VOD-HOME

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User's Manual

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1 Introduction

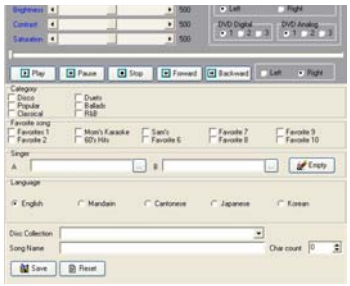
1.1 Product Summary

DKKaraoke VOD-Home is a multi-media software program that allows you to backup all your digital AV files in your PC and play them back instantly on your TV screen using a remote control.

All your karaoke songs, music videos, movies and photos are categorized for convenient retrieval with file titles displayed on attractive menus on your computer screen.

DVD, VCD discs, MPEG files are encoded into VOD-Home proprietary format before storage.

Songs, movies, MP3, photos data are easily added to the program using the VOD Administrator.



1.2 Key Features

- **Links Computer to Home Theatre**

VOD-Home combines your computer and home theatre (TV monitor and stereo system) so you do not have to use a DVD or VCD player. A remote control is used to select any song, movie or photo you wish to view. Forget using your computer keyboard and mouse.

- **Song Selector Program**

Find any file you backup in seconds, thanks to an easy-to-use database structure. No more searching every file and disc to play the exact song, movie or picture you want to show.

- **Perfect for Karaoke**

Selection menus show your favourite songs, albums, categories, artists, countries, photos.

- **Easy Data Entry**

  Karaoke, movies, songs, home videos, and photos are organized in a database for easy access.

  You decide the category names so finding any song, movie, video, photo is simple and fun!

- **Parental Control**

  Lock *Movies, Photos,* or *My Video* file folders with password required entry.

1.3 Unpacking

- **CD-ROM installation disc** contains includes VOD-Home Program Selector and VOD Administrator program.

- **Remote Control** allows you to control all program functions and select the songs, movies or photos you wish to play. You only need to use your keyboard and mouse when inputting data or editing song, movie or photo information in the Administrator program.

- **Remote sensor** receives signals from the remote control and sends request data to the computer.

- **Video decoder card** is installed in your computer and plays audio and video to your stereo system and TV monitor.

- **Cables** are connected from the Video decoder card to your TV monitor (video) and stereo system (audio)

- **User Manual** will instruct you on how to set-up, input data, and use the VOD Home software.

1.4 Ready to go

Step 1: Confirm you have all the VOD-Home components
Step 2: Install the video decoder card
Step 3: Install the USB sensor
Step 4: Insert batteries in remote sensor
Step 4: Install VOD Home software
Step 5: Open VOD Home program selector and browse the menus
Step 6: Open VOD Administrator, backup your songs, movies, photos

2 Installation

2.1 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- Intel® or AMD-based PC with 650MHz or higher CPU
- OS: Windows 98 (2nd Edition) / Windows 2000 / Windows XP
- PCI 2.1 compliant expansion slot
- 128 MB RAM or above
- 20GB free or more hard disk space
- CD-ROM drive (DVD-ROM recommended)

2.2 Install Video Card

2.2.1Card Installation

- Turn off the computer.
- Pull out the power cord and all the connections of external devices from your system.
- Refer to the original case user's manual to see how to open your case.
- Select one unused PCI expansion slots of your computer. Unscrew the slot cover and remove it.
- Remove the Video Card from the anti-static bag and hold its metal bracket part.

- Plug the card into an unused PCI slot with care on the bottom of the edge. Then fit the adapter bracket on case frame just like the slot cover.
- Turn on computer.
- Install Video Card drivers found in the driver folder of the installation disc.
- Restart computer.

2.3 Install Remote Control

2.3.1 Sensor Receiver Installation

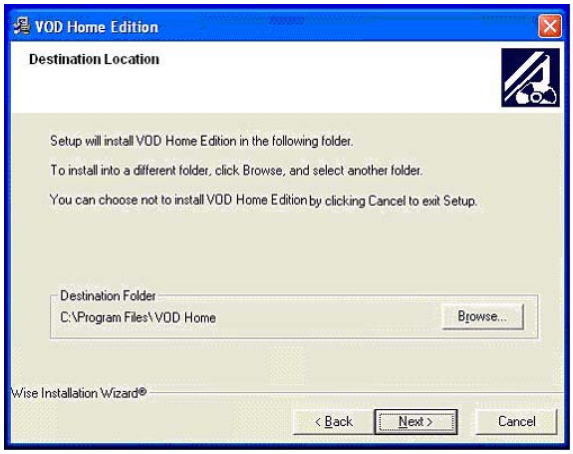
- Plug sensor receiver of the remote control in USB connection of your pc.
- Turn on computer
- For Windows 98, install Remote Control sensor driver from installation disc.

2.3.2 Remote Control Batteries

- Insert two AA size batteries into the remote control.

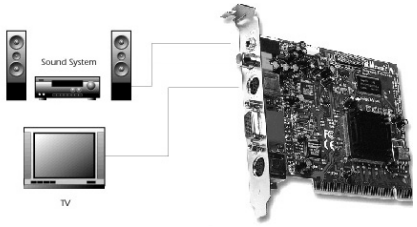
2.4 Install VOD HOME Software

2.4.1 Software Installation

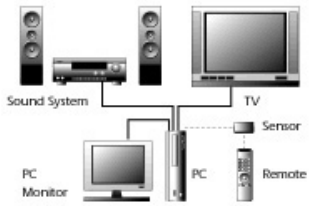


- Insert DKKaraoke VOD-Home installation disc into your CD-ROM drive and run "setup.exe" file to install.
- Follow the instructions of the Wizard Installation file; it will automatically install the program files on your computer hard drive.
- Default destination folder for VOD Home is Volume C.
- After successful installation, VODHome and VODAdmin shortcuts will be located on the Desktop.
- Should you need further instructions please go to "Support" on our website (www.vodhome.com).

2.5 System Connection



Video Card Connection Diagram



VOD Home System Diagram

After installation of video card, connect your system as follows:

- Video card **TV Out** to TV
- Video card **Audio Out** to receiver/amplifier

NOTE: If a separate sound card is installed, connect:

- Video card **Audio Out** to Sound card **Line In**
- Sound card **Line Out** to receiver/amplifier

3 Software Overview

3.1 VOD Home

VOD Home is the program selector. The personally customized menus help you locate your favorite music videos, karaoke songs, movies, home video clips, MP3 and digital photos stored in your computer. Movies and music play out through your TV monitor (video) and sound system (audio). Digital photos are displayed only on your computer monitor.

Click on desktop icon to start VOD Home program.

3.2 VOD Admin

VOD Administrator is the database manager for adding songs, movies, and photos to your VOD Home program. You can play all audio and video files from within the VODAmin program, and edit previously entered data, and manage all your media files here.

Click on desktop icon to start VODAmin program.

3.3 VOD Home Main Menu

- ① Favorites– select songs from several categories you setup.
- ② Albums – select songs from several categories of albums.
- ③ Artists– select songs from several categories of artists.
- ④ Categories– select songs by music category.
- ⑤ Movies– select movies from several categories.
- ⑥ My Videos– select your home videos.
- ⑦ Photos– select your photos from several categories.

- Selected– view the songs and movies you have selected to play.
- Control– view and control functions of song or movie playing.
- F1– switch language of VOD Home program
- Exit– close VOD Home program
- Enter – to return to previous page (menu).

3.4 VOD Admin Window Overview

A system password is required for entry to VOD Administrator. The default password is 1-2-3-4-5. See explanation 4.1.3 below on how to change the system password.

- File – settings for file search, encrypting, password
- View – song, movie, mp3, home video, photo windows
- Edit – language, categories, artist list, update database
- Media Tools – convert VCD, DVD to VOD, CD to MP3
- Help – tips and key features of VOD Administrator
- Exit – close program
- Add Path – add/delete paths to songs/movies, photos, MP3 files
- Media Tools - convert VCD, DVD to VOD, CD to MP3
- Add Song – add song manager
- Add Movie – add movie manager
- Add MP3 – add MP3 manager
- Add Photo – add photo manager
- Add My Video – add home video
- View Manager – song, movie, MP3, photo, video, file manager
- Update – update all database items

4 System Operation

4.1 Data Input

4.1.1 Search Path Settings

- Use *settings* to add and remove paths for each file type before adding songs, movies, MP3, home video, or photo files

- Open File menu in the VOD Admin window. Under ***Setting***, click on *Song/Movie/Photo search paths*.

4.1.2 Encrypt Settings

- This function can also be called “Parental Control” and is used to deny unauthorized access to designated files without the *Encrypt* password. Default password setting is “123 Enter”. To change *User Encrypt Password*, see 4.1.3 below.

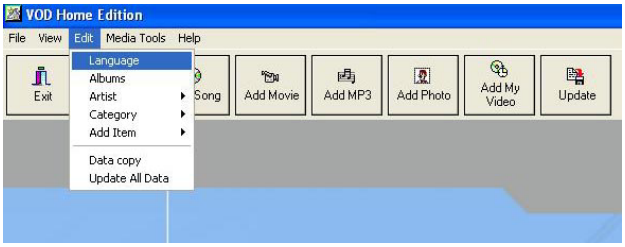
- Under *Setting*, click on *Song/Photo category encrypt*. Select “Encrypt” to enable encrypting of songs, movies, videos or photo files. Select “Normal” for no encryption.

4.1.3 Change Passwords

- A *System password* is required to use VODAdmin program. The default setting is "12345Enter".

- To change *System password*, *Song/Movie Encrypt* or *Photo Encrypt* passwords, click on *File/ Setting/ Password*.

4.1.4 Edit



- Under *Edit*, click on *Language* to add, delete, or edit song/movie language. Click *OK* to save changes. Default languages cannot be deleted or edited.

- Click on *Song Albums* to add, delete, or edit song album category. Default categories cannot be deleted or edited. Click *OK* to save changes.

- Click on *Artist/edit* to add, delete or edit artist name, category, or country. Click *OK* to save changes.

- Click on *Artist/country* to add, delete or edit artist category. Click *OK* to save changes.

- Click on *Category/song and movie* to add, delete, or edit song (karaoke and music videos) and movie categories. Click *OK* to save changes. Default categories cannot be deleted or edited.

- Click on *Category/MyFavorite Song* to add, delete, or edit *Favorites* categories.

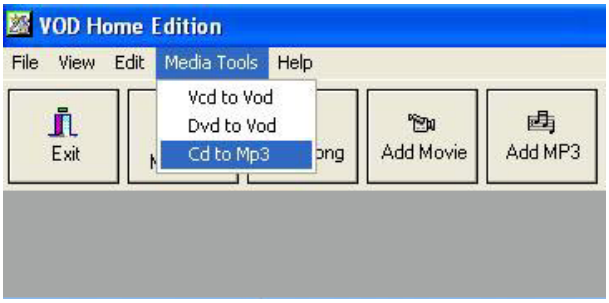
- Click on *Category/Photo* to add, delete, or edit *Photo* categories.

- Click on *Add item* for adding karaoke songs, music videos, MP3, or digital photos. Addition of songs, MP3 or photos can be done by clicking on icons located on the task bar. (see details below for further instructions on adding karaoke songs, music videos, movies, MP3 and photos)

- Click on *Data copy* to copy VOD, MP3, or photos files.

- Click on *Update All Data* to update VOD Home database. When adding new files, or after editing search paths, be sure to check in the box for *add/delete files.*

4.1.5 Media Tools

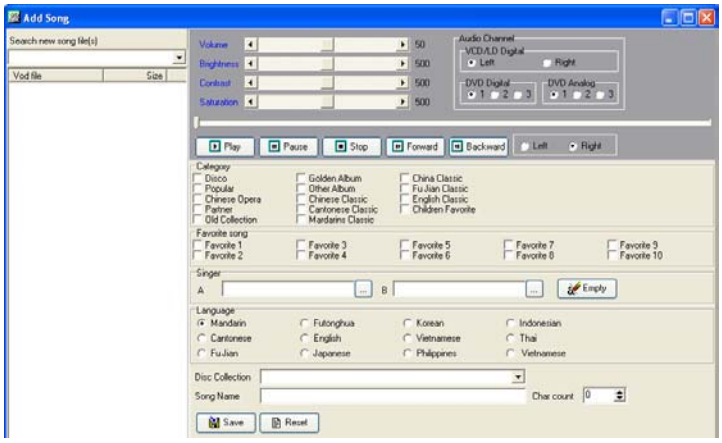


- Under *Media Tools,* click on *VCD to VOD* to convert VCD files to VOD. Be sure to insert VCD disk in your computer's CD-ROM drive first.

- Click on *DVD to VOD* to convert DVD files to VOD. Be sure to insert DVD disk in your computer's DVD-ROM drive first.

- Click on *CD to VOD* to convert MP3 files stored on disc to VOD. Be sure to insert CD disk in your computer's CD-ROM drive first.

4.1.6 Add Song

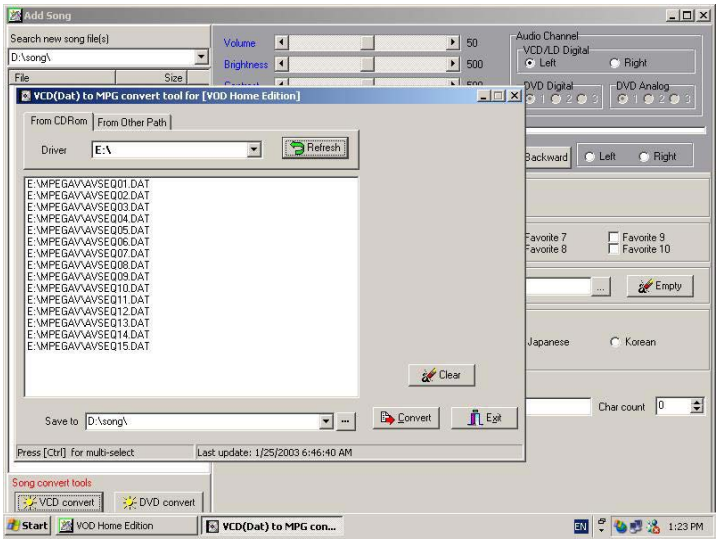


- Click on *Add Song* icon or Add item under Edit Menu (refer to 4.1.4 above) in VodAdmin window.

- To add a new song (karaoke or music video), first select *Search new song files*. If necessary, add new paths for *Song/Movie files* under File Menu ~ Settings ~ Song/Movie/Photo search paths (refer to 4.1.1 above).

- ***Hint:*** It is not a good idea to add a CD-ROM drive as a path.

4.1.7 VCD/DVD convert



- Use the VCD/DVD convert function located at bottom left corner of Add Song window to convert DAT/VOB files to .vod files.

- Save these files to a folder on your hard drive. Then designate that folder as a path name.

- Songs saved in MPEG format should be changed to VOD format by renaming the file extension. Rename .mpg file extension to .vod before searching song path for VOD files.

- Long file names should be shortened to 7 letters or less. For example, if the file name is “Frankie goes to Hollywood.mpg”, shorten file name to “frankie” and change extension name to .vod. New file name should be *frankie.vod*

- After new song (vod file) is displayed in left side window, click *Play* button to view song on TV monitor and confirm audio channels for karaoke vocal.

- Use *Volume, Brightness, Contrast, Saturation* slide controls to adjust as necessary.

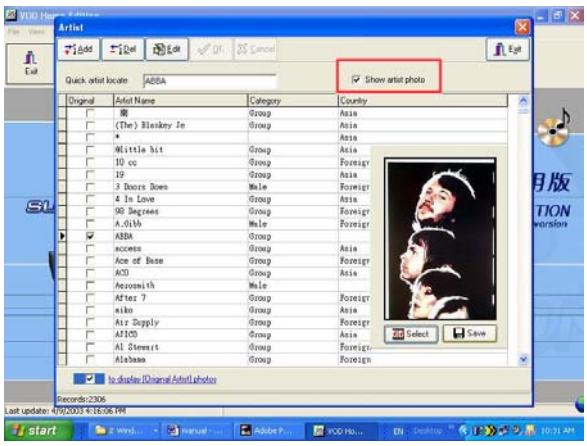
- For VCD, select digital audio channel input and check *left* or *right*. (For karaoke vocals check the channel were vocals are heard).

- For DVD, select digital audio channel input and check *digital 1, 2, or 3*, and check *analog 1, 2, or 3*.
  (For karaoke vocals, check the analogy channel where vocals are heard).

- Select the category or categories where you want the song title to appear in *Song Categories* menu(s) in VOD Home.

- Select the favorite(s) where you want the song to appear in *Favorites* menu(s) in VOD Home.

- Add Artist (A, B) name by clicking on button on the right side of the artist name box. Select artist from list in pop-up window. If the artist's name does not exist in the database, add artist name under Edit ~ artist in VodAdmin window (refer to 4.1.4 above).



- To add Artist Photo, check [Show Artist Photos] at top of Artist edit page Click [Select] and choose Artist Photo from VODHome/SingerPhoto folder and Save. Check *Original* box on right side for Photo to display in *Original Artist* menu or *Local Artist* menu.

- Return to Add Song Window and select song language from those listed. If the language does not appear here, add language under Edit ~ language in VodAdmin window (refer to 4.1.4 above).

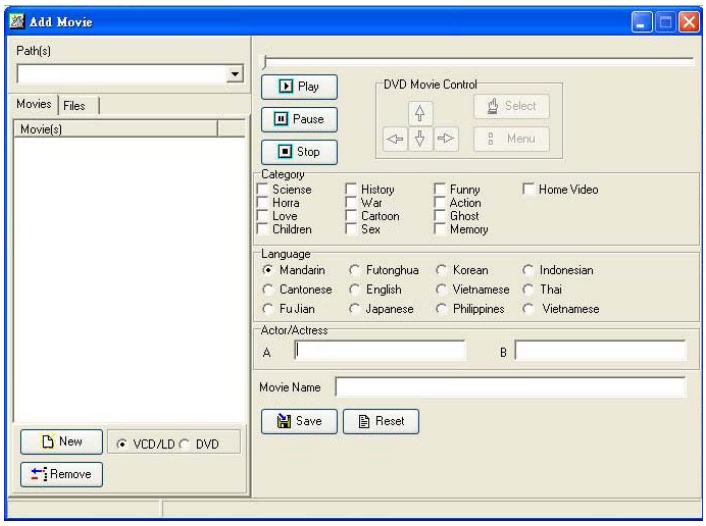
- Select Disc Collection from scroll-down menu. Addition of new Disc Collection can be made under Edit ~ Disc Collection in VodAdmin window (refer to 4.1.4 above).

- Type in Song Name and Save.

- Don’t forget to Update All Data before running VODHome program selector.

4.1.8 Add Movie

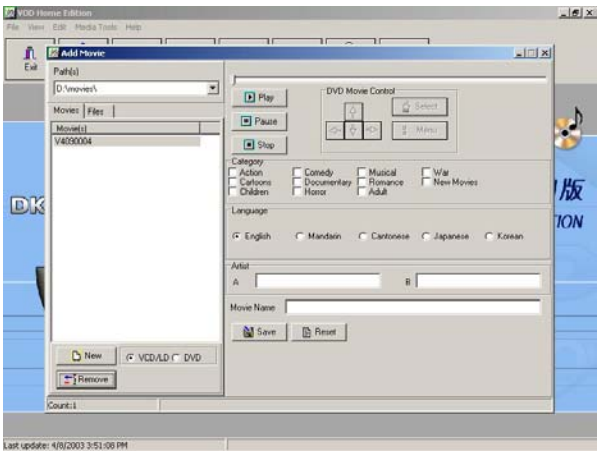
- Click on *Add Movie* icon or Add item under Edit Menu (refer to 4.1.4 above) in VodAdmin window.



- If necessary, add new path for *Song/Movie files* under File Menu ~ Settings ~ Song/Movie/Photo search paths (refer to 4.1.1 above).

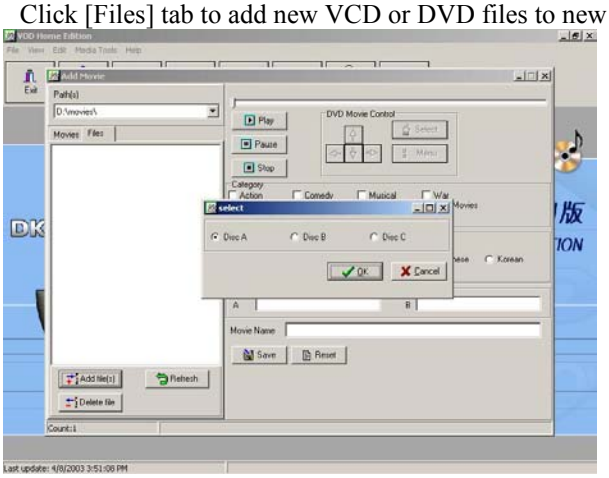
- Select Path where movie files are or will be saved. Previously saved movie file which have not been added to VOD Admin will appear in folders. If no movie files have been saved, the Movie window will be empty.

- Click VCD or DVD depending on which type of disc you have inserted in your CD-ROM drive.

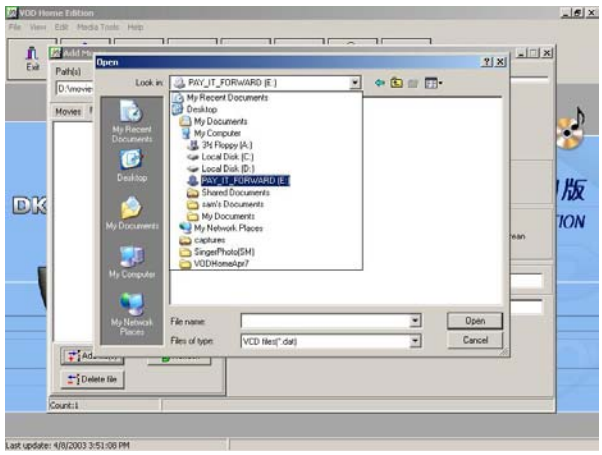


- Click [New] to create new movie file folder in Movie window.

- Click [Files] tab to add new VCD or DVD files to new folder.



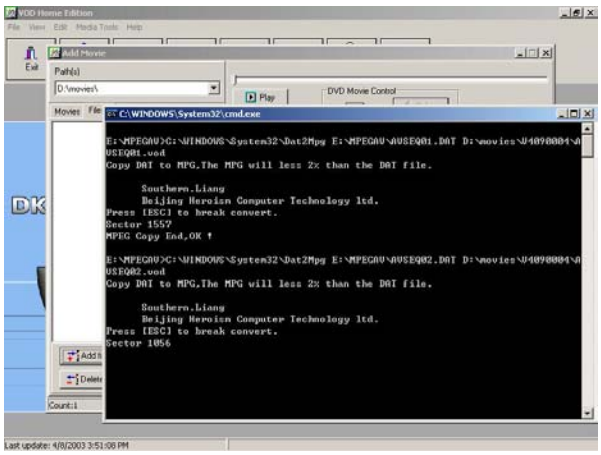
- Click [Add File] and select Disc A for one disc movie or for the first disc of more than one disc movie set. Click [OK].



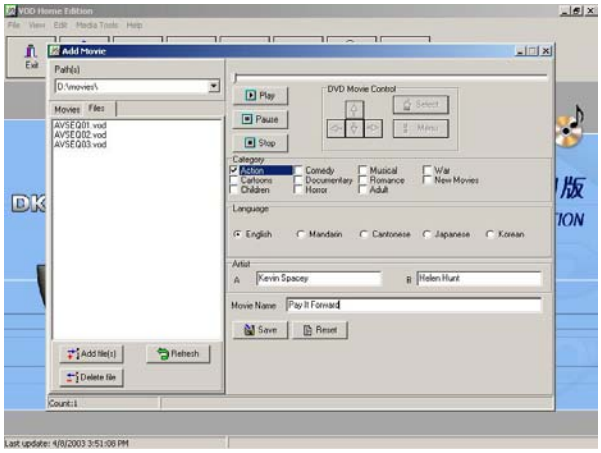
- [Open] window appears. Choose CD-ROM drive at top of window and VCD files at bottom. Choose DVD files if saving DVD movie. Open movie disc.

- Choose MPEGAV folder for VCD movie files and [Open].

- Select all AVSEQ files and [Open].



- Conversion from VCD to VOD begins. When complete, return to Add Movie window.



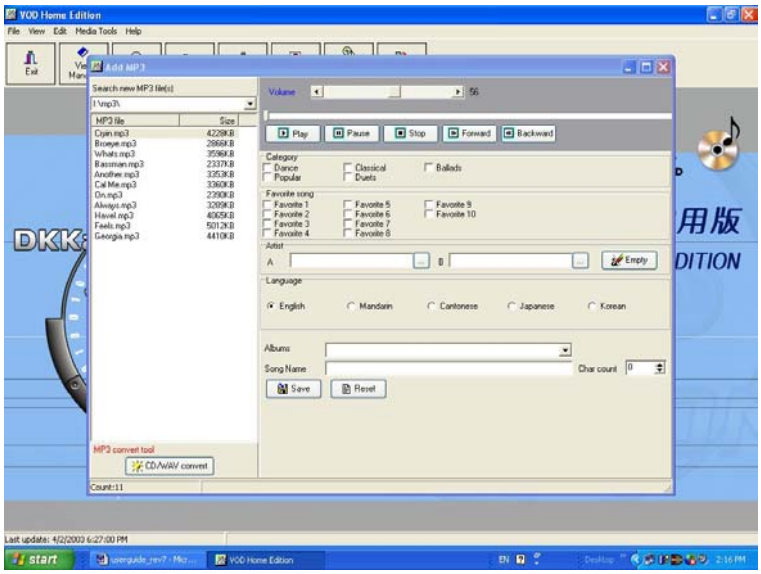
- Converted files now appear in new movie folder.

- Click *Play* button to view song on TV monitor, or use DVD controls in case of DVD movies.

- Select the appropriate *Categories* and *Language* boxes.

- Type in *Actor* and *Movie name*, and Save.

4.1.9 Add MP3



- Click on *Add MP3* icon or Add item under Edit Menu (refer to 4.1.4 above) in VodAdmin window.

- To add a new MP3 file, first select *Search new MP3 files*. If necessary, add new paths for *Song/Movie files* under File Menu ~ Settings ~ Song/Movie/Photo search paths (refer to 4.1.1 above).

- If no MP3 files have been saved to your hard disk, then you can use CD~WAV convert function located at bottom left corner of Add MP3 window.

- Select *Search new MP3 files* and allow program to search the selected path.

- After new MP3 file is displayed in left side window, click *Play* button to hear on song and make any necessary adjustments using the *volume control.*

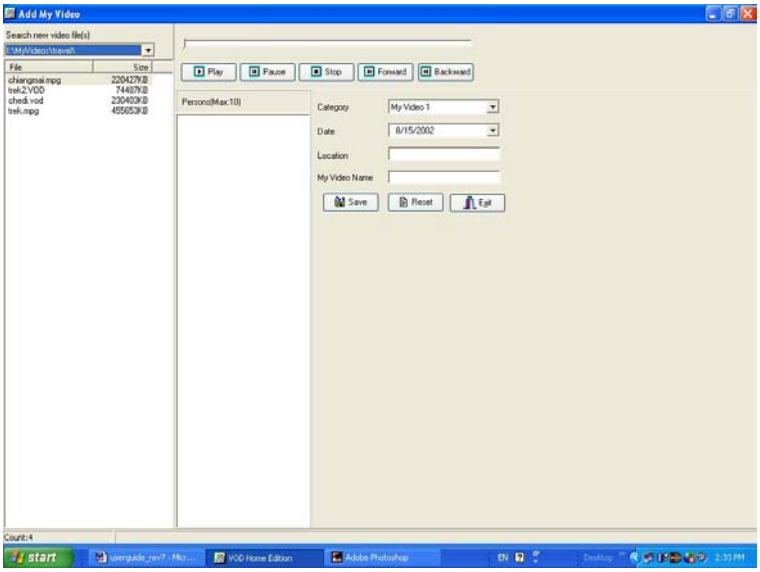
- Select the appropriate *Categories, Favorite songs* and *Language* boxes.

- Click on the button in *Artist name* window to locate the appropriate artist.

- If artist name has not been added to the Artist list, then return to the VODAdmin main window, select Edit Artist in the pop-up Edit menu, and add artist name, region, and female/male/group information.

- Select *Album* category, type in *Song Name* and Save.

4.1.10 Add My Video

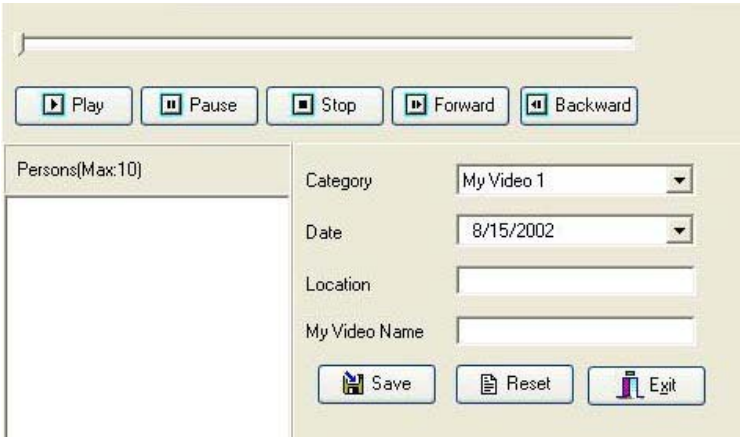


Note - *My Video* files must be first prepared as mpeg files.

- Click on *Add My Video* icon or Add item under Edit Menu (refer to 4.1.4 above) in VodAdmin window.

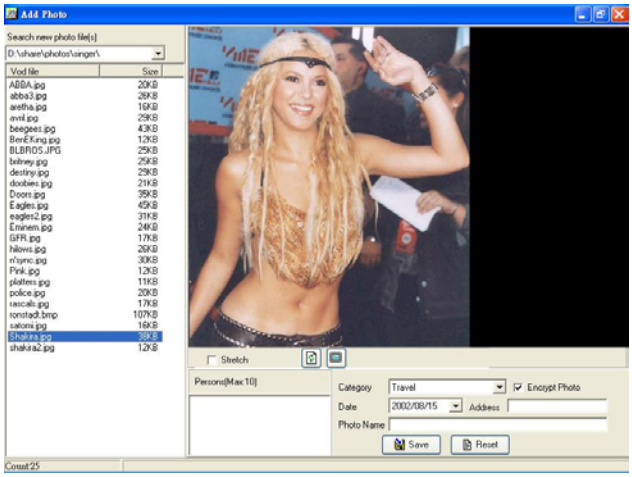
- Select *Search new video files*. If necessary, add new paths for *Photo/My Video files* under File Menu ~ Settings ~ Song/Movie/Photo search paths (refer to 4.1.1 above).

- After .mpg file is displayed in left side window, use player to confirm content of *My Video*.



- Input required data: *category, encrypt, date, location*, *name*.
- Click *Save* to add *My Video* data.
- Click OK to *Video file added.*

4.1.11 Add Photo



- Click on *Add Photo* icon or Add item under Edit Menu (refer to 4.1.4 above) in VodAdmin window.

- To add a new JPEG photo file, first select *Search new photo files*.

- If necessary, add new paths for *Photo files* under File Menu ~ Settings ~ Song/Movie/Photo search paths (refer to 4.1.1 above).

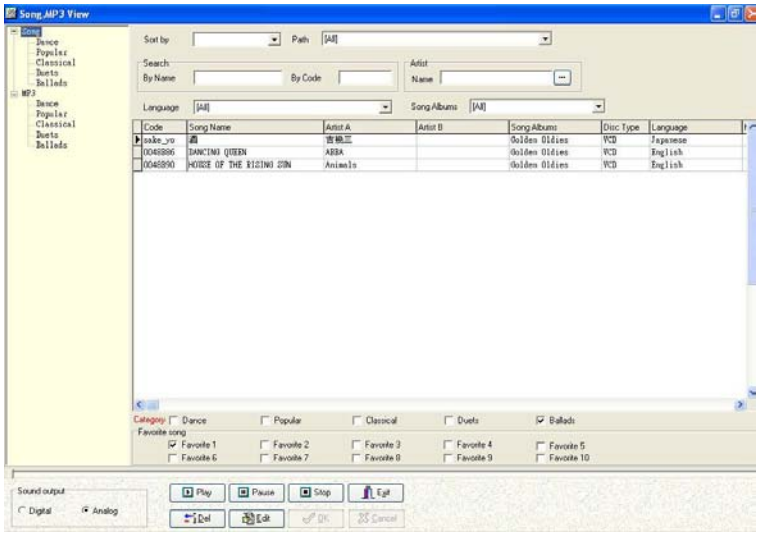
- After new photo file is displayed in left side window, input required data: category, encrypt, date, place, photo name. Save to add photo data to database.

- Click OK to *Photo file added.*

4.1.12 View Manager

- Click on View *Manager*, to view all karaoke songs, music videos, movies, MP3 currently in the VOD Home database.
- Check *Songs* and click *View* to see songs, MP3 entries.
- Check *Movie* and click *View* to see movie entries.
- Check *Photo* and click *View* to see photo entries.
- Check *My Video* and click *View* to see my video entries.

4.1.13 Song View



- Use *Sort by* to reorder selection of songs or MP3 files currently in the database.

- Use *Search by Name, Code, Artist* to quickly locate any single song name or code entry, or all songs by any one artist.

- Select *Language* or *Albums* to narrow the list of entries.

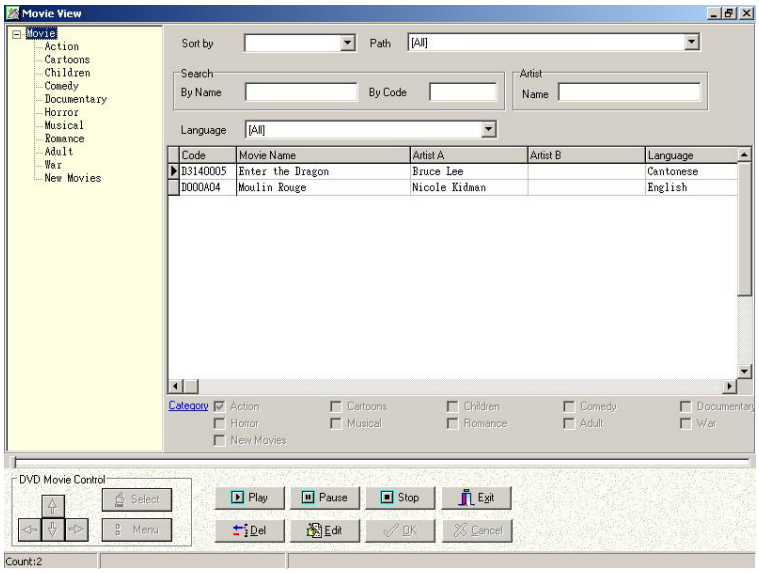
- See the *Favorite song* boxes checked for selected *Favorite* menu displays in VOD Home.

- See the *Category* boxes checked for *Song Categories* menus displayed in VOD Home.
- Use *Play, Pause, Stop* buttons to control selected song.

- Use *Sound Output* for digital/analog audio selection.

- Use Delete, Edit, OK, Cancel to modify Song name, Artist name, Album category, Disc Type, Language, Volume, VCD/DVD digital/analog input, picture brightness/contrast/saturation, or search file path. Be sure to click *OK* to save any changes made in this window.

4.1.14 Movie View



- Use *Sort by* to reorder selection of movie files currently in the database.

- Use *Search by Name, Code, Artist* to quickly locate any movie or code entry, or in all movies any one artist appears.

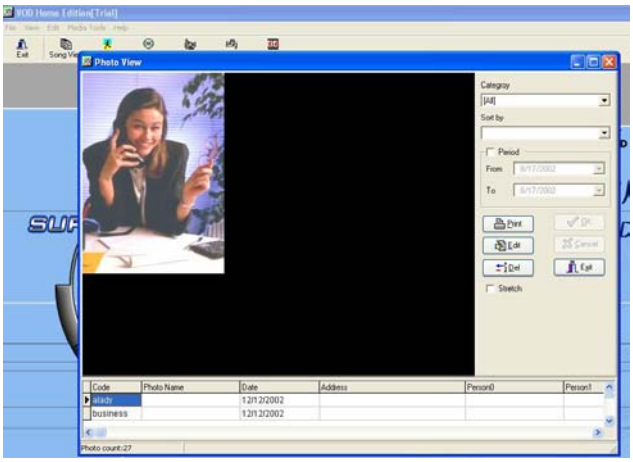
- Select *Language* to narrow the list of entries.

- See the *Category* boxes checked for *Movie Categories* menu displayed in VOD Home.

- Use *Play, Pause, Stop* buttons to control selected movie.

- Use *DVD Movie Control* for DVD setting selections.

4.1.15 Photo View



- Use *Category* selector to view photos displayed under the five Photo category menus.

- Change *Category* names in Category/Photo under the Edit menu (see 4.1.4 Edit above).

- Use *Sort by* to reorder photo data by *Date or Category*.

- Use *Period* to select photos from a certain period of time.

- Use *Print* to print selected photo.

- Use *Edit, Delete* to modify photo data – *Category, Name, Date, Place, Persons*. Be sure to click *OK* to save any changes.

4.2 Program Selection

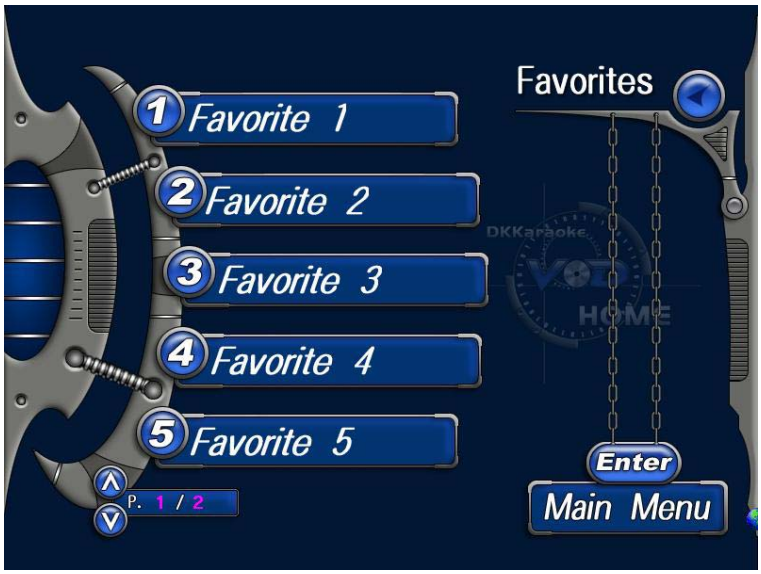
4.2.1 Main Menu

- Category selections include:
  ① Favorites
  ② Albums
  ③ Artists
  ④ Categories
  ⑤ Movies
  ⑥ My Videos
  ⑦Photos

- Using the remote control or keyboard, select the number corresponding to the menu you wish to view.

- Or with your computer mouse, click on the menu you wish to view.

4.2.2 Favorites



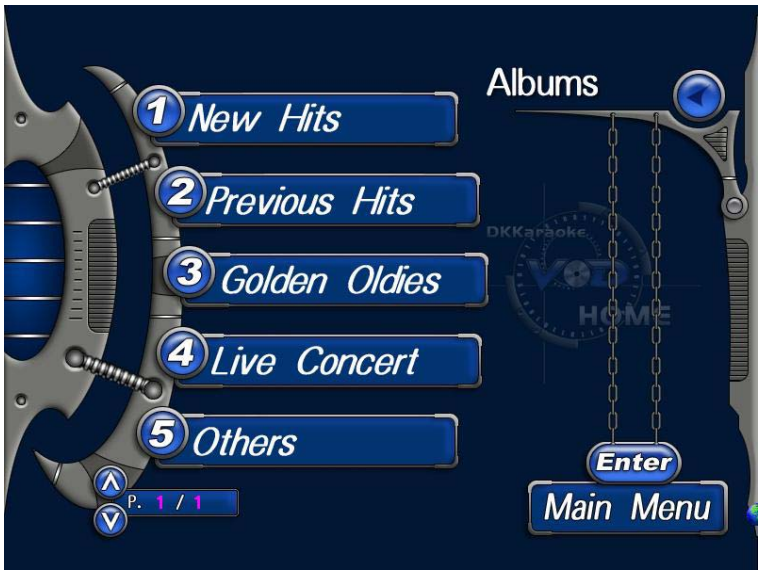
- *Favorites* is used to select any category within this menu you have created and saved in VODAdmin.

- *Favorites 1, 2, 3,* etc. can be renamed as you like. Use this menu to organize favorite songs, karaoke, or family or friends favorites (refer to 4.1.4 above).

- Use the *Page Up/Down* button to scroll additional pages.

- Click [Enter] on keyboard, or [Enter] on remote or mouse to return to the previous page.

4.2.3 Albums

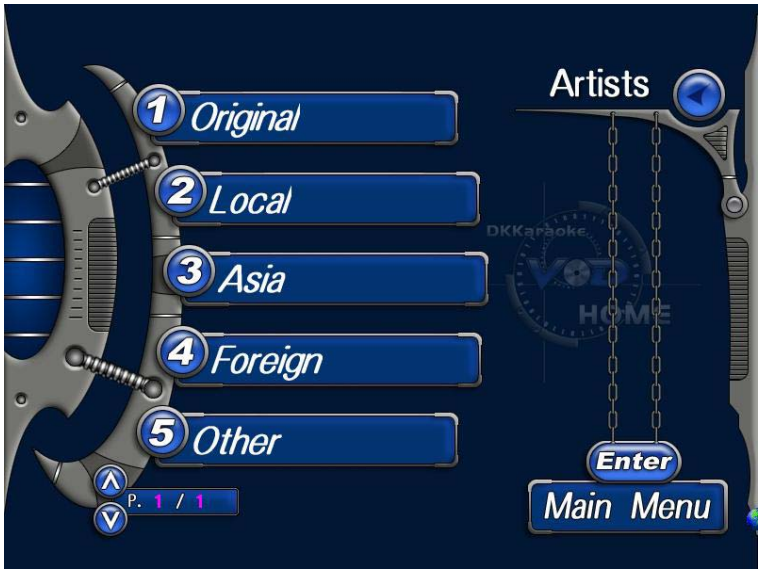


- Album selections include:
  ① New Hits
  ② Previous Hits
  ③ Golden Oldies
  ④ Live Concert
  ⑤ Others
- *Albums* is used to select any category within this menu you have created and saved in VODAdmin.

- *Albums* categories can be renamed as you like (refer to 4.1.4 above). Use this menu to organize categories of albums you backup in VODAdmin.

- Use the *Page Up/Down* button to scroll additional pages.

4.2.4 Artists



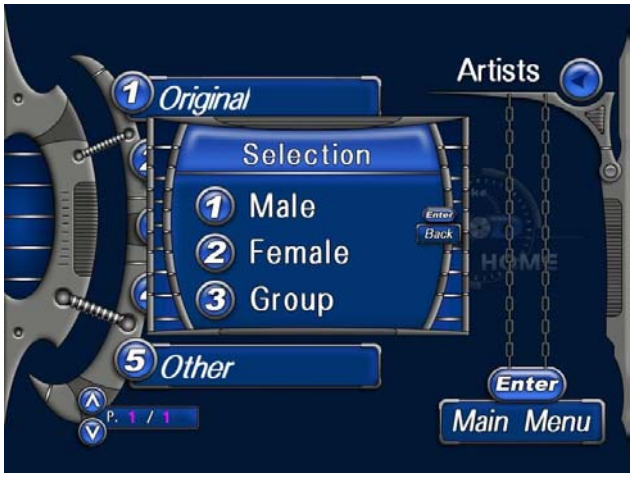
- Artist categories include:
  ① *Original artist photos*
  ② *Local artist photos*
  ③ *Asian artists*
  ④ *Foreign artists*
  ⑤ *Other artists*

- *Artists* menu is used to select any category within this menu you have created and saved in VODAdmin Edit/Artist/Edit setting.

- *Artists* categories can be added as you like (refer to 4.1.4 above). Use this menu to organize categories of artists you add in VODAdmin.

- Use the *Page Up/Down* button to scroll additional pages.

4.2.5 Artists Selection



- Artists selections include:
  ① *Male artists*
  ② *Female artists*
  ③ *Group artists*

- Choose ①, ②, or ③ for the lists of artists you wish to view.

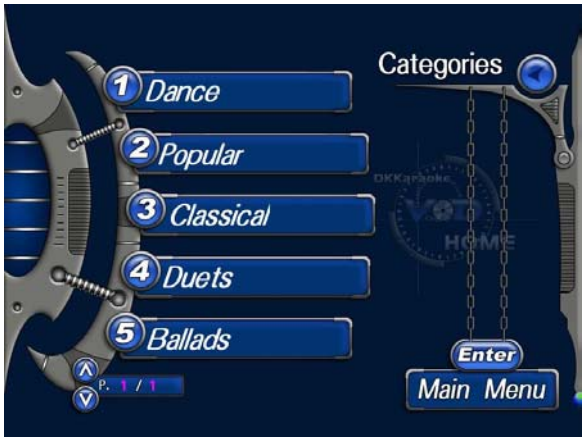
4.2.6 Artist List

- Choose the artist whose songs you wish to view.

4.2.7 Song List

- Songs of that artist appear in the song list.

4.2.8 Category



- Song categories include:
  ① *Dance*
  ② *Popular*
  ③ *Classical*
  ④ *Duets*
  ⑤ *Ballads*

- *Categories* is used to select any sub-categories within this menu you have created and saved in VODAdmin program.

- *Song categories* can be added as you like (refer to 4.1.4 above). Use these menus to select songs you have organized in the song categories in VODAdmin.

- Use the *Page Up/Down* button to scroll additional pages.

4.2.9 Movies

- *Movies* selections include:
  ① *Action* ⑥ *Horror*
  ② *Cartoons* ⑦ *Musical*
  ③ *Children* ⑧ *Romance*
  ④ *Comedy* ⑨ *Adult*
  ⑤ *Documentary* 0 *War*

- *Movies* is used to select any category within this menu you have created and saved in VODAdmin.

- *Movie* categories can be added as you like (refer to 4.1.4 above). Use these menus to select movies you have organized in the movie categories in VODAdmin.

- Use the *Page Up/Down* button to scroll additional pages.

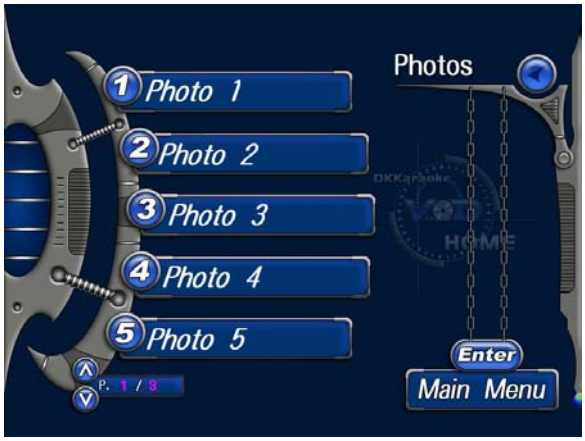
4.2.10 My Video

- *My Video* is used to select any category within this menu you have created and saved in VODAdmin.

- Like *Favorites, My Video 1, 2, 3,* etc. can be renamed as you like. Use these menus to organize your home movies or videos, or your family and friends videos (refer to 4.1.4 above).

- Use the *Page Up/Down* button to scroll additional pages.

4.2.11 Photos



- *Photos* is used to select any category within this menu you have created and saved in VODAdmin.

- Like *My Video, Photos 1, 2, 3,* etc. can be renamed as you like. Use this menu to organize your photos, or your family and friends' photos (refer to 4.1.4 above).

- Use the *Page Up/Down* button to scroll additional pages.

5 Remote Control

Remote Control for Player Functions

① Open Control Panel
② Repeat (song etc.)
③ Digital/Analog switch
④ Stop (song etc.)
⑤ Clear request
⑥ Volume increase
⑦ Volume decrease
⑧ Return to previous page
⑨ Return to file start
⑩ Stop file
⑪ Fast forward
⑫ Previous file
⑬ Play file
⑭ Next file
⑮ Page up
⑯ Page down
⑰ Change file priority
⑱ Delete from playlist
⑲ Change language
⑳ DVD menu control

6 *Helpful Reminders*

6.1 Path Settings

Be sure to set new path settings in VODAdmin before backing up any of your DVD/VCD/MPEG/MP3/JPG files.

6.2 Files names and uses

6.2.1 VOD – files in which songs and movies are saved.

MPEG – files in which My Videos are saved.
MP3 – files in which MP3 are saved
JPEG – files in which Photos are saved

6.2.1 Song and Movie VOD files

Song and Movie files must be must be saved as VOD files in order to play in VODAdmin or in VODHome. Use the VODHome converter when backing up songs or movies from your VCD/DVD discs.

6.2.2 Song or Movie MPEG files

Song or Movie MPEG format files must have .vod extension names. Remember to change extension names after backing up mpeg files as songs or movies.

6.2.3 Home video files

My Video files must be saved in MPEG first before they are backed up in VODAdmin. Remember to save your home video files in mpg format and place them in a folder named “MyVideos”.

6.3 Data Updates

6.3.1 Update All Data

Be sure to update all data after editing any information in VODAdmin. If files have been added or deleted, be sure to check the prompt box before updating all data.

6.4 Error Messages

6.4.1 Sensor Error

If the USB sensor is not connected, a "Sensor Error" will display.

6.4.2 No Card Error

If the Video card is not installed, or not connected properly, or drivers not installed, a "No Card Error" will display.

7 Troubleshooting

7.1 VODAdmin Input

7.1.1 No VOD files message when adding song/movie

"No VOD files found" message appears when VOD files are not found in the designated path.

- Check to see if the path does have VOD files, and the proper path is designated. (refer to **4.1 Data Input** above for details)
- Be sure MPEG file extensions have be renamed to .vod
- VCD (DAT files) and DVD files have been converted. (refer to **4.1.10 Add Song** above for details)

7.1.2 No files message when adding home video

"No files found" message appears when VOD/MPEG files are not found in the designated path.

- Check to see if the path does have VOD or MPEG files, and the proper path is designated. (refer to **4.1 Data Input** above for details)

- Be sure the home video file has been saved as MPEG file.

7.1.2 Changes VODAdmin edit function do not show

Changes made in Edit functions (search path, language, artist, country, category, favorite etc.) do not show in *Add Song/Movie, Add Photo, Add MP3.*

- Close VODAdmin and re-open.

7.1.3 Artists photos do not appear

Artist photos added in VODAdmin do not appear in VOD Home

- Be sure Artist photos have been saved in *VODHome*, in *Data/SingerPhoto* folder.

- Be sure Original Artist box is checked in VODAdmin, Edit/Artist/Edit.

- Be sure to Update all data in VODAdmin.

7.1.4 Songs do not appear in Song View window

- Be sure to click on "Song" at top left of Song View window.

7.1 VOD Home Program Selection

7.2.1 New or edited data does not show in VOD Home

New songs, movies, photos, MP3 are not seen in the VOD Home menus

- Update *song, movie, photo, MP3 data* in VODAdmin *Edit.*

7.2.2 "No Card or Driver" message

- Be sure Video Card and necessary drivers have been properly installed.