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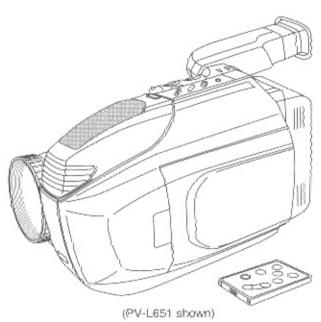
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Camcorder
Operating Instructions

Models No.

PV-L501 PV-L551 PV-L601 PV-L651



Please read these instructions carefully before attempting to operate this product. Please save this manual.

Guia para rápida consulta en español está incluida.

For assistance, please call : 1-800-211-PANA(7262) or send e-mail to : consumerproducts@panasonic.com

Things You Should Know

Thank you for choosing Panasonic!

You have purchased one of the most

sophisticated and reliable products on the market today. Used properly, it will bring you years of enjoyment. Please take time to fill in the information at the right. The serial number is on the tag located on the rear side of your Camcorder. Be sure to **retain this manual** as your convenient Camcorder information source.

Date of Purchase	
Dealer Purchased From	
Dealer Address	
Dealer Phone No.	
Model No.	
Serial No.	

Unpack your Camcorder

These accessories are provided in order to set up or use your Camcorder.

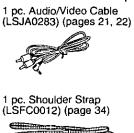
1 pc. AC Adaptor (PV-A19) with DC Power Cable (page 10)



1 pc. VHS PlayPak (PV-P1/VYMW0009) and one "AA" battery (page 21)



1 pc. CR2025 Clock Battery (VSBW0004) (installed in Camcorder) (page 35)



1 pc. 8-Function Remote (VSQW0038) with one CR2025 Battery. (page 19) (PV-L651 only)



Remote has been loaded with battery. (page 35) (PV-L651 only)

1 pc. Battery Pack (pages 9, 10) (PV-BP18) (PV-L551/PV-L601/ PV-651 only)



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Battery Charging Confirmation Marker (PV-L501 only)

Use this marker as a reminder to yourself when the battery is fully charged or in need of a charge. This marker performs no function and is for your reference only.

This operating instruction book is designed for use with models PV-L501, PV-L551, PV-L601, and PV-L651. Illustrations in this manual show the PV-L651. Features may vary, so please read carefully.

Differences between models

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Model Number	LCD Monitor	8-Function Remote Control	Built-in Auto Light	Battery Pack	Electronic Viewfinder
PV-L501	63.5 mm (2.5 inch) Liquid Crystal Display	Not supplied	Not supplied	PV-BP15	10.2 mm (0.4 inch) Electronic Vewfinder
PV-L551	63.5 mm (2.5 inch) Liquid Crystal Display	Not supplied	Supplied	PV-BP18	11 mm (0.45 inch)/14 mm (0.55 inch) Liqui Crystal Color Electronic Viewfinder
PV-L601	76.2 mm (3.0 inch) Liquid Crystal Display	Not supplied	Supplied	PV-BP18	11 mm (0.45 inch)/14 mm (0.55 inch) Liqui Crystal Color Electronic Viewfinder
PV-L651	101.6 mm (4.0 inch) Liquid Crystal Display	Supplied	Supplied	PV-BP18	11 mm (0.45 inch)/14 mm (0.55 inch) Liqui Crystal Color Electronic Viewfinder

Things You Should Know

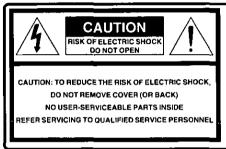
Safety Precautions

WARNING: TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS EQUIPMENT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

Your Compact VHS Camcorder is designed to record and play back in Standard Play (SP) and Super Long Play (SLP) modes. You can also play a Compact VHS Camcorder recording on your VHS VCR using the VHS PlayPak supplied.

This Camcorder is equipped with the **HQ** System to provide excellent video pictures, and is compatible with standard VHS equipment.

It is recommended that only cassette tapes that have been tested and inspected for use in VCR machines with the WISE and/or WIS mark be used.





This symbol warns the user that uninsulated voltage within the unit may have sufficient magnitude to cause electric shock. Therefore, it is dangerous to make any kind of contact with any inside part of this unit.



This symbol alerts the user that important literature concerning the operation and maintenance of this unit has been included. Therefore, it should be read carefully in order to avoid any problems.

The above markings are located on the appliance's bottom cover.

FCC Warning: Any unauthorized changes or modifications to this equipment would void the user's authority to operate.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with Part 15 and part 18 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when operated in a residential environment.

If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, use the equipment in another location and/or utilize an electrical outlet different from that used by the receiver.

If necessary, consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help. You may find the booklet, 'Something About Interference' available from FCC local regional offices helpful.

This product may cause interference to radio equipment and should not be installed near maritime safety communications equipment or other critical navigation or communication equipment operating between 0.45-30 MHz.

Important Safeguards

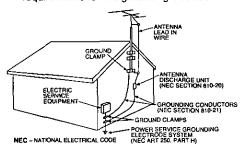
- Read Instructions All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the unit is operated.
- Retain Instructions The safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.
- Heed Warnings All warnings on the unit and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.
- Follow Instructions All operating and maintenance instructions should be followed.
- Cleaning Unplug this video unit from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners. Use a dry cloth for cleaning.
- Attachments Do not use attachments not recommended by the video product manufacturer as they may be hazardous.
- Water and Moisture Do not use this video unit near water – for example near a bath tub, wash bowl, kitchen sink, or laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool, and the like.
- Accessories Do not place this video unit on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The video unit may fall, causing serious injury to a child or adult, and serious damage to the unit. Use only with a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table recommended by the manufacturer, or sold with the video unit. Any mounting of the unit should follow the manufacturer's instructions and should use a mounting accessory recommended by the manufacturer. An appliance and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops. excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the appliance and cart combination to overturn.
- 9. Ventilation Slots and openings in the cabinet are provided for ventilation and to ensure reliable operation of the video unit and to protect it from overheating. These openings must not be blocked or covered. Never place the video unit on a bed, sofa, rug, or other similar surface, or near or over a radiator or heat register. This video unit should not be placed in a built-in installation such as a bookcase or rack unless proper ventilation is provided or the manufacturer's instructions have been adhered to.
- 10. Power Sources This video unit should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supply to your home, consult your appliance dealer or local power company. For video units intended to be operated from battery power, or other sources, refer to the operating instructions.

11. Grounding or Polarization – This video unit may be equipped with either a polarized 2wire AC (Alternating Current) line plug (a plug having one blade wider than the other) or 3-wire grounding type plug, a plug having a third (grounding) pin.

The 2-wire polarized plug will fit into the power outlet only one way. This is a safety teature. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet, try reversing the plug. If the plug still fails to fit, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug.

The 3-wire grounding type plug will fit into a grounding type power outlet. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the grounding type plug.

- 12. Power-Cord Protection Power-supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them. Paying particular attention to cords of plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the unit.
- 13. Outdoor Antenna Grounding If an outside antenna or cable system is connected to the video unit, be sure the antenna or cable system is grounded so as to provide some protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges. Part 1 of the Canadian Electrical Code, in USA Section 810 of the National Electrical Code, provides information with respect to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna discharge unit, size of grounding conductors, location of antenna discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode.



14. Lightning – For added protection of this video unit receiver during a lightning storm, or when it is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the antenna or cable system. This will prevent damage to the video unit due to lightning and power-line surges.

Important Safeguards

- 15. Power Lines An outside antenna system should not be located in the vicinity of overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can fall into such power lines or circuits. When installing an outside antenna system, extreme care should be taken to keep from touching such power lines or circuits as contact with them might be fatal.
- Overloading Do not overload wall outlets and extension cords as this can result in a risk of fire or electric shock.
- 17. Objects and Liquids Never push objects of any kind into this video unit through openings as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind onto the video unit.
- 18. Servicing Do not attempt to service this video unit yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- 19. Damage Requiring Service Unplug this video unit from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:
 - a. When the power-supply cord or plug is damaged.

- b. If any liquid has been spilled into, or objects have fallen onto, the video unit.
- If the video unit has been exposed to rain or water.
- d. If the video unit does not operate normally by following the operating instructions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions, as an improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the video unit to its normal operation.
- If the video unit has been dropped or the cabinet has been damaged.
- When the video unit exhibits a distinct change in performance – this indicates a need for service.
- 20. Replacement Parts When replacement parts are required, be sure the service technician has used replacement parts specified by the manufacturer or have the same characteristics as the original part. Unauthorized substitutions may result in fire, electric shock or other hazards.
- Safety Check Upon completion of any service or repairs to this video unit, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to determine that the video unit is in safe operating order.

Precautions

USE & LOCATION

- TO AVOID SHOCK HAZARD ... Your Camcorder and power supply should not be exposed to rain or moisture.
 Do not connect the power supply or operate your Camcorder if it gets wet. Your Camcorder has been designed for outdoor use, however it is not designed to sustain direct exposure to water, rain, sleet, snow, sand, dust, or a direct splashing from a pool or even a cup of coffee. This action could permanently damage the internal parts of your Camcorder. Do not attempt to disassemble this unit. There are no user serviceable parts inside. Unplug your Camcorder from the power supply before cleaning.
- DO NOT AIM YOUR CAMCORDER AT THE SUN OR OTHER BRIGHT OBJECTS.
- DO NOT LEAVE THE CAMCORDER WITH THE EVF AIMED DIRECTLY AT THE SUN AS THIS MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE INTERNAL PARTS OF THE EVF.
- DO NOT EXPOSE YOUR CAMCORDER TO EXTENDED HIGH TEMPERATURE ... Such as, in direct sunlight, inside a closed car, next to a heater, etc... This action could permanently damage the internal parts of your Camcorder.
- AVOID SUDDEN CHANGES IN TEMPERATURE ... If the unit is suddenly moved from a cold place to a warm
 place, moisture may form on the tape and inside the unit.
- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAMCORDER OR THE POWER SUPPLY TURNED ON WHEN NOT IN USE.
- STORAGE OF YOUR CAMCORDER ... Store and handle your Camcorder in a manner that will not subject it to
 unnecessary movement (avoid shaking and striking). Your Camcorder contains a sensitive pick-up device which
 could be damaged by improper handling or storage.

CARE

- TO CLEAN YOUR CAMCORDER ... Do not use strong or abrasive detergents when cleaning your Camcorder body.
- TO PROTECT THE LENS ... Do not touch the surface of the lens with your hand. Use a commercial camcorder lens solution and lens paper when cleaning the lens. Improper cleaning can scratch the lens coating.
- TO PROTECT THE FINISH OF YOUR CAMCORDER ... Before handling your Camcorder, make sure your hands and face are free from any chemical products, such as suntan lotion, as it may damage the finish.

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Self Demo Mode

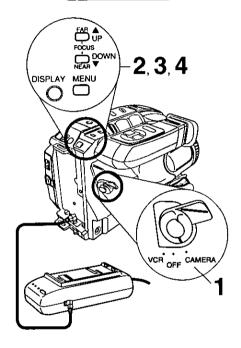
Self Demo mode is on when the screen below appears. To turn it off, follow steps 1-4 below.

EVF or LCD Monitor

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ITS TAPES PLAY
IN YOUR VCR
YES, IT'S VHS!

20× LENS / 150× D.ZOOM DIGITAL STABILIZATION FULL-SIZE HEAD SYSTEM AUTO/PHRASE TITLER

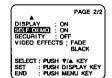


Before you begin...

Connect Camcorder to power source.

Set POWER to CAMERA.

Press MENU for MENU mode.
Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ to select



3 Press DISPLAY to select OFF.

4 Press MENU to exit.

Note:

- Self Demo stops automatically if battery is attached (page 9) and cassette tape is inserted (page 11).
- Inserting a tape alone (or attaching a partially charged battery) only temporarily stops Self Demo.
- Self Demo stops for 30 seconds when a function key other than Light, Play, Rewind Search, Fast Forward Search, Stop, and Still is pressed.

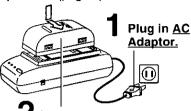
To turn Self Demo back on:

• Set to SELF DEMO : ON in MENU screen.

Quick Operation Guide

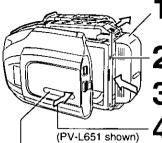
Charcing the Battery Pack

Charge Battery Pack fully before operation (page 9).



Insert Battery, CHARGE Lamp flashes, then stavs lit when charging is complete.

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Attach fully charged Battery (page 9).

Slide TAPE EJECT to open door.

Insert cassette (page 11).

Press here to close door

Note:

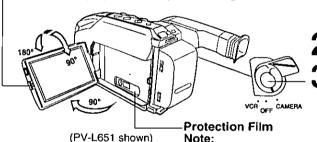
Protection Film

Remove the Protection Film before use.

Camera Recording

When the LCD monitor is open, the EVF automatically turns OFF (page 16).

Press LCD-OPEN to unlock the LCD monitor. Swing it fully open and adjust the angle.



2 Set <u>POWER to CAMERA.</u>

Press RECORD/PAUSE to start recording Press RECORD/PAUSE again to pause recording.

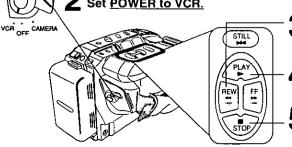
Remove the Protection Film before use.

Playback using the LCD Monitor

When the LCD monitor is open, the EVF automatically turns OFF (page 20).

Press LCD-OPEN to unlock the LCD monitor. Swing it fully open and adjust the angle (see above).

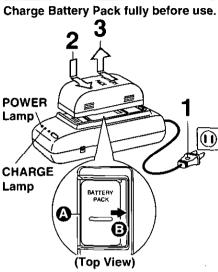
Set POWER to VCR.



- Press REWIND/SEARCH to rewind tape.
- Press PLAY to start playback.
- Press STOP to stop playback.

Supplying Power

Charcing the Bettery Pack



Plug in AC Adaptor. POWER Lamp lights.

2 Insert <u>Battery</u>.

A Align left side of Battery with left edge of AC Adaptor.

Press Battery down and slide in direction of arrow.

The CHARGE Lamp flashes, then stays lit when charging is complete.

Remove Battery.

Slide Battery to the left and lift off.

Note:

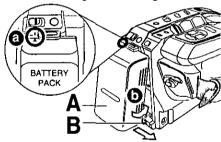
- Charging takes about 1 hour (PV-L501) or 1 and 1/2 hours (PV-L551/PV-L601/PV-L651).
- While the DC Power Cable (supplied) is connected. to the AC Adaptor, the Battery cannot be charged.

 After charging 5 times, use Battery Refresh feature. as explained below.

 Battery life gradually decreases after repeated use and recharging. If operation time becomes very short even after a sufficient charge, discard Battery properly (page 10).

Using the Sattery Pack

A fully charged Battery provides a maximum of about 1 hour 10 minutes (PV-L501) or 2 hours (PV-L551/PV-L601/PV-L651) of continuous use (LCD monitor off) or about 55 minutes (PV-L501) or 1.5 hours (PV-L551/PV-L601/PV-L651) (LCD monitor on). Actual time may vary due to operating conditions. Using the Built-in Light decreases operating time (PV-L551/PV-L601/PV-L651 only).



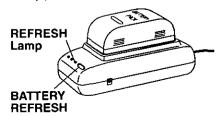
Attach <u>Battery.</u>

a Insert top of Battery into top of mounting surface.

Press and snap into place.

Dallery Refresh

This feature completely discharges Battery before recharging begins. Use after every 5 charges for optimum Battery performance.



Remove Battery.

Slide **BATTERY RELEASE** and remove Battery.

To use battery refresh, insert Battery on AC Adaptor (see steps 1~2 above), then press BATTERY REFRESH.

The REFRESH Lamp lights, then goes out when discharge is complete. Battery charging will then start automatically.

If BATTERY REFRESH is pressed by mistake, remove Battery from AC Adaptor and reinsert it for normal charging.

- Charging takes about 5 hours (PV-L501) or 7 and 1/2 hours (PV-L551/PV-L601/PV-L651) when Battery Refresh is used.
- Battery will not operate in extremely high temperatures.

Supplying Power

Dattery Care

Caution:

· Charge only with specified charger.

- Battery can be charged within a temperature range of 10 °C (50 °F) and 35 °C (95 °F).
- Battery is normally warm after charging or just after use.
- . Do not use an insufficiently charged or worn-out Battery.

Safety precautions:

. Do not get Battery near, or dispose of in fire.

- Do not directly connect (short circuit) the positive (+) and negative (-) terminals.
- · Never attempt to disassemble or reassemble Battery.

To avoid Battery damage:

Do not drop or jar Battery.

Use Battery with specified units only.

 If Battery is used in extremely high temperatures, a safety device will automatically prevent operation.

To prolong Battery life:

 While not in use, remove Battery from the Camcorder and AC Adaptor and store in a cool, dark, dry place.

Keep Battery terminals clean.

U.S.A. CONSUMERS: ATTENTION:



The product you have purchased is powered by a nickel cadmium battery which is recyclable. At the end of its useful life, under various state and local laws, it is illegal to dispose of this battery into your municipal waste stream. Please call 1-800-8-BATTERY for information on how to recycle this battery.

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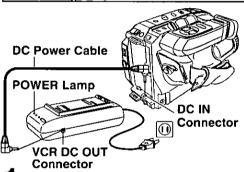
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AC Adaptor



Connect AC Adaptor VCR DC OUT to Camcorder DC IN with supplied DC Power Cable.

Plug in AC Adaptor.
POWER Lamp lights.

Note:

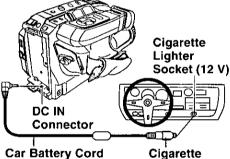
 While the DC Power Cable (supplied) is connected to the AC Adaptor, the Battery cannot be charged.

 When not in use, unplug AC Adaptor from AC outlet. (Adaptor uses 1.2 W of electricity while plugged in.)

CAUTION:

This unit will operate on 110/120/220/240 V AC. An AC plug adaptor may be required for voltages other than 120 V AC. Please contact either a local or foreign electrical parts distributor for assistance in selecting an alternate AC plug. We recommend using the accessory power plug adaptor (VJSS0070) in an area which has special AC outlets.

Ger Ballery Cord (Optional)



Car Battery Cord (optional)

Lighter Plug

Connect PV-C16 Car Battery Cord (optional) to Camcorder DC IN.

A Start engine first.

B Plug Car Battery Cord into Cigarette lighter socket.

 If Car Battery cord fuse needs replacing, use exact current rating (in amps).

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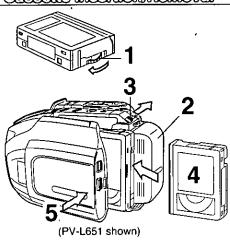
This cord only works in vehicles
equipped with DC 12 V (negative
ground) battery. Check with your car/
truck dealer. Use only specified car
battery cord.

To avoid blowing the car battery cord
fuse, do step 2 in the proper order.
Running vehicles must be well ventilated.

• When not in use, disconnect cigarette lighter plug.

Cassette Information

Casselle Insertion/Removal



- Turn <u>Tape Wheel</u> in direction of arrow until there is no slack.
- 2 Attach Battery (page 9).
- 3 Slide TAPE EJECT to open door.
- 4 Insert cassette as shown.
- **5** Press here to close door.
- To remove the cassette, slide the <u>TAPE</u> EJECT switch.

Record/Playback Time

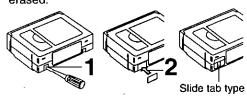
Use tapes with the VHSE mark in this unit.

Tape Speed	Cassette type			
Selector Position	TC-20	TC-30	TC-40	
SP (Standard Play)	20 minutes	30 minutes	40 minutes	
SLP (Super Long Play)	1 hour	1 hour 30 minutes	2 hours	

• SLP playback may contain more picture noise.

Eirase Protection Tab

Protects tapes from being accidentally erased.

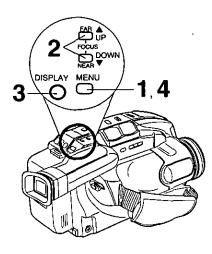


- To prevent accidental erasing, break off tab with screwdriver. (Or, slide tab open.)
- To record again,

 <u>cover hole</u> with adhesive tape.

 (Or, slide tab closed.)

Using MENU Mode



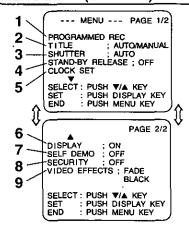
Before you begin...

- . Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Set POWER to CAMERA or VCR.
- Press MENU for MENU mode.
 The CAMERA or VCR MENU screen (see below left) appears when Menu mode is entered.
- Press <u>UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ to highlight</u> the desired menu item.
- 3 Press <u>DISPLAY</u> to set selection.
- 4 Press MENU to exit.

Note:

- The Menu mode is canceled if <u>UP/DOWN(▲/▼)</u>, <u>DISPLAY</u>, or <u>MENU</u> are not pressed within 5 minutes when Self Demo mode is off.
- The Menu mode is canceled if <u>UP/DOWN(▲/▼)</u>, <u>DISPLAY</u>, or <u>MENU</u> are not pressed within 30 seconds when Self Demo mode is on.

MENU Mode (CAMERA) Screen



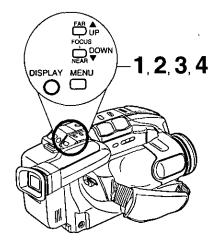
MENU Mode (VCR) Screen



- 1 PROGRAMMED REC (page 18). Camcorder starts and stops recording at a preset time.
- 2 TITLE (pages 30, 31). AUTO/MANUAL: 16 items PHRASE: 10 items
- 3 SHUTTER (page 25).
 Select desired shutter speed.
- 4 STAND-BY RELEASE (page 17). ON: Enables quick resumption of recording from Stand-by mode.
- 5 CLOCK SET (pages 13, 14). Select to set clock.
- 6 DISPLAY (page 32). ON: On-screen Display (OSD) screens are displayed.
- 7 SELF DEMO (page 7). ON: SELF DEMO screen is displayed.
- 8 SECURITY (page 29).
 ON: Enables Motion Security recording.
- 9 VIDEO EFFECTS (pages 26, 27).
 AUTO FADE : BLACK or WHITE
 DIGITAL FADE : TYPE → 7 types
 COLOR → 8 colors

Setting the Clock

Set the following items in order: Time Zone, Daylight Saving Time, Date, and Time.



Before you begin...

- · Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Set POWER to CAMERA or VCR.

Press MENU for MENU mode.

Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ to select

CLOCK SET.





[CAMERA MODE]

[VCR MODE]

Press <u>DISPLAY</u> for CLOCK SET menu.

Press <u>UP ▲ or DOWN ▼</u>
to select TIME ZONE,
DST, or DATE/TIME.



3 Press <u>DISPLAY</u> for menu of item selected in step 2.

To change the setting:

TIME ZONE → Go to step 3a on page 14.

D.S.T. → Go to step 3b on page 14.

DATE/TIME → Go to step 3c on page 14.

4 Press MENU twice to exit.

Setting the Clock (continued)

3a Setting the Time Zone

The Camcorder is preset to Eastern time.

 Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ to select local time zone.

Press DISPLAY to confirm entry.



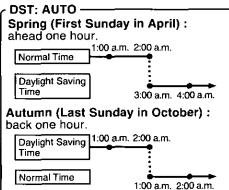
 When traveling, repeat this operation and select one of the 8 listed time zones to set the clock to local time.

Note:

- Clock may lose or gain up to 2 minutes per month.
- When traveling outside the listed time zones, set clock to local time manually.
- To adjust or set clock, see "Setting Date and Time" bottom of page.

3b Auto Daylight Saving Time

Clock will auto-adjust to daylight saving time (DST).



The Camcorder is preset to DST: AUTO. If DST is not observed in your area, set to OFF by doing the following.

Press <u>UP ▲ or</u> <u>DOWN ▼</u> to select OFF or AUTO. Press <u>DISPLAY</u> to confirm entry.

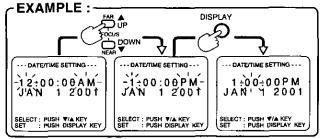


Note:

 Auto DST does not function if time zone is set to Hawaii or Samoa (see "Setting the Time Zone" above).

3c Setting Date and Time

Date and time including leap year are calculated up to DEC 31, 2099.



... DATE/TIME SETTING ...
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SELECT: PUSH VIA KEY
SET : PUSH DISPLAY KEY

Press or hold down <u>UP</u> ▲ or <u>DOWN</u> ▼ to select hour, then press <u>DISPLAY</u> to fix.

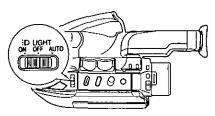
Repeat for minute, month, day, and year.

Clock starts when year is entered and **DISPLAY** is pressed.

Built-in Auto Light (PV-L551/PV-L601/PV-L651 only)

Weing the Light

For recording in dim lighting.



Note:

- · Using Light reduces battery operating time.
- Provide proper ventilation when using Light extensively in a hot environment.
- Using Light when the Camcorder is powered by a car battery may shorten bulb life.
- Set Light to OFF when not in use.

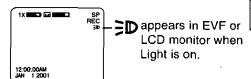
Before you begin...

- . Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Set POWER to CAMERA.

Set LIGHT to AUTO.

Light turns on/off automatically according to lighting conditions.

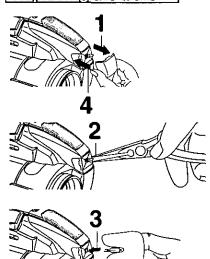
Or, set LIGHT to ON/OFF manually.



·Caution: -

Light becomes hot. Never cover Light while on.

Replacing the Bulb



Before you begin...

- Order Part No. VULS0001 (VLLW0015 and cushions) for replacement bulb unit.
- Set POWER to OFF.
- Press in on both sides of lens cover and pull straight out and off.
- 2 Using Tweezers or needle-nose pliers, carefully remove bulb.
 - Take unit to service center if you need assistance.
- Replace bulb using a clean cloth or tissue. (Do not touch with fingers.)
- 4 Replace lens cover.

Note

 Handle bulb gently. Excessive force may cause bulb to crack.

DANGER:

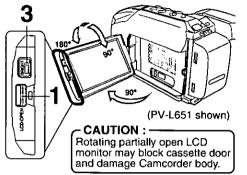
Use only replacement bulb (PART NO. VLLW0015) supplied by Panasonic to reduce risk of fire.

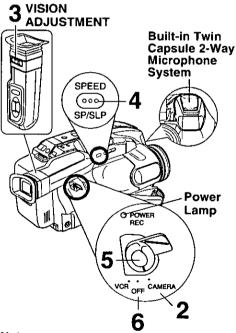
Handle new bulb with cloth or tissue as skin oils will decrease bulb life. Remove lens cover and allow bulb to cool before replacing to avoid possible burn hazard.

Camera Recording

Recording via EVF or LCD Monflor

View recording scene on EVF (Electronic Viewfinder) or LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) monitor.





Note:

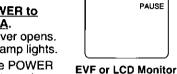
- When Camcorder is aimed at excessively bright objects, or bright lights, a vertical bar may appear in the picture. This is normal for the CCD pick-up. Try to avoid this when possible.
- Using LCD monitor reduces battery operation time. Return LCD monitor to locked position when not in use.

Before you begin...

- Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Insert cassette with record tab (page 11).
- Press LCD-OPEN to unlock the LCD monitor. Swing LCD monitor fully open and adjust viewing angle.
 - If you want to record using EVF, close and lock LCD monitor.

2 Set POWER to CAMERA.

Lens Cover opens. Power Lamp lights.



 Be sure POWER is fully turned to CAMERA position.

(Record/Pause mode)

- . EVF or LCD monitor turns on/off by the POWER switch.
- EVF shuts off when LCD monitor is opened and turns back on when LCD is closed.
- Both EVF and LCD monitor turn on when LCD is at 180° (see above left). This allows both you and the subject to view the recording.

LCD monitor

: Turn BRIGHT control to

adjust LCD monitor brightness level.

EVF

: Look into EVF and adjust VISION ADJUSTMENT to

your eyesight.

Hold down TAPE SPEED for about 1 second to change tape speed to SP/SLP (page 11). Tape speed

5 Press RECORD/ PAUSE to start or pause recording.

RECORD **EVF or LCD Monitor**

6 Set POWER to OFF when finished.

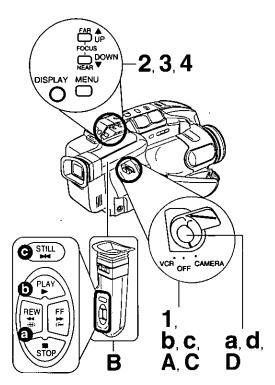
(Record mode)

 To remove the cassette, slide the <u>TAPE</u> EJECT switch (page 11).

WARNING (PV-L551/PV-L601/PV-L651 only); Do not leave the camcorder with the EVF aimed directly at the sun. This may cause damage to the internal parts of the EVF.

Before you begin...

- Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Insert cassette with record tab (page 11).



Stand-by Quick Release

If left in RECORD/PAUSE mode for 5 minutes, Camcorder switches to Standby mode to conserve battery. When set to ON, Stand-by Quick Release lets you resume recording by pressing RECORD/PAUSE two times. Stand-By Quick Release is set to OFF at the factory.

Set <u>POWER to CAMERA</u>.

Press MENU for MENU mode.
Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ to select

PROGRAMMED REC
TITLE : AUTOMANUAL
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COLOCK SET
SELECT: PUSH VIA KEY
SET : PUSH OISPLAY KEY
END : PUSH MEDN KEY

STAND-BY RELEASE

3 Press <u>DISPLAY</u> to select ON/OFF.

ON: From Stand-by mode, press <u>RECORD/PAUSE</u> two times to resume recording.

OFF: From Stand-by mode, set <u>POWER to OFF</u>, then to <u>CAMERA</u>. Press <u>RECORD/</u> PAUSE to record.

4 Press MENU to exit.

Manual Easy Editing

For proper continuity when taping from Stop mode or after attaching a new Battery.

A Set POWER to VCR.

Press <u>REWIND/SEARCH</u> to rewind a few seconds of tape.

D Press <u>PLAY</u> to review recording.

Press <u>STILL</u> where you want to continue recording.

C Set POWER to CAMERA.

Press <u>RECORD/PAUSE</u> to resume recording.

Easy Edit Stand-by

For a smooth transition between scenes if recording is stopped, and then started within 24 hours.

Press <u>RECORD/PAUSE</u> to stop recording.

Set <u>POWER to OFF</u> and leave cassette in Camcorder.

To resume recording, set <u>POWER to CAMERA</u>.

Press <u>RECORD/PAUSE</u> to resume recording.

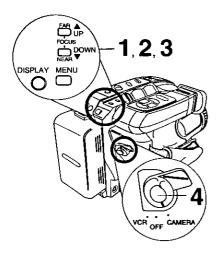
Note:

 Use Manual Easy Edit (left) if more than 24 hours before recording is resumed. Motioned Sies |

Camera Recording

Programmed Recording

Set a recording start and stop time. Or, set a 5 or 10 second interval recording to be done each minute.



REC TIME:

→10MIN. → 20MIN. → 30MIN. _ INTERVAL*2 _ INTERVAL*1 _ TO TAPE _ 1 10 SEC/MIN. ← 5 SEC/MIN. ← END

- *1 Record 5 seconds each minute.
- *2 Record 10 seconds each minute.

Before you begin...

- Connect Camcorder to power source.
 Use AC Adaptor for longer recordings.
- . Insert cassette with record tab (page 11).
- Set POWER to CAMERA.

Press <u>MENU</u> for MENU mode. Press <u>UP</u> ▲ or <u>DOWN</u> ▼ to select PROGRAMMED REC.



2 Press <u>DISPLAY</u>.

(Current time is displayed.) Each additional press

of **DISPLAY** increases start time by 30 minutes.

SELECT: PUSH ▼/A KEY
SET : PUSH DISPLAY KEY
START : PUSH RECORD KEY
CANCEL: PUSH MENU KEY

10:20:00PM

REC TIME : 10:20PM

Press DOWN v to select RECTIME.
Press DISPLAY

repeatedly to select one of the options shown at left



SELECT: PUSH V/A KEY
SET : PUSH DISPLAY KEY
START : PUSH RECORD KEY
CANCEL: PUSH MENU KEY

10:20:00PM

To cancel the setup, press MENU twice.

4 Press <u>RECORD/PAUSE</u> to place Camcorder in stand-by mode.

STAND-BY START; 10:20PM REC TIME; 10MIN.

10:20:00PM JUN 1 2001

Recording will be done as scheduled.

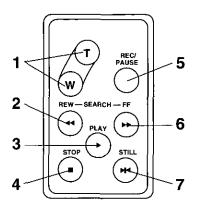
Note:

- Start time may not be set over 24 hours from current time.
- Camcorder shuts off at tape end, or 12 hours after Interval Recording starts.
- To cancel, set POWER to OFF.

8-Function Remote Control (PV-L651 only)

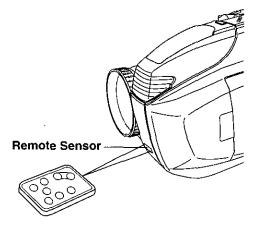
Remote Central Operation

Operate Camcorder's main functions up to about 5 m (16 feet) away. Aim remote at sensor on Camcorder.



Controlled Functions

- 1 POWER ZOOM page 23.
- 2 REWIND/SEARCH page 20.
- 3 PLAY page 20.
- 4 STOP page 20.
- 5 RECORD/PAUSE page 16.
- 6 FAST FORWARD/SEARCH page 20.
- 7 STILL page 20.



Note:

 If you press <u>REC/PAUSE</u> on the remote control with the LCD monitor rotated 180° to face the same direction as the lens/ subject, "RECORD" or "PAUSE" is displayed on-screen in extra large characters for confirmation.

Important Note:

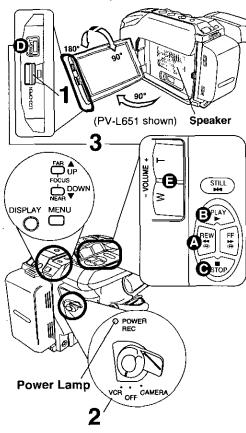
 After 5 minutes in Record/Pause mode, the camcorder will shut off to conserve battery power. If recording is resumed within 30 minutes, press <u>REC/PAUSE</u> once

If over 30 minutes, set <u>POWER to OFF</u>, then <u>CAMERA</u>, then press <u>REC/PAUSE</u>.

Playing Back Recordings

Before you begin...

- Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Insert recorded tape.



Tracking Control



Auto Tracking

Continuously analyzes each recording for optimum picture quality.

Manual Tracking

Some recordings require manual adjustment to reduce noise.

Press <u>UP ▲</u> or <u>DOWN ▼</u> until Playback picture clears up.

Press **DISPLAY** to return to Auto Tracking.

Playback on EVF or LCD Monitor

Press <u>LCD-OPEN</u> and swing LCD monitor fully open.

 If you want to playback on EVF, close and lock LCD monitor.

2 Set POWER to VCR.

Power Lamp lights.

 If tape has no record tab, auto playback begins.

 EVF or LCD monitor turns on/off by the POWER switch.

 EVF shuts off when LCD monitor is opened and turns back on when LCD is closed.

Playback function buttons.

PLAY: Rewind tape. Play tape. STOP: Stop tape.

BRIGHT : Adjust LCD monitor

brightness.

VOLUME: Adjust volume of speaker.

Press "T": Volume up (+). Press "W": Volume down (-).

Note:

Using LCD monitor reduces battery operating time.

Return LCD monitor to locked position when not in use.

Special Effects

Quick Visual Search

Search Speed

• SP (Standard Play) : 3 times normal.

SLP (Super Long Play): 9 times normal.

During playback, press:

• FF : fast forward search

<u>REW</u>: rewind search
 Press again or press Pt AV for no

Press again or press PLAY for normal play.

Still Picture

Press STILL to freeze picture. Press again for normal play.

This feature works best in SLP mode (page 11).

Note:

- During search, horizontal noise bars will appear.
 Audio is muted.
- To protect video heads and tape, operating modes will revert as follows after 5 minutes:

Stand-by→ Power off (when Battery Pack is used).

Tape auto-rewinds if played or fast forwarded to end.

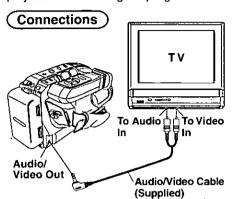
Playing Back Recordings

TV Playback or Viewing

Connect Camcorder to a TV to view playback or recordings in progress.

Before you begin...

- Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Make all TV-Camcorder connections.



- Set POWER to:

 VCR → view playback.

 CAMERA → view picture as it is recorded.
- 2 Turn TV ON and set to LINE INPUT. See TV owner's manual.
- 3 Begin playback or recording.

CATV System Installer

This reminder is provided to call the CATV system installer's attention to Article 820-40 of the NEC in USA (and to the Canadian Electrical Code in Canada) that provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building, as close to the point of cable entry as practical.

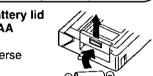
VCR Playback using PlayPak

(Load Battery in PlayPak

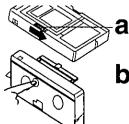
Remove Battery lid and insert AA battery.

Do not reverse polarity.

• Replace battery when tape loading/unloading takes longer than usual.



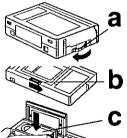
Remove VHSE Cassette



Slide RELEASE and wait for lid to open.

Push cassette out through hole in bottom of PlayPak with your finger.

2 (Insert VISE Cassette in PlayPak



Turn WHSE cassette Tape Wheel in direction of arrow to take up any slack.

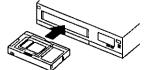
Slide <u>RELEASE</u> to open cassette lid.

Insert the WASE cassette with the window up and on the left, then snap lid shut.

Do not obstruct cassette reel while loading.

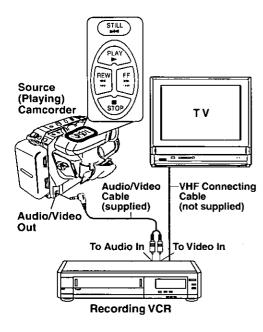
• Allow PlayPak Load Detector to fully retract before using in VHS VCR.





Copying your Tapes (dubbing)

Connections



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- Turn TV on and tune to VCR channel (CH3 or CH4).
- Set TV/VCR Selector on VCR to VCR.

Before you begin...

- . Make Camcorder-VCR connections (see left).
- Turn both units on.
- Set VCR input signal to LINE.
 Please see VCR owner's manual.
- Set Camcorder POWER to VCR.
- Insert a <u>pre-recorded tape</u>
 into Camcorder and a blank tape with record tab into VCR.
- Press <u>PLAY</u> on Camcorder, then press <u>STILL</u> at starting point.
- Press <u>REC</u>, then <u>STILL/PAUSE</u> on VCR.
- 4 Press <u>STILL</u> on Camcorder and <u>STILL/PAUSE</u> on VCR to start copying.
- Fress <u>STOP</u> on both units to stop copying.

Note:

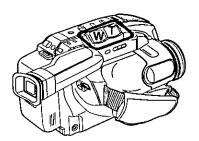
- Camcorder will only playback tapes recorded in SP or SLP mode.
- · Dubbing may reduce picture quality.

· CAUTION: -

Unauthorized exchanging and/or copying of copyrighted recordings may be copyright infringement.

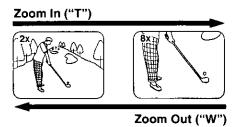
Four-Speed Power Zoom

Zoom in (close up) and out (wide angle) in one of four speeds ranging from slow (16 seconds) to fast (2 seconds).



Before you begin...

- Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Set POWER to CAMERA.



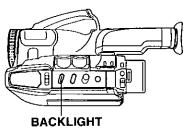
Zoom slowly:

Lightly press <u>"T" (telephoto)</u> or <u>"W" (wide angle)</u> POWER ZOOM button.

• Zoom quickly:
Apply more pressure to the button.

Backlight

Use when subject is darker than surroundings, in shadowed area, or in front of the light source.

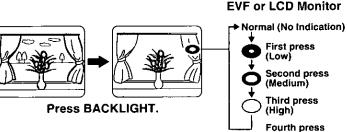


Before you begin...

- Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Set POWER to CAMERA.

Press BACKLIGHT while recording to select the level of backlight compensation.

In normal lighting, **press BACKLIGHT** repeatedly until no indicator is displayed.



Focus

Before you begin...

- Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Set POWER to CAMERA.

Anno Fogus

Camcorder automatically focuses on subject even during zooming.

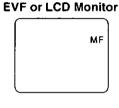
Auto Focus is on when "MF" is not displayed in EVF or LCD monitor.

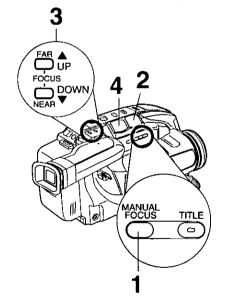
Press MANUAL FOCUS to remove "MF" in EVF or LCD monitor if necessary.

Manual Fogus

Use Manual Focus (MF) when:

- recording through glass.
- lighting is poor.
- subject is far away with objects in foreground.
- subject has distinct horizontal lines.
- subject is not centered in EVF or LCD monitor.
- · subject has a shiny surface.
- subject is slanted.
- subject is bright and flat, like a white wall.
- subject has fast motion, like a golf swing.





- Press MANUAL FOCUS so "MF" (Manual Focus) appears in EVF or LCD monitor.
- Hold down <u>"T" (telephoto)</u> on POWER ZOOM to maximum zoom in.
- **3** Press <u>UP ▲ (FAR)</u> or <u>DOWN ▼ (NEAR)</u> until subject is in focus.
 - Back away from subject if necessary.
- Hold down "W" (wide angle) on POWER ZOOM as desired.
- Refocus as needed when aiming at new scenes.

Magro Feeus ((closs=ups))

Auto Focus functions up to 12.7 mm (1/2 inch) from subject.

Hold down "W" on POWER ZOOM to maximum wide angle. Bring Camcorder up close to the subject.

High Speed Shutter

Improves Still or Slow Motion playback picture of high speed subjects (e.g. a tennis stroke), when viewed on Camcorder or 3 or 4 head VCR.

Before you begin...

- Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Insert cassette with record tab (page 11).
- Set POWER to CAMERA.

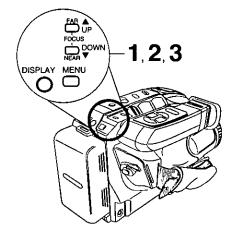
Auto Shutter

In AUTO mode (no indication in EVF or LCD Monitor), shutter speed is auto-adjusted from 1/60 to 1/350 according to subject brightness.

AUTO mode is selected each time POWER is set to CAMERA.

Manual Salection

The faster the shutter speed, the more light is needed for proper picture and color quality. High Speed Shutter indication flashes if light is inadequate. Provide additional light.



Press <u>MENU</u> for MENU mode.

Press <u>UP ▲ or DOWN ▼</u> to select

SHUTTER.

2 Press <u>DISPLAY repeatedly</u> to select shutter speed.



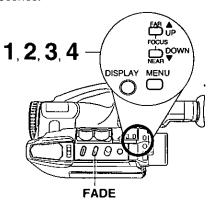
3 Press MENU to exit.

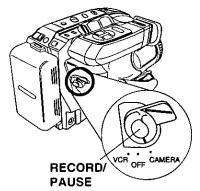
Note:

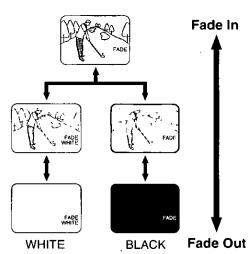
- Provide additional halogen or tungsten light for use indoors or in poor light. Fluorescent light degrades picture.
- Auto Focus may not function properly if high speed shutter is used in inadequate light.
- Setting reverts to AUTO each time POWER is set to CAMERA.

Auto Fade

An interesting way to open and close scenes.







Before you begin...

- . Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Set POWER to CAMERA.

Press MENU for MENU mode.
Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ to select



Press DISPLAY for VIDEO EFFECTS menu.

Press <u>UP ▲</u> or <u>DOWN ▼</u> to select AUTO FADE.



Press <u>DISPLAY</u> for AUTO FADE; COLOR menu.
Press <u>UP</u> ▲ or <u>DOWN</u> ▼ to select BLACK or WHITE.



Press <u>DISPLAY</u> to confirm entry. Press <u>MENU</u> to exit.

Fade In:

In RECORD/PAUSE mode, press <u>FADE</u> so "FADE" flashes in EVF or LCD monitor.

Press RECORD/PAUSE.

Recording starts as picture and sound gradually fade in.

Fade Out:

While recording, press <u>FADE</u> so "FADE" flashes in EVF or LCD monitor.

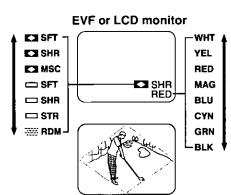
Press RECORD/PAUSE.

Picture and sound gradually fade out, and recording is paused.

If <u>FADE</u> is pressed accidentally, press again so "FADE" disappears in EVF or LCD monitor.

Choose from 7 fade effects in 8 different colors.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Prous Pro



■ For more effects, stop fade in or fade out at any time (except RANDOM mode) by pressing <u>FADE</u>.
Then, press <u>FADE</u> to resume fade.

Note:

- Audio is not affected by fade.
- To cancel Digital Fade, do steps 1, 2, and 5. In step 2, select AUTO FADE.

Before you begin...

- . Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Set POWER to CAMERA.

Press <u>MENU</u> for MENU mode.

Press <u>UP ▲</u> or <u>DOWN ▼</u> to select <u>VIDEO EFFECTS</u>.

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SELECT: PUSH DISPLAY KEY
SET : PUSH DISPLAY KEY
END : PUSH MENU KEY

Press <u>DISPLAY</u> for VIDEO EFFECTS menu. Press <u>DOWN</u> to select <u>DIGITAL FADE</u>.

Press DISPLAY for DIGITAL FADE menu.

Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ to select TYPE.

Press DISPLAY for TYPE menu.

Press UP ▲ or DOWN ▼ to select from 7 different types of fades.

 A preview of each fade type is displayed as it is selected.

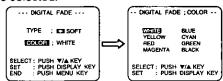
Press <u>DISPLAY</u> for DIGITAL FADE menu.

Press <u>DOWN</u> ▼ to select <u>COLOR</u>.

Press <u>DISPLAY</u> for COLOR menu.

Press <u>UP</u> ▲ or <u>DOWN</u> ▼ to select from 8 colors.

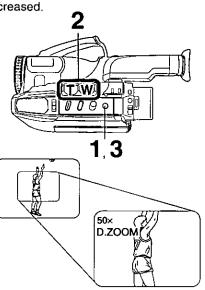
 A preview of each color is displayed as it is selected.



- Press <u>DISPLAY</u> to confirm entry.
 Press MENU twice to exit.
- 6 Press <u>FADE</u> for about 2 seconds to fade out during recording (selected fade type flashes). Press <u>FADE</u> again to fade in.

Digital Zoom

Power Zoom magnification is digitally increased.



Before you begin...

- Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Set POWER to CAMERA.

Press D. ZOOM.

Digital Zoom mode (150× maximum).

The Higher digital magnification levels may cause picture distortion.

2 Hold down <u>"T" on POWER ZOOM</u>.

Digital Zoom starts when normal zoom reaches maximum (20x).

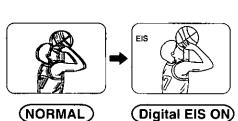
- Zoom level appears in EVF or LCD monitor.
- POWER ZOOM switch controls digital zoom level.
- Normal zoom resumes when level falls to 20x.
- **3** Press <u>D. ZOOM</u> to turn off Digital Zoom so no indication appears.

Digital Electronic Image Stabilization (EIS)

Helps stabilize picture when recording in unstable situations.

Before you begin... • Connect Camcorder to power source. • Set POWER to CAMERA.

- Set POWER to CAMERA.
- Press EIS to display "EIS" in the EVF or LCD monitor.
 - Image becomes slightly enlarged and shutter speed auto-adjusts from 1/80 to 1/350 according to brightness.
 - Use High Speed Shutter (page 25) if needed. Shutter speed setting remains after EIS is canceled.
- Press EIS again to cancel when not in use.

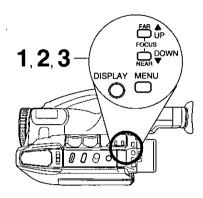


EIS may not function during...

- · extreme Camcorder movement.
- recording of subjects with distinct horizontal or vertical stripes.
- · low light situations (EIS indicator flashes).
- intense fluorescent lighting situations.
- · recording of very fast motion.

Security Mode

Recording starts automatically if motion is detected.



Motion Security may mistakenly start when:

- background is plain, like a white wall, or has distinct vertical, horizontal, or slanted stripes, like a venetian blind.
- brightness suddenly changes.

Motion Security may not start when:

- motion is very slow or fast.
- moving object is very small.
- motion occurs only in 1 corner of viewing area.
- in poor lighting (in this case, MOTION SECURITY flashes).
- background is plain, like a white wall, or has distinct horizontal or vertical stripes.

Note:

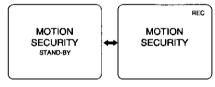
- Security recording starts if Camcorder is bumped or repositioned.
- This feature is not available during normal recording.
- While in Motion Security stand-by, the following functions are not available: Record/Pause, Stand-by mode, Digital EIS, Video Effects (Auto/Digital Fade).

Before you begin...

- Connect Camcorder to power source.
 Use AC Adaptor for longer recordings.
- . Insert cassette with record tab (page 11).
- Set POWER to CAMERA.
- · Securely position and aim Camcorder.
- Press <u>MENU</u> for MENU mode.
 Press <u>UP</u> ▲ or <u>DOWN</u> ▼ to select



- 2 Press <u>DISPLAY</u> to select ON.
- Press MENU for Motion Security stand-by mode. (If cassette is not inserted, " will flash.)



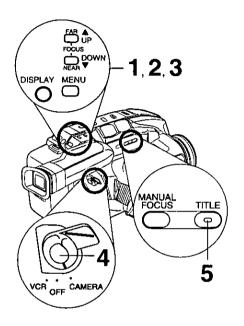
- Recording will start about 3 seconds after motion is detected.
- Date and time are recorded if displayed in EVF or LCD monitor (page 16).
- Recording stops about 30 seconds after motion ceases.

To cancel Security Mode, set <u>POWER to</u> OFF.

Intelligent Titler

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Camcorder auto-displays title greeting on selected holidays when power is first turned on. See title list below.



Before you begin...

- Connect Camcorder to power source.
- Insert cassette with record tab (page 11).
- Set POWER to CAMERA.
- Press MENU for MENU mode. Press UP ▲ or **DOWN** ▼ to select TITE.



- 2 Press DISPLAY to select AUTO/ MANUAL
- 3 Press MENU to exit.
- To record the title, press RECORD/ PAUSE.
- Press TITLE while recording to remove title.

Note:

· Once removed, title will not be auto-displayed. To redisplay, or select from other titles, use Manual Title (see below).

Automatic/Manual Title Display List

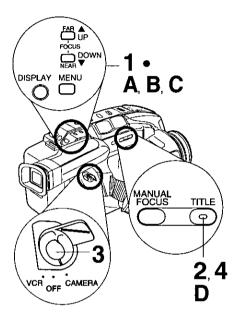
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ic/Manual Display

Dec. 31-Jan. 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR! / CHEERS!
Feb. 14	VALENTINE'S DAY / BE MY VALENTINE
2nd Sunday in May	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY / WE LOVE YOU!
Last Monday in May	MEMORIAL DAY
3rd Sunday in Jun.	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY / WE LOVE YOU!
Jul. 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
1st Monday in Sep.	LABOR DAY
Oct. 31	HAPPY HALLOWEEN
4th Thursday in Nov.	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Dec. 24–25	MERRY CHRISTMAS / HO! HO! HO!
These Titles must be	HAPPY EASTER
displayed manually.	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
İ	HAPPY BIRTHDAY
	VACATION
	WEDDING DAY
	A SPECIAL DAY

Intelligent Titler

Before you begin...

- · Connect Camcorder to power source.
- · Insert cassette with record tab (page 11).
- Set POWER to CAMERA.



Manual Title

Confirm that TITLE: AUTO/MANUAL is set in Menu mode (<u>steps</u> 1~3, page 30).



- 2 In Record/Pause mode, press <u>TITLE</u> repeatedly to display titles from list on page 30.
- To record the title, Press <u>RECORD/</u> PAUSE.
- 4 Press <u>TITLE</u> while recording to remove title.

Note:

 To redisplay title, press <u>TITLE</u> in Record/ Pause mode.

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Press <u>MENU</u> for MENU mode.
Press <u>UP ▲</u> or <u>DOWN ▼</u> to select



Phrase Title Display

EVF or (no indication)

BEAUTIFUL

BRAVOI

CHEERSI

CONGRATULATIONS

GIMME A BREAKI

GOOD LUCK

I LOVE YOU

OOPSI

OUR LITTLE ANGEL

WAY TO GO

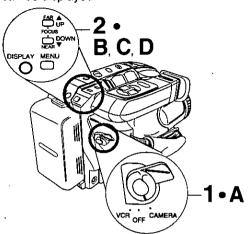
- **B** Press <u>DISPLAY</u> to select PHRASE.
- C Press MENU to exit.
- In Record/Pause mode, press <u>TITLE</u> repeatedly to display phrases from the list at left.
- Do steps 3, 4 above to record and remove phrase.

Note:

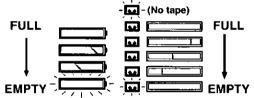
• To redisplay phrase, press <u>TITLE</u> in Record/ Pause mode.

Viewfinder/LCD Monitor Indications

Tape remaining and battery charge level can be displayed.



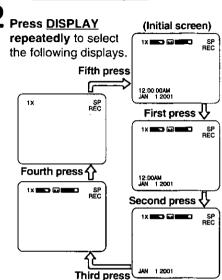
Tape Remaining: Battery Remaining:



Before you begin...

Connect Camcorder to power source.

Set POWER to CAMERA.



 Tape remaining indicator operates a few seconds after tape starts moving.

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Do steps 1 and 2 above to select time/date, date only, or no display.

Start a recording (page 16).

Only the Date and/or Time are recorded.

SP 12:00:00AM JAN 1 2001 1 2001



No Indication, except Intelligent Titler (pages 30, 31), will be displayed.

Set POWER to CAMERA or VCR.

Press MENU for MENU mode.

Press <u>UP ▲ or DOWN ▼</u> to select <u>DISPLAY</u>.

Press <u>DISPLAY</u> to select OFF. Press MENU to exit.

Press DISPLAY repeatedly to remove time/date.

Indications are restored the next time Camcorder is turned on.

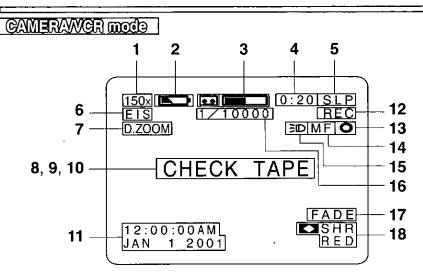




(CAMERA MODE)



Viewfinder/LCD Monitor Indications



- Zoom Magnification level (pages 23, 28).
- 2 Battery Remaining (page 32). "WARNING LOW BATTERY" appears and Power Lamp starts flashing 15 seconds before Camcorder shuts off.
- 3 Tape Remaining (page 32).

" flashes and "TAPE END" appears for 5 seconds when:

End of tape is reached.

" flashes 1 minute and "CHECK TAPE" appears for 5 seconds when:

- RECORD/PAUSE is pressed with no cassette, or cassette has no record tab in Camera (RECORD) mode.
- PLAY, FF or REW is pressed with no cassette inserted in VCR mode.

4 10-Second Reminder

Each time a recording is started, a 10 second incremental display (up to 59:50) lets you monitor how long one scene is recorded.

0:00 0:10 0:20 59:50 (return to 0:00 and continue)

5 TAPE SPEED (pages 11, 16). (SP=standard play, SLP=super long play).

- Digital EIS (page 28).
- Digital Zoom (page 28).
- **VCR-MODE**

"VCR-MODE" appears for 1 minute when POWER is set to VCR or if RECORD/ PAUSE is pressed in VCR mode.

DEW

If moisture condensation occurs in unit, "WARNING DEW DETECTED" appears, Power Lamp flashes, and Camcorder will shut off in 15 seconds. Wait until lamp no longer flashes when Camcorder is turned on to use.

- 10 Security Mode (page 29).
- 11 Date and Time (pages 13, 14).
- 12 Operating Mode
 - REC (record) PAUSE
 - FF (fast forward)
 PLAY
 - REW (rewind)
- 13 Backlight (page 23).
- 14 Manual Focus (page 24).
- 15 Light ON/OFF (PV-L551/PV-L601/PV-L651 only) (page 15).
- 16 High Speed Shutter (page 25).
- 17 Fade (page 26).
- 18 Color Digital Fade (page 27).

Operation Notes

Aliaching Shoulder Strap

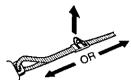
Remove Battery Pack before doing steps.

Undo strap ends from buckles.



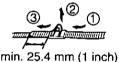
Thread strap ends through Strap Rings on Camcorder.





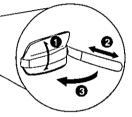
Pull a loop of strap from buckle, then pull strap tight to shorten or lengthen.

Re-insert the strap ends into buckles.



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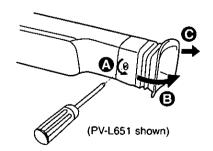
Hand Strap



Adjust Hand Strap length to fit your hand as shown.

Cleaning EVF (Electronic Viewiinder)

To Remove



- A Remove the screw with a Phillips screwdriver.
 - Turn counterclockwise.
 - Turn the EVF Eyepiece.
 Pull the EVF Eyepiece.
- Remove any lint or dust particles with a soft clean cloth being careful not to scratch the glass surfaces.
- Replace the EVF Eyepiece and the screw.

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Replacing Clock/Remote Battery

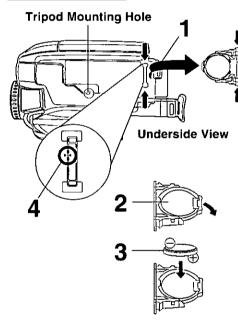
The clock and remote batteries are pre-installed. Follow the steps below if replacement becomes necessary.

- WARNING: -

Replace battery with Panasonic PART NO. VSBW0004 (CR2025) only. Use of another battery may present a risk of fire or explosion.

Caution: Battery may explode if mistreated. Dispose of used battery promptly. Keep away from children. Do not recharge, disassemble or dispose of in fire.

Clock Dattery

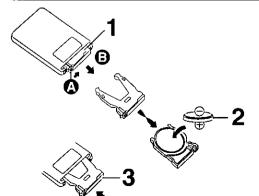


- While pinching 2 tabs, pull Battery Tray out.
- Bend middle tab out and remove Battery.
- 3 Snap new Battery (⊕ mark down) into Battery Tray.
 - · Do not reverse the polarity.
- 4 Insert Battery Tray so the triangle marks meet.

Note:

- Keep Battery out of children's reach.
 Swallowing it may be harmful.
- Improperly installed, discharged, or missing battery causes "CLOCK BATTERY" to appear when DISPLAY is pressed.
- Battery life is approximately 5 years.

Remote Battery (PV-1951 only)



- Myhile pressing stopper tab,
 pull Battery Tray out.
- 2 Insert battery into tray with ⊕ mark down.
 - Do not reverse the polarity.
- 3 Replace Battery Tray.

Palmcorder Accessory System

For ordering instructions, see the Accessory Order Form page.

• The listed standard battery use times are based on continuous recording using this Palmcorder.

Accessory #	Figure	Description	Price
PV-A17		AC Adaptor with DC Power Cable (Charging of the Nickel Cadmium Battery)	\$139.95
PV-A19		AC Adaptor with DC Power Cable (Charging of the Nickel Cadmium Battery or Nickel Metal Hydride Battery)	Call For Pricing
HHR-V60A/1B		Up to 6 hr Battery Pack (Rechargeable Nickel Metal Hydride Battery)	\$119.95
HHR-V40A/1B		Up to 4 hr Battery Pack (Rechargeable Nickel Metal Hydride Battery)	\$69.95
HHR-V20A/1B	60	Up to 2 hr Battery Pack (Rechargeable Nickel Metal Hydride Battery)	\$59.95
PV-AA6		"AA" Battery Case	\$20.00
PV-C16		Car Battery Cord	\$70.00
PV-P1		VHS PlayPak	\$39.95
PV-H18A		Soft Sided Carrying Case	\$49.95

· Prices subject to change without notice.

Palmcorder Accessory Order Form

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Specifications

Power Source: Compact VHS Camcorder: DC 6 V

AC Adaptor: 110/120/220/240 V AC, 50/60 Hz

Battery: Nickel-Cadmium Type DC 6 V

Compact VHS Camcorder: 6V DC 8.5 W (Max. 11.5 W) Power Consumption:

AC Adaptor: 19 W

1.2 W (when not in use.)

Video Signal: EIA Standard (525 lines, 60 fields) NTSC color signal

Video Recording System: 2 rotary heads plus flying erase head

Helical scanning system

Audio: 1 track

Pick-Up System: Sequential color difference field reverse system

Pick-Up Device: One integral color filter Charge Coupled Device (CCD)

Lens: 20:1 zoom lens, F1:1.6 with auto iris control

Focal length: 3.6 mm - 72 mm 4 speed power zoom function

Viewfinder: 10.2 mm (0.4 inch) Electronic Viewfinder (PV-L501)

> 11 mm (0.45 inch)/14 mm (0.55 inch) Liquid Crystal Color Electronic Viewfinder

(PV-L551/PV-L601/PV-L651)

LCD Monitor: 63.5 mm (2.5 inch) Liquid Crystal Display

(PV-L501/PV-L551)

76.2 mm (3.0 inch) Liquid Crystal Display (PV-L601) 101.6 mm (4.0 inch) Liquid Crystal Display (PV-L651)

Minimum Illumination Required: 0.8 lx (F1:1.6) 0.08 footcandles

7 lx (F1:1.6) 0.7 footcandles (EIA Standard)

Operating Temperature: 0 °C~40 °C (32 °F~104 °F)

Operating Humidity: 10 %~75 %

Weight: Compact VHS Camcorder:

 $0.98 \, \mathrm{kg}$

2.16 lbs. (PV-L501/PV-L551/PV-L601)

 $0.99 \, \mathrm{kg}$

2.18 lbs. (PV-L651)

AC Adaptor: 0.3 kg

0.66 lbs.

Dimensions: Compact VHS Camcorder:

> $120 \text{ (W)} \times 122 \text{ (H)} \times 186.5 \text{ (D)} \text{ mm}$ 4-3/4 (W) $\times 4-3/4$ (H) $\times 7-3/8$ (D) inch

AC Adaptor: $68 \text{ (W)} \times 41 \text{ (H)} \times 140 \text{ (D)} \text{ mm}$

2-11/16 (W) $\times 1-5/8$ (H) $\times 5-1/2$ (D) inch

Weight and dimensions shown are approximate.

Designs and specifications are subject to change without notice.

Before Requesting Service

If a problem arises, you may be able to correct it yourself. See Symptom and Correction list below.

Symptom	Correction
No picture in EVF or LCD monitor	Connect Power Source. (pp. 9, 10) Set POWER to VCR or CAMERA. (pp. 16, 20) Check for Dew Indication. (p. 33) Use fully charged Battery. (p. 9) Firmly connect all needed cables. (p. 10)
Video cassette cannot be inserted	Connect Power Source. (pp. 9, 10) Insert cassette, window side facing out. (p. 11)
Video cassette cannot be removed	Connect Power Source. (pp. 9, 10)
Operation buttons do not work	Check for Dew Indication. (p. 33)
Recording cannot be done	Make sure record tab is intact. (p. 11) Check Battery Indicator. (p. 32) Check for Dew Indication. (p. 33)
Auto Focus does not operate	Set FOCUS to AUTO. (p. 24) Set POWER to CAMERA. (p. 16)
Sound from microphone can't be monitored	Set unit to REC or Record/Pause mode.
Camera picture is too dark	Set HIGH SPEED SHUTTER to AUTO. (p. 25)
No playback picture, or the playback picture is noisy or contains streaks	 Press UP ▲/DOWN ▼ button during playback (Tracking Control). (p. 20)
"Panasonic ITS TAPES PLAY IN YOUR VCR" appears in EVF or LCD Monitor	Set POWER to CAMERA, then set SELF DEMO : OFF in MENU screen to cancel Demo mode. (p. 7)
Top of playback picture waves back and forth excessively	A playback signal is not as stable as an off the air TV signal, so the top of your TV screen may appear bent or unstable during playback. This is called, "Horizontal AFC time constant change." To correct, slowly turn the TV horizontal hold control. If your TV does not have this control, or adjusting it does not help, contact your TV service center. (Some nominal service charges may be required.)

Video Head Cleaning



Clogged Video Head

While head cleaning is normally not needed, playing old or damaged tapes may clog the heads. When playback picture resembles example at the left, head cleaning is required.

Ideally, head cleaning should be performed by a qualified service technician. When this is not possible, purchase a head cleaning cassette. Be sure to follow cleaning cassette instructions exactly and only use when symptoms occur.

Request for Service Notice

Please photocopy this form when making a request for service notice.

Request for	Service	Notice:
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In the unlikely event this product needs service.

- Please include your proof of purchase. (Failure to due so will delay your repair.)
- To further speed your repair please provide an explanation of what is wrong with the unit and any symptom it is exhibiting.

Mail this completed form and your Proof of Purchase along with your unit to: Panasonic Services Company 1705 N. Randall Road

Elgin, IL. 60123-7847 Attn: Camcorder Repair

Limited Warranty

Panasonic Consumer Electronics Company, Division of Matsushita Electric Corporation of America, One Panasonic Way Secaucus, New Jersey 07094 Panasonic Sales Company, Division of Matsushita Electric of Puerto Rico, Inc. AVE. 65 de Infantería, Km. 9.5 San Gabriel Industrial Park Carolina, Puerto Rico 00985

PANASONIC Video Products Limited Warranty

Panasonic Consumer Electronics Company or Panasonic Sales Company (collectively referred to as "the Warrantor") will repair this product with new or refurbished parts, free of charge, in the USA or Puerto Rico, in the event of a defect in materials or workmanship as follows (all time periods commence from the date of the original purchase):

PRODUCT	PARTS	LABOR	SERVICE	CONTACT NUMBER
CAMCORDER	ONE (1) YEAR, EXCEPT CCD IMAGE SENSOR CCD IMAGE SENSOR - SIX (6) MONTHS	NINETY (90) DAYS NINETY (90) DAYS	Carry-In or Mail In	1-800-211-PANA(7262)
VCR	ONE (1) YEAR	NINETY (90) DAYS	Carry-In or Mail In	1-800-211-PANA(7262)
A/V MIXER	ONE (1) YEAR	NINETY (90) DAYS	Carry-In or Mail In	1-800-211-PANA(7262)
MONITOR- VCR	ONE (1) YEAR, EXCEPT CRT CRT - TWO (2) YEARS	CRT - NINETY (90)	Carry-in: 21" CRT and Smaller	1-800-211-PANA(7262)
Combination		DAYS	In-home or carry-in: 22" CRT and Larger	

<u>Batteries</u> (if included) - New rechargeable batteries in exchange for defective rechargeable batteries for ten (10) days. Non-rechargeable batteries are not warranted.

<u>Tape</u> (if included) - New video cassette tape in exchange for a defective video cassette tape for five (5) days. In-home, carry-in or mail-in service, as applicable, in the USA can be obtained during the warranty period by contacting a Panasonic Services Company (PASC) Factory Servicenter listed in the Service Directory. Or call toll free contact number listed above, to locate an authorized PASC Servicenter. Carry-in or mailin service in Puerto Rico can be obtained during the warranty period by calling the Panasonic Sales Company telephone number listed in the Servicenter Directory.

This warranty is extended only to the original purchaser. A purchase receipt or other proof of the date of the original purchase is requires before warranty service is rendered.

This warranty only covers failures due to defects in materials and workmanship which occur during normal use and does not cover normal maintenance, including, but not limited to, video and audio head cleaning. The warranty does not cover damage which occurs in shipment, or failures which are caused by products not supplied by the warrantor, or failures which result from accident, misuse, abuse, neglect, mishandling, misapplication, alteration, modification, faulty installation, set-up adjustments, improper antenna, inadequate signal pickup, maladjustment of consumer controls, improper operation, power line surge, improper voltage supply, lightning damage, commercial use such as hotel, office, restaurant, or other business or rental use of the product, or service by anyone other than a PASC Factory Servicenter or a PASC authorized Servicenter, or damage that is attributable to acts of God.

LIMITS AND EXCLUSIONS

There are no express warranties except as listed above.

THE WARRANTOR SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, DAMAGE TO RECORDING MEDIA) RESULTING FROM THE USE OF THIS PRODUCTS, OR ARISING OUT OF ANY BREACH OF THE WARRANTY. ALL EXPRESS AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING THE WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ARE LIMITED TO THE APPLICABLE WARRANTY PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above exclusions or limitations may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state If a problem with this product develops during or after the warranty period, you may contact your dealer or Servicenter. If the problem is not handled to your satisfaction, then write to the Consumer Affairs Department at the Panasonic Consumer Electronics Company address above.

SERVICE CALLS WHICH DO NOT INVOLVE DEFECTIVE MATERIALS OR WORKMANSHIP AS DETERMINED BY THE WARRANTOR, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, ARE NOT COVERED. COSTS OF SUCH SERVICE CALLS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER.

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Servicenter List

For Product Information, Operating Assistance, Literature Request, Dealer Locations, and all Qustomer Service inquiries please confacts

1-300-211-PANA(7/262), Monday-Fiday Sam-Spin Salurday-Sunday Sam-Jam, EST. or send e-mail to a consumer products@panasorile.com

Web Site: http://www.panasonie.com

You can purchase parts, accessories or locate your nearest servicenter by visiting our Web Site.

Accessory Purchasess

1-800-332-5368 (Customer Orders Only)

Panasonic Services Company 20421 84th Avenue South, Kent, WA 98032 (6 am to 5 pm Monday - Friday; 6 am to 10:30 am Saturday; PST) (Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express, Check)

Product Repairs

Centralized Factory Servicenter

MAIL TO:

Panasonic Services Company 1705 N. Randall Road, Elain, IL 60123-7847

Attention: Camcorder Repair

Please carefully pack and ship, prepaid and insured, to the Elgin centralized repair Factory Servicenter. While there will be added handling delays, you may bring your unit to one of the following locations who will then forward the unit to Elgin for repair.

Customer's in Puerto Rico, please ship or carry in to location below ("Service in Puerto Rico").

Feetory Servicenters Locations

CALIFORNIA

6550 Katella Avenue Cypress, CA 90630

800 Dubuque Avenue S. San Francisco CA 94080

3878 Ruffin Road Suite A San Diego, CA 92123

COLORADO

1640 South Abilene Street Suite D Aurora, CO 80012

FLORIDA

3700 North 29th Avenue Suite 102 Hollywood, FL 33020

GEORGIA

8655 Roswell Road Suite 100 Atlanta, GA 30350

ILLINOIS

9060 Golf Boad Niles, IL 60714

1703 North Bandall Boad Elain, IL 60123 (Pick-up/drop-off only)

MARYLAND

62 Mountain Road Glen Burnie, MD 21061

MASSACHUSETTS

60 Glacier Drive Suite G

Westwood, MA 02090

MINNESOTA

7850-12th Avenue South Airport Business Center Bloomington, MN 55425

OHIO

2236 Waycross Road Civic Center Plaza ForestPark, OH 45240

PENNSYLVANIA

2221 Cabot Blvd. West Suite B Langhorne, PA 19047

TENNESSEE

3800 Ezell Road Suite 806 Nashville, TN 37211

TEXAS

13615 Welch Road Suite 101 Farmers Branch, TX 75244

WASHINGTON

20425-84th Avenue South Kent. WA 98032

HAWAII

99-859 Iwaiwa Street Aiea, Hawaii 96701 Phone (808) 488-1996 Fax (808) 486-4369

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As of January 2001

Spanish Quick Use Guide/Guía Para Uso Rápido

Antes de comenzar...

Inserte un casete con lengüeta para prevención del grabado.

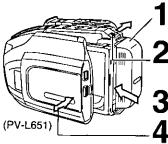
Carcue la batería

Cargue completamente la batería antes de usarla.



Instale la batería. El indicador de carga (CHARGE) parpadea, luego queda encendido si ha terminado la carga. Desmonte la batería.

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Coloque la batería cargada.

Deslice TAPE EJECT para abrir la compuerta.

Inserte el casete.

Presione aquí para cerrar la compuerta.

Crabación con la videocámara

Cuando el monitor LCD está completamente abierto, el visor se desconecta automáticamente.

Presione LCD-OPEN para abrir el monitor LCD. Abralo completamente y ajuste el ángulo. VCR OFF CAMERA (PV-L651)

Ajuste POWER a CAMERA.

Presione <u>RECORD/PAUSE</u> para comenzar la grabación. Presione RECORD/PAUSE otra vez para hacer una pausa en la grabación.

Reproduzen usando el monitor LCD

Cuando el monitor LCD está completamente abierto, el visor se desconecta automáticamente.



- Presione REWIND/SEARCH para rebobinar la cinta.
 - Presione PLAY para comenzar la reproducción.
 - Presione STOP para finalizar la reproducción.

Reproduccion con ciecios especiales

Para localizar rapidamente una escena especifica

Oprimir el botón de localización (SEARCH). Para congelar una imagen

- Oprimir el botón de pausa/imagen fija (PAUSE/STILL).
- Oprimir nuevamente el botón cuando se desea continuar reproduciendo.

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