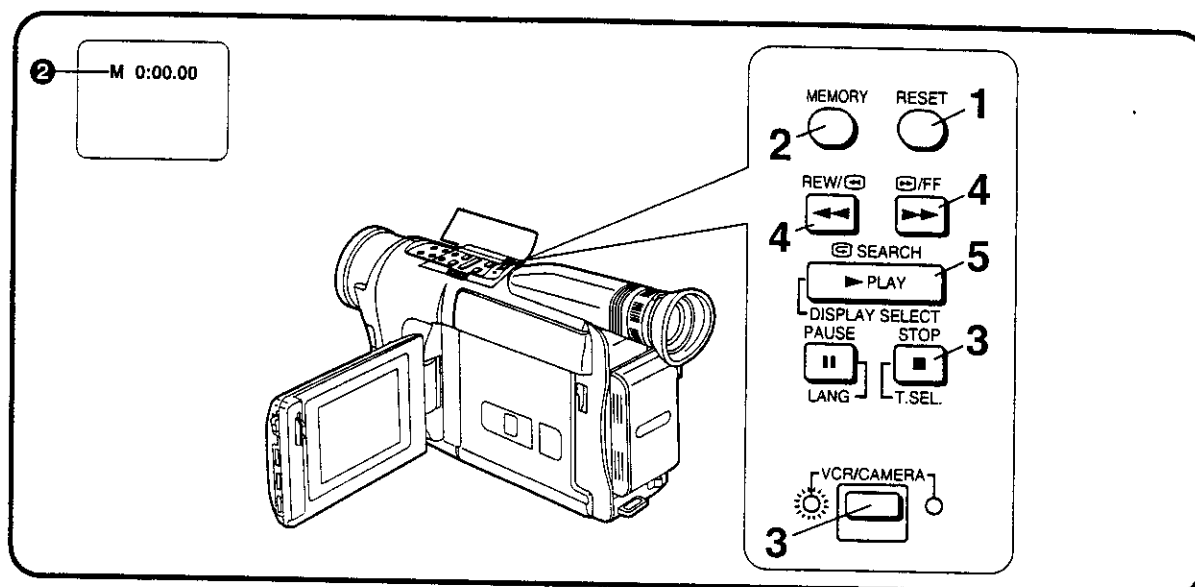
- 1 Press the [MEMORY] Button repeatedly until the Elapsed Tape Time Indication ❶ is displayed on the LCD Monitor.**
- 2 Press the [RESET] Button before starting to record or play back in order to reset the Elapsed Tape Time Indication to [0:00.00].**

- When recording or playback starts, the elapsed tape time is indicated in hours, minutes and seconds. During playback of parts of the tape on which no recording has been made, this indication does not change.
- Taking out the cassette or removing the Battery automatically resets the indication to [0:00.00].

■ Changing the Tape Counter Indication

Every press of the [MEMORY] Button changes the Tape Counter Indication in the following order:

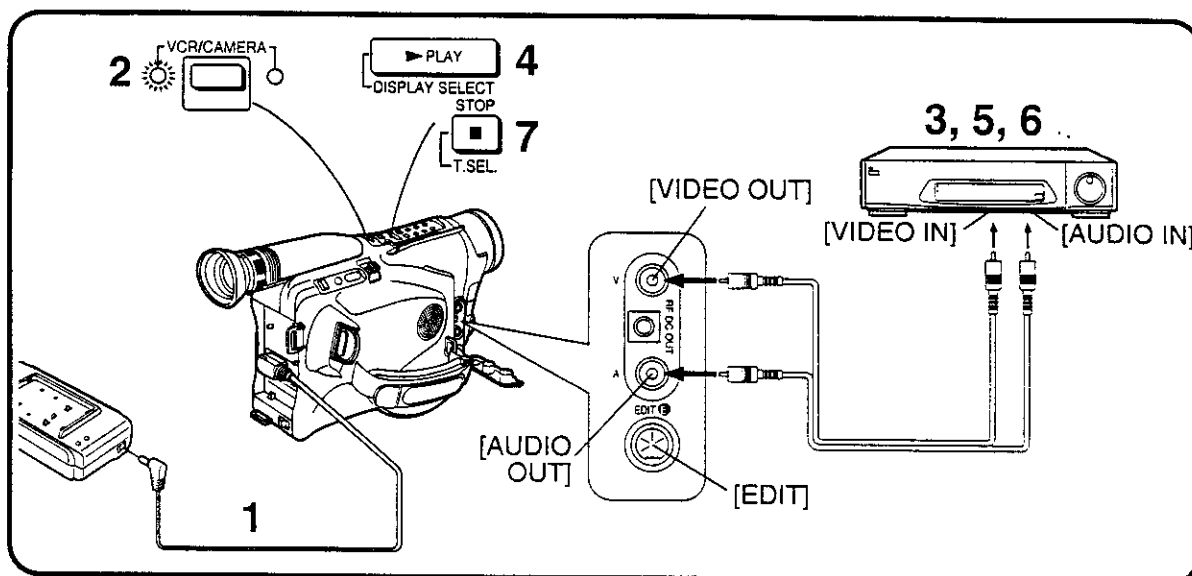
- ❶ Elapsed Tape Time Indication (initial setting)
- ❷ Memory Stop Indication and Elapsed Tape Time Indication (→ 50)
- ❸ No Indication



2. Using the Memory Stop Function

This function is convenient for temporarily marking a tape position during recording or playback so that you can easily find it again later for playback.

- 1** Press the [RESET] Button during recording or playback at the desired tape position to reset the Elapsed Tape Time Indication to [0:00.00].
- 2** Press the [MEMORY] Button so that the Memory Stop Indication [M] ② appears in front of the Elapsed Tape Time Indication.
[M] means Memory.
- 3** During playback:
Press the [STOP/T.SEL.] Button to stop playback.
During recording:
Press the Start/Stop Button to switch the Movie Camera over to the Recording Pause Mode. Then, press the [VCR/CAMERA] Button to switch the Movie Camera over to the [VCR] Mode (the [VCR] Lamp lights.)
- 4** Press the [▶/FF] or [REW/◀] Button.
•The tape automatically stops approximately at the [M0:00.00] position.
- 5** Press the [PLAY/DISPLAY SELECT] Button to start playback.



Copying to a VCR (Dubbing)

By connecting the AV Cable (supplied), you can copy the cassette recorded with this Movie Camera onto a VCR.

- 1** Connect the AC Adaptor.
 - 2** Insert the recorded cassette into the Movie Camera and put it in the [VCR] Mode.
 - 3** Insert an unrecorded cassette into the VCR and put it in the Recording Pause Mode.
 - 4** Start playback on the Movie Camera.
 - 5** Start recording on the VCR.
- After reaching the end of the original recording:
- 6** Stop recording on the VCR.
 - 7** Stop playback on the Movie Camera.

- As the dubbing process causes a slight reduction in the picture quality of the new recording, we recommend that you select the standard speed (SP Mode) on the VCR for dubbing.
(SP means Standard Play.)
- If your VCR is equipped with an Edit Switch, turn it on to ensure optimum picture quality of the dubbed cassette.

Precautions, Technical Information, etc.

Precautions

Precautions for the Movie Camera

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

■ **To prevent fire, electric shock and malfunction, observe the following points:**

- Do not disassemble the Movie Camera or make any alterations to it.
- Keep away from water.
- Do not insert any foreign objects.
- Do not cover with a cloth during use.
- Do not subject to strong vibrations or mechanical shocks.
- Do not use in places with oily smoke and a lot of dust.
- If a thunderstorm approaches, stop using the Movie Camera. (If you are using the AC Adaptor, disconnect it from the AC mains socket taking care not to touch any metal parts.)
- Do not use near magnetized equipment.
- Do not use near a radio or TV.
- Do not use with the cassette compartment facing down.
- Do not aim the Lens or Finder directly at the sun; the lens collects light and the resulting heat could deform internal precision parts and cause irreparable damage to the Movie Camera.
- Do not leave in a closed car on a summer day.
The inside temperature becomes higher than you imagine and this could damage the Movie Camera.
- Do not wash it with water.
Water might leak into the Movie Camera and cause an electric shock or fire.
- Do not use a cleaning fluid, benzine, thinner or other chemicals for cleaning. They might not only change the colour and damage the surface of the camera body, but might also increase the risk of fire if there is an open flame or heater nearby.

■ **Precautions for Storing the Movie Camera**

Be sure to take out the cassette and remove the Battery before storing.

Avoid the following places:

- Places with high temperature and high relative humidity
Recommended temperature: 15°C–25°C
Recommended relative humidity: 40%–60%
- Places exposed to direct sunlight
- In direct contact with rubber or plastic products for a long time
- In reach of children

Precautions for the AC Adaptor

■ **Observe the following points:**

- Use only for the specified Movie Camera and Battery.
- Do not handle with wet hands.
To unplug the Mains Cable, be sure to pull it out by the plug, not by the cable.
- Do not forcefully bend the cables or alter them.
- Do not operate very close to a radio, TV etc.

Precautions for the Battery

The Battery's ability to generate electric energy is based on a chemical reaction. If the Battery is incorrectly handled, it could cause leakage, excessive rise in temperature, fire or explosion.

■ Observe the Following Points:

- Use only the specified AC Adaptor or Car Battery Charger to charge the Battery, and use the Battery only for this Movie Camera.
- When you have finished using the Movie Camera, be sure to remove the Battery.
If you leave the Battery attached to the Movie Camera, a small amount of electricity is consumed even if the [POWER] Switch is turned in, and this reduces the Battery's charge. Leaving the Battery attached to the Movie Camera for a very long time could discharge it excessively and this could make charging impossible.
- Do not allow metal objects such as keys and necklaces to touch the battery terminals.
Short-circuiting may occur and generate heat, and this could cause the Battery to explode. Be especially careful when storing or carrying the Battery in a bag.
- Do not deform or alter the Battery.
- When the operation time even after proper charging is too short for normal use, the service life of the Battery has reached its end.
- If the Battery becomes too warm, a protection function is activated and it puts the Battery temporarily out of operation.
- Do not throw the Battery into a fire.
This could cause it to explode.

■ Precautions for Storing the Battery

Avoid the following places, as they could shorten the service life of the Battery:

- Places with extremely high temperature and high relative humidity
Recommended temperature: 15°C–25°C
Recommended relative humidity: 40%–60%
- Places with oily smoke and a lot of dust
The terminals of the Battery might rust.
- Before you store the Battery for a long time, perform playback or other operations to completely use up the remaining charge in the Battery. Then remove it from the Movie Camera and store it. We recommend that you reactivate the Battery about once a year by charging it and then completely using up the charge before storing it again.

Precautions for the Cassette

When you have finished using the Movie Camera, rewind the tape to the beginning and take the cassette out of the Movie Camera. If you store the cassette for a long time, fast-forward and then rewind it at least once a year to expose the tape to fresh air.

Observe the following points to prevent deformation of the cassette case and deterioration of the picture and sound quality.

- Do not subject the cassette to strong vibration or mechanical shocks.
- Do not place it near magnetized equipment.
- Avoid places where the temperature can become very high.


Causes of Condensation and Remedy

When condensation has formed inside the Movie Camera and on the tape, recording becomes impossible. In addition, the tape might remain in contact with the heads and this could seriously damage the Movie Camera.

■ Main Causes of Condensation:

- When the Movie Camera is brought from a cold to a warm place.
- When the Movie Camera is taken outdoors from inside an air-conditioned car or house.
- When the heating is turned on in a cold room.
- When the Movie Camera is exposed to the cold breeze from an air-conditioner.
- When the Movie Camera is in a very hot or humid place or in a place with steam.

■ Symptoms of Condensation

When turning on the Movie Camera, the Condensation Indication [U10/[]] appears on the LCD Monitor.

(A few seconds later, the Movie Camera automatically turns itself off.)

■ Remedy as Follows:

1. Take out the cassette.
2. Keep the Cassette Compartment open and wait a few hours.
3. A few hours later, turn on the Movie Camera and confirm that the Condensation Indication is not displayed any more.
For added safety, wait about 1 more hour.

■ To Prevent Condensation from Forming

When bringing the Movie Camera from a very cold to a warm place, keep it in a tightly closed plastic bag or something similar for 1 to 2 hours before using it again.


■ When the Lens Is Fogged up

Turn the Movie Camera on and wait for about 1 hour until it has reached about the same temperature as its surroundings.

Video Head Clogging and Remedy

If the video heads become dirty and clogged with dust, the picture quality deteriorates.

■ Symptoms of Dirty Video Heads

- When turning on the Movie Camera, the [U11/[]] Indication appears on the LCD Monitor for the first few seconds.
- When playing back a cassette on the Movie Camera and watching the picture on a connected TV, white noise bars appear in the picture. However, if the heads are extremely dirty, the playback picture cannot be seen at all.

■ Remedy as Follows:

Use a video head cleaning cassette to clean the heads. Carefully follow the instructions for its use as too much cleaning wears down the heads. The removal of head cleaning tape is not covered by warranty. If the playback picture is not clear after cleaning, it means that the video heads are worn out. Consult the Panasonic Customer Care Centre on 132600.

How the White Balance (Tint) Adjustment Works

Video recording takes place under various light sources, from sunlight as the main natural light source to a wide range of artificial light sources such as fluorescent lamps. As each of these light sources has a different colour temperature, each of them gives the colours of the subject a slightly different tint.

Human eyes can easily adjust to different kinds of lighting and recognize an object as having the same colour, even under different light.

The eye of the Movie Camera (lens), however, cannot adapt to the change in lighting and is influenced by the lighting. Therefore, depending on the light source, the picture is recorded with a bluish or reddish tint. To minimize the influence of the lighting on the colours of the subject, an adjustment called White Balance Adjustment is necessary.

■ Auto White Balance

This Movie Camera offers both Auto White Balance Adjustment and Manual White Balance Adjustment. When the Movie Camera is in the Full Auto Mode, the internal system of the Movie Camera automatically determines the temperature of the light and compensates the tint of the subject accordingly. White is the basic colour by which the tint is determined. Because this adjustment is performed based on the white colour, it is called White Balance Adjustment. The optimum settings of several light sources are stored in the memory of the Movie Camera. The internal microcomputer compares the colour temperature of the light received by the White Balance Sensor positioned on the front of the Movie Camera with the colour stored in memory, and selects the setting for the most similar tint. Be careful not to cover the White Balance Sensor with your hand, etc.

■ Manual White Balance

Although this Movie Camera stores the optimum settings for several light sources in memory to correctly judge the white colour, it cannot cope with all light sources. Therefore, to record under those types of lighting (→ 36, 38) which cannot be correctly adjusted with Auto White Balance Adjustment, use Manual White Balance Adjustment (→ 37).

How the Focus Adjustment Works

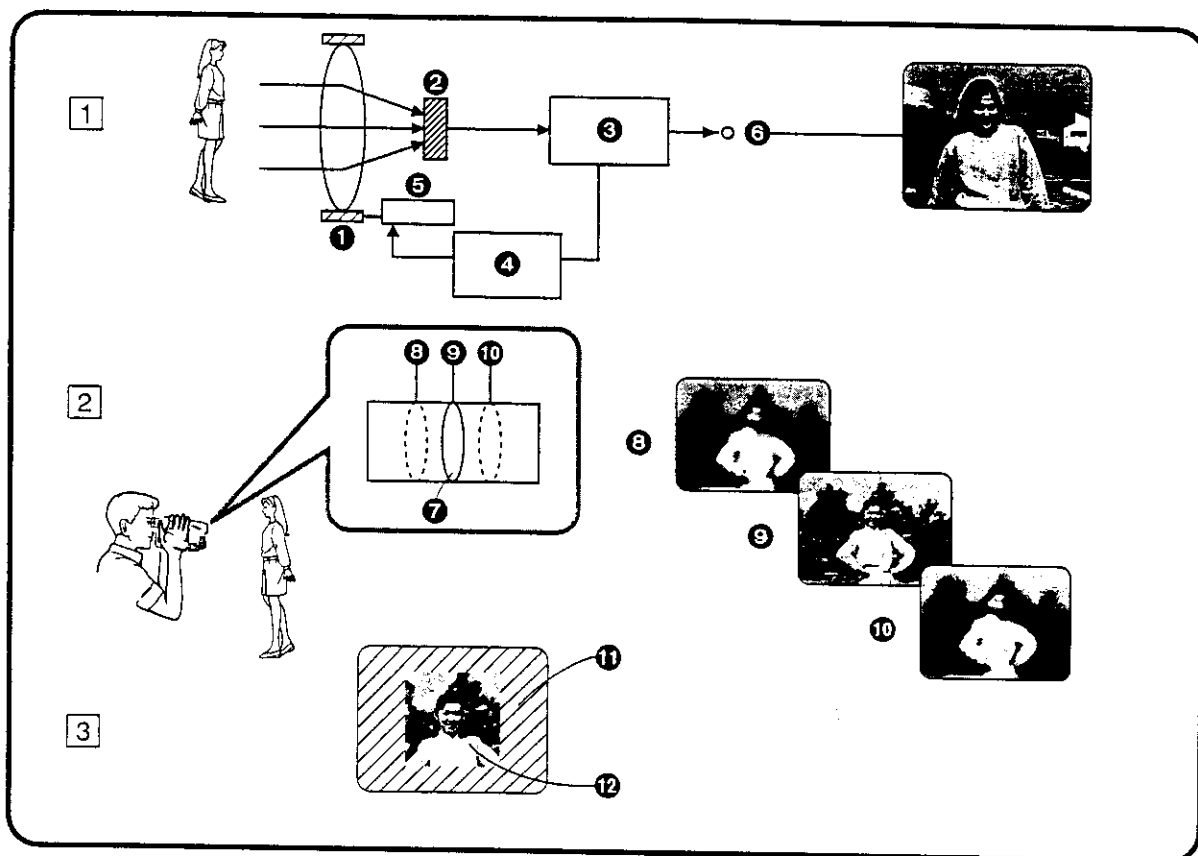
If you look at an object through a magnifying glass and move it closer or further away from your eye, you will reach a point where the object becomes clearly visible. Being focused or in focus means that the subject can be seen with optimum clarity and sharpness. The distance between the lens and the point where the rays of light come together is called Focal Distance or Focal Length and depends on the size and shape of the lens.

Human eyes have lenses too, and when we look at objects at different distances, the shape of these lenses changes automatically so that we can always see the objects clearly.

■ Auto Focus Adjustment

The image of the subject enters the Movie Camera through the lens and is converted into an electrical signal (video signal) for recording onto tape. Based on this signal, the Auto Focus System automatically adjusts the focal distance by moving the focusing lens forward or backward.

The focus is adjusted to the subject in the centre of the Finder.

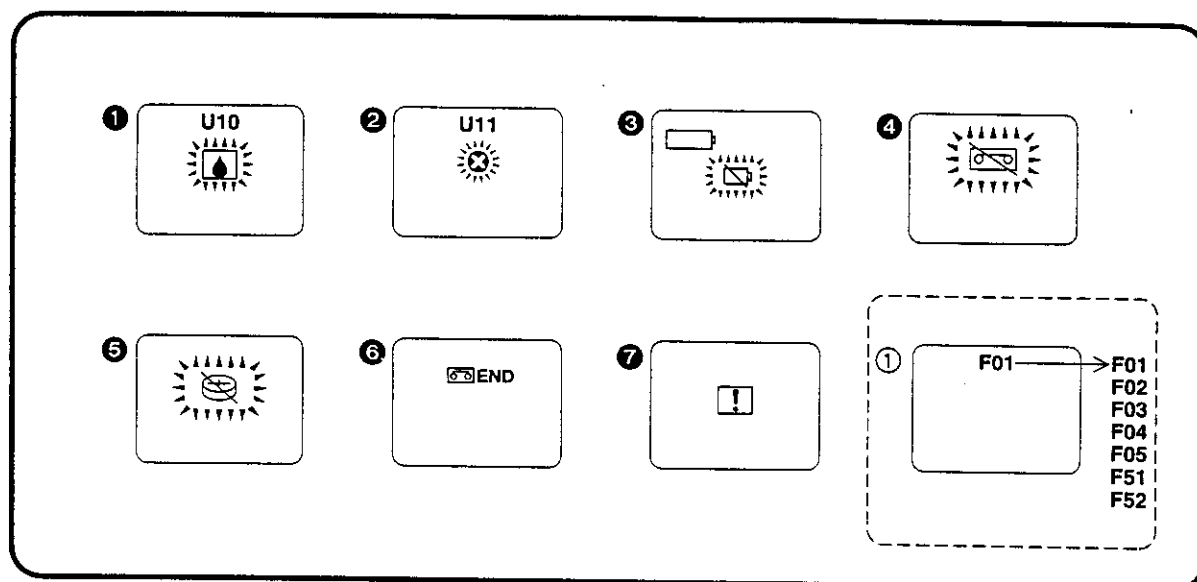


Functional Diagram of the Auto Focus Function

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|---|--------------------------------|
| ① Focusing Lens | ② CCD Image Sensor |
| ③ Signal Processing | ④ Microprocessor |
| ⑤ Focusing Lens Motor | ⑥ Picture Signal for Recording |
| ⑦ Focusing Lens | ⑪ Finder Screen |
| ⑫ Image area on which the Auto Focus Function adjusts the focus | |

When you aim the Movie Camera at the subject that you want to record, the microprocessor determines (based on the information about the vertical contours in the picture signal received by the CCD Image Sensor) whether the subject in the middle of the picture is properly focused. If not optimally focused, it quickly moves the focusing lens in tiny steps from the previous focus setting ⑧ or ⑩ until the vertical contours of the subject become sharpest ⑨.

- As this Movie Camera automatically adjusts the focus based on the information on the subject's vertical contours, precise focusing is not possible for subjects with weak vertical contours (→ 36).
- Unlike the human eye, the Movie Camera's Auto Focus System cannot change the focus from a distant to a close subject instantaneously.



Indications in the Finder/on the LCD Monitor

■ Warning/Alarm Indications

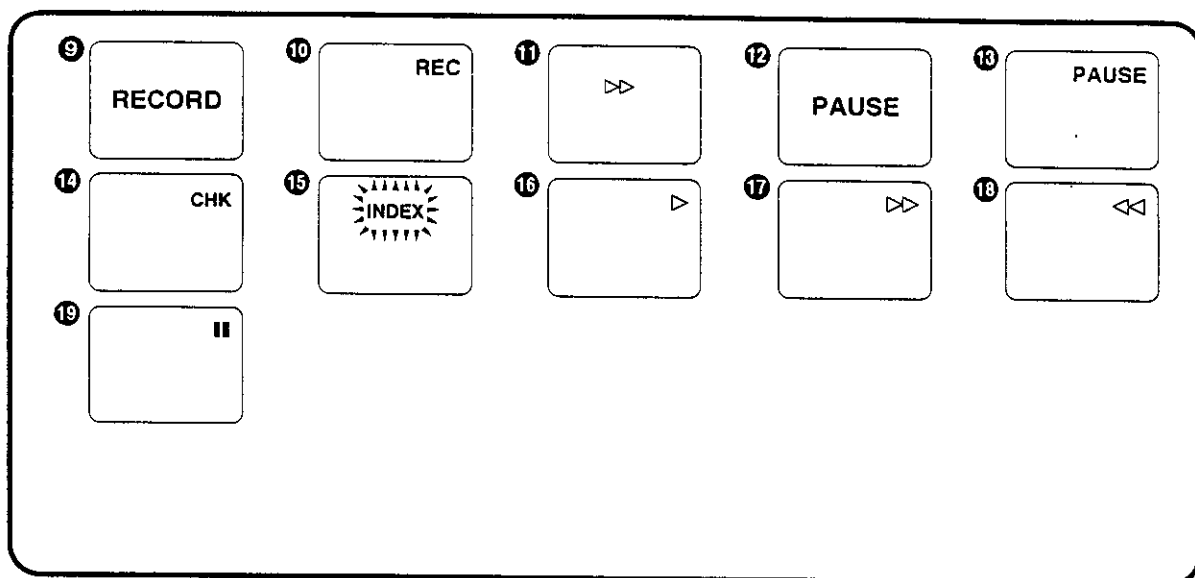
- 1 Condensation (→ 54)**
- 2 Video Head Clogging (→ 54)**
- 3 Remaining Battery Power**
When the last segment of this indication has disappeared, the Movie Camera automatically switches off. Replace the Battery with a fully charged one.
- 4 Cassette**
No cassette is inserted. Or the tab of the inserted cassette is broken out. Insert a cassette with an intact tab.
- 5 Built-in Lithium Battery (→ 21)**
The built-in Lithium Battery is exhausted. Charge it.
- 6 End of the Tape**
When the tape has reached its end, this indication appears. Insert a new cassette.
- 7 General Warning/Alarm Indication (→ 46)**
When you use the Movie Camera with the LCD Monitor facing forward, this indication is displayed on the LCD Monitor and in the Finder instead of the Warning/Alarm Indication and the Error Code Indications.

① Error Code

(Error codes are information for service personnel.)

- If the [F] Indication with a 2-digit number appears on the LCD Monitor or in the Finder, a malfunction has occurred.
- If the indicated error code is between [F01] and [F05], the Movie Camera will turn off automatically one minute after the [CAMERA] Lamp has started to flash.
- If the indication is [F51] or [F52], the Movie Camera will not turn off automatically.

F01: Locked Take Up-Reel
 F02: Locked Supply-Reel
 F03: Locked Unloading Mechanism
 F04: Locked Loading Mechanism
 F05: Locked Cylinder
 F51: Locked Focus Motor
 F52: Locked Zoom Motor



■ Recording and Playback Indications

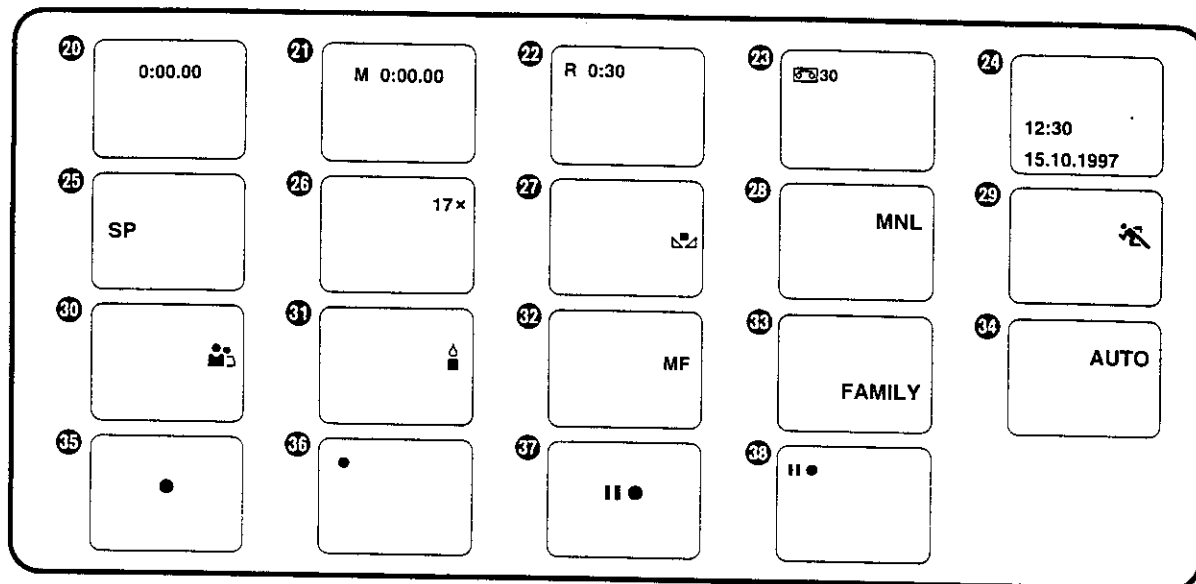
- ⑨ Recording Mode (large indication) (→ 22)
- ⑩ Recording Mode (small indication) (→ 22)
- ⑪ Tape Run Mode (→ 22)
- ⑫ Recording Pause Mode (large indication) (→ 22)
- ⑬ Recording Pause Mode (small indication) (→ 22)
- ⑭ Recording Check Mode (→ 24)
- ⑮ Index Signal Recording Mode

An index signal is automatically recorded (and the [INDEX] Indication flashes briefly in the Finder while it is being recorded) when you:

 - Turn the Movie Camera on and start recording.
 - Start recording after inserting a cassette.
 - Press the [VCR/CAMERA] Button to change from the [VCR] to the [CAMERA] Mode or vice versa.

The recording of index signals makes it possible to use the VHS Index Search or Intro Scan Function during playback on a VCR equipped with these functions.

(Refer to the operating instructions of your VCR.)
- ⑯ Playback Mode (→ 28)
- ⑰ Fast Forward/Cue Mode (→ 62)
- ⑱ Rewind/Review Mode (→ 25, 28, 32, 33, 50)
- ⑲ Still Playback Mode (→ 33)



20 Elapsed Tape Time (→ 49)

When the tape is rewound further than the Elapsed Tape Time Position [0:00.00], the minus sign [-] appears in front of the Elapsed Tape Time Indication.

21 Elapsed Tape Time with activated Memory Stop Function (→ 50)

22 Remaining Tape Time (→ 14)

23 Tape Length (→ 14)

24 Date and Time (→ 19)

25 Recording Speed Mode (→ 14, 22)

26 Zoom Magnification (→ 26)

27 Manual White Balance Mode (→ 37)

28 Manual Recording Mode (→ 37, 39)

29 Sports Mode (→ 40)

30 Portrait Mode (→ 41)

31 Low Light Mode (→ 41)

32 Manual Focus Mode (→ 39)

33 Title (→ 47)

34 Full Auto Recording Mode (→ 22)






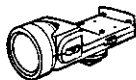
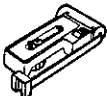

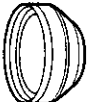
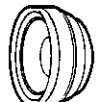



35 Recording Mode (Large indication) (→ 45)

36 Recording Mode (Small indication) (→ 45)

37 Recording Pause Mode (Large indication) (→ 45)

38 Recording Pause Mode (Small indication) (→ 45)

• The above Indications 35 to 38 are only displayed when recording with the LCD Monitor facing forward.

1. VW-VBS10E VW-VBH10E 	2. VW-VBS20E VW-VBH20E 	3. VW-KBC2E 	4. VW-ACC2E 	5. VW-RF7E 	6. VZ-LDCS13E 
7. VW-SK9E 	8. VW-LF43WE 	9. VW-LT4314WE 	10. VW-LW4307WE 	11. VZ-CT55E 	12. VW-TCA7E 
13. VW-VT1A 					

Optional Accessories

1. VW-VBS10E (Ni-Cd Battery)
VW-VBH10E (Ni-MH Battery)
2. VW-VBS20E (Ni-Cd Battery)
VW-VBH20E (Ni-MH Battery)
3. Car Battery Charger
4. Car Battery Cord
5. RF Adaptor
6. Video DC Light (requires the Shoe Adaptor for attaching to the Movie Camera)
7. Shoe Adaptor (for attaching the Video DC Light)
8. Filter Kit
9. Tele Conversion Lens
10. Wide Conversion Lens
11. Standard Tripod
12. Cassette Adaptor
13. Video Titler

• Some accessories are not available in some countries.

Specifications

VHS-C Movie Camera

Information for your safety

Power Source:	4.8 V (Battery) 6.0 V (AC Adaptor)
Power Consumption:	7.2 W (Battery Operation)
Tape Format:	VHS-C Cassette
Recording/Playback Time:	2 hours with EC60
VIDEO	
Television System:	CCIR; 625 lines, 50 fields PAL colour signal
Output Level:	VIDEO OUT (PHONO); 1.0 Vp-p, 75 ohm terminated
AUDIO	
Output Level/Impedance:	AUDIO OUT (PHONO); -6 dBV (47 kohm loaded)/less than 1 kohm
Audio Track:	1 track (Normal-Monaural)
Image Sensor:	1/4-inch CCD Image Sensor
Lens:	17:1 Wide-angle Power Zoom Lens (Optical capability) F1.4 Focal Length; 3.9-66.3 mm Digital AI Auto Focus/Auto Iris Filter Diameter; 43 mm
Finder:	3-inch Colour LCD Monitor 0.5-inch Electronic Viewfinder 1,400 lx
Standard Illumination:	
Minimum Required Illumination:	0.5 lx (Low Light Mode)
Operating Temperature:	0°C-40°C
Operating Humidity:	10%-80%
Weight:	Approx. 900 g (without Battery Pack)
Dimensions:	Approx. 87 (W) x 143 (H) x 260 (D) mm

AC Adaptor

Information for your safety

Power Source:	AC 100-240 V, 50/60 Hz
Power Consumption:	25 W
DC Output:	DC 6 V, 8.5 W (Movie Camera Operation) DC 4.8 V, 1.2 A (Battery Pack Charging)
Weight:	Approx. 210 g (without AC Mains Cable)
Dimensions:	Approx. 72 (W) x 39 (H) x 143 (D) mm

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

Before Requesting Service

Power Source

Symptom	Cause	Action	Page
•Movie Camera does not turn on.	•When using Battery as power source: Attached Battery is discharged.	•Attach fully charged Battery.	12
•Movie Camera has turned off automatically.	•Recording was paused for more than 6 minutes.	•Turn Movie Camera off and then on again.	23
•Movie Camera quickly turns off.	•Condensation has formed inside Movie Camera.	•Wait until condensation has cleared up (approximately 2 - 3 hours).	54

Cassette

•Remaining Tape Time Indication is not correct.	•Tape length of inserted cassette is not correctly selected.	•Select correct tape length.	14
•X-ray inspection was done at airport. Did it affect cassettes?	•No, it has no adverse influence.		—
•When playing back stored cassette, picture is distorted.	•Cassette may have been magnetized by other equipment.	•Unfortunately, there is no remedy. Store cassettes correctly.	53
	•Cassette was stored in unsuitable place.	•Unfortunately, there is no remedy. Store cassettes correctly.	53

Recording

•No picture appears in Finder.	•LCD Monitor is open. (except when recording with the LCD Monitor facing forward)	•Securely close LCD Monitor.	17
•Picture on the LCD Monitor is not clear.	•Picture quality is not adjusted.	•Adjust picture quality.	16
•Recording does not start when pressing Start/Stop Button.	•Tab of inserted cassette is broken out.	•Insert cassette with intact tab. Or cover hole with two layers of adhesive tape.	34
•Date/Time or Title Indication is not displayed on LCD Monitor or in Finder.	•Incorrect operation of [DATE/TITLE] and/or [PLAY/DISPLAY SELECT] Buttons.	•Press [DATE/TITLE] Button so that Date/Time or Title Indication appears, and then press [PLAY/DISPLAY SELECT] Button until desired Indication appears.	20
•Date/Time Indication is not displayed on LCD Monitor or in Finder.	•Built-in lithium battery is discharged.	•Charge built-in lithium battery.	21

Playback

•When playing back from Movie Camera to connected TV, no playback picture is reproduced on TV.	•[POWER] Switch of Movie Camera is not turned out.	•Turn [POWER] Switch out and press [VCR/CAMERA] Button so that [VCR] Lamp lights.	28
•When playing back from Movie Camera to connected TV, playback picture is distorted or contains noise bars.	•Tape is loose.	•Tighten tape.	13
	•Video heads are dirty.	•Clean video heads with optional video head cleaning cassette.	54
•Picture is not in colour.	•Colour adjustment on TV is not made properly.	•Adjust colour control on TV.	—
	•Tracking is not adjusted correctly.	•Adjust tracking correctly.	32

Remote Controller

•Remote Controller does not work.	•Button-type battery in Remote Controller is exhausted.	•Replace button-type battery with a new CR2025 battery.	44
	•Strong light falls on Remote Controller and/or Movie Camera.	•Prevent strong light from falling on Remote Controller and/or Movie Camera.	43