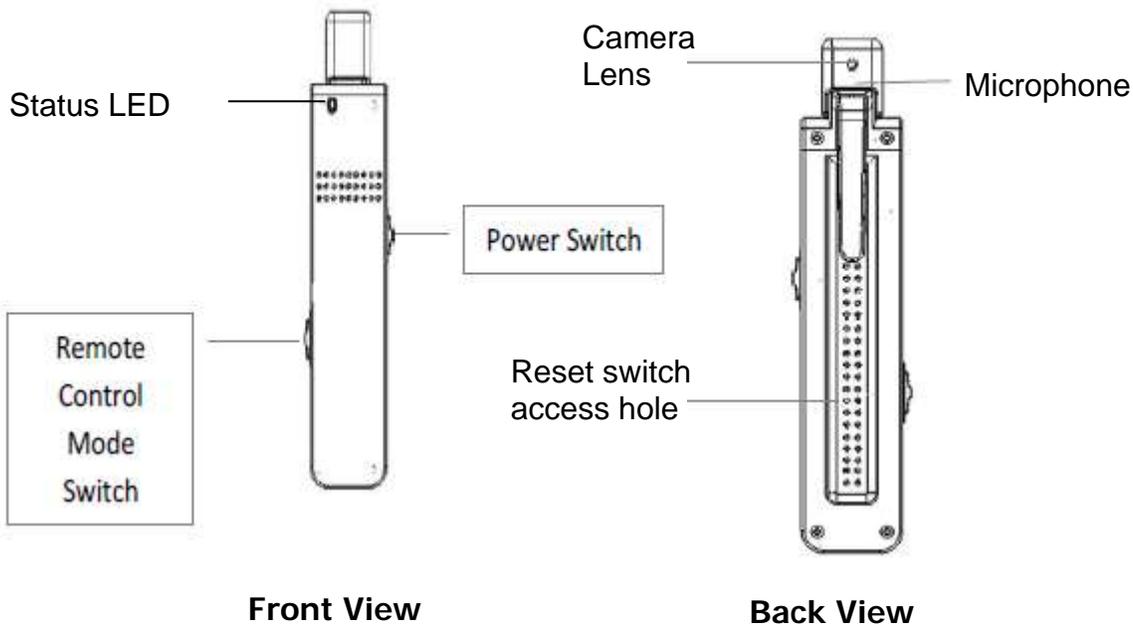




# KSC-52 Micro DVR User Guide

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# 1. Getting Started: Basic Functions

- a) First, charge the KSC52's internal battery: With both KSC52 slide switches (Power and Remote) in the OFF position, connect the KSC52 to an active USB port on a PC (or use the wall charger). The PC must be powered up for the USB port to be active. The LED light on the KSC52 will light Red, indicating the internal battery is charging. When the Red light goes out, the battery is fully charged. Out of the box, it will take a few hours to charge.
- b) Next, get familiar with the KSC52 in its basic (stand-alone) mode. There are two ways to use it; stand-alone, or with remote control. Refer to the diagrams on the cover page of this document. Note that the camera lens is in the small movable plastic cap on top, on the same side as the pocket clip (back side). This is so that when the KSC52 is placed into a shirt pocket, placing the clip on the outside of the shirt points the lens toward the subject, as shown below:



- c) Once the KSC52 battery is charged, try a few sample videos. The KSC52 is designed to capture video of a person (average height) from the waist up, standing at normal “interview” distance (about six feet) from you, with the KSC52 placed into your shirt pocket, and with the movable plastic lens holder in a vertical position. In order to do that the lens is angled slightly upward in its holder. That means if the subject is much farther from you, or you want to capture video of an area as you walk through, you may have to tilt the plastic forward slightly forward to bring the camera lens down. It takes some practice to get a feel for this, so we recommend you spend some time just trying a few different things. Do a series of very short video captures (30 seconds or so) then review them so you can see what works best for you.

To turn on the KSC52, make sure the Remote slide switch is off, then move the Power slide switch to the on position. After a few seconds the LED will start flashing green to indicate the unit is recording. To stop recording, move the Power switch to the off position. After about 5 seconds the green LED will stop flashing and the LED will flash Blue once. That means recording has been stopped and the file has been saved. Now it's time to connect the KSC52 to your PC to upload the video files.

## 2. Uploading Video Files to a PC

The very first time you connect the KSC52 to a PC, Windows has to recognize the KSC52, then load driver files so it can communicate with the KSC52.

- a) With both the Remote and Power slide switches in the off position, connect the KSC52 to an active USB port on the PC. Use the short USB cable supplied with the KSC52 (a longer cable will not work):



This end  
plugs  
into the  
PC's USB  
port

- b) Slide the KSC52 Power switch to the on position. Since this is the first time you have connected the KSC52 to the PC, Windows will have to perform some setup. After about 5 seconds, Windows will detect the KSC52; you will see the message **Found New Hardware** displayed followed by a series of other dialog messages indicating that Windows has found and installed drivers. When this process is complete (about 15 seconds), you can go to the Windows **Start** button, then select **My Computer** and you should see the KSC52 appearing as if it was just another storage device, like a hard drive. It will look like the following (Drive F on my PC):

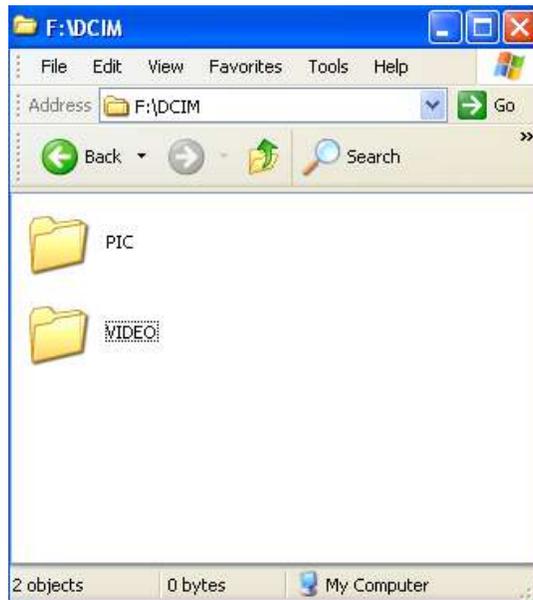
Folder icon for the KSC52



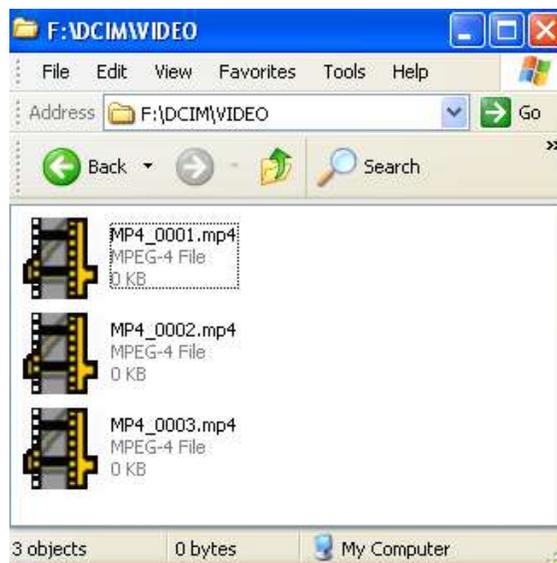
c) Click on the Folder to open it, the contents look as follows:



d) Don't worry about **MicroVi8002.exe** and **mpegable DS decoder v2.1 Setup .exe**, right now just click on the **DCIM** folder to open it. Inside there is another folder called **Video**.



e) Open the **Video** folder, inside will be the files you recorded. Their icons will look like this:



- f) Select the video files and drag them onto your desktop, or move them to wherever you want to store them. You can copy, move, rename, and delete the video files just as with any other file in the Windows environment. To delete the files from the KSC52 memory, go back into the Video folder, select, and delete the files.
- g) To disconnect the KSC52 from the PC, slide the KSC52 Power switch to the off position. Wait about 5 seconds, then unplug the cable from the KSC52 or the PC. The green LED will flash several more times, then flash blue once to indicate the KSC52 is off. If you don't unplug the unit from the USB port, the

green light will continue to flash even after the KSC52 Power switch is off. Don't worry, when you unplug the USB cable the LED will stop flashing.

## PC Connectivity Troubleshooting

When you connect any device to a PC USB port, Windows detects, then establishes a basic communications link with the device. The device tells Windows what it is, plus provides information such as the data rate it is designed to operate with. Windows then adjusts settings so it can work with the device.

Sometimes this "handshaking" isn't successful. Sometimes the USB port can get confused, kind of like when a Web browser gets hung up or crashes. You might see an error message displayed such as "The USB device has malfunctioned" or "Windows does not recognize the device", or nothing happens at all. In this case:

- A. Check to make sure that all KSC52 switches are off (both Power and Remote), unplug the USB cable, then reconnect the USB cable, and slide the KSC52 Power switch to the on position. Watch the status LED; it will be steady Red if the KSC52 battery is not fully charged, but then it should start flashing green to indicate the KSC52 is on. Watch the **My Computer** or **Windows Explorer** window (whichever you are using) to see if the icon for the KSC52 appears indicating the KSC52 is connected.
- B. If the KSC52 still doesn't connect, turn the KSC52 power switch off, unplug the USB cable from the PC, then restart the PC. When the PC is fully booted up, plug in the USB cable, then slide the KSC52 Power switch on. Watch the status LED; it will be steady Red if the KSC52 battery is not fully charged, but then it should start flashing green to indicate the KSC52 is on. Watch the My Computer or Windows Explorer windows to see if the icon for the KSC52 appears.
- C. Like any electronic device with a microprocessor, it is possible under rare circumstances for the processor to get "confused" (like when your computer crashes). While very unlikely, if you've tried everything and the KSC52 still won't connect or function properly, try the software reset. On the back of the KSC52, there are several rows of indentations. One of these is a very small hole in the case (see the illustrations on page 1). The end of a small paperclip works perfect for this. With the KSC52 Power switch on, insert the clip end into the small hole and press down. You'll feel a microswitch close; hold it down for about 3 seconds and release. This resets the KSC52.
- D. There is also the possibility, though also rare, that the USB port on the PC may not be working. Try another USB port.
- E. Last but not least, is the KSC52 battery sufficiently charged for the KSC52 to operate? If the LED was glowing red when the KSC52 was connected to the USB port and will not Flash Green when the KSC52 Power switch is moved to the on position, low battery may be the problem.

Procedures A and B above typically resolve connectivity issues.

### 3. Viewing the Files

The video files generated by the KSC52 are in MPEG-4 format, and your PC must be capable of playing this type of video file. If Windows Media Player is installed on the PC, it will play the files after you run a software utility named **mpegable DS decoder v2.1 Setup .exe** that updates Windows Media Player.

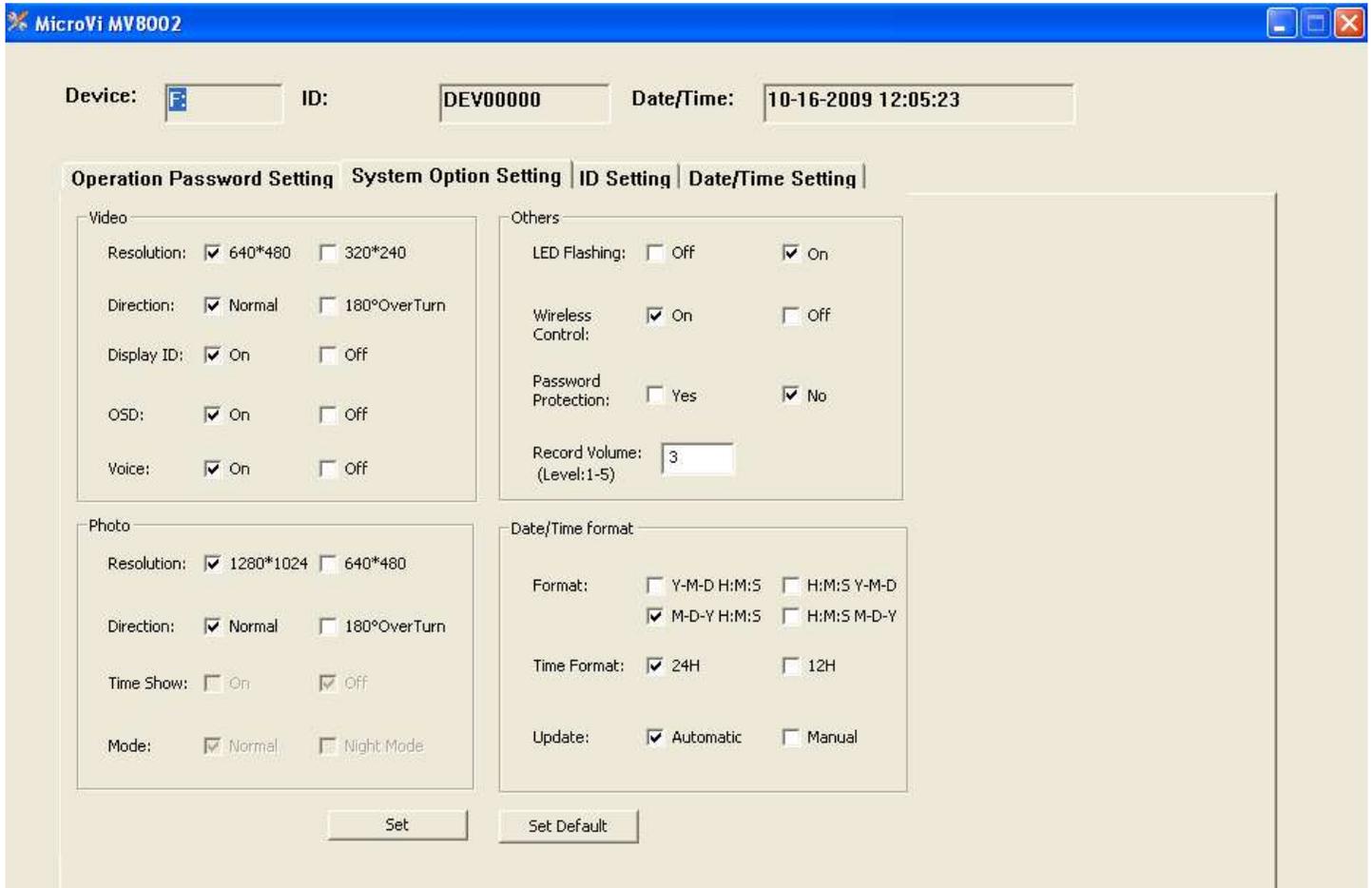
Remember **mpegable DS decoder v2.1 Setup .exe** and **MicroVi8002.exe** and from #2(d) previously? With the KSC52 connected to the PC, open the KSC52's folder in Windows (as in step 2(c)). Double-click on the **mpegable DS decoder v2.1 Setup .exe** icon to run this program. You only need to run this once, the first time you use the KSC52 with a PC. It updates the PC's installed version of Windows Media Player so it can play MPEG-4.

You can open the files in Windows Media Player by starting Windows Media Player then opening the video files from within Windows Media Player, or by double-clicking on a video file icon then telling Windows to use Windows Media Player to open the file. The first time you try to view the files by double-clicking on their icons, Windows may display a box asking what program it should use to open the files. If you will be using Windows Media Player, put a checkmark in the box "Select from List" then click Ok. Select Windows Media Player from the list displayed. Then check the option to always use that program. Finally, click Ok.

When Windows Media Player opens, it will display an error message complaining about the file extension not being recognized by Windows and asking whether you want it to play the file. Select "don't ask me again for this extension" then click Yes. That's it! You won't be bothered again next time you want to play the video files.

**If you can't get Windows media Player to play the video files** your PC may have an older version of Windows Media Player. Update to the latest version (free from Microsoft online) then run **mpegable DS decoder v2.1 Setup .exe** and it should work fine.

**MicroVi8002.exe** is the KSC52 management software. Any time you want to change any settings, options, etc for the KSC52 you start this program by double-clicking on it then make the changes you want. Now double-click on the **MicroVi8002.exe** icon (where it is located on your PC); this will display the following window:

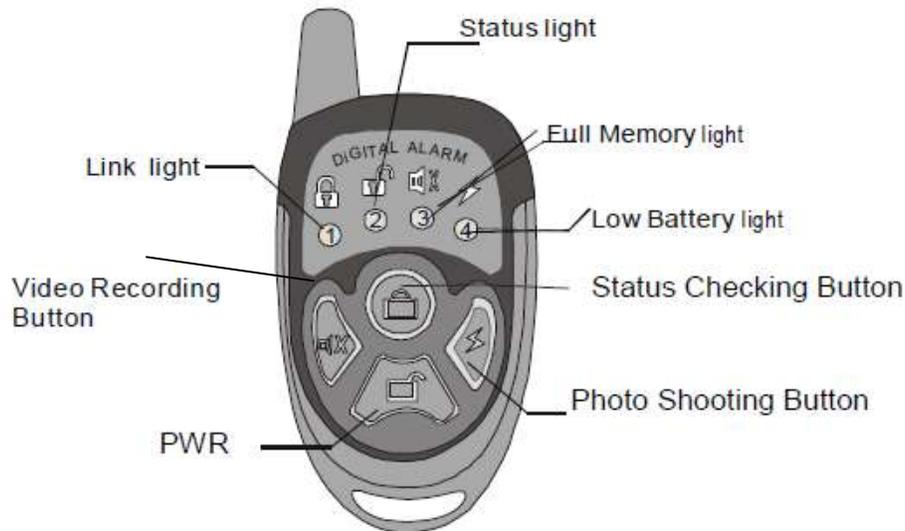


This series of screens is what you use to set operating parameters for the KSC52 (if you wish to change them). When you start this application, the System Option Setting screen shown above displays first. You can click on the other tabs (**Operation Password Setting**, **ID Setting**, or **Date/Time Setting** to bring up their corresponding options windows. Most of the time you will not need to use this; the KSC52 defaults to automatic time/date update (from the PC), 640x480 resolution, and Remote Control enabled. Browse through the screens and their options; this is self-explanatory. Don't set up a password unless you really need to and if you do, make sure you remember it; write it down. If you forget it, it's not straightforward to reset. If you ever use the software reset as in Section 3(D) above, you may need to reset some of these options if you had changed them from the default settings.

## 4. Using the Remote Control

You don't actually need the Remote Control unit to use the KSC52 for its basic video recording function; you can put the KSC52 in your shirt pocket, then reach up and slide the Power switch on/off through the shirt fabric and it works just fine. For the Beat Officer on patrol, this is typical because carrying around the (small) remote control, or trying to access it in a pinch, isn't very practical.

But the remote control makes the KSC52 more covert; you can have the remote in your pocket and completely control the KSC52 without ever removing your hand from that pocket. Remote control is also the only way to use the KSC52's picture taking function. Here's an overview of the remote:



The antenna does NOT extend out, so don't pull on it. The controls you will use most are the **PWR** button, **Video Recording** button, and the **Photo Shooting** button. Place the KSC52 in your shirt pocket, or clipped onto an item of clothing, or wherever you have it positioned for use. Have the KSC52 Power switch OFF, but the KSC52 Remote switch ON. Then when you are getting prepared to record, press the **PWR** button on the Remote and hold it down for about 3 seconds. Don't press it more than once. Just one solid press, hold for 3, then release. That will turn the KSC52 on in a "standby" mode: powered-up, but not yet recording. When you are ready to record, press the **Video Recording** button down, in the same way: Just one solid press, hold for 3, then release. It takes the KSC52 about another 3 seconds to begin recording. When you want to stop the recording, press the **Video Recording** button again, the same way. Don't worry about turning the Remote itself on or off; like other remotes it is on only when it is being used. The Remote Control is powered by a small battery that is generally good for about one year of use before requiring replacement.

It takes a little practice to gain confidence that this process is really working; you should try it a number of times with the KSC52 in front of you near the Remote unit so you can watch the KSC52 status LED flash green when you turn on the unit, then flash periodically when you start the recording, and finally stop green flashing and finish with a blue flash to indicate the recording has stopped and the file saved. It doesn't take long to get it down pat.

## 5. Taking Photos

The KSC52 has an additional feature; taking still photos. In order to get acceptable quality photos both the KSC52 and the subject must be stationary. It does not do well at all if either or both are moving. The reasons are that like all very small lens cameras, the light gathering ability is limited so "exposure" times must be longer,

not nearly fast enough to capture moving subjects. The KSC52 is not a substitute for a point and shoot digital camera for still photos. Think of this function as an additional, “bonus” feature.

You must use the Remote Control function to take photos. See Section #5 above for information on using the Remote Control.

The default (and highest) resolution is 1280 x 1024; you can change that using the setup software (see Section #4).

To snap one or more photos, with the KSC52 Remote control enabled and the KSC52 turned on from the Remote Control, simply press the **Remote Control Photo Shooting** button to take the picture. Try it a few times while looking at the remote control. You will see the photo LED (second from left along the top of the remote control) flash for about 2 seconds as the photo is taken and the image compressed. Wait for about 5 more seconds to take another photo, because the KSC52 needs time to compress the file. If you press the **Remote Control Photo Shooting** button more than once or too close together, it can confuse the KSC52 which may then require powering down and a restart to resume taking photos.

Photo files are stored in the **Pic** folder, alongside the **Video** folder. Open the **Pic** folder and you will see the files listed.

## 6. Operating Tips

When you connect the KSC52 to your PC, the KSC52 appears in Windows Explorer as an icon with the name **Removable Disk**. It looks to Windows like any hard drive or other storage media attached to the PC. You click on the icon to open the folder and view the contents. Any files including video files and photos are located in their respective Video and Pic subfolders. Viewing, moving, and copying or deleting files is the same as for any other files in the Windows operating system.

Store files somewhere on your PC that is easily accessible; you can create desktop shortcuts to their folders for easy access.

As discussed briefly at the start of this document, the KSC52 and its lens positioning is designed to see the average height person from the waist up standing in front of you at a distance of about six feet with the KSC52 in your shirt pocket. If you are very tall, or the subject you are recording is very tall, or the distance to the subject is greater, you may need to adjust the lens angle. The movable lens holder of the KSC52 allows you to change the lens angle upward or downward about 30 degrees. You should practice with the KSC52, try different shots, in different situations, to get familiar with this.

If you are holding the KSC52 in your hand you likely will just want to keep the lens in the straight up position since you can point the KSC52 as needed. If you have placed the KSC52 in some stationary position, consider the lens angle and distance to the subject. If you have time before the event to be recorded, try a few shots just to be sure you have everything positioned to get what you want.

Also try the KSC52 with different lighting so you get a feel for its capabilities. As for any camera, how the unit performs in low light conditions is determined by the light gathering capability of the lens. The KSC52’s lens does an excellent job for such a small lens, but especially if you are using it on patrol remember that it will have limitations under low light conditions. But even in pitch darkness the audio function and provides that record of

the situation. Up until now that's all we've had as a portable tool for patrol officers; digital voice recorders that could be worn on the duty belt or hand held.

## **7. Additional Information**

Refer to the documentation that comes with the KSC52 for more information on the Remote Control status light functions, or for reference only; the operating instructions are confusing. Use the operating instructions in this document.

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