

Digital Video Camcorder SC-D453/D455/D457

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Multi OSD Language

You can select the desired OSD language from OSD List.

Digital Data Transfer Function with IEEE1394

By incorporating the IEEE1394 (i.LINK™: i.LINK is a serial data transfer protocol and interconnectivity system, used to transmit DV data) high speed data transport port, both moving and still images can be transferred to a PC, making it possible to produce or edit various images.

USB Interface for Digital Image Data Transfer

You can transfer images to a PC using the USB interface without an add-on card.

PHOTO

The photo function lets you capture an object as a still along with sound, while in camera mode.

900x Digital Zoom

The 900x Digital Zoom allows you to magnify an image up to 900 times its original size.

Color TFT LCD

A high-resolution color TFT LCD gives you clean, sharp images as well as the ability to review your recordings immediately.

Digital Image Stabilizer (DIS)

The DIS compensates for any handshake, reducing unstable images, particularly at high magnification.

Various Digital Effects

The digital effects allows you to give your films a special look by adding various special effects.

Back Light Compensation (BLC)

The BLC function compensates for the bright background behind a subject you're recording.

Program AE

The program AE enables you to alter the shutter speed and aperture to suit the type of scene/action to be filmed.

Digital Still Camera Function

- Using Memory Card, you can easily record and play back standard still images.
- You can transfer standard still images on the Memory Card to your PC using the USB interface.

MPEG Recording

MPEG recording makes it possible to record video onto a Memory Card.

Multi Memory Card Slot (SC-D455/D457 only)

Multi Memory Card slot is compatible with Memory Stick, Memory Stick PRO, MMC and SD.

Built-in Memory (SC-D455/D457 only)

You can use digital still camera functions without a separate external Memory Card, using the built-in memory installed in your Camcorder. (SC-D455: 32MB/SC-D457: 64MB)

Notes and Safety Instructions

Notices regarding Copyright

Television programmes, video tapes, DVD titles, films, and other programme materials may be copyrighted.

Unauthorized copying of copyrighted material may be against the law. All the trade names and registered trademarks mentioned in this manual or other documentation provided with your Samsung product are trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective holders.

Notes regarding Moisture Condensation

1. A sudden rise in atmospheric temperature may cause condensation to form inside the Camcorder.

for example:

- When you move the Camcorder from a cold location to a warm location (e.g. from outside to inside during the winter.)
- When you move the Camcorder from a cool location to a hot location (e.g. from inside to outside during the summer.)
- 2. If the (DEW) protection feature is activated, leave the Camcorder for at least two hours in a dry, warm room with the cassette compartment opened and the Battery pack removed.

Notes regarding Camcorder

- 1. Do not leave the Camcorder exposed to high temperatures (above 60°C or 140°F). For example, in a parked car in the sun or exposed to direct sunlight.
- 2. Do not let the Camcorder get wet.

Keep the Camcorder away from rain, sea water, and any other form of moisture. If the Camcorder gets wet, it may get damaged. Sometimes a malfunction due to exposure to liquids cannot be repaired.

Notes regarding the Battery Pack

- Be sure to use a recommended battery pack as described on page 22. The batteries are available at a SAMSUNG retailer.
- Make sure that the Battery pack is fully charged before starting to record.
- To preserve battery power, keep your Camcorder turned off when you are not operating it.



- If your Camcorder is in CAMERA mode, and it is left in STBY mode without being operated for more than 5 minutes with a tape inserted, it will automatically turn itself off to protect against unnecessary battery discharge.
- Make sure that the Battery pack is fitted firmly into place.
 Do not drop the Battery pack. Dropping the Battery pack may damage it.
 A brand-new Battery pack is not charged.
- Before using the Battery pack, you need to charge it completely.
- Fully discharging a Lithium-Ion battery damages the internal cells. The Battery pack may be prone to leakage when fully discharged.

Notes regarding the Battery pack

When the battery reaches the end of its life, please contact your local dealer. The batteries have to be dealt with as chemical waste.

Notes regarding the Video Head Cleaning

- To ensure normal recording and a clear picture, clean the video heads regularly. If a square block-shape distorts playback, or only a blue screen is displayed, the video heads may be dirty.

If this happens, clean the video heads with a dry type cleaning cassette.

- Do not use a wet-type cleaning cassette. It may damage the video heads.

Note regarding the Lens

Do not film with the camera lens pointing directly at the sun. Direct sunlight can damage the CCD (Charge Coupled Device).

Notes regarding electronic Viewfinder

- 1. Do not position the Camcorder such that the Viewfinder is pointing towards the sun. Direct sunlight can damage the inside of the Viewfinder. Be careful when placing the Camcorder under sunlight or near a window exposed to sunlight.
- 2. Do not pick up the Camcorder by holding the Viewfinder.
- 3. Applying excessive force to the Viewfinder may damage it.

Notes regarding 'Record' or 'Playback' Using the LCD Screen

 The LCD screen has been manufactured using high precision technology. However, there may be tiny dots (red, blue or green in color) that appear on the LCD screen. These dots are normal and do not affect the recorded picture in any way.



- When you use the LCD screen under direct sunlight or outdoors, it maybe difficult to see the picture clearly. If this occurs, we recommend using the Viewfinder.
- 3. Direct sunlight can damage the LCD screen.

Notes regarding the Hand Strap

- To ensure a steady picture while filming, check that the hand strap is properly adjusted.
- Do not force your hand into the hand strap as you could damage it.



Front & Left View



- 1. Lens
- 2. LED Light (SC-D455/D457 only)
- 3. Remote Sensor
- 4. Hand Strap Hook
- 5. Internal MIC
- 6. EASY.Q button
- 7. TFT LCD Screen
- 8. IEEE1394 Jack
- 9. USB Jack
- 10. AV/S-Video Jack
- 11. Jack Cover

Accessories Supplied with Camcorder

Make sure that the following basic accessories are supplied with your digital video camera.

1. Lithium Ion Battery Pack	2. AC Power Adapter (AA-E8 TYPE)	3. AC cord	4. Multi-AV Cable (Audio/Video/S-Video Cable)
5. Instruction Book	6. USB Cable	7. Software CD	8. Lens Cover
9. Lens Cover Strap	10. Lithium Battery (CR2025)	11. Remote Control	12. Memory Stick

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Optional Accessories

- 10. Lithium Battery for Remote Control. (TYPE: CR2025) (SC-D457 only)
- 11. Remote Control (SC-D457 only)
- 12. Memory Stick

Left Side View



- 1. Speaker
- 2. Mode Switch (MEMORY/TAPE)
- 3. DISPLAY
- 4. Focus Adjustment Knob
- 5. Viewfinder
- 6. Function buttons

PLAYER	CAMERA	M.Player
-	EASY.Q	-
✓ : REW	REC SEARCH –	REV
▶ : FF	REC SEARCH +	FWD
►/II : PLAY/STILL	FADE	S.SHOW(SLIDE SHOW)
STOP :	BLC	MULTI

7. COLOR NITE/PB ZOOM



1. Menu Selector (VOL/MF)

- 2. MENU button
- 3. Start/Stop button
- 4. Power Switch (CAMERA or PLAYER)
- 5. DC Jack
- 6. TAPE EJECT
- 7. Zoom Lever
- 8. PHOTO button
- 9. External MIC
- 10. Cassette Door

Right & Top View

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Rear & Bottom View



- 1. Memory Card Slot
- 2. Charging indicator
- 3. RESET button
- 4. Tripod Receptacle
- 5. Battery Release

Memory Card Slot (Usable Memory Card)



Remote Control (SC-D457 only)



1.	РНОТО	10. ∢∥/∥⊳ (Direction)
2.	START/STOP	11. F. ADV
3.	SELF TIMER	12. ■(STOP)
4.	ZERO MEMORY	13. II (STILL)
5.	PHOTO SEARCH	14. ∎ (SLOW)
6.	A.DUB	15. DATE/TIME
7.	▶ (FF)	16. X2
8.	∢ (REW)	17. Zoom
9.	►(PLAY)	18. DISPLAY

Tape Playback

The Playback function works only in Player mode.

Playback on the LCD Screen

It is easier to view a tape using the LCD screen as opposed to the viewfinder when in a moving automobile or outdoors.

Playback on a TV Monitor

- **#** To play back a tape, the television must be NTSC compatible.
- * We recommend that you use the AC Power adapter as the power source for the Camcorder.

Connecting to a TV which has Audio/Video Input Jacks

- 1. Connect the Camcorder to your TV with the Multi-AV cable.
 - The yellow jack: Video
 - The white jack: Audio(L)-mono
 - The red jack: Audio(R)
 - If you connect to a monaural TV, connect the yellow jack (Video) to the video input of the TV and the white jack (Audio L) to the audio input of the TV.
- 2. Set the **Power** switch to **PLAYER**.
- 3. Set the Mode switch to TAPE.
- 4. Turn on the TV and set the TV/VIDEO selector on the TV to Video.
 Refer to the TV user's manual.

5. Play the tape.

Notes

- You may use the S-Video connector on the cable to obtain better quality pictures if you have an S-Video jack on your TV.
- Even if you use the S-Video connector, you still need to make audio connections on your TV.
- If you connect the cable to the Audio/Video jack, you will not hear sound from the Camcorder's speakers.
- If only a mono audio input is available on the TV set, use the Audio cable with the white jack (Audio L).

Connecting to a TV which has no Audio and Video Input Jacks

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- Connect the Camcorder to your VCR with the Multi-AV cable.
 - The yellow jack: Video
 - The white jack: Audio(L) Mono
 - The red jack: Audio(R)
- 2. Connect a TV to the VCR.
- 3. Set the **Power** switch to **PLAYER**.
- 4. Set the Mode switch to TAPE.
- 5. Turn on both the TV and VCR.
 - Set the input selector on the VCR to Line.
 - Select the channel reserved for your VCR on the TV set.
- 6. Play the tape.

Playback

- **%** You can play the recorded tape in Player mode.
- 1. Connect a power source and set the **Power** switch to **PLAYER**.
- 2. Set the Mode switch to TAPE.
- 3. Insert the tape you wish to play back.
- 4. Using the ◀/*▶* (REW/FF) buttons, find the first position you wish to play back.
- 5. Press the ►/II (PLAY/STILL) button.
- The images you recorded will appear on the TV after a few seconds.
- If a tape reaches its end while being played back, the tape will rewind automatically.
- Notes
- The playback mode (SP/LP) is determined by the mode in which the tape was recorded.
- If the VCR has an S-Video input terminal, you may use S-Video Connector for better quality.
- The S-Video Connector transmits video only. Connect Audio cables for sound.
- If only a mono audio input is available on the TV set, use the audio cable with the white jack (Audio L).





Basic Recording

Making your First Recording

- 1.Connect a power source to the Camcorder. (A Battery pack or a AC Power adapter) Insert a cassette.
- 2.Remove the Lens cover.
- 3.Set the **Power** switch to **CAMERA**.
- Open the LCD screen.
- Set the Mode switch to TAPE.
 Make sure that STBY is displayed.
- If the write protection tab of the cassette is open (set to save), STOP and Protection! will be displayed. Release the write protection tab to record.
- Make sure the image you want to record appears on the LCD screen or Viewfinder.
- Make sure the battery level indicates that there is enough remaining power for your expected recording time.
- 4. To start recording, press the **Start/Stop** button.
- **REC** is displayed on the LCD screen.

To stop recording, press the **Start/Stop** button again.

• **STBY** is displayed on the LCD screen.

Maintenance

Cleaning and Maintaining the Camcorder

Cleaning the Video Heads

To ensure normal recording and clear pictures, clean the video heads when the playback pictures display square block-shaped noise or distortion, or a blue screen appears.



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(blue screen)

- 1. Set the **Power** switch to **PLAYER**.
- 2. Set the Mode switch to TAPE.
- 3. Insert the cleaning tape.
- 4. Press the ▶/II (PLAY/STILL) button.
- 5. Press the \blacksquare (STOP) button after 10 seconds.





Detach the Battery pack when you are finished recording to prevent unnecessary battery power consumption.

Notes

- Check the quality of the picture using a videocassette.
 If the picture quality has not improved, repeat the operation.
- Clean the video heads with a dry type cassette cleaner.
- Some cleaning cassette products stop automatically. Refer to the cleaning cassette's instructions for detailed information. If the problem continues after the cleaning, consult your nearest Samsung dealer or Authorized Service Center.

Note

Troubleshooting

Troubleshooting

 Before contacting a Samsung authorized service center, perform the following simple checks. They may save you the time and expense of an unnecessary call.

Self Diagnosis Display

Display	Blinking	Informs that	Action
	slow	the Battery pack is almost discharged.	Change to a charged one.
Tape end !	slow	When the remaining time on the tape is about 2 minutes.	Prepare a new one.
Tape end !	no	the tape reached its end.	Change to a new one.
No Tape !	slow	there is no tape in Camcorder.	Insert a tape.
Protection !	slow	the tape is protected from recording.	If you want to record, release the protection.
≜D L C R	slow	the Camcorder has some mechanical fault.	1. Eject the tape. 2. Set to OFF. 3. Detach the battery. 4. Reattach the battery. * If unresolved contact your local Samsung service center.
۲	slow	moisture condensation has formed in the Camcorder.	see below.

Moisture Condensation

If the Camcorder is brought directly from a cold place to a warm place, moisture may condense inside the Camcorder,

on the surface of the tape, or on the lens. In this condition, the tape may stick to the drum head and be damaged or the unit may not operate correctly.

The Camcorder is fitted with a moisture sensor to resist damage under these circumstances.

State of the function of the functions except cassette ejection will work.

Open the cassette compartment and remove the battery.

Leave the Camcorder in a dry, warm room for at least two hours.

Self Diagnosis Display in M.Cam/M.Player Modes

Display	Blinking	Informs that	Action
No Memory Card !	slow	There is no Memory Card in the Camcorder.	Insert a Memory Card.
Memory Full !	slow	There is not enough memory to record.	Change to a new Memory Card. Erase recorded image.
No image !	slow	There are no images recorded on the Memory Card.	Record new images.
Write protect !	slow	The Memory Card is record protected.	Release the write protect tab on the Memory Card.
Protect !	slow	When you try to delete a protected image.	Cancel the protection of image.
Read error !	slow	The Camcorder cannot playback.	Format a Memory Card or insert Memory Card recorded on this Camcorder.
Write error !	slow	The Camcorder cannot record.	Format a Memory Card or change to a new Memory Card.
Now Formatting !	slow	The Memory Card needs to format.	Format a Memory Card.
Now deleted	slow	When processing file delete.	Wait until delete has been finished.
Memory Card error !	slow	If inserted Memory Card is not recognized by the Camcorder.	Eject and re-insert the memory card. Try another Memory Card.

Direct Print Related Messages

Display	Explanation
Paper error	There is a problem with the paper.
No paper	Paper is not correctly inserted or there is no paper.
Paper Jam	The paper jammed during printing.
Ink error	There is a problem with the ink cassette.
No Ink	The ink cartridge is not inserted or is out of ink.
Print error	Turn off the printer and turn it back on.
File error	You attempted to print an image that was made with another camcorder, has a different format, or was edited on a computer.