



VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER

HR-J438E HR-J238E



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SAFETY FIRST

Safety Precautions

The rating plate and the safety caution are on the rear of the unit.

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

CAUTION

- When you are not using the recorder for a long period of time, it is recommended that you disconnect the power cord from the mains outlet.
- Dangerous voltage inside. Refer internal servicing to qualified service personnel. To prevent electric shock or fire hazard, remove the power cord from the mains outlet prior to connecting or disconnecting any signal lead or aerial.

WARNING

There are two different types of SECAM colour systems: SECAM-L, used in FRANCE (also called SECAM-West), and SECAM-B, used in Eastern European countries (also called SECAM-East).

- 1. This recorder can also receive SECAM-B colour television signals for recording and playback.
- 2.Recordings made of SECAM-B television signals produce monochrome pictures if played back on a video recorder of SECAM-L standard, or do not produce normal colour pictures if played back on a PAL video recorder with SECAM-B system incorporated (even if the TV set is SECAM-compatible).
- 3.SECAM-L prerecorded cassettes or recordings made with a SECAM-L video recorder produce monochrome pictures when played back with this recorder.
- 4. This recorder cannot be used for the SECAM-L standard. Use a SECAM-L recorder to record SECAM-L signals.

For Italy:

"It is declared that this product, brand JVC, conforms to the Ministry Decree n. 548 of 28 Aug.'95 published in the Official Gazette of the Italian Republic n. 301 of 28 Dec.'95"



- Only cassettes marked "VHS" can be used with this videorecorder.
- HQ VHS is compatible with existing VHS equipment.
- ShowView is a trademark applied for by Gemstar Development Corporation. The ShowView system is manufactured under licence from Gemstar Development Corporation.

IMPORTANT

- Please read the various precautions on this page before installing or operating the recorder.
- It should be noted that it may be unlawful to re-record pre-recorded tapes, records, or discs without the consent of the owner of copyright in the sound or video recording, broadcast or cable programme and in any literary, dramatic, musical, or artistic work embodied therein.

The OPERATE button does not completely shut off mains power from the unit, but switches operating current on and off.

To J438E Owners:

Video tapes recorded with this video recorder in the LP (Long Play) mode cannot be played back on a single-speed video recorder.

Failure to heed the following precautions may result in damage to the recorder, remote control or video cassette.

1. <u>DO NOT</u> place the recorder . . .

- ... in an environment prone to extreme temperatures or humidity.
- ... in direct sunlight.
- ... in a dusty environment.
- ... in an environment where strong magnetic fields are generated.
- ... on a surface that is unstable or subject to vibration.
- 2. DO NOT block the recorder's ventilation openings.
- 3. DO NOT place heavy objects on the recorder or remote
- control. 4. <u>DO NOT</u> place anything which might spill on top of the recorder or remote control.
- 5. <u>AVOID</u> violent shocks to the recorder during transport.

MOISTURE CONDENSATION

Moisture in the air will condense on the recorder when you move it from a cold place to a warm place, or under extremely humid conditions—just as water droplets form in the surface of a glass filled with cold liquid. Moisture condensation on the head drum will cause damage to the tape. In conditions where condensation may occur, keep the recorder turned on for a few hours to let the moisture dry.

ABOUT HEAD CLEANING

Accumulation of dirt and other particles on the video heads may cause the playback picture to become blurred or interrupted. Be sure to contact your nearest JVC dealer if such troubles occur.

INSTALLING YOUR NEW RECORDER

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Basic Connections



It's essential that your video recorder be properly connected. Follow these steps carefully. THESE STEPS MUST BE COM-PLETED BEFORE ANY VIDEO OPERATION CAN BE PER-FORMED.



CHECK CONTENTS

Make sure the package contains all of the accessories listed in "Specifications" (III pg. 35).

SITUATE RECORDER

Place the recorder on a stable, horizontal surface.

CONNECT RECORDER TO

The connection method you use depends on the type of TV you have.

RF CONNECTION

- To Connect To A TV With NO AV Input Terminals . . . a- Disconnect the TV aerial cable from the TV.
 - b- Connect the TV aerial cable non-the TV.b- Connect the TV aerial cable to the ANT. IN jack on the rear panel of the recorder.
 - **c** Connect the provided RF cable between the RF OUT jack on the rear panel of the recorder and the TV's aerial terminal.

Before operating the recorder, make sure the TV's channel is set to the VIDEO channel.

AV CONNECTION

- To Connect To A TV With AV Input Terminals . . . a- Connect the aerial, recorder and TV as per "RF
 - CONNECTION". **b**- Connect an optional SCART cable between the AV1 IN/OUT socket on the rear panel of the recorder and the TV's 21-pin SCART connector.
 - **c** Set the RF TEST switch to OFF.

Before operating the recorder, make sure the TV is set to the VIDEO (or AV) mode.

CONNECT RECORDER TO MAINS

Plug the end of the mains power cord into a mains outlet.

Tune The TV To Your Video Recorder

The video recorder sends picture and sound signals via the RF connecting cable to your TV on UHF channel 36.



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SET TV CHANNEL

Set your TV to the video channel (UHF channel 36). Two white bars appear on screen vertically.

• Tune the TV until the bars are as clear as they can be. • Your TV should be set to the channel designated for use with a video recorder, or to a spare channel if there is not a specified video channel on your TV.

RESET OUTPUT MC DDF

Return the RF TEST switch to OFF.

NOTES:

- If CH36 is occupied by a local station, adjust the RF output channel adjustment screw to use another channel between CH32 and CH40 instead.
- If some interference noise is continually seen on the screen, consult your JVC dealer.

The AV2 IN/DECODER connector can be used as an input terminal for an external decoder (descrambler). Simply connect a decoder and you can enjoy the variety of programming that is available through scrambled channels.



Connecting/ Using A Decoder



CONNECT DECODER

Connect your recorder's AV2 IN/DECODER connector to the decoder's Euroconnector using a 21-pin SCART cable.

SET TUNER

Follow the procedure starting on page 5.

NOTES:

When Connecting A Satellite Tuner . . .

... connect it to the decoder, or if you don't have a decoder connect the satellite tuner directly to the video recorder. set the AV2 SELECT switch to "AV2".

... to view a programme via the satellite tuner, select AU 2 mode by pressing TV PROG. until "AU 2" appears on the display panel.

INITIAL SETTINGS

Tuner Set



Your recorder needs to memorise all necessary stations in channel positions in order to record TV programmes. ATS+ (Auto Tuning System) automatically assigns all receivable stations in your area to call them up with the **TV PROG.** buttons without going through any vacant channels.

The following procedure describes how to select automatic channel setting.

TURN ON THE RECORDER Press OPERATE. • If your recorder is connected to the TV via AV connection, press TV/VIDEO to select the VIDEO mode. ACCESS LANGUAGE SCREEN Press and hold CH SET for more than 2 seconds. The Language screen appears. SELECT LANGUAGE Press **PUSH JOG**△▽ to place the pointer next to ENGLISH DEUTSCH FRANCAIS ITALIANO CASTELLANO NEDERLANDS SVENSKA the language of your choice, then press OK to enter your selection. The Ch. Set mode menu NORSK appears. DANSK → 0K SELECT MODE "AUTO CH SET" is the necessary mode for this AUTO CH SET F procedure, so simply press MANUAL CH SET **OK** to enter the selection. GUIDE PROG SET The Country select screen appears. $[\blacktriangle \lor] \rightarrow \bigcirc \land$ [CANCEL] : EXIT SELECT COUNTRY Press **PUSH JOG**△▽ to place the pointer next to ÖSTERREICH NEDERLANI Belgium Norsk Deutschland Portugal NEDERLAND E your country's name, then press OK to initiate Auto DANMARK ESPAÑA GREECE ITALIA SUISSE SUOMI SVERIGE OTHERS Channel Set. • As the recorder searches [▲▼] for receivable stations, it → : AUTO CH SET [CANCEL] : EXIT displays broadcasts from the stations for a few seconds as it locates them. AUTO CH SET PLEASE WAIT [CANCEL] : EXIT

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6	INITIAL SETTINGS (cont.)
	56 NIEW CONFIRMATION SCREEN The stations your recorder located appear on a Confirmation screen — channel positions (PR), channels (CH) and station names (ID- II) = 0, 21). To view the next page of the listing, press PUSH JOG Δ∇ ⊲ ▷. The blueback screen and the program currently being broadcast by the highlighted station appear alternately for 5 seconds each.
	 The stations located in the selected country appear at the top of the list. RETURN TO NORMAL RETURN TO NORMAL Press CH SET. Depending on the reception conditions, the stations may not be stored in order, and the station names may not be stored correctly. Using the Confirmation screen, you can skip or add channel positions, enter station names and perform other operations. Refer to page 29 for the procedures. For information on scrambled broadcasts, refer to page 29. NOTEES: Sine tuning is performed automatically when you select "AUTO CH SET". If you want to perform it manually, refer to page 30. To set the tuner manually, refer to "Storing Channels Manually" (cr? pg. 29).

Clock Set





If you performed Auto Channel Set (\mathbb{IP} pg. 5), the recorder's built-in clock is also set automatically. The Auto and Manual clock setting procedures are necessary when . . .

- a power outage of more than 60 minutes occurs.
- the tuner has been set manually.
- the user desires to set the clock slightly ahead of the actual time.
- the clock was not set even after Auto Tuner Set was performed.

Whether you perform Auto or Manual clock setting, you can use the convenient Just Clock function.

Just Clock

The Just Clock function provides accurate time keeping through automatic adjustments at regular intervals, by reading data from a PDC signal.

The Just Clock option appears in the Clock Set and Auto Clock screens, and can be set "ON" or "OFF" (the default setting is "ON"). Press **OK** until the Just Clock setting begins blinking, then press **PUSH JOG** $\Delta \nabla$ to change the setting.

IMPORTANT: If you turn off Just Clock off, the accuracy of your recorder's built-in clock may be reduced, which could adversely effect timer recording.

Both Auto and Manual clock setting procedures begin from step $\mathbf{3}$.

Preparation



remote control. The Clock Set screen appears.

	CLOCK SET	
TIME ≫0:100	DATE 01.01	YEAR 00
JUST TV PF	CLOCK: ON R. 1	
[▶]: AUT([▲▼] → [Clock] :	OK)	

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INITIAL SETTINGS (cont.)





NOTES:

- Auto Clock and Just Clock require a PDC signal, and will not operate with a VPS signal.
- Just Clock (when set to "ON") enables adjustment of the recorder's built-in clock every hour on the hour, except for 11 o'clock in the evening and midnight.
- Just Clock is not effective when . .
 - the recorder's power is on (unless the recorder is tuned to the same channel position selected in the Clock Set screen). the recorder is in the Timer mode.
 - a difference of more than 3 minutes exists between the
- built-in clock's time and the actual time. • If Just Clock is set to "ON", the recorder's clock is automati-
- cally adjusted at the start/end of Summer Time. • Auto clock setting and Just Clock may not function properly
- depending on the reception condition. • During Manual clock setting, if the day and month data are invalid (such as 31st April), the month digits are cleared automatically and the day digits begin blinking. Input the correct data.
- If, in step 3 of the Manual clock setting procedure, the year digits are automatically cleared and the day digits begin blinking, it is possible that you have input 29th February for a non-leap year. Input the correct data.

Auto Clock Set



At the Clock Set screen, press **PUSH JOG** ▷. The Auto Clock screen appears and clock setting begins.

• If "TV PR." isn't set to the channel position on which Auto Clock data is received, "ERROR"

AUTO CLOCK >> PLEASE WAIT << JUST CLOCK: ON TV PR. 1

appears, and then the screen from step 2 reappears. To set "TV PR.", press **OK** to place the pointer next to it, then cycle through the numbers by pressing PUSH $JOG \triangle \nabla$ until the number representing the channel position in which the station transmitting clock setting data is stored appears.

RETURN TO NORMAL SCREEN

Once clock setting is completed, press CLOCK to return to the normal screen.

Manual Clock Set



SET DATE AND TIME

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to set the hour, then press **OK**. The "minutes" display begins blinking. Repeat the procedure to set the minutes, day, month and year.

SET JUST CLOCK



The default setting is "ON". Set as desired by pressing **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$, then press **OK**.

• If you set to "OFF", you can disregard the next step as you won't be able to receive regular clock adjustments

SET CLOCK DATA SOURCE CHANNEL POSITION



The recorder is preset to receive clock setting and adjustment data from channel position 1. Press PUSH **JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to set the channel position to the number representing the station transmitting clock setting data, then press OK.

START CLOCK OPERATION Press CLOCK.



PLAYBACK

Basic Playback



The easiest, most basic operation possible with your video recorder is tape playback. Already-recorded signals on a video tape are read by your video recorder and displayed on your TV just like a TV programme.

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LOAD A CASSETTE

Make sure the window side is up, the rear label side is facing you and the arrow on the front of the cassette is point toward the recorder. Don't apply too much pressure when inserting.

- The recorder power comes on automatically and the counter is reset to 0:00:00.
- If the record safety tab has been removed, playback begins automatically.

FIND PROGRAMME START POINT

If the tape is advanced past the start point, press **REW** or turn the **SHUTTLE** ring to the left and release it. To go forward, press **FF** or turn the **SHUTTLE** ring to the right and release it.

START PLAYBACK

Press **PLAY**. "BEST" appears blinking in the recorder's display panel for 5 seconds. (CF pg. 15)

STOP PLAYBACK

Press **STOP** on the remote or **STOP/EJECT** on the recorder's front panel. Then press **STOP/EJECT** to remove the cassette.

Usable cassettes



- Compact VHS camcorder recordings can be played on this video recorder. Simply place the recorded cassette into a VHS Cassette Adapter and it can be used just like any full-sized VHS cassette.
- This video recorder can record on regular VHS and Super VHS cassettes. However, it will record and play back regular VHS signals only. It is not possible to play back a recorded Super VHS tape.

PLAYBACK (cont.)

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Playback **Features**

Take advantage of special functions possible with the recorder's controls or the remote control.

NOTE:

Refer to the SHUTTLE ring illustration below as you read the following procedures.

Still Reverse Slow ^{notion} Agy Forward Reverse search

Still Picture/Frame-By-Frame Playback

PAUSE DURING PLAYBACK

Press PAUSE. If there is vertical jitter, use the TV PROG. buttons to correct the picture.

ACTIVATE FRAME-BY-FRAME PLAYBACK

Turn the JOG dial to the right for forward frame-byframe playback, or to the left for reverse frame-by-frame playback. [J438E only]

OR Press PAUSE. OR

Press **PUSH JOG** \triangleleft or \triangleright .

To resume normal playback, press PLAY.

Slow Motion



During playback or still, turn the SHUTTLE ring to the right for forward slow motion, or to the left for reverse slow motion (refer to the illustration to the left).

OR

During still picture, press and hold PAUSE for 2 seconds, then release. Press and release again to return to still picture.

OR

During still picture, press and hold **PUSH JOG** \triangleleft or \triangleright . Release to return to still picture.

To resume normal playback, press PLAY.

Variable-Speed Search



ACTIVATE VARIABLE-SPEED SEARCH

During playback or still, turn the SHUTTLE ring to the right for forward variable-speed search, or to the left for reverse variable-speed search (refer to the illustration to the left).

OR

During playback, press **PUSH JOG** \triangleleft or \triangleright .

- The more times you press, the faster the playback picture moves.
- To decrease speed, press the button for the opposite direction.

To resume normal playback, press PLAY.

High-Speed (Turbo) Search

ACTIVATE HIGH-SPEED SEARCH

During playback or still, turn the SHUTTLE ring all the way to the right for forward high-speed search, or to the left for reverse high-speed search.

- For forward search with a visible picture, turn the $\ensuremath{\textbf{SHUTTLE}}\xspace$ ring all the way to the right and release it within 1 second.
- For reverse search with a visible picture, turn the SHUTTLE ring all the way to the left and release it within 1 second.

OR

Press FF for forward high-speed search, or REW for reverse high-speed search.

• For short searches, press and hold FF or REW for over 2 seconds. When released, normal playback resumes.

To resume normal playback, press PLAY.

Manual Tracking

Your video recorder is equipped with automatic tracking control. During playback, you can override this and adjust the tracking manually by pressing the **TV PROG**. buttons.



OVERRIDE AUTOMATIC TRACKING



Press **SP/LP (////)** on the remote to engage manual tracking.

ADJUST TRACKING MANUALLY

Press TV PROG. + or - to adjust tracking.

RETURN TO AUTOMATIC TRACKING

Press **SP/LP** (////) on the remote to re-engage automatic tracking.

NOTE:

When a new tape is inserted, the recorder enters the automatic tracking mode automatically.

Instant ReView

Simply by pressing a single button, the recorder power comes on, rewinds, and begins playback of the last timer-recorded programme. If you have several programmes recorded, you can easily access any of them.

NOTE:

Before starting, make sure that the recorder is off and that the Timer mode is disengaged.

ACTIVATE INSTANT REVIEW

Press **REVIEW**. The recorder power comes on and the recorder searches for the index code indicating the start of the last timer-recorded programme. Once it's found, playback begins automatically. The front display panel tells you how many

The front display panel tells you now many programmes have been recorded. If you have, for example, 3 programmes, "REV 3" appears and blinks. To watch the first of the 3 programmes, press **REVIEW** <u>three times</u>. The recorder searches and begins playback automatically. You can access a programme as far as 9 index codes away from the current tape position.

NOTES:

- Instant ReView is not possible while the recorder is in the Timer mode.
- The number displayed to the right of "REV" may not match the actual number of timer-recorded programmes when one or more of them is a PDC/VPS recording (IF pg. 24).

Repeat Playback

Your video recorder can automatically play back the whole tape 20 times repeatedly.



NOTE:

Pressing PLAY, REW, FF or PAUSE also stops Repeat Playback.

NTSC Playback

Your video recorder is equipped with NTSC circuitry that can play back NTSC tapes.

LOAD A CASSETTE

Insert a cassette recorded in NTSC.

START PLAYBACK

Press PLAY. "NT" appears on the display panel.

- Some TVs shrink the picture vertically and place black bars at the top and bottom of the screen. This is not a malfunction on the part of either the video recorder or the TV.
- The picture may roll up and down. This can be corrected using the V-HOLD control found on some TVs. (This cannot be corrected if the TV does not have a V-HOLD control.)
- The counter and tape remaining time readings will be incorrect.
- During search, still, or frame-by-frame playback, the picture will be distorted, and there may be a loss of colour.
- Depending on the type of TV, the top and bottom portions of superimposed displays may be cut off during NTSC playback.

PLAYBACK (cont.)

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Scene Finder

This function helps you check contents of unlabeled recorded tapes at the touch of a single button.



NOTES:

- Scene Finder cannot be used when the recorder is in the Record mode.
- If your recorder is connected to the TV using an AV connection, press TV/VIDEO to select the VIDEO mode.

ACTIVATE SCENE FINDER Press SCENE FINDER. The recorder starts forward high-

speed search for 5 seconds and then fast-forwards 10 minutes on the counter. This cycle is repeated until the end of the tape is reached.

- To start Scene Finder in the reverse direction, press SCENE FINDER and then turn the SHUTTLE ring to the left (or press the remote's **REW** button) within 2 seconds. This cycle is repeated until the beginning of the tape.
- During Scene Finder, the following indications appear on the display panel:



STOP SCENE FINDER Press STOP.

NOTES:

- During Scene Finder high-speed search, you can also hear the tape sound. During fast forward or rewind, you hear the current TV sound instead.
- Scene Finder does not function during Index Search.

Tape Position Indicator

The tape position indicator appears on screen when, from the Stop mode, you press **FF**, **REW** or perform an Index Search. The position of " \blacksquare " in relation to "0" (beginning) or "+" (end) shows you where you are on the tape.



"O.S.D." (IP pg. 17) must be set to "ON", or the indicator will not appear.

NOTE:

Depending on the type of tape used, there may be times when the indication is not correct.

Index Search

Your recorder automatically marks index codes at the beginning of each recording. This function gives you quick access to any one of 9 index codes in either direction.

NOTE:

Before starting, make sure the recorder is in the Stop mode.





ACTIVATE INDEX SEARCH

Press **PUSH JOG** \triangleleft or \triangleright (I \triangleleft or $\triangleright \triangleright$ I). "I \triangleleft 1" or " $\triangleright \vdash 1$ " is displayed on screen and search begins in the corresponding direction.

- To access index codes 2 through 9, press PUSH JOG
 ⊲ or ▷ repeatedly until the correct index number is displayed.
 - Ex.: To locate the beginning of B from the current position, press **PUSH JOG** ⊲ twice. To locate the beginning of D from the current position, press **PUSH JOG** ▷ once.





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 When the specified index code is located, playback begins automatically.

Next Function Memory

You can set your recorder's power to go off automatically after the tape is fully rewound. Before starting, make sure the recorder is in the Stop mode.

For Automatic Power Off After Tape Rewind . . .

... press **REW**, then press **OPERATE** within 2 seconds.

NOTE:

If you want the power to be turned off automatically when the counter reads "0:00:00" (instead of at the beginning of the tape), press **C.MEMORY** so that the "M" mark appears before pressing **REW**.



Tape Remaining Time

DISPLAY REMAINING TIME

Press DISPLAY until the time remaining on the tape appears.

• By pressing the **DISPLAY** button, you can change the display to show the counter reading, tape remaining time, or clock time.

NOTE:

• Depending on the type of tape used, there may be times when the tape remaining time reading may not appear right away, or is not correct. "- - : - " may sometimes appear, or the display may blink on occasion.

Counter Memory

Returns to the counter reading of "0:00:00" to conveniently find a specific place on the tape automatically.

SET COUNTER MEMORY

Press C. RESET during playback at a point you wish to locate later. The counter reads "0:00:00". Then press C. MEMORY, and "M" appears in front of the counter digits.

ACTIVATE COUNTER MEMORY

When you wish to return to the designated point, press STOP and then REW or FF.

- The tape rewinds or fast-forwards and stops at about 0:00:00 automatically.
- To cancel Counter Memory, press C.MEMORY again.

Information On Colour **System**

You can also record SECAM signals, or play back a MESECAM tape on this recorder. When a MESECAM tape is played back, "MES" appears on the display panel. MESECAM is the designation for tapes with SECAM signals that have been recorded on a MESECAM-compatible PAL video recorder.

Remote A/B Code Switching

The remote control is capable of controlling two JVC video recorders independently; one set to respond to the remote control's A code control signals and another set to respond to B code control signals. The remote control is preset to send A code signals because your video recorder is initially set to respond to A code signals. You can easily modify your video recorder to respond to B code signals.



Press OPERATE on the remote control. The recorder

NOTE:

Some TV sets may malfunction in response to the B mode. If this happens, switch back to the A mode.

RECORDING

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Basic Recording



TV signals being received by the recorder's built-in tuner can be recorded onto a video tape. You can "capture" a TV programme using your video recorder.

LOAD A CASSETTE

Insert a cassette with the record safety tab intact.

- The counter is reset to 0:00:00 and the recorder power comes on automatically.
- If your recorder is connected to the TV via AV connection, press TV/VIDEO to select the VIDEO mode.

CHOOSE A PROGRAMME

Press **TV PROG. +/-** or the **NUMBER** keys to select the channel you wish to record. The name of the station appears in the recorder's display panel for 5 seconds, followed by the channel position number. (Only stations that appear in the Confirmation screen will be displayed.)

• The **TV PROG.** dial can also be used to select a channel. [J438E only]

SET TAPE SPEED (J438E ONLY)

Press **SP/LP**. Check the SP/LP indicator on the recorder display panel to confirm the selected tape speed.

START RECORDING

Press and hold **RECORD** and **PLAY** on the remote control, or press **RECORD** on the recorder.

B.E.S.T. takes place at the beginning of both the first SP and the first LP recording after inserting the cassette (III) pg. 15).

PAUSE/RESUME RECORDING

Press PAUSE. Press PLAY to resume recording.

STOP RECORDING

Press **STOP** on the remote control or **STOP/EJECT** on the recorder. Then press **STOP/EJECT** to remove the cassette.

Accidental erasure prevention

• To prevent accidental recording on a recorded cassette, remove its safety tab. To record on it later, cover the hole with adhesive tape.



B.E.S.T. Picture System



The B.E.S.T. (Biconditional Equalised Signal Tracking) system checks the condition of the tape in use during recording and playback, and compensates to provide the highest-possible recording and playback pictures. The default setting for both recording and playback is "ON".

Recording



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As the tape check progresses, the "--" marks on the display panel increase upward. Once the "BEST" indicator starts blinking, the check is complete.

RECORDING (cont.)

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RECORD

PLAY

- The B.E.S.T. system works for both SP and LP modes only after a tape has been inserted and the Record mode is first initiated. It does not work during recording.
- In the case of timer recording, the B.E.S.T. system works before recording is initiated.
- Once the cassette is ejected, the B.E.S.T. data is cancelled. The next time the cassette is used for recording, B.E.S.T. is reperformed.

ATTENTION:

Since the B.E.S.T. system works before recording actually starts, there is a delay of approximately 7 seconds after **RECORD** and **PLAY** on the remote are pressed, or **RECORD** on the recorder is pressed. To make sure you record the desired scene or programme in its entirety, first perform the following steps:

- 1) Press and hold **PAUSE** and **RECORD** to engage the RECORD PAUSE mode.
 - The recorder then automatically checks the condition of the tape and, after approximately 7 seconds, reenters RECORD PAUSE.
- 2) Press **PLAY** to start recording.
 - If you want to bypass the B.E.S.T. system and begin recording immediately, set "B.E.S.T." to "OFF" in step 3 on page 15.

Playback

The recorder assesses the quality of the tape once you initiate playback.

When watching a tape recorded with "B.E.S.T." set to "ON", it is recommended that you leave B.E.S.T. on during playback as well.



NOTES:

- When watching a rental tape, or one recorded on another video recorder, set B.E.S.T. to your preference by performing steps 2 through 4 on page 15.
- "BEST" only appears at the beginning of automatic tracking. Even though it doesn't appear after that, the B.E.S.T. function is operative.



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On-Screen Displays



You can choose whether or not to have various operational indicators appear on screen, by setting this function ON or OFF. Messages appear in the language you selected during Auto Channel Set (ICP pg. 5).

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The superimposed indication on the TV screen tells you what the recorder is doing.



- **1** Operation mode indicators
- 2- Channel position number and station name/Aux. indicator (AUX1, AUX2 or F-AUX[J438E only])
- 3- Cassette loaded mark
- 4– Tape speed SP/LP/EP (EP is for NTSC playback only) [J438Eonly]
- 5- Clock display
- 6- Current day/month/year
- 7- Tape direction
- 8– Tape position indicator (🖙 pg. 12)
- 9- Counter display (including Counter Memory indicator)
- 10- Tape remaining time indicator
- 11- Timer warning display

RECORDING (cont.)

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Recording Features



Record One Programme While Watching Another

If your recorder is connected to the TV via AV connection, press **TV/VIDEO**. The recorder's VIDEO indicator and the TV broadcast being recorded disappear.

SELECT CHANNEL TO WATCH

Once recording is in progress, all you need to do is to set the channel controls on the TV for the station you wish to view.

- The programme selected with the TV's channel controls appears on the TV screen while the one selected with the **TV PROG**. button is recorded on the tape.
- If a decoder is connected to the recorder (IF pg. 4), you can select a scrambled channel as well with the TV channel controls.

Elapsed Recording Time Indication

You can check the exact time of a recording.

SET COUNTER DISPLAY Press DISPLAY until a counter reading appears on the dispay panel.

RESET COUNTER

Press **C. RESET** before starting recording or playback.

• The counter is reset to "0:00:00" and shows the exact elapsed time as the tape runs.

Instant Timer Recording (ITR)

This easy method lets you record for from 30 minutes to 6 hours (selectable in 30-min. increments), and shuts the recorder off after recording is finished.



Press **RECORD** on the recorder.

ENGAGE ITR MODE

Press **RECORD** again. ITR blinks and 0:30 appears on the front display panel.

SET RECORDING DURATION

If you want to record for more than 30 minutes, press **RECORD** to extend the time. Each press extends recording time by 30 minutes.

NOTE:

You can only perform ITR using the **RECORD** button on the recorder's front panel.

TIMER RECORDING

Information **On ShowView**





With ShowView, timer programming is greatly simplified because each TV programme has a corresponding code number which your recorder is able to recognise.

NOTE:

"Guide Prog. Number" (GUIDE PROG) refers to the assigned TV station numbers, according to broadcast area, for ShowView timer recording.

IMPORTANT

Perform the following procedure after the channel setting steps on pages 5 and 29 – 30, and after the Clock Set procedure on page 7.

After setting the Guide Prog. Numbers, the station names and channel positions may be incorrect if you stored or skipped channels. In this case, re-perform Guide Prog. Number setting.

Guide Prog. Number Set



SELECT MODE

Press **PUSH JOG**△▽ to place the pointer next to 'GUIDE PROG SET", then press OK. The Guide Prog. Set screen appears.

	AUTO CH SET
	MANUAL CH SET
F	GUIDE PROG SET

[▲▼] → OK [CANCEL] : EXIT

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To Record Satellite Broadcasts Using ShowView Timer Recording . .

- 1- Perform Guide Prog. Number setting.
- In step 5 in the left column, press NUMBER key "0" to set "TV PROG" to "AUX2".
- 2- Perform ShowView Timer Recording (1), 21).

To Record Satellite Broadcasts Using Regular Timer Recording . . .

1- In step 6 on page 23, press TV PROG. +/- to set the channel position to "AUX2".

NOTES:

- During timer programming, once you have selected the programme you wish to record from the satellite tuner, set the system's timer. If your satellite tuner does not have a timer, leave it switched on.
- If your recorder's front panel VIDEO and/or AUDIO connectors are being used, they take priority and "AUX2" cannot be selected. Make sure no cables are connected to the front panel connectors when performing this procedure.

- After step 3, press PUSH JOG▷.

- The GUIDE PROG number begins blinking
- 2- Enter the Guide Prog. number using the NUMBER keys or **PUSH JOG** $\Delta \nabla$, then press **PUSH JOG** \triangleright .
- The TV PROG number begins blinking. 3- Enter the channel position using the NUMBER keys or **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$, then press **PUSH JOG** \triangleleft .
- Repeat 2 and 3 as necessary.
- 4- Press CH SET.

TIMER RECORDING(cont.)

Aerial or Cable

When Using A Satellite



ShowView Timer Recording





Before performing ShowView timer recording, be sure to read "Information On ShowView" (IIF pg. 19).

Turn on the recorder first and perform the following steps.



"7" to set 🕑 to "OFF" (☞ pg. 24).

IMER

TIMER RECORDING(cont.)

SET TAPE SPEED (J438E ONLY)

Press SP/LP to set the tape speed.

RETURN TO NORMAL SCREEN

Press OK.

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• Repeat steps 1–5 for each additional programme.

ENGAGE RECORDER'S TIMER MODE Press TIMER.

NOTE:

For safety, your recorder disables all other functions while in the Timer mode. If you want to use the recorder but its Timer mode is engaged, press **TIMER** and all other functions are operable. To re-engage the timer, press **TIMER**.

To Delay The Stop Time.

... press **ADD TIME** (**NUMBER** Key "5") after pressing **OK** in step **3**. Each time you press, the Stop time is delayed by 5 minutes (meaning that 5 minutes of recording time is added). You can easily compensate for anticipated programme schedule delays this way.

To Timer-Record Weekly Or Daily Serials . .

... after pressing **OK** in step **3**, press **WEEKLY** (**NUMBER** key "9") for weekly serials or **DAILY** (**NUMBER** key "8") for daily serials (Monday–Friday).

You can programme this recorder to timer-record as many as 8 programmes. If you try to programme the recorder to record a ninth, "PROGRAM FULL" appears on screen and "FULL" appears on the front display panel. To record the extra programme, you must first cancel any unnecessary programmes (IFF pg. 24).



ノド ENTER PROGRAMME DATE **Regular Timer** Press DATE +/-. (The current date appears on screen. The date you enter appears in its place.) Programming ENTER CHANNEL POSITION If you don't know the SowView number for the programme you wish to record, use the following procedure to set your recorder Press TV PROG. +/to timer-record the programme. – P1 – T Remember, the clock must be set before you can programme • If you're not receiving STOP 22 : 00 START the timer (🖙 pg. 7). 21:00 PDC/VPS, press NUMBER Turn on the recorder first and perform the following steps. SP IN ON key "7" to set ⊙ to DATE 25. 12 "ÓFF" (🖙 pg. 24). TV PROG ACCESS TIMER PROGRAM-ARD [+/−] → ©K MING SCREEN Press PROG. ACCESS PROGRAMME SET TAPE SPEED SCREEN (J438E ONLY) Press **START +/–**. (If you're - P1 -Press **SP/LP** to set the tape speed. just starting out, "P1" START STOP appears.) SP 👁 ON **RETURN TO NORMAL** DATE 25. 12 TV PROG SCREEN [+/-] → OK After confirming all information is correct, press OK The front display panel looks like this: and the normal screen appears. • Repeat steps 1-8 for each additional programme. ENGAGE RECORDER'S TIMER MODE ENTER PROGRAMME Press TIMER. START TIME Press START +/- to enter – P1 – the time you want To Timer-Record Weekly Or Daily Serials . . . START STOP recording to start. 21:00 ... anytime during steps 2 through 8, press WEEKLY (NUMBER 🗵 ON key "9") for weekly serials or DAILY (NUMBER key "8") for SP • Press and hold START TV PROG daily serials (Monday-Friday). +/- to move in 30-DATE 25.12 minute increments, or press and release NOTES: [+/-] → OK repeatedly to move 1 To timer-record from a satellite tuner connected to your minute at a time. recorder's AV2 IN/DECODER connector, press TV PROG. +/-The front display panel looks like this: in step 6 above to set the channel position to "AUX2" You can programme this recorder to timer-record as many as 8 programmes. If you try to programme the recorder to record a ninth, "PROGRAM FULL" appears on screen and "FULL" appears on the front display panel. To record the extra programme, you must first cancel any unnecessary programmes (🖙 pg. 24). ENTER PROGRAMME STOP TIME Press STOP +/- to enter the time you want recording to stop.

Check And Cancel Programmes

ACCESS PROGRAMME SCREEN

Press PROG CHECK. Each time you press the next program's information appears.

- Press **OK** and watch the front display panel as the Start and Stop times, the Date and the Channel Position appear.
- If the recorder is turned on and the TV is set to its VIDEO mode, you can check program information on screen as well.
- If All Information Is Correct . .
- . . . programming is completed.
- If You Wish To Revise Data . . .
- ... with the recorder's power turned on, go to step 2. If You Wish To Cancel A Program . .

with the recorder's power turned on, press CANCEL. All information you input is deleted.

REVISE PROGRAMME IN-FORMATION

Input the appropriate data using the **START +/-, STOP** +/-, DATE +/- and TV PROG. +/- buttons on the remote control.

Timer Warning

If you have programmed your recorder to timer-record a programme or a series of programmes, a warning appears on screen to tell you that the recording is to start in 5 minutes.



NOTES:

- The warning only appears if you're not in the Timer mode at that time.
- If this recorder is being used as the player for tape dubbing, the warning screen is recorded on the tape in the other video recorder.

The warning blinks for the entire 5 minutes leading up to the start of timer recording. To clear the display, press CANCEL.

TIMER RECORDING(cont.)

Auto SP/LP Timer (J438E only)

If, when recording in SP mode, there is not enough tape to record the entire programme, the recorder automatically switches to LP mode to allow complete recording.

ENGAGE AUTO SP/LP
TIMER
Press AUTO SP/LP TIMER on the recorder front panel. The button lights "green".
For Example

Recording a program of 210 minutes in length onto a 180-minute tape

ŀ	Approximately 150 minutes	Approximately 60 minutes
	SP mode	LP mode
	Total 210) minutes

Make sure you press AUTO SP/LP TIMER before performing timer programming.

- The Auto SP/LP Timer feature is not available during ITR (Instant Timer Recording), and the feature will not work properly with any tapes longer than E-180 as well as some tapes of shorter lenghs.
- Even if, in step 1, you press AUTO SP/LP TIMER and it lights "green", that doesn't mean that the recorder will automatically change from SP to LP mode during the course of the recording. Watch the tape later to confirm.
- If you have programmed the recorder to timer-record 2 or more programs, the second programme and those thereafter may not fit on the tape if you engage the Auto SP/LP Timer mode. In this case, make sure the mode is not engaged, then set the tape speed manually during timer programming.
- There may be some noise at the point on the tape where the recorder switches from SP to LP mode.
- If you perform timer recording with both PDC/VPS and the Auto SP/LP Timer activated, and the programme goes beyond its originally scheduled length, there may be times when the programme cannot be recorded in its entirety.

PDC/VPS Recording

Now available from some TV stations, PDC (Programme Delivery Control) and VPS (Video Programme System) are service designed to assure safe, accurate timer recording. With this system, special code signals are transmitted together with the audio/video signals. These code signals control your video recorder and have precedence over advertised times you preset in the timer. This means that your recorder will start and stop recording when the preset TV programmes actually start and end - even if the broadcast time of a preset TV programme is changed.

To Use PDC/VPS Service.

The default setting for PDC/VPS is "ON". To cancel PDC/VPS, press NUMBER key "7" so that "OFF" is displayed on screen during ShowView or regular timer programming.

NOTES:

- When you manually enter programmes (regular timer programming), set the start time (PDC or VPS time) exactly as advertised in the TV listing. A different time than advertised will result in no recording.
- PDC/VPS recording is also possible when a satellite tuner or a cable system is connected to AV2 IN on your recorder.
- When PDC/VPS recording is performed, the Instant ReView programme readout number may not match the actual number of programmes that have been timer-recorded (🖙 pg. 11).

NOTES:

EDITING

Audio Dubbing (J438E only)



Audio dubbing replaces the normal audio sound of a previously recorded tape with a new soundtrack.

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- Audio dubbing stops automatically when the counter reaches "0:00:00", and the recorder enters the Play mode. Check the counter reading before beginning audio dubbing.
- Audio dubbing is also possible with input via the rear panel AV1 or AV2. With AV2, set the AV2 SELECT switch to "AV2".
- Connections made to the front panel AUDIO and VIDEO IN connectors are given priority over the rear panel AV1 and AV2 input connectors.

EDITING (cont.)

Edit To Or From Another Video Recorder



You can use your video recorder as the source player or the recording deck.

MAKE CONNECTIONS Connect the player's AUDIO/VIDEO OUT connector to the recorder's AUDIO/VIDEO IN connector. When Using Your Video Recorder As The Source Player connect its AV1 IN/OUT connector to the recording deck. When Using Your Video Recorder As The Recording Deck you can use the AV1 IN/OUT or AV2 IN connectors.

SET RECORDING DECK'S INPUT MODE

Set to AUX. With this video recorder, press **NUMBER** Key "0" or **TV PROG.** to select depending on the connector being used — "AU 1" for the AV1 IN/OUT connector, or "AU 2" for the AV2 IN connector.

• When using the AV2 IN connector, make sure the AV2 SELECT switch is set to "AV2".

START SOURCE PLAYER

Engage its Play mode.

START RECORDING DECK

Engage its Record mode.

NOTE:

All necessary cables can be obtained from your dealer.





VIDEO OUT

Player

Multi-Brand Remote Control



CODE	TV BRAND NAME
01	JVC
02	BRANDT, NORDMENDE, SABA, TELEAVIA,
	TELEFUNKEN, THOMSON
03	FERGUSON
04	PHILIPS
05	BLAUPUNKT, GRUNDIG
06	SONY
07	PANASONIC
08	GRAETZ, ITT, LUXOR, SALORA, SELECO
09	MIVAR
10	HITACHI
11	TOSHIBA
12	MITSUBISHI
13	FINLUX
14	NOKIA

REMOTE CONTROL

Your remote control can operate the basic functions of your TV set. In addition to JVC TVs, other manufacturer's TVs can also be controlled by setting the appropriate switch on the remote control.

Before you start . .

- Turn on the TV using its remote control.
- Set the remote control's **TV/VCR** switch to TV.

NOTE:

If your TV is a JVC, you don't have to set the code in step 1. Go to step 2.



TRY OPERATING TV

Press **OPERATE** on the remote to turn the TV off. If it goes off, try other operations.

- The **OPERATE** button, **TV/VIDEO** button, **TV PROG.** +/- button, **TV VOL**△▽ button and **MUTE** button on the remote can all be used to operate the TV.
- To return the remote to video recorder control, set its **TV/VCR** switch to VCR.

IMPORTANT

Although the provided remote control unit is compatible with JVC televisions, as well as many other models, <u>it may not work</u> with your TV, or in some instances, may have limited function <u>capability</u>.

Control Your TV Using Additional Buttons

- 2 Use the **NUMBER** keys, and the **DIGIT ENTRY** (**////**) button, the **PUSH JOG** button, the **DISPLAY** button or the **OK** button to select the TV's channel.
- With televisions under Code 01, 03, 04, 06, 07, 10 or 11, the **DIGIT ENTRY** button corresponds to the 1-digit/2-digit entry switching button (often labelled /– –) of your TV's remote control.
- With televisions under Code 01, 08 or 09, the PUSH JOG
 ↓ button corresponds to the 10 + button, and the PUSH
 JOG ▷ button corresponds to the 20 + button of your
 TV's remote control.
- With televisions using Code 09, the **DISPLAY** button corresponds to the 30 + button.
- With televisions using Code 06, the **OK** button corresponds to the ENTER button of your TV's remote control.

NOTE:

The way these buttons are used is determined by your TV. Use these buttons as instructed for your TV's remote control.

USING THE CONFIRMATION SCREEN

Storing Channels Manually

Store channels that were not stored during Auto Channel Set.

ACCESS CH. SET MODE MENU

Press and hold CH SET for more than 2 seconds. The Language screen appears. Press OK. The Ch. Set Mode menu appears.

Select Mode

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to select "MANUAL CH SET", then press **OK**. The Confirmation screen appears.

SELECT POSITION

Press **PUSH JOG**△▽⊲▷ until an open position in which you want to store a channel begins blinking, then press OK. The Manual Ch. Set screen appears.

INPUT CHANNEL

The number "02" appears blinking beneath "CH". Press the NUMBER keys to input the channel number vou want to store.

- Although "CH" is set to "02", when the Manual Ch. Set screen appears, to store channel 02, you must select "02" using the NUMBER keys.
- For fine tuning adjustment, press PUSH JOG ▷ until the item beneath "CH" begins blinking, then press **PUSH JOG** $\Delta \nabla$. While tuning, "F+" or "F-" appears.
- If necessary, to change the band between CH(regular) and CC(cable), press PUSH JOG⊲ ▷ until CH or CC is blinking, then press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to select the band.
- When storing a channel that sends scrambled broadcasts, press PUSH JOG ▷ until "DECODER" blinks, then press PUSH JOG△マ to set "DECODER" to "ON" ("OFF" is the default setting).

ENTER NEW CHANNEL INFORMATION

Press OK or STORE, and the Confirmation screen appears.

• Repeat steps 3 through 5 as necessary.

CLOSE CONFIRMATION SCREEN

Press CH SET.

• To input the station name, see page 30. To change positions, see "Change Station Channel Position" (at right).

When Receiving A Scrambled Broadcast

Make sure that the AV2 SELECT switch is set to "DECODER" (🖙 pg. 4).

- 1- Perform steps 1 and 2 above.
- 2– Press **PUSH** JOG $\triangle \bigtriangledown \triangleleft \triangleright$ to select the position of the channel broadcasting the scrambled programmes, then press OK three times

- 3- Press PUSH JOG ▷ until "DECODER" begins blinking, and set it to "ON" by pressing PUSH JOG△▽.
- Press OK to access the Confirmation screen.
- Repeat steps 2 4 for each additional channel.
- 5- Press CH SET.

Perform steps 1 and 2 of the previous procedure to access the Confirmation screen before continuing.

Delete A Channel



SCREEN Press CH SET.



Change Station Channel Position



move begins blinking. Then press OK and the station name (ID) and its channel (CH) number begin blinking.



channel position, then press OK.

Example: If you moved the station in position 3 to position 7, the stations originally in positions 4-7 each move up one space.

• Repeat steps 1 and 2 as necessary.

CLOSE CONFIRMATION SCREEN





USING THE CONFIRMATION SCREEN (con't)

Perform steps 1 and 2 of "Storing Channels Manually" on page 29 to access the Confirmation screen before continuing.

Set Stations (A)

SELECT ITEM

Press **PUSH JOG**△▽◁▷ until the item you want begins blinking. Then press OK twice and the station's name (ID) begins blinking.

SELECT NEW STATION

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ until the new station's name (ID) you want to store begins blinking. Registered station names (EP pg. 31) appear as you press PUSH JOG $\triangle \nabla$.

Switch stations

Press OK.

• Repeat steps 1 through 3 as necessary.

CLOSE CONFIRMATION SCREEN Press CH SET.

Set Stations (B)

NOTE:

First perform step 1 of the above procedure.

SELECT STATION NAME CHARACTER

Press **PUSH JOG** \triangleright and the first letter of the station name begins blinking.

ENTER NEW CHARACTER

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \bigtriangledown$ to cycle through the characters (A-Z, 0-9, -, *, +, - (space)) and stop when the desired one is indicated, then press **PUSH JOG** ▷ to enter. Enter the remaining characters the same way (maximum of 4).

After entering all characters, press OK.

- Repeat steps 1 through 3 as necessary.
- If you make a mistake, press PUSH JOG < until the incorrect character begins blinking. Then enter the correct character by pressing PUSH JOG $\Delta \bigtriangledown$.

CLOSE CONFIRMATION SCREEN Press CH SET.

Fine-Tuning Channels Already Stored



Press **PUSH JOG** $\Box a \Box a \Box b$ until the channel you want to tune begins blinking.

ACCESS MANUAL CH. SET SCREEN

Press OK three times. The Manual Ch. Set screen appears.

PERFORM TUNING

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ until the picture is its clearest. Then press OK.

• The Confirmation screen appears.

• Repeat steps 1 through 3 as necessary.

CLOSE CONFIRMATION SCREEN



Press CH SET.

TV STATION AND ID LIST

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ID*	STATION NAME	ID*	STATION NAME
1000	TV1000	ORF2	ORF2
3SAT	3SAT	ORF3	ORF3
ADLT			
	ADULT	OWL3	OWL3
ANT3	ANTENA3	PREM	PREMIERE
ARD	ARD	PRO7	PRO7
ARTE	ARTE	RAI1	RAI1
BBC	BBC GROUP	RAI2	RAI2
BBC1	BBC1	RAI3	RAI3
BBC2	BBC2	RET4	RETE4
BR3	BAYERN3	21	TELE21
C+	CANAL PLUS	RTBF	RTBF1 or 2
C1	PORTUGUSES	RTL	RTL
CAN5	CANALE5	RTL2	RTL2
CH4	CHANNEL4	RTL4	RTL4
CH5	CHANNEL5	RTP	RTP
CHLD	CHILD	S4	SCHWEIZ4
CINE	CINEMA	SAT1	SAT1
CLUB	TELECLUB	SBS	SBS
CMT	CMT	SHOW	SHOW
CNN	CNN	SIC	SOCIEDADE
CSUR	ANDALUCIA	SKY	SKY CHANNEL
DISC	DISCOVERY	SKYN	SKY NEWS
DR	DR TV	SPRT	SPORT
DRS	DRS	SRTL	SUPER RTL
DSF	DSF	STAR	STAR-TV
ETB1	ETB1	SVT1	SVT1
ETB2	ETB2	SVT2	SVT2
euro	EURONEWS	SW3	SUEDWEST3
EUSP	EUROSPORTS	TCC	TCC
FEMM	FEMMAN	TELE	TELE
FILM	FILM	TEL5	TELE5
FNET	FILMNET	TF1	TF1
FR2	France2	TM3	TM3
FR3	France3	TMC	TELEMONTECARLO
GALA	GALAVISION		TNT INT
HR3	HESSEN3	TRT	TRT INT
INFO	INFO-KANAL	TSI	TSI
ITA1	ITALIA1	TSR	TSR
ITA7	ITALIA7	TV1	BRTN TV1
ITV	ITV	TV2	BRTN TV2
ISTV	ISTV	TV3	TV3
KA2	KA2	TVE1	TVE1
KAB1	KABEL1	TVE2	TVE2
KAN2	KANAL2	TVG	TV GALICIA
LOCA	LOCAL	TVI	TV INDEPENDENT
M6	M6	TVN	TV NORGE
MBC	MBR	VCR	VIDEO
MCM	MCM	VERO	VERONICA
MDR	MDR	VH-1	VH-1
MOVE	MOVIE	VIVA	VIVA
MTV	MTV	VIV2	VIVA2
MTV3	MTV3	VMTV	VIDEO MUSIC
N3	NORD3	VOX	VOX
N-TV	N-TV	VT4	VT4
NBC	NBC SUPER	VTM	VTM
NDR	NDR	WDR1	West1
NED1	NED1	WDR3	West3
NED2	NED2	YLE1	YLE1
NED3	NED3	YLE2	YLE2
NEWS		ZDF	ZDF
NRK	NRK	ZTV	ZTV
ODE	ODEON		ł
ODL			

* The ID designator appears on your recorder's front display panel and in the on-screen listing.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Before requesting service for a problem, use this chart and see if you can repair the trouble yourself. Small problems are often easily corrected, and this can save you the trouble of sending your video recorder off for repair.

POWER		
SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
1. No power is applied to the recorder.	• The mains power cord is discon- nected.	Connect the mains power cord.
2. The clock is functioning properly, but the recorder cannot be powered.	● "⊙" is displayed on the display panel.	Press the TIMER button to turn the "O" indicator off.
TAPE TRANSPORT		
SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
 The tape does not run during recording. 	• "DD" is displayed on the display panel.	Press PLAY to turn the "III" indicator off.
2. The tape stops during rewind or fast-forward.	• "M" is displayed on the display panel.	Press C.MEMORY to deactivate the Counter Memory function and turn the "M" indicator off.
3. The tape will not rewind or fast- forward.	• The tape is already fully rewound or fast-forwarded.	Check the cassette.
PLAYBACK		
SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
 The playback picture does not appear while the tape is running. 	 If you're using the RF OUT connection, the TV receiver's channel selector is set to the wrong video channel. If you're using the AV connection, the TV receiver is not set to the AV mode. 	If you are using the RF OUT connec- tion, set the TV receiver to the RF converter channel (UHF 36). (27 pg. 3) If you are using the AV connection, set the TV to its AV mode.
2. Noise appears during visual search.	• This is normal.	
 Noise appears during normal playback. 	• The automatic tracking mode is engaged.	Try manual tracking. (🖙 pg. 11)
4. Noise appears during slow-motion playback.	• The automatic tracking mode is engaged.	Try manual tracking. (🖙 pg. 11)
5. Noise appears during still play- back.		Press PAUSE a few times to remove the noise bars from the screen.
The playback picture is blurred or interrupted while TV broadcasts are clear.	• The video heads may be dirty.	Consult your JVC dealer.
RECORDING		
SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
1. Recording cannot be started.	• There is no cassette loaded, or the cassette loaded has had its Record Safety tab removed.	Insert a cassette, or using adhesive tape, reseal the slot where the tab was removed.
2. TV broadcasts cannot be recorded.	• "AU" has been selected as the input mode.	Set to the desired channel.

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. Tape-to-tape editing is not possible.	• The source (another video recorder, camcorder) has not been properly connected.	Confirm that the source is properly connected.
	 All necessary power switches have not been turned on. The input mode is not correct.	Confirm that all units' power switches are turned on. Set the input mode to "AU".
•. Camcorder recording is not possible.	• The camcorder has not been properly connected.	Confirm that the camcorder is properly connected.
	• The input mode is not correct.	Set the input mode to "AU".
IMER RECORDING		
SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
. Timer recording won't work.	 The clock and/or the timer have been set incorrectly. The timer is not engaged. 	Re-perform the clock and/or timer settings. Press TIMER and confirm that "O" is displayed on the display panel.
. On-screen timer programming is not possible.	• Timer recording is in progress.	Timer programming can't be performed while a timer recording is in progress. Wait until it finishes.
. "①" and " [©] ⁰ " on the display panel won't stop blinking.	• The timer is engaged but there's no cassette loaded.	Load a cassette with the Record Safety tab intact, or cover the hole using adhesive tape.
. The cassette is automatically ejected, and "②" and "⑦" on the display panel won't stop blinking.	• The loaded cassette has had its Record Safety tab removed.	Remove the cassette and cover the hole with adhesive tape, or insert a cassette with the Record Safety tab intact.
. "O" blinks for 10 seconds and the Timer mode is disengaged.	• TIMER has been pressed when there are no programs in memory, or the timer record information has been programmed incorrectly.	Check the programmed data and re- program as necessary, then press TIMER again.
 The cassette is automatically ejected, the power shuts off and "@" and "でつ" won't stop blinking. 	 The end of the tape was reached during timer recording. 	The programme may not have been recorded in its entirety. Next time make sure you have enough time on the tape to record the entire programme.
 ShowView does not timer-record properly. 	• The recorder's channel positions have been set incorrectly.	Refer to "Guide Prog. Number Set" and re-perform the procedure (IFF pg. 19).
DTHER PROBLEMS		
SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
. Whistling or howling is heard from the TV during camcorder record-ing.	 The camcorder's microphone is too close to the TV. The TV's volume is too high. 	Position the camcorder so its microphone is away from the TV. Turn the TV's volume down.
When scanning channels, some of them are skipped over.	• Those channels have been desig- nated to be skipped.	If you need the skipped channels, restore them (ट्रा pg. 29).
. The channel cannot be changed.	• Recording is in progress.	Press PAUSE to pause the recording, change channels, then press PLAY to resume recording.
. The remote control won't operate the TV.	• The TV/VCR switch is in the wrong position.	Set the switch to TV.
. Channel settings that were made manually seem to have changed or disappeared.	 After the manual settings were made, Auto Channel Set was performed. 	Perform manual setting again.

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PLAYBACK

 Q. What happens if the end of the tape is reached during playback or search? A. The tape is automatically rewound to the beginning. Q. Can the video recorder indefinitely remain in the still mode? A. No. It stops automatically after 5 minutes to protect the heads. Q. During search, slow, still and frame-by-frame playback, I can't hear any audio. What's the problem? A. This is normal. Q. When returning from multi-speed search to normal playback, the picture is disturbed. Should I be concerned about this? 	 Q. When I pause and then resume a recording, the end of the recording before the pause is overlapped by the beginning of the continuation of recording. Why does this happen? A. This is normal. It reduces distortion at the pause and resume points. Q. Can the video recorder indefinitely remain in the Record-Pause mode? A. No. The video recorder goes to its Stop mode automatically after 5 minutes to protect the heads. Q. What happens if the tape runs out during recording? A. The video recorder automatically rewinds it to the beginning. TIMER RECORDING
 A. No, it is normal. Q. Noise bars appear during multi-speed search. What's the problem? A. This is normal. 	 Q. " \[] " and "O" remain lit on the display panel. Is there a problem? A. No. This is a normal condition for a timer recording in progress.
 Q. Other than preventing further recording, what effect does removing the Record Safety tab have? A. It disables marking of index codes. 	Q. Can I program the timer while I'm watching a tape or a TV broadcast?A. You won't see the picture as it is replaced by the onscreen menu, but the audio from the program or tape you're viewing can be heard.
Q. Sometimes, during Index Search, the video recorder can't find the programme I want to see. Why not?A. There may be index codes too close together.	

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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ATTENTION:

This recorder contains microcomputers. External electronic noise or interference could cause malfunctioning. In such cases, switch the recorder off and unplug the mains power cord. Then plug it in again and turn the recorder on. Take out the cassette. After checking the cassette, operate the unit as usual.

SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

Power requirement	: AC 220 – 240 V∼, 50/60 Hz
Power consumption	: 20 W
Temperature	
Operating	: 5°C to 40°C
Storage	: –20°C to 60°C
Operating position	: Horizontal only
Dimensions (WxHxD)	: 400 x 94 x 340 mm
Weight	: 4.3 kg
Format	: VHS PAL standard
Maximum recording tim	e
(SP)	: 240 min. with E-240 video
	cassette
(LP) [J438E only]	: 480 min. with E-240 video
,	cassette

VIDEO/AUDIO

Signal system	: PAL-type colour signal and CCIR monochrome signal, 625 lines/50 fields
Recording system	: DA4 (Double Azimuth) head helical scan system (HR-J438E) Rotary two-head helical scan system (HR-J238E)
Signal-to-noise ratio	: 45 dB
Horizontal resolution	: 250 lines
Frequency range	: 70 Hz to 10,000 Hz
Input/Output	: 21-pin scart connector x 2 (IN/OUT x 1, IN/DECODER x 1) RCA connector x 1 (IN x 1) [J438E only]

TUNER/TIMER

TV channel storage	
capacity	: 99 positions
. ,	(+AUX position "AU")
Tuning system	: Frequency synthesized tuner
Channel coverage	: VHF 47 – 89/104 – 300/
C	302 – 470MHz
	UHF 470 – 862MHz
Aerial output	: UHF channel 36
	(Adjustable 32 – 40)
Memory backup time	: Approx. 60 min.
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ACCESSORIES	

ACCESSORIES

Provided accessories

: RF cable, Infrared remote control unit, "R6" battery x 2

Specifications shown are for SP mode unless otherwise specified. E.& O.E. Design and specifications subject to change without

notice.

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REMOTE CONTROL



Installing Batteries

- Open the battery compartment cover.
- Insert 2 "R6"-size batteries (provided) in the correct
- directions.



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How To Use

The remote control can operate most of your video recorder's functions, as well as basic functions of TV sets of JVC and other brands (IIF pg. 28). • Point the remote control toward the sensor window.

- The maximum operating distance of the remote control is about 8 m.

NOTE:

If for some reason the remote control doesn't work properly, remove its batteries, wait a short time and then try again.

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