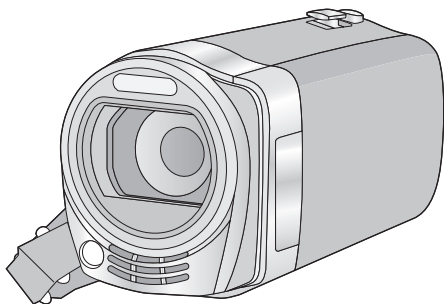


Panasonic®

Operating Instructions High Definition Video Camera

Model No. **HDC-SDX1**



Before use, please read these instructions completely.

AVCHD™

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DIGITAL
STEREO CREATOR

HDMI

SD™
XC

VIERA
Link

VQT2W75

Information for Your Safety

WARNING:

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE, ELECTRIC SHOCK OR PRODUCT DAMAGE,

- **DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPARATUS TO RAIN, MOISTURE, DRIPPING OR SPLASHING AND THAT NO OBJECTS FILLED WITH LIQUIDS, SUCH AS VASES, SHALL BE PLACED ON THE APPARATUS.**
- **USE ONLY THE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES.**
- **DO NOT REMOVE THE COVER (OR BACK); THERE ARE NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.**

CAUTION!

- **DO NOT INSTALL OR PLACE THIS UNIT IN A BOOKCASE, BUILT-IN CABINET OR IN ANOTHER CONFINED SPACE. ENSURE THE UNIT IS WELL VENTILATED. TO PREVENT RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK OR FIRE HAZARD DUE TO OVERHEATING, ENSURE THAT CURTAINS AND ANY OTHER MATERIALS DO NOT OBSTRUCT THE VENTILATION VENTS.**
- **DO NOT OBSTRUCT THE UNIT'S VENTILATION OPENINGS WITH NEWSPAPERS, TABLECLOTHS, CURTAINS, AND SIMILAR ITEMS.**
- **DO NOT PLACE SOURCES OF NAKED FLAMES, SUCH AS LIGHTED CANDLES, ON THE UNIT.**
- **DISPOSE OF BATTERIES IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY MANNER.**

The socket outlet shall be installed near the equipment and easily accessible.

The mains plug of the power supply cord shall remain readily operable.

To completely disconnect this apparatus from the AC Mains, disconnect the power supply cord plug from AC receptacle.

Warning

Risk of fire, explosion and burns. Do not disassemble, heat above 60 °C or incinerate.

Use only the recommended accessories.

- Do not use any other AV multi cables and USB cables except the supplied one.
- Keep the Memory Card out of reach of children to prevent swallowing.

■ Product identification marking

Product	Location
High Definition Video Camera	Battery holder
AC adaptor	Bottom

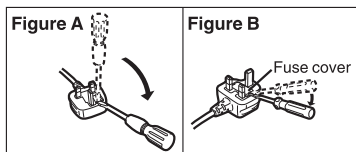
How to replace the fuse

The location of the fuse differ according to the type of AC mains plug (figures A and B).

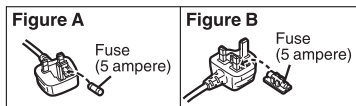
Confirm the AC mains plug fitted and follow the instructions below.

Illustrations may differ from actual AC mains plug.

- 1) Open the fuse cover with a screwdriver.



- 2) Replace the fuse and close or attach the fuse cover.



About the recording format for recording motion pictures

You can select from either AVCHD or MP4 recording formats to record motion pictures using this unit. (→ 50)

AVCHD: You can record high definition quality images with this format. It is suitable for viewing on a large format TV or for saving to disc.

MP4: This is a recording format suitable for playing back or editing on a PC. It can be processed faster than AVCHD when it is imported to a PC.

Indemnity about recorded content

Panasonic does not accept any responsibility for damages directly or indirectly due to any type of problems that result in loss of recording or edited content, and does not guarantee any content if recording or editing does not work properly. Likewise, the above also applies in a case where any type of repair is made to the unit.

-If you see this symbol-

Information on Disposal in other Countries outside the European Union



This symbol is only valid in the European Union. If you wish to discard this product, please contact your local authorities or dealer and ask for the correct method of disposal.

■ Cards that you can use with this unit

SD Memory Card, SDHC Memory Card and SDXC Memory Card

- 4 GB or more Memory Cards that do not have the SDHC logo or 48 GB or more Memory Cards that do not have the SDXC logo are not based on SD Memory Card Specifications.
- Refer to page 15 for more details on SD cards.

■ For the purposes of these operating instructions

- SD Memory Card, SDHC Memory Card and SDXC Memory Card are referred to as the “SD card”.
- Functions that can be used for motion picture recording/motion picture playback are indicated by **VIDEO** in these operating instructions.
- Functions that can be used for still picture recording (including the still picture recording in motion picture recording mode)/still picture playback are indicated by **PHOTO** in these operating instructions.
- Pages for reference are indicated by an arrow, for example: → 00

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Accessories

Check the accessories before using this unit.

Keep the accessories out of reach of children to prevent swallowing.

Product numbers correct as of Jun. 2010. These may be subject to change.

Battery pack

VW-VBK180



AC adaptor

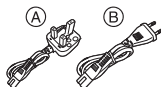
VSK0712



AC cable

(A) K2CT39A00002

(B) K2CQ29A00002



- (A) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China and Saudi Arabia
- (B) Areas Other than Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China, Saudi Arabia

AV multi cable

K1HY12YY0004



USB cable

K1HY04YY0032



Stylus pen

VGQ0C14



CD-ROM

Software



CD-ROM

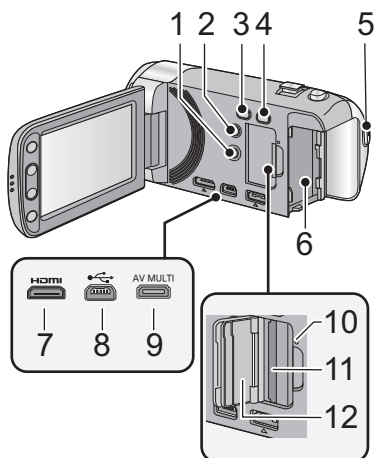
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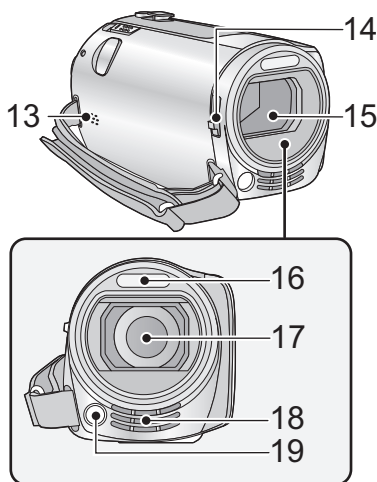


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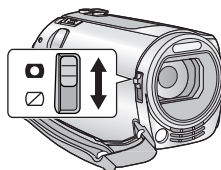
Parts identification and handling



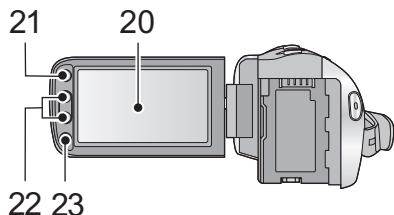
- 1 Power button [⏻/⏻] (→ 17)
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 - 3 Intelligent auto/Manual button [iA/MANUAL] (→ 26, 63)
 - 4 Optical image stabilizer button [👉] O.I.S.] (→ 40)
 - 5 Recording start/stop button (→ 22)
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 - 7 HDMI mini connector [HDMI] (→ 82, 86)
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 - 9 AV multi connector [AV MULTI] (→ 82, 94)
- Use the AV multi cable (only the supplied cable).
- 10 Access lamp [ACCESS] (→ 16)
 - 11 Card slot (→ 16)
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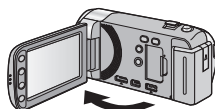
- 13 Speaker
 - 14 Lens cover opening/closing switch
- When not using the unit, close the lens cover to protect the lens.
- Slide the opening/closing switch to open/close the cover.



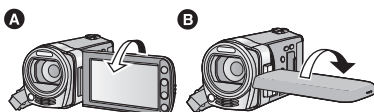
- 15 Lens cover
- 16 Built-in flash (→ 46)
- 17 Lens
- 18 Internal stereo microphones
- 19 Video light (→ 43, 62)



20 LCD monitor (Touch screen) (→ 19)



- It can open up to 90°.



- It can rotate up to 180° **A** towards the lens or 90° **B** towards the opposite direction.

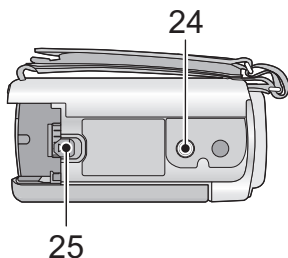
Due to limitations in LCD production technology, there may be some tiny bright or dark spots on the LCD monitor screen. However, this is not a malfunction and does not affect the recorded picture.

21 Menu button [MENU] (→ 32)

22 Adjust zoom buttons (→ 39)

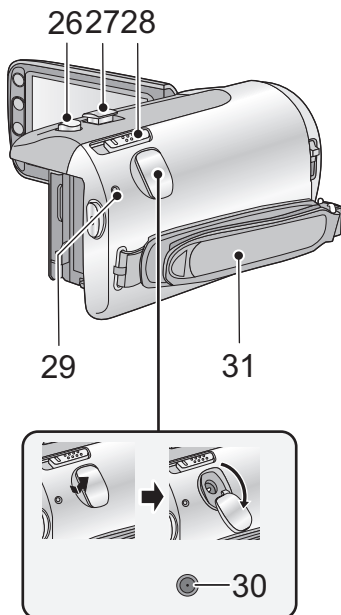
23 Sub recording start/stop button (→ 21)

- This button functions in the same manner as the recording start/stop button.



24 Tripod receptacle

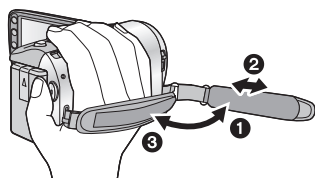
25 Battery release lever [BATT] (→ 12)



- 26** Photoshot button [] (→ 24)
- 27** Zoom lever [W/T] (In motion picture recording mode or still picture recording mode) (→ 39)
- Thumbnail display switch [/]
- Volume lever [–VOL+] (In playback mode) (→ 30)
- 28** Mode switch (→ 18)
- 29** Status indicator (→ 17)
- 30** DC input terminal (→ 13)
- Do not use any other AC adaptors except the supplied one.

31 Grip belt

Adjust the length of the grip belt so that it fits your hand.



- 1** Flip the belt.
- 2** Adjust the length.
- 3** Replace the belt.

■ About batteries that you can use with this unit

The battery that can be used with this unit is VW-VBK180/VW-VBK360.

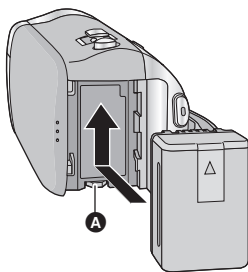
- The unit has a function for distinguishing batteries which can be used safely. The dedicated battery (VW-VBK180/VW-VBK360) supports this function. The only batteries suitable for use with this unit are genuine Panasonic products and batteries manufactured by other companies and certified by Panasonic. (Batteries which do not support this function cannot be used). Panasonic cannot in any way guarantee the quality, performance or safety of batteries which have been manufactured by other companies and are not genuine Panasonic products.

It has been found that counterfeit battery packs which look very similar to the genuine product are made available to purchase in some markets. Some of these battery packs are not adequately protected with internal protection to meet the requirements of appropriate safety standards. There is a possibility that these battery packs may lead to fire or explosion. Please be advised that we are not liable for any accident or failure occurring as a result of use of a counterfeit battery pack. To ensure that safe products are used we would recommend that a genuine Panasonic battery pack is used.

Inserting/removing the battery

- Press the power button to turn off the unit. (→ 17)

Install the battery by inserting it in the direction shown in the figure.

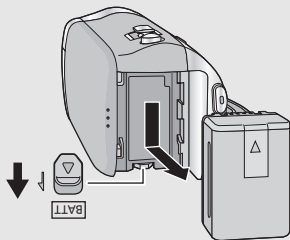


- A** Insert the battery until it clicks and locks.

Removing the battery

Be sure to hold down the power button until the status indicator goes off. Then remove the battery while supporting the unit to prevent it dropping.

Move the battery release lever in the direction indicated by the arrow and remove the battery when unlocked.



CAUTION

Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

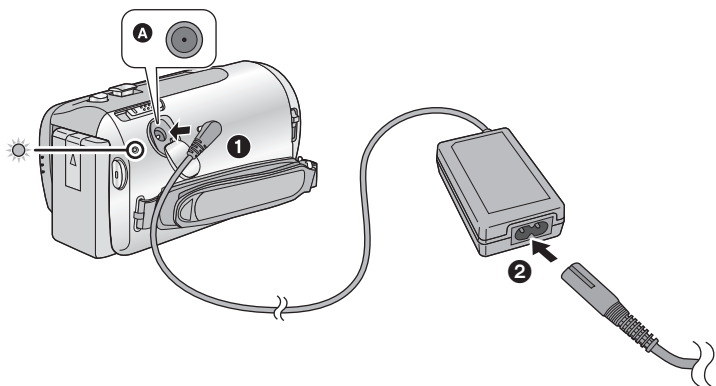
Charging the battery

When this unit is purchased, the battery is not charged. Charge the battery fully before using this unit.

The unit is in the standby condition when the AC adaptor is connected. The primary circuit is always “live” as long as the AC adaptor is connected to an electrical outlet.

Important:

- Use the supplied AC adaptor. Do not use the AC adaptor of another device.
- Do not use the AC cable with any other equipment as it is designed only for this unit. Also, do not use the AC cable from other equipment with this unit.
- The battery can also be charged using a battery charger (VW-BC10E/EB; optional).
- The battery will not be charged if the unit is turned on.



A DC input terminal

1 Connect the AC adaptor to the DC input terminal.

2 Connect the AC cable to the AC adaptor, then the AC outlet.

- The status indicator will flash red at an interval of 2 seconds, indicating that charging has begun.

It will turn off when the charging is completed.

■ Connecting to the AC outlet

If you turn on the unit while charging with the AC adaptor, you can use the unit with power supplied from the outlet.

- If the status indicator flashes at a particularly fast or slow rate, refer to page 125.
- We recommend using Panasonic batteries (→ 7, 14, 128).
- If you use other batteries, we cannot guarantee the quality of this product.
- Do not heat or expose to flame.
- Do not leave the battery(ies) in an automobile exposed to direct sunlight for a long period of time with doors and windows closed.

Charging and recording time

■ Charging/Recording time

- Temperature: 25 °C/humidity: 60%RH

Battery model number [Voltage/Capacity (minimum)]	Charging time	Recording format	Recording mode	Maximum continuously recordable time	Actual recordable time
Supplied battery/ VW-VBK180 (optional) [3.6 V/1790 mAh]	2 h 50 min	AVCHD	HA/HG/HX/HE	1 h 55 min	1 h
		MP4	1280×720p	2 h 5 min	1 h 5 min
			640×480p	2 h 10 min	
			i Frame 960×540p	2 h	1 h
VW-VBK360 (optional) [3.6 V/3580 mAh]	4 h 50 min	AVCHD	HA/HG/HX	3 h 55 min	2 h
			HE	4 h	2 h 5 min
		MP4	1280×720p	4 h 15 min	2 h 10 min
			640×480p	4 h 25 min	2 h 15 min
			i Frame 960×540p	4 h 10 min	2 h 10 min

- These times are approximations.
- **The indicated charging time is for when the battery has been discharged completely. Charging time and recordable time vary depending on the usage conditions such as high/low temperature.**
- The actual recordable time refers to the recordable time when repeatedly starting/stopping recording, turning the unit on/off, moving the zoom lever etc.
- The batteries heat up after use or charging. This is not a malfunction.

Battery capacity indication

- The display changes as the battery capacity reduces.



If there is less than 3 minutes remaining, then  will become red. If the battery discharges, then  will flash.

- The remaining battery capacity is displayed when using the Panasonic battery that you can use for this unit. The actual time can vary depending on your actual use.
- When using the AC adaptor or batteries made by other companies, the remaining battery capacity will not be shown.

This unit (an SDXC compatible device) is compatible with SD Memory Cards, SDHC Memory Cards and SDXC Memory Cards. When using an SDHC memory card/SDXC memory card with other equipment, check the equipment is compatible with these memory cards.

Cards that you can use with this unit

Use SD cards conforming to Class 4 or higher of the SD Speed Class Rating* for motion picture recording.

Card type	Capacity	Motion picture recording	Still picture recording
SD Memory Card	8 MB/16 MB	Cannot be used.	Can be used.
	32 MB/64 MB/128 MB/256 MB	Cannot be guaranteed in operation.	
	512 MB/1 GB/2 GB	Can be used.	
SDHC Memory Card	4 GB/6 GB/8 GB/12 GB/16 GB/24 GB/32 GB		
SDXC Memory Card	48 GB/64 GB		

* The SD Speed Class Rating is the speed standard for successive writes.

- Please confirm the latest information about SD Memory Cards/SDHC Memory Cards/SDXC Memory Cards that can be used for motion picture recording on the following website.

http://panasonic.jp/support/global/cs/e_cam
(This website is in English only.)

- 4 GB or more Memory Cards that do not have the SDHC logo or 48 GB or more Memory Cards that do not have the SDXC logo are not based on SD Memory Card Specifications.
- When the write-protect switch **A** on SD card is locked, no recording, deletion or editing will be possible on the card.
- Keep the Memory Card out of reach of children to prevent swallowing.

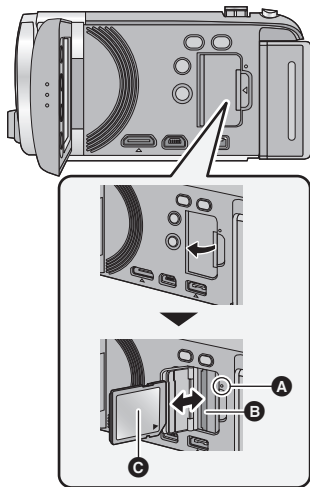


Inserting/removing an SD card

When using an SD card not from Panasonic, or one previously used on other equipment, for the first time on this unit, format the SD card. (→ 37) When the SD card is formatted, all of the recorded data is deleted. Once the data is deleted, it cannot be restored.

Caution:

Check that the access lamp has gone off.



Access lamp [ACCESS] **A**

- When this unit is accessing the SD card, the access lamp lights up.

1 Open the LCD monitor.

2 Open the SD card cover and insert (remove) the SD card into (from) the card slot **B**.

- Face the label side **C** in the direction shown in the illustration and press it straight in as far as it will go.
- Press the centre of the SD card and then pull it straight out.

3 Securely close the SD card cover.

- Securely close it until it clicks.

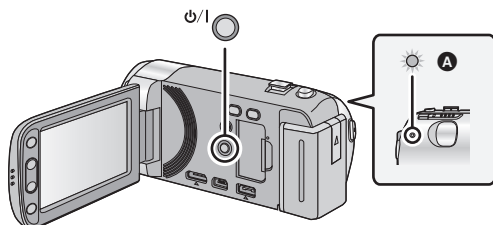
- Do not touch the terminals on the back of the SD card.
- Do not apply strong shocks, bend, or drop the SD card.
- Electrical noise, static electricity or the failure of this unit or the SD card may damage or erase the data stored on the SD card.
- When the card access lamp is lit, do not:
 - Remove the SD card
 - Turn the unit off
 - Insert and remove the USB cable
 - Expose the unit to vibrations or shockPerforming the above while the lamp is on may result in damage to data/SD card or this unit.
- Do not expose the terminals of the SD card to water, garbage or dust.
- Do not place SD cards in the following areas:
 - In direct sunlight
 - In very dusty or humid areas
 - Near a heater
 - Locations susceptible to significant difference in temperature (condensation can occur.)
 - Where static electricity or electromagnetic waves occur
- To protect SD cards, return them to their cases when you are not using them.
- About disposing of or giving away the SD card. (→ 125)

Turning the unit on/off

You can turn the unit on and off using the power button or by opening and closing the LCD monitor.

Turning the unit on and off with the power button

Press the power button to turn on the unit.



To turn off the unit

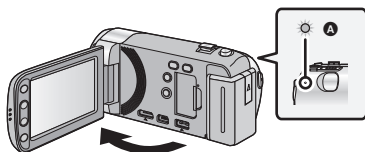
Hold down the power button until the status indicator goes off.

A The status indicator lights.

Turning the unit on and off with the LCD monitor

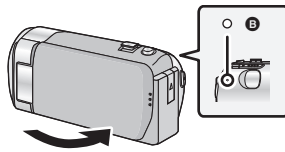
Unit is turned on when the LCD monitor is opened, and unit is turned off when it is closed. **During normal use, opening and closing of the LCD monitor can be conveniently used to turn the unit on/off.**

■ To turn on the unit



A The status indicator lights.

■ To turn off the unit



B The status indicator goes off.

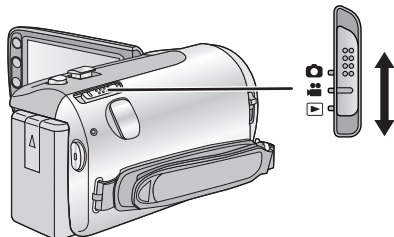
- The unit will not turn off while recording motion pictures even if the LCD monitor is closed.
- In the following cases, opening the LCD monitor does not turn on the unit. Press the power button to turn on the unit.
 - When the unit is purchased
 - When you have turned off the unit using the power button

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Selecting a mode

Change the mode to recording or playback.

Operate the mode switch to change the mode to ,  or .



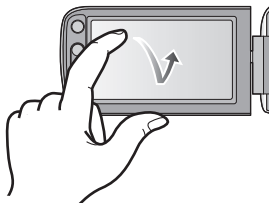
	Motion picture recording mode (→ 22)
	Still picture recording mode (→ 24)
	Playback mode (→ 28, 67)

How to use the touch screen

You can operate by directly touching the LCD monitor (touch screen) with your finger. It is easier to use the stylus pen (supplied) for detailed operation or if it is hard to operate with your fingers.

■ Touch

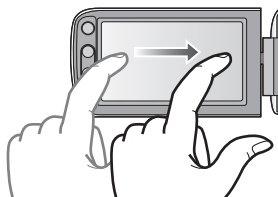
Touch and release the touch screen to select icon or picture.



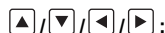
- Touch the centre of the icon.
- Touching the touch screen will not operate while you are touching another part of the touch screen.

■ Drag

Move your finger while pressing on the touch screen. Can be used during direct playback and playback zoom.



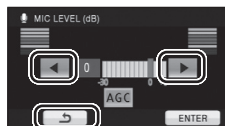
■ About the operation icons



These icons are used to switch the menu and thumbnail display page, for item selection and setting etc.



Touch to return to the previous screen such as when setting menus

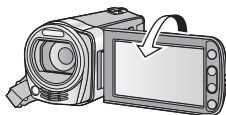


- Do not touch the LCD monitor with hard pointed tips, such as ball point pens.
- Perform the touch screen calibration when the touch is not recognised or wrong location is recognised. (→ 37)

Recording Yourself

◇ Change the mode to or .

Rotate the LCD monitor towards the lens side.



- The image is horizontally flipped as if you see a mirror image. (However the image recorded is the same as a normal recording.)
- Only some indications will appear on the screen. When appears, return the direction of the LCD monitor to normal position and check the warning/alarm indication. (→ 113)

Setting date and time

When the unit is turned on for the first time, a message asking you to set the date and time will appear.

Select [YES] and perform steps 2 to 3 below to set the date and time.

◇ Change the mode to  or .

1 Select the menu.

: [SETUP] → [CLOCK SET]

2 Touch the date or time to be set, then set the desired value using /.



A Displaying the World time setting (→ 33):

 [HOME]/  [DESTINATION]

- The year can be set between 2000 and 2039.
- The 24-hour system is used to display the time.

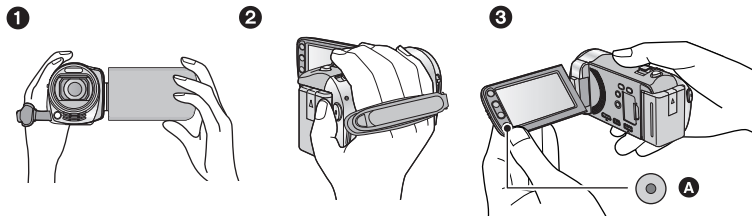
3 Touch [ENTER].

- The clock function starts at [00] seconds.
- A message prompting for World time setting may be displayed. Perform the World time setting by touching the screen. (→ 33)
- Touch [EXIT] or press the MENU button to complete the setting.

-
- The date and time function is driven by a built-in lithium battery.
 - When this unit is purchased, the clock is set. If the time display becomes [- -], the built-in lithium battery needs to be charged. To recharge the built-in lithium battery, connect the AC adaptor or attach the battery to this unit. Leave the unit as it is for approx. 24 hours and the battery will maintain the date and time for approx. 6 months. (The battery is still being recharged even if the unit is off.)

Before recording

■ Basic camera positioning



- ❶ Hold the unit with both hands.
 - ❷ Put your hand through the grip belt.
 - ❸ It is convenient to use sub recording start/stop button **A** when holding the unit around your waist.
- When recording, make sure your footing is stable and there is no danger of colliding with another person or object.
 - When you are outdoors, record pictures with the sunlight behind you. If the subject is backlit, it will become dark in the recording.
 - Keep your arms near your body and separate your legs for better balance.
 - Do not cover the microphones.

■ Basic motion picture recording

- The unit should normally be held steady when recording.
- If you move the unit when recording, do so slowly, maintaining a constant speed.
- The zoom operation is useful for recording subjects you cannot get close to, but overuse of zoom in and zoom out can make the resulting motion picture less enjoyable to watch.

Recording motion pictures

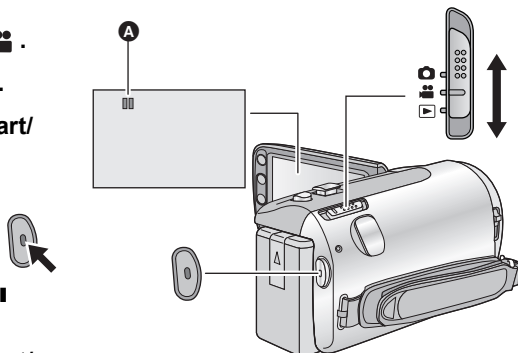
VIDEO

- Open the lens cover before turning on the unit. (→ 8)

1 Change the mode to .

2 Open the LCD monitor.

3 Press the recording start/stop button to start recording.



- A** When you begin recording,  changes to .

4 Press the recording start/stop button again to pause recording.

- There are 2 recording formats that can be used with this unit: **AVCHD** that records full high-definition motion pictures, and **MP4** that records motion pictures suitable for playback and editing on a PC. To change the recording format, refer to page 50.
- Still pictures can be recorded while recording the motion picture. (→ 25)
- The images recorded between pressing the recording start/stop button to start recording and pressing it again to pause recording become one scene. When you record with the recording format set to MP4, it will automatically be divided to a specific period of time or specific file size. (Recording will continue.)
- In the case of SD cards it is the maximum number of recordable scenes per card.

Recording formats	AVCHD	MP4
Maximum number of recordable scenes	Approx. 3900	Approx. 89100
Maximum number of different dates(→ 71)	Approx. 200	Approx. 900

When the number of recordable scenes or number of different dates reaches to the maximum limit, additional scenes cannot be recorded.

- While recording is in progress, the recording will not stop even if the LCD monitor is closed.
- Maximum number of recordable scenes and maximum number of different dates will be less than above when there are both MP4 scenes and still pictures recorded on an SD card.

■ Screen indications in the motion picture recording mode



A Recording mode

B Approximate remaining recordable time

(When the remaining time is less than 1 minute, [R 0h00m] flashes red.)

C Recording time elapsed

Each time the unit is put into recording pause, the counter display will be reset to "0h00m00s".

("h" is an abbreviation for hour, "m" for minute and "s" for second.)

About the compatibility of the recorded motion pictures

- Only motion pictures recorded with the recording format set to AVCHD are supported by AVCHD compatible equipment. Also, there is no compatibility with non-AVCHD compatible equipment. Images cannot be played with equipment that does not support AVCHD (ordinary DVD recorders). Confirm that your equipment supports AVCHD by referring to the operating instructions.
- Only motion pictures recorded with the recording format set to MP4 are supported by MP4 compatible equipment. Also, there is no compatibility with non-MP4 compatible equipment. Images cannot be played with equipment that does not support MP4. Confirm that your equipment supports MP4 by referring to the operating instructions.
- It is not always possible to play back motion pictures recorded with the recording format set to "AVCHD" on AVCHD compatible equipment. In such a case, play back on this unit instead.
- It is not always possible to play back motion pictures recorded with the recording format set to "MP4" on MP4 compatible equipment. In such a case, play back on this unit instead.

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Recording still pictures

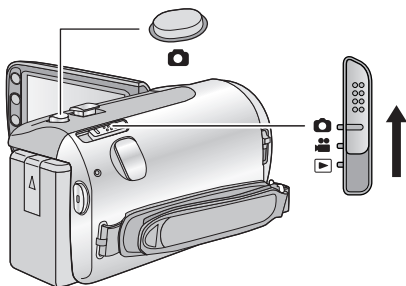
PHOTO

- Open the lens cover before turning on the unit. (→ 8)

1 Change the mode to .

2 Open the LCD monitor.

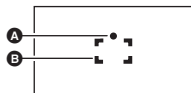
3 Press the  button halfway. (For auto focus only)



4 Press the  button fully.



Focus indication:



- A** Focus indication
 - (The white lamp flashes.): Focusing
 - (The green lamp lights up.): When in focus
 - No mark: When focusing is unsuccessful.
- B** Focus area (area inside brackets)

- If you set the Optical image stabilizer function (→ 40) to ₁ (MODE1), then the image stabilizer function will be more effective. ([MEGA] (MEGA optical image stabilizer) will be displayed when the  button is pressed halfway.)
- In dark environments, the video light will turn on.
- Focus indication will change to registered focus icon when [FACE RECOG.] is set to [ON]. (→ 53)
- It is recommended using a flash or tripod when recording still pictures in dark places because the shutter speed becomes slow.
- The screen will become darker when the  button is pressed halfway if the shutter speed is 1/25 or slower.
- To print a picture, print using a PC or a printer.

■ About the screen indications in still picture recording



- : Still picture operation indicator (→ 111)
- : Flash (→ 46)
- : Flash level (→ 46)
- : Red eye reduction (→ 47)
- : MEGA optical image stabilizer (→ 24)
- : Optical image stabilizer (→ 40)
- : Quality of still pictures (→ 60)
- : Size of still pictures (→ 59)
- R3000: Remaining number of still pictures (Flashes in red when [0] appears.)
- AF* : AF assist lamp (→ 62)

■ About the focus indication

- The focus indication indicates the status of the auto focus.
- The focus indication does not appear in manual focus mode.
- The focus indication does not appear or has difficulty focusing in the following cases.
 - When close subjects and far subjects are included in the same scene
 - When the scene is dark
 - When there is a bright part in the scene
 - When the scene is filled with only horizontal lines

■ About the focusing area

When there is a contrasting object ahead or behind the subject in the focus area, the subject may not be focused. If so, move the contrasting object out of the focus area.

- Focus area is not displayed in the following conditions.
 - When the intelligent auto mode (portrait) is used
 - When AF/AE tracking is used
 - When the Extra optical zoom is used
 - When it is judged that the video light is required

Recording still pictures in motion picture recording mode

You can record still pictures even in motion picture recording mode.

◇ **Change the mode to** .

Press the button fully (press to the bottom) to take the picture.



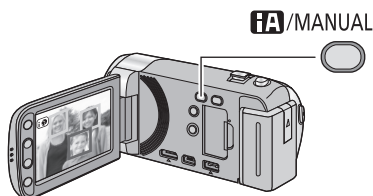
- It is possible to record still pictures while recording motion pictures. (Simultaneous recording)
 - Remaining number of recordable pictures is displayed while still pictures are being recorded.
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- Built-in flash, Red eye reduction, Self-timer (→ 47) do not work.
 - While recording motion pictures or during the PRE-REC operation, image quality is different from ordinary still pictures so that motion picture recording takes preference over still picture recording.
 - If simultaneous recording is used while recording a motion picture, the recordable time remaining will shorten. If the unit is turned off or the mode switch operated, the recordable time remaining may lengthen.

4

Intelligent auto mode

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The following modes appropriate for the condition are set just by pointing the unit to what you want to record.



Intelligent auto/Manual button
Press this button to switch Intelligent auto mode/manual mode.

- Please refer to page 63 about manual mode.

	Mode	Scene	Effect
	Portrait	When the object is a person	Faces are detected and focused automatically, and the brightness is adjusted so it is recorded clearly.
	Scenery	Recording outdoors	The whole landscape will be recorded vividly without whitening out the background sky, which may be very bright.
	Spotlight	Under a spotlight	Very bright object is recorded clearly.
	Low light	Dark room or twilight	It can record very clearly even in a dark room or twilight.
	Night portrait	Recording night portrait	A person and the background are recorded with near real-life brightness.
	Night scenery	Recording night scenery	You can record night scenery vividly by slowing the shutter speed.
	Macro	Recording zooming in on a flower etc.	This allows recording while going near to the object of recording.
	Normal	Other situations	Contrast is adjusted automatically for clear image.

*1 In motion picture recording mode only

*2 In still picture recording mode only

- Depending on the recording conditions, the unit may not enter the desired mode.
- In the Portrait, Spotlight and Low light mode, a subject that is bigger and close to centre of the screen will be surrounded by an orange frame. (→ 54)
- It is recommended using a tripod in night portrait and night scenery mode.
- Faces cannot be detected depending on the recording conditions, such as when faces are of certain sizes or at certain tilts or when digital zoom is used.
- The zoom microphone is set to [OFF] in the intelligent auto mode. (→ 56)

■ Intelligent auto mode

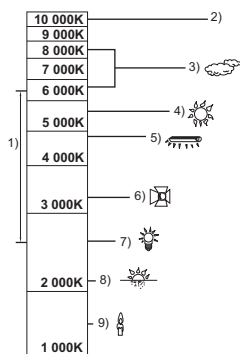
When switching to intelligent auto mode, the auto white balance and auto focus operate and automatically adjust the colour balance and focusing.

Depending on the brightness of the subject etc., the aperture and shutter speed are automatically adjusted for an optimum brightness.

- Colour balance and focus may not be adjusted automatically depending on light sources or scenes. If so, manually adjust these settings. (→ 64, 66)

Automatic white balance

The illustration shows the range over which automatic white balance functions.



- 1) The effective range of automatic white balance adjustment on this unit
- 2) Blue sky
- 3) Cloudy sky (rain)
- 4) Sunlight
- 5) White fluorescent lamp
- 6) Halogen light bulb
- 7) Incandescent light bulb
- 8) Sunrise or sunset
- 9) Candlelight

If the automatic white balance is not functioning normally, adjust the white balance manually. (→ 64)

Auto focus

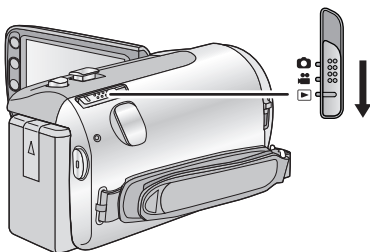
The unit focuses automatically.

- Auto focus does not work correctly in the following situations. Record pictures in the manual focus mode. (→ 66)
 - Recording distant and close-up objects at the same time
 - Recording a subject behind dirty or dusty window
 - Recording a subject that is surrounded by objects with glossy surfaces or by highly reflective objects

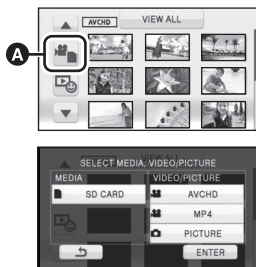
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Motion picture/Still
picture playback

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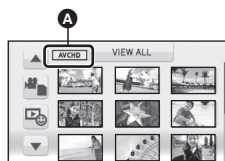


- 1 Change the mode to .
- 2 Touch the play mode select icon **A**.
- 3 Select [VIDEO/PICTURE] you wish to play back.
 - Touch [ENTER].



4 Touch the scene or the still picture to be played back.

- A** [AVCHD] is displayed when [AVCHD] is touched or [MP4] is displayed when [MP4] is touched in step 3.
- Next (previous) page can be displayed by touching ▲ / ▼.



5 Select the playback operation by touching the operation icon.



B Operation icon

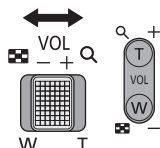
- Touch ⏮ / ⏭ to display/not-display the operation icon.

Motion picture playback	Still picture playback
▶/ : Playback/Pause ◀◀: Rewind playback ▶▶: Fast forward playback ■: Stops the playback and shows the thumbnails. ▶: Displays the direct playback bar. (→ 68)	▶/ : Slide show (playback of the still pictures in numerical order) start/pause. ◀ : Plays back the previous picture. ▶: Plays back the next picture. ■: Stops the playback and shows the thumbnails.

■ Change the thumbnail display

While the thumbnail is displayed, the thumbnail display changes in the following order if the zoom lever or adjust zoom buttons are operated to  side or  side.

20 scenes $\longleftrightarrow$ 9 scenes $\longleftrightarrow$ 1 scene $\longleftrightarrow$ Highlight&Time frame index* ($\rightarrow$ 69)



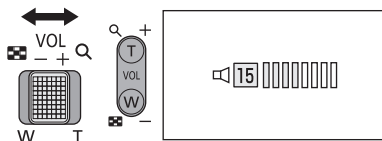
* Highlight&Time frame index can only set in motion picture playback mode.

Even in motion picture playback mode, [FACE] and [HIGHLIGHT] cannot be used when [MP4] is selected.

- 9 scenes display returns if the unit is turned off or the mode is changed.
- When the thumbnail display is changed to 1 scene during motion picture playback, the recording date and time can be checked. Similarly, when the thumbnail display is changed to 1 still picture during still picture playback, the recording date and file number can be checked.

■ Speaker volume adjustment

Operate the volume lever or the adjust zoom buttons to adjust the speaker volume during motion picture playback.



Towards “+”:

Increases the volume

Towards “-”:

Decreases the volume

-
- Sound will be heard only during normal playback.
 - If pause play is continued for 5 minutes, the screen returns to the thumbnails.
 - The elapsed time for playback indication will be reset to “0h00m00s” each scene.
 - When playing back MP4 scenes, the image will pause momentarily and the screen may turn black when the scenes are switching.

Motion picture compatibility

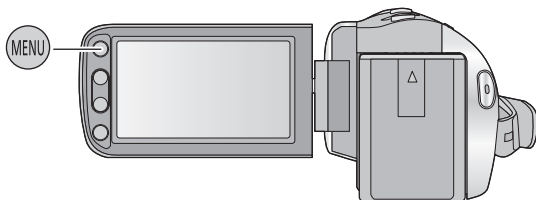
- This unit is based on AVCHD format/MPEG-4 AVC file format.
- Video signals for the AVCHD that can be played back with this unit are 1920×1080/50i, 1920×1080/25p and 1440×1080/50i.
- Video signals for the MP4 that can be played back with this unit are 1280×720/25p, 960×540/25p and 640×480/25p.
- This unit may degrade or not play back motion pictures recorded or created on other products, and other products may degrade or not play back motion pictures recorded on this unit, even if the products support AVCHD.
- This unit may degrade or not play back motion pictures recorded or created on other products, and other products may degrade or not play back motion pictures recorded on this unit, even if the products support MP4.

Still picture compatibility

- This unit is compliant with the unified standard DCF (Design rule for Camera File system) established by JEITA (Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association).
- The file format of still pictures supported by this unit is JPEG. (Not all JPEG formatted files will be played back.)
- This unit may degrade or not play back still pictures recorded or created on other products and other products may degrade or not play back still pictures recorded on this unit.

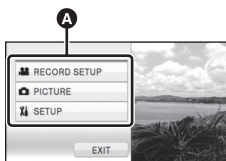
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Using the menu screen

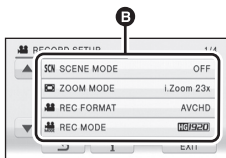


1 Press the MENU button. 

2 Touch the top menu **A**.

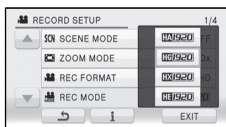


3 Touch the submenu **B**.



- Next (previous) page can be displayed by touching  / .

4 Touch the desired item to enter the setting.



5 Touch [EXIT] or press the MENU button to exit the menu setting.

■ About guide display

After touching , touching the submenus and items will cause function descriptions and settings confirmation messages to appear.

- After the messages have been displayed, the guide display is cancelled.

2

Using the Setup Menu

- The items displayed differ depending on the position or settings of the mode switch. **Select the menu.**

MENU: [SETUP] → desired setting

[DISPLAY]

[OFF]/[ON]

The screen display can be changed to [OFF] (a portion of information displayed) or [ON] (all information displayed).

[EXT. DISPLAY]

[OFF]/[SIMPLE]/[DETAIL]

Please refer to page 84.

[CLOCK SET]

Please refer to page 20.

[SET WORLD TIME]

It is possible to display and record the time at the travel destination by selecting your home region and the travel destination.

1 Touch [SET WORLD TIME].

- If the clock is not set, adjust the clock to the current time. (→ 20)
- When the [HOME] (your home region) is not set, the message appears. Touch [ENTER] and proceed to step 3.

2 (Only when setting your home region)

Touch [HOME].

- Touch [ENTER].

3 (Only when setting your home region)

Touch [◀]/[▶] to select your home region and touch [ENTER].

- Touch [SUMMER TIME SET] to set daylight saving time. appears and the summer time setting is turned on; the time difference from GMT is set forward by one hour. Touch [SUMMER TIME SET] again to return to the normal time setting.



- A** The current time
- B** The time difference from GMT (Greenwich Mean Time)

4 (Only when setting the region of your travel destination)

Touch [DESTINATION].

- Touch [ENTER].
- When the home region is set for the first time, the screen for selecting home/travel destination appears after setting the home region successively. If the home region has already been set once, execute the menu operation for step 1.

5 (Only when setting the region of your travel destination)

Touch [◀]/[▶] to select your travel destination and touch [ENTER].

- Touch [SUMMER TIME SET] to set daylight saving time.  appears and the summer time setting is turned on. The travel destination time and time difference from the home region time are set forward by one hour. Touch [SUMMER TIME SET] again to return to the normal time setting.
- Close the setting by pressing the MENU button.  appears and the time of the travel destination is indicated.



- C** The local time at the selected travel destination
- D** The time difference between the travel destination and the home region

To return the display to the home setting

Set the home region using step 1 to 3, and close the setting by touching [EXIT] or pressing the MENU button.

- If you cannot find your travel destination in the area shown on the screen, set it by using the time difference from your home region.

[DATE/TIME]

[OFF]/[D/T]/[DATE]

It is possible to change the date and time display mode.

[DATE FORMAT]

[Y/M/D]/[M/D/Y]/[D/M/Y]

It is possible to change the date format.

[ECONOMY]

[OFF]/[5 MINUTES]

When about 5 minutes have passed without any operation, this unit automatically turns off to save battery life.

- The power save function will not activate when:
 - connected to AC adaptor
 - using the USB cable for PC, DVD burner etc.
 - PRE-REC is used

[QUICK POWER ON]**[OFF]/[ON]**

The unit is put into recording pause approx. 1 second when the unit is turned on with the mode set to  or .

- Depending on the recording conditions, start time may be longer than 1 second.
- In the quick power on mode, the zoom magnification becomes 1×.

[QUICK START]**[OFF]/[ON]**

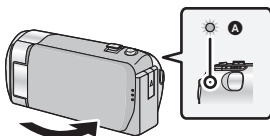
This unit will resume recording pause mode about 0.6 seconds after the LCD monitor is reopened.

- Start time will not be shortened if there is no SD card inserted.
- **Change the mode to  or .**

1 Set [QUICK START] to [ON].

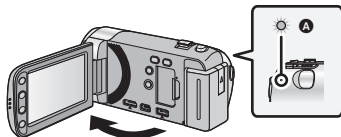
2 Close the LCD monitor while the mode is set to  or .

The status indicator **A** flashes green and the unit goes into quick start standby mode.



3 Open the LCD monitor.

The status indicator **A** lights red and the unit is put into recording pause.



- **When in quick start standby mode about 80% of the power used in recording pause mode is being consumed, so the recording time will be reduced.**
- Quick start standby mode is cancelled if
 - about 5 minutes elapsed
 - mode is set to 
- Depending on the recording conditions, time for quick start may be more than 0.6 seconds slower in still picture recording mode.
- It may take some time for automatic white balance to adjust.
- In the quick start mode, the zoom magnification becomes 1×.
- If [ECONOMY] (→ 34) is set to [5 MINUTES] and the unit automatically goes into quick start standby mode, close the LCD monitor and then open it again.
- Turn the unit off using the power button.

[ALERT SOUND]**[OFF]/ [Mute] / [Mute]**

Touch screen operation, start and stop of recording and unit on/off can be confirmed with this sound.

[Mute] (Volume low)/ [Mute] (Volume high)

2 Beeps for 4 times

When an error occurs. Check the sentence displayed on the screen. (→ 113)

[POWER LCD]**[+2*]/ [+1*]/ [0*]/ [-1*]/ [A*]**

This makes it easier to view the LCD monitor in bright places including outdoors.

- These settings will not affect the images actually recorded.

[+2*] (Makes even brighter)/ [+1*] (Makes brighter)/ [0*] (Normal)/ [-1*] (Makes less bright)/ [A*] (Automatic adjustment)

* It is not displayed in the manual mode or in the playback mode.

- When the AC adaptor is in use, the LCD monitor is set to [+1*] automatically.
- The recordable time will become shorter when you use this unit with the LCD monitor lit up.

[LCD SET]

It adjusts brightness and colour density on the LCD monitor.

- These settings will not affect the images actually recorded.

1 Touch [LCD SET].**2 Touch the desired setting item.****[BRIGHTNESS]:**

Brightness of the LCD monitor

[COLOUR]:

Colour level of the LCD monitor

3 Touch [Left]/[Right] to adjust settings.**4 Touch [ENTER].**

- Touch [EXIT] or press the MENU button to exit the menu screen.

**[AV MULTI]****[COMPONENT]/[AV OUT]**

Please refer to page 85.

[COMPONENT OUT]**[576i]/[1080i]**

Please refer to page 85.

[HDMI RESOLUTION]**[AUTO]/[1080i]/[576p]**

Please refer to page 85.

[VIERA Link]**[OFF]/[ON]**

Please refer to page 86.

Please refer to page 84.

[INITIAL SET]

Set to [YES] for changing the menu settings back to the default condition.

- Settings for [CLOCK SET] and [LANGUAGE] will not be changed.

[FORMAT CARD]

Please be aware that if a medium is formatted, then all the data recorded on the medium will be erased and cannot be restored. Back up important data on a PC, DVD disc etc. (→ 88, 95)

- When formatting is complete, touch [EXIT] to exit the message screen.
 - Perform a physical formatting of the SD card when the SD card is to be disposed/transferred. (→ 125)
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- Do not turn this unit off or remove the SD card, while formatting. Do not expose the unit to vibrations or shock.

Use this unit to format media.

Do not format an SD card using any other equipment such as a PC. The card may not be used on this unit.

[CARD STATUS]

The amount of space left on the SD card can be checked.

(Only when the mode is at the )

- Touch [EXIT] or press the MENU button to close the indication.
-
- The SD card requires some space to store information and manage system files, so the actual usable space is slightly less than the indicated value. The usable space is generally calculated as 1 GB=1,000,000,000 bytes. The capacities of this unit, PCs and software are expressed as 1 GB=1,024×1,024×1,024=1,073,741,824 bytes. Therefore, the indicated value of the capacity appears to be smaller.
 - Check the remaining recordable time for motion pictures in motion picture recording mode. (→ 23)

[CALIBRATION]

Perform the touch screen calibration if a different object to the one touched is selected.

1 Touch [CALIBRATION].

- Touch [ENTER].

2 Touch the [+] that appears on the screen with the supplied stylus pen.

- Touch [+] in sequence (up left → down left → down right → up right → centre).

3 Touch [ENTER].

-
- Calibration cannot be performed when the LCD monitor is turned 180°.

[DEMO MODE]**[OFF]/[ON]**

This item is used to start the unit demonstration.

(Only when the mode is at the  or  position)

If [DEMO MODE] is switched to [ON] and you touch [EXIT] when there is no SD card inserted, the demonstration automatically starts.

If any operation takes place, the demonstration is cancelled. However if no operations take place for approx. 10 minutes, the demonstration automatically starts again. To stop the demonstration, set [DEMO MODE] to [OFF] or insert an SD card.

[O.I.S. DEMO]

This item is used to start the optical image stabilizer demo.

(Only when the mode is at the  position)

Touch [O.I.S. DEMO], the demonstration automatically starts.

When you touch [EXIT], the demonstration will be cancelled.

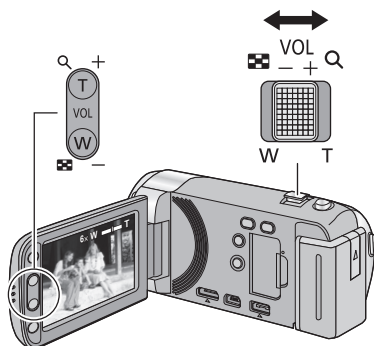
[LANGUAGE]**[English]/[中文]/[العربية]/[فارسی]/[ไทย]/[ភាសាខ្មែរ]/[हिन्दी]**

You can select the language on the screen display and the menu screen.

Zoom in/out function

The default setting of the [ZOOM MODE] is [i.Zoom 23×]. It can be extended to a maximum of 23× during motion picture recording mode. (→ 50)

◇ Change the mode to  or .



Zoom lever/Adjust zoom buttons

T side:

Close-up recording (zoom in)

W side:

Wide-angle recording (zoom out)

- The zoom speed varies depending on the range over which the zoom lever is moved.
- The adjust zoom buttons are useful for making fine adjustments to the zoom magnification.

Extra optical zoom

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When in still picture recording mode, it is possible to zoom up to a maximum of 40× without degrading the picture quality by setting the picture size to [4:3 0.3M] (→ 59)

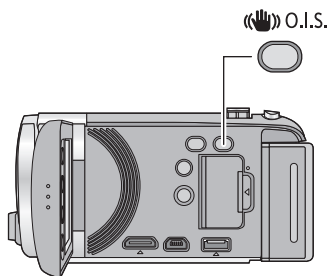
■ Extra optical zoom mechanism

When you set the picture size to [4:3 0.3M], the maximum [4:3 2.9M] area is cropped to the centre [4:3 0.3M] area, allowing a picture with a higher zoom effect.

- If you take your finger off the zoom lever during zoom operation, the operation sound may be recorded. When returning the zoom lever to the original position, move it quietly.
- When the zoom magnification is 20×, the subjects are focused at about 1.2 m or more.
- When the zoom magnification is 1×, this unit can focus on a subject approx. 4 cm away from the lens.
- The zoom speed does not vary when operating with the adjust zoom buttons.

Use the image stabilizer to reduce the effects of shake during recording.

◇ **Change the mode to**  **or**  .



Optical image stabilizer button

Press the button to turn optical image stabilizer on/off.

(Motion picture recording mode)

 /  → OFF

- When [HYBRID O.I.S.] is [ON],  is displayed. When [OFF],  is displayed.
- When recording with a tripod in motion picture recording mode, we recommend that you set to OFF.

(Still picture recording mode)

 /  → OFF

- When [O.I.S.] is [MODE1],  is displayed. When [MODE2],  is displayed.

■ Changing image stabilizer mode

(Motion picture recording mode)

 : [RECORD SETUP] → [HYBRID O.I.S.] → [ON] or [OFF]

When set to [ON], you can further improve image stabilization for recording while walking, or holding the unit and recording a distant subject with zoom.

- This function's default setting is [ON].

(Still picture recording mode)

 : [RECORD SETUP] → [O.I.S.] → [MODE1] or [MODE2]

[MODE1]:

The function works all the time.

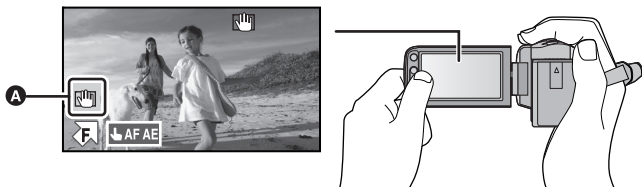
[MODE2]:

The function works when the  button is pressed. We recommend you are recording yourself or recording with a tripod in still picture recording mode.

Optical image stabilizer lock

VIDEO PHOTO

In motion picture recording mode, you can further improve optical image stabilization by touching and holding O.I.S. LOCK icon. With this function, you can further reduce the effects of the shake that tends to occur when using zoom.



A O.I.S. LOCK icon

- Press the optical image stabilizer button to switch the image stabilizer to ON.
-  is displayed while you are touching the icon.
- Optical image stabilizer lock is released when you remove your finger from the icon.
- Operation icon will disappear when no function is performed for a specific period of time if [DISPLAY] is set to [OFF]. Touch the screen to display it again.

■ Setting to display/not-display the O.I.S. LOCK icon

 : [RECORD SETUP] → [O.I.S. LOCK DISPLAY] → [ON] or [OFF]

- Stabilization may not be possible under strong shaking conditions.
- To record while moving the unit quickly, release optical image stabilizer lock.

It is possible to set the focus and exposure to the subject specified on the touch screen. The focus and exposure will keep following the subject automatically even if it moves. (Dynamic tracking)

◇ Change the mode to  or .

1 Touch .



-  will be displayed on the screen.
- When [FACE RECOG.] (→ 51) is [ON] and a registered face is detected, the target is automatically locked.

2 Touch the object and lock the target.



A Target frame

- When you touch the head of the object, the target frame on the head gets locked and tracking starts.
- Touch the object to be changed again when you want to change the target.
- When the intelligent auto mode is selected, the setting becomes  (Normal) and touched object is tracked. Selection becomes  (Portrait) when target frame is locked on a face. (It may turn to  (Normal) even if the target is locked on the face when a spotlight is shining or with a dark scene.)

3 Start recording.

- When you touch [CANCEL], the tracking function will be cancelled.

■ About target frame

- When target lock fails, the target frame blinks in red and then disappears. Touch a characteristic part (colour etc.) on the object to lock onto it again.
- When the  button is pressed halfway in still picture recording mode, the focus is set to the object that is locked. The target frame turns green when it focuses, and the target cannot be changed.

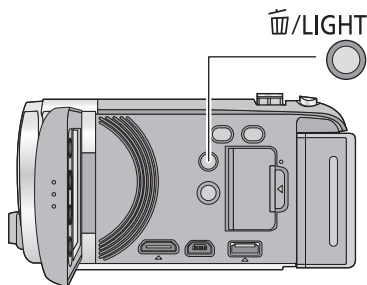
- This function cannot be used in the manual mode.
- It may track different objects or may not lock the target depending on the recording conditions such as the following:
 - When the object is too large or too small
 - When colour of the object is similar to the background
 - When the scene is dark
- When the target is locked in still picture recording mode, the screen may become dark or the video light may turn on.
- AF/AE tracking will be cancelled in the following cases.
 - When the mode is changed
 - When the unit is turned off
 - When the scene mode is set
 - Switch to Intelligent auto mode/manual mode
 - Switch to recording of yourself.
- After setting [DISPLAY] to [OFF] if no operation is performed for a few seconds, the operation icon disappears. Touch the screen to display the icon again. When the AF/AE tracking is used, the icon does not disappear.

Recording with the video light

VIDEO PHOTO

The video light enables brightening of the images taken in a dimly-lit place.

◇ Change the mode to  or .



Delete/Video light button

Setting of the video light switches every time the button is pressed while in recording mode.

 →  /  → Setting cancelled

 :
Always on.

 /  :
Turns on/off automatically according to brightness of the surroundings.

- Lights up when the lens cover is closed.

- When set to  / , the video light turns on in low light mode in intelligent auto mode.
- When the video light is in use, the recordable time when using the battery is shortened.
- The subject should be within 1.5 m of the unit.
- Using the colour night view function at the same time will make conditions even brighter.
- If you turn off the unit or change the mode to , the video light is turned off.
- If [AF ASSIST LAMP] is set to [AUTO] (→ 62) and the video light is set to  /  or OFF, the video light will turn on when taking pictures at a dark place to make the focusing easier.
- Set the video light to off at places where using a light is prohibited.

Recording functions of operation icons

Select the operation icons to add different effects to the images to be recorded.

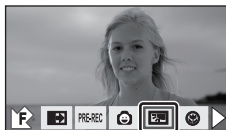
◇ Change the mode to  or .

1 Touch  to display the operation icons on the screen.



- Touch ► at the bottom right of the screen to change the page and touch  /  to display/not-display the operation icon.

2 (e.g. Backlight compensation)
Select an operation icon.



- Select the operation icon again to cancel the function.
- Refer to the respective pages for cancelling the following functions.
 - Smile shot (→ 46)
 - Built-in flash (→ 46)
 - Self-timer (→ 47)
 - Guideline (→ 48)

Operation icons

	Fade ^{*1}
	Intelligent contrast control ^{*1, 2}
PRE-REC	PRE-REC ^{*1}
	Smile shot ^{*1}
	Built-in flash ^{*3}
	Red eye reduction ^{*2, 3}
	Self-timer ^{*3}
	Intelligent exposure ^{*2, 3}
	Backlight compensation
	Soft skin mode ^{*2}
	Tele macro
	Guideline
	Colour night view ^{*1, 2}

^{*1} It is not displayed in still picture recording mode.

^{*2} It is not displayed in the intelligent auto mode.

^{*3} It is not displayed in motion picture recording mode.

- If you turn off the unit or change the mode to , PRE-REC, backlight compensation, colour night view, self-timer and tele macro functions are cancelled.
- If you turn off the unit, the fade function is cancelled.
- It is possible to set from the menu. (Except for the PRE-REC)
- After setting [DISPLAY] to [OFF] if no operation is performed for a few seconds, the operation icon disappears. Touch the screen to display the icon again.



Fade

VIDEO

When you start recording, the image/audio gradually appears. (Fade in)

When you pause recording, the image/audio gradually disappears. (Fade out)

- The fade setting is cancelled when the recording stops.

■ To select the colour for fade in/out

: [RECORD SETUP] → [FADE COLOUR] → [WHITE] (Fade out)
or [BLACK]

(Fade in)



(Fade out)



- The thumbnails of scenes recorded using fade in become black (or white).



Intelligent contrast control

VIDEO

This brightens parts that are in shadow and difficult to see and suppresses white saturation in bright parts at the same time. Both bright and dark parts can be recorded clearly.

- If there are extremely dark or bright parts or the brightness is insufficient, the effect may not be clear.

PRE-REC

PRE-REC

This prevents you from missing a shot.

VIDEO

This allows recording of the pictures and sound to start approximately 3 seconds before the recording start/stop button is pressed.

-  appears on the screen.

- Aim the unit at the subject beforehand.
- There is no beep sound.
- PRE-REC is cancelled in the following cases.
 - If you change the mode.
 - If you remove the SD card.
 - If you press the MENU button.
 - If you turn the unit off.
 - If you start recording.
 - After 3 hours have passed
- After setting PRE-REC, if recording starts in less than 3 seconds, or while the PRE-REC indication flashes within about 3 seconds after initiating the quick start operation, motion pictures taken 3 seconds before pressing the recording start/stop button cannot be recorded.
- Images displayed on the thumbnail in playback mode will differ from the motion pictures displayed at the start of playback.



Smile shot

PHOTO

When a smiling face is detected during motion picture recording, the unit automatically records a still picture.

The icon changes each time it is touched.

(ON) → (Face recognition) → OFF

: The unit records a still picture on detecting a smiling face.

: Still pictures are only recorded when the face of a person registered using face recognition (→ 51) is detected.

OFF: Cancel the setting

- During smile shot recording, the face detected as a smiling face is surrounded by a green frame and / are red.
- Smile shot recording will not work in the following cases. (/ will flash)
 - When there is no SD card inserted
 - When it is set to manual focus
 - When [FACE RECOG.] is set to [OFF], or nothing is registered (In (Face recognition) only)
- The face of the subject may not be detected correctly depending on the recording conditions.
- The number of recording pixels are (1920×1080) or (640×480). (→ 59)
- When still pictures that have been recorded using the smile shot are displayed as thumbnails, the appears.
- When the AF/AE tracking function is target locking a face of the subject, still pictures are only recorded if a smiling face is detected on the locked subject. When the smile shot function is set to (Face recognition), it will record only if a face of the subject registered with [FACE RECOG.] is locked as a target.



Built-in flash

PHOTO

When the button is pressed, the flash is activated and the picture will be recorded. Use the built-in flash in order to record still pictures in dark places.

Each time the is selected, the indication changes by one setting in the following order:

([ON]) → ([AUTO]) → ([OFF])

- The unit automatically determines if the flash is necessary even when it has been set to by detecting the ambient brightness. (If it determines that the flash is necessary, the indication lights up in red.)

■ To adjust the brightness of the flash

: [PICTURE] → [FLASH LEVEL] → desired setting

[-]: Less bright

[±0]: Normal

[+]: Much brighter

- Set the flash to where using a flash is prohibited.
- If the indication etc. flashes when the button is pressed halfway, the flash is not activated.
- The available range of the flash is approx. 1 m to 2.5 m in dark places.
- Using the flash fixes a shutter speed to 1/500 or slower.

Red eye reduction

PHOTO

Reduces the phenomena where human eyes become red from flashes.

- The flash is activated 2 times.
- The red eye phenomenon tends to appear in certain recording conditions and more with some people than with others.
- When faces are detected in the intelligent auto mode, the red eye reduction is set to on.

Self-timer

PHOTO

This is for recording still pictures using the timer.

Each time the  icon is selected, the indication changes by one setting in the following order:

 10 (Records after 10 seconds) →  2 (Records after 2 seconds) → setting cancelled

- When you press the  button,  10 or  2 flashes for the set period before a still picture is recorded. After recording, the self-timer is cancelled.
- In auto focus mode, if the  button is pressed halfway once and then fully, the lens focuses on the subject when the button is pressed halfway. If the  button is pressed fully all at once, the lens focuses on the subject just before recording.

To stop the timer midway through

Press the MENU button.

- Setting the self-timer to  2 is a good way to prevent image shake when the  button is pressed while using a tripod etc.

Intelligent exposure

PHOTO

This brightens dark parts so the image can be recorded clearly.

- If there are extremely dark parts or the brightness is insufficient, the effect may not be clear.



Backlight compensation

VIDEO

PHOTO

This makes the image brighter to prevent darkening of a backlit subject.



Soft skin mode

VIDEO

PHOTO

This makes skin colours appear softer for a more attractive appearance.

This is more effective if you record a person closely from the torso up.

- If the background or anything else in the scene has colours similar to the skin colour, they will also be smoothed.
- If the brightness is insufficient, the effect may not be clear.
- If you record a person in the distance, the face may not be recorded clearly. In this case, cancel soft skin mode or zoom in on the face (close-up) to record.



Tele macro

VIDEO

PHOTO

A more impressive image can be obtained by focusing on the object only in close-up and shading off the background.

- The unit can focus on the subject at a distance of approx. 50 cm.
- If the magnification is 20× or less, then it is automatically set to 20×.

- The tele macro function is cancelled when the zoom magnification becomes lower than 20×.



Guideline

VIDEO

PHOTO

You can check if the image is level while recording or playing back motion pictures and still pictures. The function can also be used to estimate the balance of the composition.

It will switch every time the icon is touched.

→ → → Setting cancelled



- The guidelines do not appear on the images actually recorded.

■ Displaying Guidelines at playback

- Change the mode to and touch the Play mode select icon to select [SD CARD]/[AVCHD] or [SD CARD]/[MP4]. (→ 28)

: [VIDEO SETUP] → [GUIDE LINES] → desired setting

- To cancel the Guideline function during playback, set to [OFF].
- It cannot be set while in still picture playback mode.



Colour night view

VIDEO

PHOTO

This function allows you to record colour images in very low light situations.
(Minimum required illumination: approx. 1 lx)

- Recorded scene is seen as if frames were missed.
- If set in a bright place, the screen may become washed out for a while.
- Bright dots that are usually invisible may be seen, but this is not a malfunction.
- Using a tripod is recommended.
- In darker areas, auto focus may focus a bit slower. This is normal.

Recording functions of menus

[SCENE MODE]

VIDEO

PHOTO

When you record images in different situations, this mode automatically sets optimum shutter speeds and apertures.

- Change the mode to  or .

 : [RECORD SETUP] → [SCENE MODE] → desired setting

[OFF]:

Cancel the setting

 Sports:	To make fast moving scenes less shaky with slow playback and pause of playback
 Portrait:	To make people stand out against the background
 Spotlight:	Improved quality when subject is brightly illuminated.
 Snow:	Improved image quality when shooting on snowy locations.
 Beach:	To make blue in the sea or sky vibrant
 Sunset:	To make red in the sunrise or sunset vibrant
 Fireworks:	To capture the fireworks in the night sky beautifully
 Scenery:	For spatial scenery
 Low light:	For dark scenes, such as at dusk (In motion picture recording mode only)
 Night scenery:	To capture the evening or night scenery beautifully.
 Night portrait:	To capture a person and the background brightly. (In still picture recording mode only)

- **(Sports/Portrait/Spotlight/Snow/Beach/Sunset/Scenery)**
 - The shutter speed is 1/6 or more in still picture recording mode.
- **(Sunset/Low light)**
 - The shutter speed is 1/25 or more in motion picture recording mode.
- **(Sunset/Fireworks/Scenery/Night scenery)**
 - Image may get blurry when close object is recorded.
- **(Sports)**
 - During normal playback, the image movement may not look smooth.
 - Colour and screen brightness may change under indoor lighting.
- If the brightness is insufficient, the sports mode does not function. The  display flashes.
- **(Portrait)**
 - Colour and screen brightness may change under indoor lighting.
- **(Fireworks)**
 - The shutter speed is 1/25.
 - Image may get washed out when recorded in bright surrounding.
- **(Night scenery/Night portrait)**
 - The shutter speed is 1/2 or more in still picture recording mode.
 - It is recommended using a tripod.
- **(Night portrait)**
 - The flash is set to [ON].

[ZOOM MODE]

VIDEO**PHOTO**

Set the maximum zoom ratio for the motion picture recording mode.

- **Change the mode to**  .

 : [RECORD SETUP] → [ZOOM MODE] → **desired setting**

[i.Zoom OFF]:	Up to 20×
[i.Zoom 23×]:	This zoom function allows you to maintain high-definition picture quality. (Up to 23×)
[D.Zoom 50×]:	Digital zoom (Up to 50×)
[D.Zoom 1200×]:	Digital zoom (Up to 1200×)

- The larger the digital zoom magnification, the more the image quality is degraded.

- This function cannot be used in still picture recording mode.

[REC FORMAT]

VIDEO

Switch the recording format of the motion picture.

- **Change the mode to**  .

 : [RECORD SETUP] → [REC FORMAT] → **desired setting**

[AVCHD]:	You can record high definition quality images with this format. It is suitable for viewing on a large format TV or for saving to disc.
[MP4]:	This is a recording format suitable for playing back or editing on a PC. It can be processed faster than AVCHD when it is imported to a PC.

- This function's default setting is [AVCHD].

[REC MODE]

VIDEO

Switch the picture quality of the motion pictures to be recorded.

The recording mode that can be selected will differ depending on the recording format. (→ 50)

- Change the mode to .

: [RECORD SETUP] → [REC MODE] → desired setting

(When [AVCHD] is selected)

[HA]/[HG]/[HX]/[HE]



- A Image quality prioritised
- B Recording time prioritised

(When [MP4] is selected)

[1280×720p]/[640×480p]/[i Frame 960×540p]*

- * It will record in iFrame format suitable for editing with iMovie'09.

• Recordable time using the battery (→ 14)

- This function's default setting is [HG] mode in [AVCHD]/[1280×720p] in [MP4].
- Please refer to page 130 about approximate recordable time.
- When the unit is moved a lot or moved quickly, or when a fast-moving subject is recorded (particularly when recording in [HE] mode), mosaic-type noise may appear at playback.
- When [REC MODE] is set to [640×480p], black bands are displayed on the sides of the screen.

[FACE RECOG.]

VIDEO

PHOTO

Face recognition is a function for finding faces that resemble faces which have already been registered and automatically prioritising focus and exposure for those faces. This function makes it possible to keep the face of your loved ones in focus even when they are at the back or on the end of a line in a group picture.

- Change the mode to  or .

: [RECORD SETUP] → [FACE RECOG.] → desired setting

[OFF]:	Cancel the setting
[ON]:	The face recognition function is available
[SET]:	Face recognition registration/editing/cancellation

■ Registering a face for face recognition

[RECORD SETUP] → [FACE RECOG.] → [SET] → [SAVE]

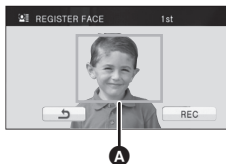
- Up to a maximum of 6 people can be registered.

1 Align the person's face with the guide.

- Take a picture of the person's face from the front, ensuring that their hair does not hide the outline of their face, their eyes or their eyebrows.

2 Touch [REC] or press the button fully.

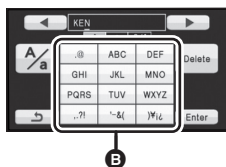
- Touch [ENTER].
- It may not be possible to register a face depending on the recording conditions. In this case, try recording the face again.



A Guide

3 Entering the person's name.

- Touch the text entry icon in the centre of the screen and enter the name.
- After entering the name, touch [Enter].



B Text entry icon

Entering text

Icon	Description of operation
[A] etc.	Enters a character.
	Moves cursor left.
	Moves cursor right.
[A/a]	Switches between [A]/[a] (alphabet) and [&/1] (symbols/numbers).
[Delete]	Deletes a character. Deletes the previous character if the cursor is in an empty space.
[Enter]	Ends text entry.

- A maximum of 9 characters can be entered.

4 Touch [ENTER] to end registration.

- Touch [EXIT].

■ Changing the information of a registered person

1 Select the menu.

[RECORD SETUP] → [FACE RECOG.] → [SET] → [EDIT]

2 Touch the desired item to enter the setting.

- Up to 3 face shots can be registered. To additionally register or to change/delete the registered face shots, touch  or the face shot.

[SET NAME]:

Change the name.

[PRIORITY]:

Focus and exposure will be set in priority according to the registration order setting from the first person. Target will be locked according to the registration order setting from the first person when AF/AE tracking is active.

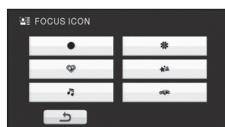
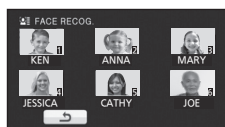
- To change the registration order, select the person you wish to change.

[FOCUS ICON]:

This changes the focus indication icon that appears during still picture recording. (Only displayed when face recognition is in use.)

- Touch the icon you wish to have displayed.

3 Touch [ENTER].



■ Cancelling a registered person

1 Select the menu.

[RECORD SETUP] → [FACE RECOG.] → [SET] → [DELETE] or [DELETE ALL]

- Touching [DELETE ALL] cancels all the registered people.

2 (When [DELETE] is selected)

Touch the person to cancel.

- When touched, the person is selected and  is displayed. To cancel the selected person, touch again.
- Touch [ENTER].

- Since face recognition searches for faces that resemble the registered faces, there is no guarantee of positive recognition.
- It may not be possible to correctly recognise a person who has been registered due to differences in facial expression and environment.
- Perform the registration again if recognition becomes unstable in cases such as when facial features change with age.

[NAME DISPLAY]

VIDEO

PHOTO

When a registered person is detected by face recognition during recording, the name registered for that person is displayed.

- Change the mode to  or .

: [RECORD SETUP] → [NAME DISPLAY] → desired number

[OFF]/[1]/[2]/[3]

- Displayed name will disappear after a while.
- It is displayed according to the registration order setting from the first person.
- This function is not displayed during recording of yourself or playback mode.

[FACE FRAMING]

VIDEO

PHOTO

Detected faces appear with frames.

- Change the mode to  or .

: [RECORD SETUP] → [FACE FRAMING] → desired setting

[OFF]:

Cancel the setting.

[PRIMARY]:

Only the prioritised face framing is displayed.

[ALL]:

All face detection framings are displayed.



- Up to 15 frames are indicated. Larger faces and faces nearer to the centre of the screen take preference over others. When [FACE RECOG.] is [ON], registered people are given priority.

■ Prioritised face framing

Prioritised face framing is displayed as orange frames. Focus and adjustment of brightness will be performed against the prioritised face framing.

- Prioritised face framing is only displayed in intelligent auto mode.
- Focus will be set to prioritised face framing and the brightness adjusted when the unit is set to Portrait mode in intelligent auto mode. Focus will be set to prioritised face framing when the unit is in Spotlight or Low light modes.
- Focus will be set to prioritised face framing when the  button is pressed halfway when recording still pictures. Prioritised face framing will turn to green when the focus is set.

If the unit continues to be tilted upside down from the normal horizontal position while recording motion pictures, it is automatically put into recording pause.

- **Change the mode to** .

: **[RECORD SETUP] → [AGS] → [ON]**

- The AGS function may activate and cause the unit to pause the recording if you are recording a subject right above or right below you.

[AUTO SLOW SHTR]

VIDEO**PHOTO**

You can record bright pictures even in dark places by slowing the shutter speed.

- **Change the mode to** .
- **Switch to manual mode.** (→ 63)

: **[RECORD SETUP] → [AUTO SLOW SHTR] → [ON]**

- The shutter speed is set to 1/25 or more depending on the surrounding brightness.
- This function cannot be used in still picture recording mode.
- When the shutter speed becomes 1/25, the screen may be seen as if frames are missed and afterimages may appear.

[Digital Cinema Colour]

VIDEO

Recording motion pictures with more vivid colours, using x.v.Colour™ technology.

- **Change the mode to** .
- **Switch to manual mode.** (→ 63)

: **[RECORD SETUP] → [Digital Cinema Colour] → [ON]**

- For more realistic colours, use an HDMI mini cable with a TV that supports the x.v.Colour™.
- This function cannot be used when switch to Intelligent auto mode.
- **When motion pictures recorded while this function is turned [ON] are played back with a TV not compatible with x.v.Colour™, colours may not be reproduced properly.**
- To play back images recorded in the digital cinema colour with vivid colours of wider colour ranges, a device compatible with x.v.Colour™ is required. When these images are played back with devices other than ones compatible with x.v.Colour™, it is recommended to record the images after this function is turned [OFF].
- x.v.Colour™ is a name for devices that are compatible with the xvYCC format, an international standard for expanded colour in motion pictures, and that follow the rules for signal transmission.
- This function cannot be used when [REC FORMAT] is set to [MP4]. (→ 50)

[SHOOTING GUIDE]

VIDEO

Message is displayed when this unit is moved rapidly.

- **Change the mode to** .

: [RECORD SETUP] → [SHOOTING GUIDE] → [ON]

When "CAMERA PANNING IS TOO FAST." appears, move the unit slowly while recording.

- Message will not appear while pausing the recording. (Message will appear even if it is pausing the recording if [DEMO MODE] is set to [ON])
- In some recording conditions, messages may not appear.

[WIND NOISE CANCELLER]

VIDEO

This will reduce the wind noise coming into the built-in microphones while maintaining the realism.

- **Change the mode to** .
- **Switch to manual mode.** (→ 63)

: [RECORD SETUP] → [WIND NOISE CANCELLER] → [ON]

- This function's default setting is [ON].
- When switching to intelligent auto mode, [WIND NOISE CANCELLER] is set to [ON], and the setting cannot be changed.
- You may not see the full effect depending on the recording conditions.

[ZOOM MIC]

VIDEO

Directivity of the microphone is interlocked with the zoom operation. Sounds near the front of the unit are recorded more clearly if you zoom in (close-up) and surrounding sounds are recorded more realistically if you zoom out (wide angle).

- **Change the mode to** .
- **Switch to manual mode.** (→ 63)

: [RECORD SETUP] → [ZOOM MIC] → [ON]

When recording, the input level from the built-in microphones can be adjusted.

- **Change the mode to** .
- **Switch to manual mode.** (→ 63)

1 Select the menu.

: [RECORD SETUP] → [MIC LEVEL] → **desired setting**

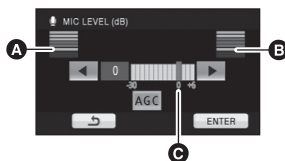
[AUTO]: AGC is activated, and the recording level is adjusted automatically.

[SET+ ]/[SET]: The desired recording level can be set.

2 (When [SET+]/[SET] is selected)

Touch  /  **to adjust the microphone input level.**

- Touch  to activate/disactivate AGC.
When AGC is activated, the icon is surrounded by yellow and the amount of sound distortion can be reduced. When AGC is deactivated, natural recording can be performed.
- Adjust the microphone input level so that the last 2 bars of the gain value are not red. (Otherwise, the sound is distorted.) Select a lower setting for microphone input level.



- A** Left
- B** Right
- C** Microphone input level

3 Touch [ENTER] to determine the microphone input level and then touch [EXIT].

-     (Microphone input level meter) appears on the screen.

- When switching to intelligent auto mode, the setting is fixed to [AUTO] and cannot be changed.
- When [ZOOM MIC] is [ON], the volume will be different depending on the zoom rate.
- The microphone input level meter shows the larger of the inputs from the 2 built-in microphones.
- You cannot record with the audio completely muted.

Adjust the quality of the image while recording.

Adjust by outputting to a TV while adjusting the quality of the image.

- **Change the mode to**  **or** .

(This setting is retained when you change between motion picture recording mode and still picture recording mode)

- **Switch to manual mode.** (→ 63)

1 Select the menu.

: [RECORD SETUP] → [PICTURE ADJUST]

2 Touch the desired setting items.

[SHARPNESS]:	Sharpness of the edge
[COLOUR]:	Depth of the colour of the image
[EXPOSURE]:	Brightness of the image
[WB ADJUST]:	Picture colour balance

3 Touch / to adjust settings.

4 Touch [ENTER].

- Touch [EXIT] or press the MENU button to complete the settings.
-  appears on the screen.

The higher the number of pixels, the higher the clarity of the picture when printing.

- Change the mode to .

: [PICTURE] → [PICTURE SIZE] → desired setting

Picture size and Maximum zoom ratio

Aspect ratio will change depending on the picture size.

4:3:	Aspect ratio of 4:3 television
3:2:	Aspect ratio of conventional film camera or prints (such as L-size print)
16:9:	Aspect ratio of high-definition television, etc.

Picture size		Aspect ratio	Extra optical zoom (→ 39)
 2.9M	1952×1464	4:3	—*
 0.3M	640×480		40×
 2.8M	2064×1376	3:2	—*
 2.1M	1920×1080	16:9	—*

* Extra optical zoom cannot be used. The maximum zoom magnification is 20×

Picture size in motion picture recording mode

Picture size will change depending on recording mode.

Picture size		Aspect ratio	Recording mode
	1920×1080	16:9	HA/HG/HX/HE
			1280×720p
			 960×540p
	640×480	4:3	640×480p

- This function's default settings are [ 2.9M] in still picture recording mode and [ 2.1M] in motion picture recording mode.
- The recording will become longer depending on the picture size.
- Please refer to page 131 about the number of recordable pictures.
- When the picture size is [ 2.9M], [ 0.3M], [ 2.8M] or [ 0.3M], black bands may appear on the left and right of the screen.
- The edges of still pictures recorded on this unit with a 16:9 aspect ratio may be cut at printing. Check the printer or photo studio before printing.

Selecting the picture quality.

- Change the mode to  or .

: **[PICTURE] → [QUALITY] → desired setting**



: Still pictures with a high picture quality are recorded.



: Priority is given to the number of still pictures recorded. Still pictures are recorded in normal picture quality.

Recording is done continuously at the rate of 25 or 50 still pictures per second. Use this function to record an object with fast movement.

- Change the mode to .

1 Select the menu.

[MENU]: [PICTURE] →
[HI-SPEED BURST] → desired setting

[OFF]:

Cancel the setting.

[25 Frames/sec]:

90 still pictures are recorded continuously at the rate of 25 per second.

The picture size is **[2.1M]** (1920×1080).

[50 Frames/sec]:

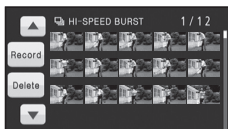
180 still pictures are recorded continuously at the rate of 50 per second.

The picture size is **[0.9M]** (1280×720).

2 Press the button.

-  flashes in red during recording.
- First press the  button halfway, then press it fully to set the focus and record. It will automatically focus if you press fully once, so it is convenient when recording objects moving back and forth.

3 Touch [Record] or [Delete].



[Record]: Pictures are stored.

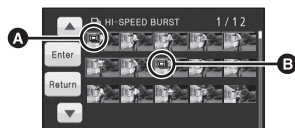
[Delete]: All pictures are deleted.

4 (When [Record] is selected in step 3) Touch [REC ALL] or [SELECT].

[REC ALL]: All pictures are stored.

[SELECT]: Pictures are stored by specifying range.

5 (When [SELECT] is selected in step 4) Touch the range of pictures that will be stored.



A Start point*

B Finish point

- Previous (Next) page is displayed by touching /.

* Only select the picture for start point if only 1 picture is to be stored.

- A confirmation message is displayed when [Enter] is touched after selecting the start point and finish point. Touch [YES] to store the pictures.

- If you turn off the unit or change the mode, this function is cancelled.
- The maximum number of times you can record on a media: 15
(In the case of SD cards it is the maximum number of recordable scenes per card.)
- Colour balance and brightness on the screen may change with some light sources such as fluorescent lamps.
- Image quality is different from ordinary still picture recording.

[AF ASSIST LAMP]

PHOTO

When the recording environment is dark and focusing is difficult, the video light turns on to make focusing easier.

- **Change the mode to** .
- **Switch to manual mode.** (→ 63)

: [PICTURE] → [AF ASSIST LAMP] → [AUTO]

- Set the video light to DA/DA or OFF. (→ 43)
- When switching to intelligent auto mode, the setting is fixed to [AUTO] and cannot be changed.

[SHTR SOUND]

PHOTO

You can add a shutter sound when recording still pictures.

- **Change the mode to** .

: [PICTURE] → [SHTR SOUND] → [OFF]/  / 

- No shutter sound is emitted in motion picture recording mode.

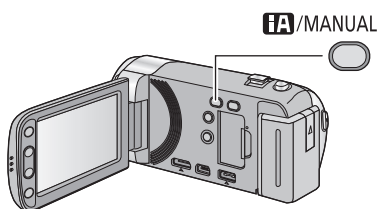
Manual recording

◇ Change the mode to  or .

(The manual focus, white balance, shutter speed, brightness (Iris and Gain) settings are retained when you change between motion picture recording mode and still picture recording mode)

Press the iA/MANUAL button to switch to manual mode.

- **MNL** appears on the screen.



FOCUS

Focus (→ 66)

WB

White balance (→ 64)

SHTR

Manual shutter speed (→ 65)

IRIS

Iris adjustment (→ 65)

Perform the setting by touching the desired item to be set.

- Touch ► to change the page and the manual icon appears or disappears each time  /  is touched.

White balance

VIDEO PHOTO

The automatic white balance function may not reproduce natural colours depending on the scenes or lighting conditions. If so, you can adjust the white balance manually.

- Press the **iA/MANUAL** button to switch to manual mode. (→ 63)

1 Touch [WB].

2 Touch / to select white balance mode.



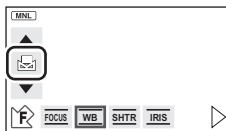
- Select the optimal mode by confirming the colour on the screen.

Icon	Mode/Recording conditions
	Auto white balance adjustment
	Sunny mode Outdoors under a clear sky
	Cloudy mode Outdoors under cloudy sky
	Indoor mode 1 Incandescent light, video lights like in the studio, etc.
	Indoor mode 2 Colour fluorescent lamps, sodium lamps in gymnasiums etc.
	Manual adjustment mode ● Mercury-vapor lamps, sodium lamps, some fluorescent lights ● Lights used for wedding receptions at hotels, stage spotlights in theaters ● Sunrise, sunset, etc.

- To return to auto setting, set to **AWB** or press the **iA/MANUAL** button again.

■ To set the white balance manually

- 1 Select , fill the screen with a white subject.
- 2 Touch and set the blinking .



- When the screen turns black instantly and the  display stops flashing and then lights constantly, the setting is complete.
- If the  display continues flashing, the white balance cannot be set. In this case, use other white balance modes.

- If you turn on the unit with the lens cover closed, the auto white balance will not be performed correctly. Always open the lens cover before turning on the unit.
- When the  display flashes, the manual white balance previously adjusted is stored. Whenever recording conditions change, re-set the white balance.
- When setting both the white balance and the iris/gain, set the white balance first.
- **AWB** is not displayed on the screen when **AWB** is being set.

Manual shutter speed/iris adjustment

VIDEO PHOTO

Shutter Speed:

Adjust it when recording fast-moving subjects.

Iris:

Adjust it when the screen is too bright or too dark.

- Press the **iA/MANUAL** button to switch to manual mode. (→ 63)

1 Touch [SHTR] or [IRIS].

2 Touch / to adjust settings.

Shutter speed:

1/50 to 1/8000

- If [AUTO SLOW SHTR] is set to [ON], the shutter speed will be set between 1/25 and 1/8000.
- The shutter speed closer to 1/8000 is faster.
- The shutter speed will be set between 1/2 and 1/2000 in still picture recording mode.

Iris/Gain value:

CLOSE ↔ (F16 to F2.0) ↔ OPEN ↔ (0dB to 18dB)

- Value closer to [CLOSE] darken the image.
 - Value closer to [18dB] brighten the image.
 - When the iris value is adjusted to brighter than [OPEN], it changes to the gain value.
 - To return to auto setting, press the **iA/MANUAL** button again.
-
- When setting both the shutter speed and the iris/gain value, set the shutter speed and then set the iris/gain value.

Manual shutter speed adjustment

- When the shutter speed is set lower than 1/12 in the still picture recording mode, it is recommended using a tripod. Also, white balance cannot be set. The shutter speed will be set to 1/25 when the unit is turned on again or when the quick start is performed.
- You may see a band of light around the object that is shining very bright, or having very high reflection.
- During normal playback, image movement may not look smooth.
- If you record an extremely bright object or record under indoor lighting, colour and screen brightness may change or a horizontal line may appear on the screen. In this case, record in the intelligent auto mode or set the shutter speed to 1/100 in areas where the power supply frequency is 50 Hz, or 1/125 in areas of 60 Hz.

Manual iris/gain adjustment

- If the gain value is increased, the noise on the screen increases.
- Depending on the zoom magnification, there are iris values that are not displayed.

Manual focus adjustment

VIDEO PHOTO

If auto focusing is difficult due to the conditions, then use manual focus.

- Change the mode to  or .
- Press the **iA/MANUAL** button to switch to manual mode. (→ 63)

1 (When MF assist function is used) Select the menu.

: [RECORD SETUP] →
[MF ASSIST] → [ON]

- Touch  to display the manual icon.

2 Touch [FOCUS].

3 Touch [MF] to change to manual focus.

- MF appears on the screen.

4 Adjust the focus by touching MF / MF. + -

MF
+ :To focus on a close subject

MF
- :To focus on a faraway subject



- A** Part displayed in blue
The in-focus area is displayed in blue. The normal screen returns approximately 2 seconds after you finish bringing the subject into focus.

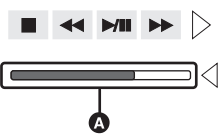
- When [MF ASSIST] is [OFF], the blue area is not displayed.
 - To restore auto focus, touch [AF] in step 3 or press the iA/MANUAL button again.
-
- The blue display does not appear on the images actually recorded.

Motion picture playback using operation icon

VIDEO

For details on the basic playback operations, refer to page 28.

Playback operation	Playback display	Operating steps
Fast forward/ rewind playback	During Playback 	Touch ►► during playback to fast forward. (Touch ◀◀ to rewind.) - The fast forward/rewind speed increases if you touch ►►/◀◀ again. (The display on the screen changes from ►► to ►►►.) - Normal playback is restored when you touch ►/ .
Slow-motion playback	During Pause  When the operation icon disappears, touch the screen to display the icon again.	With the playback paused, continue touching ►►. (◀◀ is for slow rewind playback) Playback is slow while touching. - Normal playback is restored when you touch ►/ . - When slow-motion pictures are played back in reverse, they will be shown continuously at approximately 2/3rd the speed of normal playback (intervals of 0.5 seconds). - Slow-motion playback for MP4 scenes will be in 1 second intervals.
Frame-by-frame playback The motion picture is advanced one frame at a time.		With the playback paused, touch ►►. (Touch ◀◀ to advance the frames one at a time in the reverse direction.) - Normal playback is restored when you touch ►/ . - When the frames are advanced one at a time in the reverse direction, they will be shown in intervals of 0.5 seconds. - Frame-by-frame playback for MP4 scenes will be in 1 second intervals.

Playback operation	Playback display	Operating steps
Direct playback	During Playback 	1) Touch ► to display the direct playback bar A. 2) Touch or drag the direct playback bar. (→ 19) • The playback pauses temporarily and skips to the touched or dragged position. • Playback will start by releasing your touching or dragging finger. • Touch ◀ to display the operation icon.

Creating still picture from motion picture

VIDEO

A single frame from the recorded motion picture can be saved as a still picture. Picture size of the still picture to be created will differ depending on the recording mode of the recorded motion picture.

Recording mode	Aspect ratio	Picture size after creating still picture	
HA/HG/HX/HE	16:9	 2.1M	1920×1080
1280×720p		 0.9M	1280×720
 i Frame 960×540p		 2.1M	1920×1080
640×480p	4:3	 0.3M	640×480

1 Pause at the scene you want to save as a still picture during playback.

- It is convenient to use slow-motion playback and frame-by-frame playback.

2 Press the button fully.

- Date the motion picture was recorded will be registered as date of the still picture.
- Quality will be different from the normal still picture.

Highlight&Time frame index

VIDEO

An image of one scene is displayed as a thumbnail at set search condition. Scene can be played back from any midway point of the scene you wish to see.

- Operate the zoom lever or the adjust zoom buttons to **Q** side and change over the thumbnail display to Highlight&Time frame index. (→ 30)

1 Touch selected search condition.

- Next (previous) scene can be displayed by touching **▲**/**▼**.

2 Touch the desired search condition.

[3 SECONDS]/[6 SECONDS]/[12 SECONDS]/
[MINUTES]/[FACE]*/[HIGHLIGHT]*

- * It is not displayed on MP4 scenes.
- When select [FACE], it will select the portion for which face recognition was performed from the scenes judged to be clearly recorded. This will then be displayed as a thumbnail.
- A portion judged to be clearly recorded will be detected and displayed in thumbnail if you select [HIGHLIGHT].



- A** Selected search condition
- B** Scene selection

3 (When [MINUTES] is selected) Touch **▲**/**▼** to set the time.

- It can be set up to a maximum of 60 minutes.
- Touch [ENTER].



4 Touch the thumbnail to be played back.

- Next (previous) thumbnail can be displayed by touching **◀**/**▶**.

Repeat playback

VIDEO

Playback of the first scene starts after playback of the last scene finishes.

(MENU): [VIDEO SETUP] → [REPEAT PLAY] → [ON]

The **↺** indication appears on the full screen views.

- All the scenes are played back repeatedly. (When playing back motion pictures by date, all the scenes on the selected date are played back repeatedly.)

Resuming the previous playback

VIDEO

If playback of a scene was stopped halfway, the playback can be resumed from where it was stopped.

(MENU): [VIDEO SETUP] → [RESUME PLAY] → [ON]

If playback of a motion picture is stopped, **▶▶** appears on the thumbnail view of the stopped scene.

- The memorised resume position is cleared if you turn off the unit or change the mode. (The setting of [RESUME PLAY] does not change.)

Zooming in on a still picture during playback (Playback zoom)

PHOTO

You can zoom in by touching a still picture during playback.

1 Touch the part you wish to zoom in on during still picture playback.

- The still picture is zoomed in on, centring on the part you touched. With each touch, you zoom in further. ($\times 1 \rightarrow \times 2 \rightarrow \times 4$)

2 Touch **▲**/**▼**/**◀**/**▶** or drag the screen (**→ 19**) to move the zoomed position.

- The location of the zoom displays for about 1 second when zooming in (zooming out) or moving the displayed location.
- The more picture is enlarged, the more its quality deteriorates.



A Displayed location of the zoom

Zooming out from the zoomed still picture

Touch **Q** to zoom out. ($\times 4 \rightarrow \times 2 \rightarrow \times 1$)

- Touch **1x** to return to normal playback ($\times 1$).

- You can also perform zoom operations using the zoom lever or the adjust zoom buttons.

Various playback functions

Playing back motion pictures/still pictures by date

VIDEO PHOTO

The scenes or the still pictures recorded on the same day can be played back in succession.

1 Touch the date select icon.



A Date select icon

2 Touch the playback date.

The scenes or the still pictures recorded on the date selected are displayed as thumbnails.

3 Touch the scene or the still picture to be played back.

- Playing back of all the scenes or the still pictures returns if the unit is turned off or the mode is changed.
- Even with AVCHD scenes recorded on the same day, they will be displayed separately in the following cases. -1, -2 ... are added after the date displayed on the date list.
 - When the number of scenes exceeds 99
 - When the media is repaired
- Even with MP4 scenes recorded on the same day, they will be displayed separately when the recording mode is changed. (720P , 540P , 480P are displayed after the date in the date list.)
- Even if still pictures are recorded on the same day, they are grouped separately in the following cases.
 - When the number of still pictures exceeds 999
 - When pictures are recorded in hi-speed burst shooting mode ([] is indicated after the date in the list by date).
- [] is displayed after the date in the list by date for the still pictures created from the motion picture. (→ 68)

Face highlight playback/Highlight playback/Intelligent scene selection

VIDEO

A part can be extracted and played back even when the AVCHD scene is not set to normal playback.

- **Change the mode to**  **and touch the play mode select icon to select [SD CARD]/[AVCHD]. (→ 28)**
- Face highlight playback, highlight playback or intelligent scene selection cannot be used for MP4 scenes.

1 Touch .



2 Touch the desired playback mode.

[FACE HIGHLIGHT]: Giving priority to the parts with detected faces, the part that was recognised as clearly recorded is extracted from a long recording, and it can be played back in a short time with music added.

[HIGHLIGHT]: Part that was recognised as clearly recorded is extracted from a long recording, and it can be played back in short time with music added.

[INTEL. SCENE]: Scenes can be played back with music, excluding a portion of the scene judged to have failed to shoot due to fast movement of this unit, camera shake, or focus error.

3 Touch the desired item.

- When **[FACE HIGHLIGHT]/[HIGHLIGHT]** is selected

[SCENE SETUP]: Select the scene or date to be played back. (→ 73)

[PRIORITY SETUP]*: Select the person registered for face recognition to be played back. (→ 73)

[PLAYBACK TIME]: Select the time to play back. (→ 74)

[MUSIC SELECT]: Select the music to be played on playback. (→ 74)

* This appears only when **[FACE HIGHLIGHT]** is selected.

- When **[INTEL. SCENE]** is selected

[DATE SETUP]: Select the date to be played back. (→ 74)

[MUSIC SELECT]: Select the music to be played on playback. (→ 74)

4 Touch [START].

- When face highlight playback/highlight playback is selected, the playback time is displayed and playback is paused.

5 Select the playback operation. (→ 28, 67)

- When the playback is finished or stopped, the screen to select [REPLAY], [SELECT AGAIN] or [EXIT] is displayed. Touch the desired item.

-
- Playing back of all the scenes returns if the unit is turned off or the mode is changed. (Intelligent scene selection)
 - Up to 9 sections can be skipped for a single scene.
 - When motion pictures are skipped, the image stops momentarily.
 - Divided scene will not be skipped.
 - For data that are edited with the editing function of HD Writer AE 2.6X, the intelligent scene selection is disabled.

■ Scene setting

1 Touch [SELECT SCENES] or [SELECT DATE].

2 (When [SELECT SCENES] is selected)

Touch the scenes to be played back.

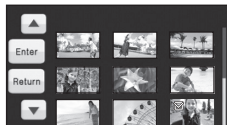
- Up to 99 scenes can be selected in succession.
- When touched, the scene is selected and ✓ is displayed. Touch the scene again to cancel the operation.

(When [SELECT DATE] is selected)

Touch the date to be played back.

- A maximum of 7 days can be selected.
- When touched, the date is selected and surrounded by red. Touch the date again to cancel the operation.

3 Touch [Enter]/[ENTER].



■ Priority setting

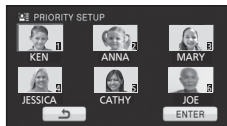
1 Touch [SELECTED FACE].

- If you touch [NONE], any detected face, including the face of person registered for face recognition, is given priority on playback.

2 (When [SELECTED FACE] is selected)

Touch a face to specify.

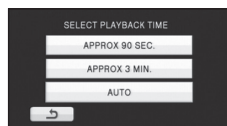
- You can specify up to 6 faces, which are to be played back in priority.
- When touched, the registered face is selected and surrounded by red. Touch the registered face again to cancel the operation.
- Touch [ENTER]. When a single face is specified, the name registered for that face is displayed. When multiple faces are specified, the number of faces is displayed.



■ Playback time setting

Touch the playback time.

- The playback time of [AUTO] is a maximum of approx. 5 minutes.
- Playback time may become shorter than the setting, or it may not even play back if the part recognised as clearly recorded is short.



■ Date setting

Touch the playback date.



■ Music setting

1 Touch your favourite music.

- When [NO MUSIC] is selected, the audio recorded at the time of shooting is played back.
- To adjust the volume of music during playback or audio testing, operate the volume lever or the adjust zoom buttons. (→ 30)



2 Touch [ENTER].

To test the music audio

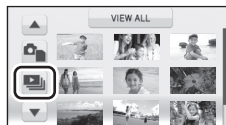
Touch [START].

- Touch the other music option to change the music to be tested.
- When you touch [STOP], the music playback stops.

Changing the playback setting and playing back the slide show

PHOTO

1 Touch .



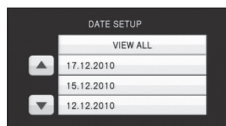
2 Touch the desired item.

[DATE SETUP]: Select the date to be played back.

[SLIDES INTERVAL]: Selects the interval between still pictures at playback.

[MUSIC SELECT]: Select the music to be played on playback

3 (When [DATE SETUP] is selected) Touch the playback date.



(When [SLIDES INTERVAL] is selected)

Touch the interval of playback for the slide show.

[SHORT]: Approx. 1 second

[NORMAL]: Approx. 5 seconds

[LONG]: Approx. 15 seconds

(When [MUSIC SELECT] is selected)

Touch the desired sound.

- To adjust the volume of music during playback of the slide show or audio testing, operate the volume lever or the adjust zoom buttons. (→ 30)
- Touch [ENTER].

(To test the music audio)

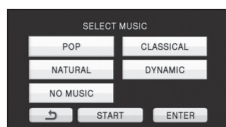
Touch [START] and start the audio testing.

- Touch the other music option to change the music to be tested.
- When you touch [STOP], the music playback stops.

4 Touch [START].

5 Select the playback operation. (→ 28, 67)

- When the playback is finished or stopped, the screen to select [REPLAY], [SELECT AGAIN] or [EXIT] is displayed. Touch the desired item.

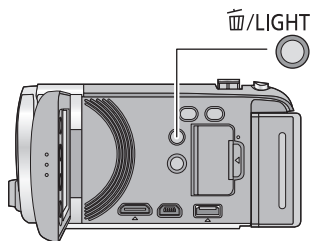


Deleting scenes/still pictures

VIDEO PHOTO

Deleted scenes/still pictures cannot be restored, so perform appropriate confirmation of the contents before proceeding with deletion.

- ◇ Change the mode to  and touch the play mode select icon to select [SD CARD]/[AVCHD],[SD CARD]/[MP4] or [SD CARD]/[PICTURE]. (→ 28)



To delete by confirming images being played back

Press the  /LIGHT button while scenes or still pictures to be deleted are being played back.

■ Deleting multiple scenes/still pictures from the thumbnail display

1 Press the  /LIGHT button while the thumbnail view screen is displayed.

2 Touch [ALL SCENES] or [SELECT].

- When [ALL SCENES] is selected, all the scenes or still pictures on the media will be deleted.
(In case of playing back scenes or still pictures by date, all the scenes or still pictures on the selected date will be deleted.)
- Protected scenes/still pictures cannot be deleted.



3 (When [SELECT] is selected in step 2)
Touch the scene/still picture to be deleted.

- When touched, the scene/still picture is selected and the  indication appears on the thumbnail. Touch the scene/still picture again to cancel the operation.
- Up to 99 scenes can be selected to be deleted.

4 (When [SELECT] is selected in step 2)
Touch [Delete] or press the  /LIGHT button.

- To continuously delete other scenes/still pictures, repeat steps 3-4

When you stop deleting halfway

Touch [CANCEL] or press the MENU button while deleting.

- The scenes or still pictures that have already been deleted when the deletion is cancelled cannot be restored.

To complete editing

Press the MENU button.

- You can also delete scenes by pressing the MENU button, selecting [EDIT SCENE] → [DELETE] → [ALL SCENES] or [SELECT].
- You can also delete still pictures by pressing the MENU button, selecting [PHOTO SETUP] → [DELETE] → [ALL SCENES] or [SELECT].
- During face highlight playback, highlight playback, intelligent scene selection, or disc playback when connected to a DVD burner (optional), scenes/still pictures cannot be deleted.
- Scenes/still pictures which cannot be played back (the thumbnails are displayed as ) cannot be deleted.
- In case of [ALL SCENES], the deletion may take time if there are many scenes or still pictures.
- If you delete scenes recorded on other products or still pictures conforming to DCF standard with this unit, all the data related to the scenes/still pictures may be deleted.
- When still pictures recorded on an SD card by other products are deleted, a still picture (other than JPEG) that cannot be played back on this unit may be erased.

Dividing a scene to partially delete (AVCHD)

VIDEO

To delete unnecessary parts from AVCHD scenes, perform the deletion after dividing the scenes.

- Change the mode to  and touch the play mode select icon to select [SD CARD]/[AVCHD]. (→ 28)

1 Select the menu.

: [EDIT SCENE] → [DIVIDE] → [SET]

2 Touch the scene to be divided.

3 Touch to set the dividing point.

- Using slow-motion playback or frame-by-frame playback makes it easy to search for the point where you want to divide the scene. (→ 67)
- Touch [YES] to continue dividing the same scene. To continue dividing other scenes, touch [NO] and repeat steps 2-3.



4 Press the MENU button to complete dividing.

5 Delete the unnecessary scene. (→ 76)

To delete all the divided points

[DIVIDE] → [CANCEL ALL]

- The scenes that were deleted after division cannot be recovered.
- You cannot divide a scene if you are playing back a disc with a DVD burner (optional) connected, or if the number of scenes of a given date would exceed 99 scenes.
- It may not be possible to divide scenes with a short recording time.
- Data that has been recorded or edited on another device cannot be divided and the divided points cannot be deleted.
- If personal information in the divided scenes is deleted, the personal information is deleted when the divided scenes are cancelled.

Dividing a scene to partially delete (MP4)

VIDEO

Divide the MP4 scene, and delete unnecessary parts.

This divides the recorded scenes in two and deletes the front half or back half.

- Change the mode to  and touch the play mode select icon to select [SD CARD]/[MP4]. (→ 28)

1 Select the menu.

: [EDIT SCENE] → [SPLIT&DELETE]

2 Touch the scene to be divided.

3 Touch to set the dividing point.

- Using slow-motion playback or frame-by-frame playback makes it easy to search for the point where you want to divide the scene. (→ 67)



4 Touch the part for deletion.

5 Touch [YES] and confirm (playback) the part for deletion.

- A confirmation message appears when [NO] is touched or playback is cancelled.



6 Touch [YES].

- To continue dividing other scenes, repeat steps 2-6.
 - Press the MENU button to complete dividing.
 - The scenes that were deleted after division cannot be recovered.
-
- It may not be possible to divide scenes with a short recording time.
 - The actual division may slightly slip off the previously designated dividing point.

Deleting personal information

VIDEO

Delete personal information from the AVCHD scene for which faces were recognised.

- Change the mode to  and touch the play mode select icon to select [SD CARD]/[AVCHD]. (→ 28)
- Personal information is not recorded in the MP4 scenes.

1 Select the menu.

 : [VIDEO SETUP] → [DELETE PERSONAL INFO]

2 Touch the desired scenes to be deleted personal information.

-  appears at scenes for which faces were recognised. Touch one of the scenes at which  appears.
-  will change to  (red) when touched. Touch the  (red) again to cancel the operation.
- Up to 99 scenes can be selected in succession.

3 Touch [Delete].

- To continuously delete other personal informations, repeat steps 2-3.
- Press the MENU button to complete the settings.

When you stop deleting halfway

Touch [CANCEL] or press the MENU button while deleting personal informations.

- The personal information that have already been deleted when the deletion is cancelled cannot be restored.
-
- During disc playback when connected to a DVD burner (optional), scenes/still pictures cannot be deleted.

Protecting scenes/still pictures

VIDEO

PHOTO

Scenes/still pictures can be protected so that they are not deleted by mistake.

(Even if you protect some scenes/still pictures, formatting the media will delete them.)

- Change the mode to  .

1 Select the menu.



[MENU]: [VIDEO SETUP] or [PHOTO SETUP] → [SCENE PROTECT]

2 Touch the scene/still picture to be protected.

- When touched, the scene/still picture is selected and the  indication appears on the thumbnail. Touch the scene/still picture again to cancel the operation.
 - Press the MENU button to complete the settings.
-
- When the disc playback is selected while a DVD burner (optional) is connected, scenes/still pictures cannot be protected.

You can write the data selecting still pictures to be printed and the number of prints (DPOF data) onto the SD card.

◇ **Change the mode to**  **and touch the play mode select icon to select [SD CARD]/[PICTURE]. (→ 28)**

■ What is DPOF?

DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) is a format which allows the user of a digital camera to define which captured images on the SD card are to be printed, together with information on the number of copies they wish to print. (Please note: Not all commercial printing services support this feature at this time.)

1 Select the menu.

: [PHOTO SETUP] → [DPOF SET] → [SET]

2 Touch the still picture to be set.

3 Touch / to set the number of prints.

- Up to 999 prints can be selected. (Prints for set number can be printed with a printer that supports DPOF.)
- To cancel the setting, set the number of prints to [0].



4 Touch [ENTER].

- To continuously set other still pictures, repeat steps 2-4.
- Press the MENU button to complete the settings.

To cancel all DPOF settings

[DPOF SET] → [CANCEL ALL]

- When the disc playback is selected while a DVD burner (optional) is connected, scenes/still pictures cannot be set DPOF.
- You cannot add the recording date to pictures to be printed with the DPOF settings.

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Watching Video/Pictures on your TV

VIDEO PHOTO

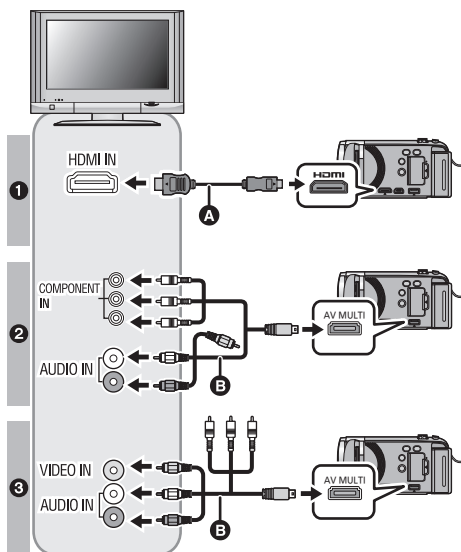
Confirm the terminals on your TV and use a cable compatible with the terminals. Image quality may vary with the connected terminals.

- ① High quality
- ② HDMI terminal
- ③ Component terminal
- ④ Video terminal



- Use the supplied AV multi cable. Check the output settings when connecting the component terminal or the video terminal with the AV multi cable. (→ 85)
- Use of the following Panasonic HDMI mini cables is recommended to connect the unit to the HDMI terminal.
- HDMI is the interface for digital devices. If you connect this unit to a HDMI compatible high definition TV and then play back the recorded high definition images, you can enjoy them in high resolution with high quality sound.

1 Connect this unit to a TV.



- A HDMI mini cable (optional)
- Be sure to connect to the HDMI terminal.
- B AV multi cable (supplied)

Picture quality

- ① High definition images when connecting to HDMI terminal
- ② High definition images when connecting to component terminal compatible with 1080i
Standard images when connecting to component terminal compatible with 576i
- ③ Standard images when connecting to video terminal

- Check that the plugs are inserted as far as they go.
- Always use a genuine Panasonic HDMI mini cable (RP-CDHM15, RP-CDHM30; optional).
- Do not use any other AV multi cables except the supplied one.
- When connecting to the component terminal of the TV, the yellow plug of the AV multi cable is not required.
- When connecting to the AV terminal of the TV, do not connect the component terminal plug of the AV multi cable. Image may not display when the component terminal plug is connected simultaneously.

2 Select the video input on the TV.

- Example:
Select the [HDMI] channel with a HDMI mini cable.
Select the [Component] or [Video 2] channel with an AV multi cable.
(The name of the channel may differ depending on the connected TV.)
- Check the input setting (input switch) and the audio input setting on the TV. (For more information, please read the operating instructions for the TV.)

3 Change the mode to to play back.

Cables	Reference items
A HDMI mini cable (optional)	• Connecting with a HDMI mini cable (→ 85) • Playback using VIERA Link (HDAVI Control™) (→ 86)
B AV multi cable (supplied)	• Connecting with the AV multi cable (→ 85)

■ **To watch images on a regular TV (4:3) or when both sides of the images do not appear on the screen**

Change the menu setting to display the images correctly. (Check the TV setting.)

 : [SETUP] → [TV ASPECT] → [4:3]

Example of images with a 16:9 aspect ratio on a regular TV (4:3)

[TV ASPECT] setting	
[16:9]	[4:3]
	

- If a wide-screen TV is connected, adjust the aspect setting on the TV. (Refer to the operating instructions of the TV for details.)

■ **To display the on-screen information on the TV**

When the menu setting is changed, the information displayed on the screen (operation icon and time code etc.) can be displayed/not displayed on the TV.

 : [SETUP] → [EXT. DISPLAY] → **desired setting**

[OFF]:

Not displayed

[SIMPLE]*:

Information partially displayed

[DETAIL]:

All information displayed

* This setting is only available in recording mode.

- When the AV multi cable is connected to this unit, the setup screen of the AV multi destination is displayed on the screen of this unit. Touch either [COMPONENT] or [AV OUT] in accordance with the terminal connecting to the TV. (→ 85)
- If the HDMI mini cable and AV multi cable are connected at the same time, output will be prioritised in order of the HDMI mini cable, AV multi cable.
- When viewing images recorded using  (640×480) on a [16:9] TV, the images may be stretched horizontally. Adjust the aspect setting on the TV. (Refer to the operating instructions of the TV for details.)

Refer to the following support site for information about the Panasonic TVs that you can directly insert an SD card into the SD card slot on the TV and then play it back.

<http://panasonic.net/>

- For details on how to play back, please read the operating instructions for the TV.

Connecting with a HDMI mini cable

Select the desired method of HDMI output.

: **[SETUP] → [HDMI RESOLUTION] → [AUTO]/[1080i]/[576p]**

- **[AUTO]** determines the output resolution automatically based on information from the connected TV.
If the images are not output on the TV when the setting is **[AUTO]**, switch to the method **[1080i]** or **[576p]** which enables the images to be displayed on your TV. (Please read the operating instructions for the TV.)
- When multiple scenes with different recording modes are played back among the MP4 scenes, the image may not display for a few seconds on the TV during the switching of scenes.

Connecting with the AV multi cable

AV multi connector output setting can be changed.

: **[SETUP] → [AV MULTI] → desired setting**

[COMPONENT]: When connecting to the component terminal

[AV OUT]: When connecting to the video terminal

Changing the component output setting

: **[SETUP] → [COMPONENT OUT] → desired setting**

[576i]: When connecting to the component terminal on the TV compatible with 576i.
(Playback is in standard quality.)

[1080i]: When connecting to the component terminal on the TV compatible with 1080i.
(Playback is in high definition quality.)

What is the VIERA Link?

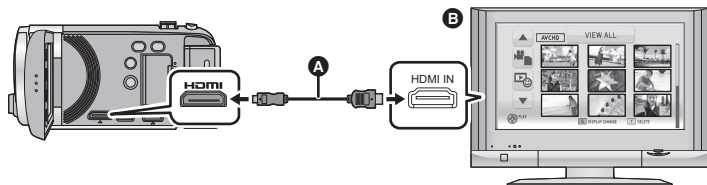
- This function allows you to use your remote control for the Panasonic TV for easy operations when this unit has been connected to a VIERA Link compatible device using a HDMI mini cable (optional) for automatic linked operations. (Not all operations are possible.)
- VIERA Link is a unique Panasonic function built on a HDMI control function using the standard HDMI CEC (Consumer Electronics Control) specification. Linked operations with HDMI CEC compatible devices made by other companies are not guaranteed. When using devices made by other companies that are compatible with VIERA Link, refer to the operating instructions for the respective devices.
- This unit is compatible with VIERA Link Ver.5. VIERA Link Ver.5 is the newest Panasonic version and is also compatible with existing Panasonic VIERA Link devices. (As of Dec 2009)

◇ Change the mode to  .

1 Select the menu.

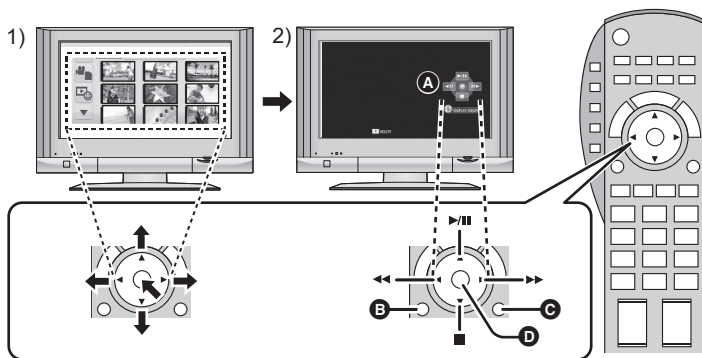
 : [SETUP] → [VIERA Link] → [ON]

- If you are not using VIERA Link, set to [OFF].

2 Connect this unit to a Panasonic TV compatible with VIERA Link with a HDMI mini cable.

- A** HDMI mini cable (optional)
- B** Panasonic TV compatible with VIERA Link
- It is recommended to connect this unit to an HDMI terminal other than the HDMI1 if there are 2 or more HDMI input terminals on the TV.
- VIERA Link must be activated on the connected TV. (Read the operating instructions of the TV for how to set etc.)
- Always use a genuine Panasonic HDMI mini cable (RP-CDHM15, RP-CDHM30; optional).

3 Operate with the remote control for the TV.



- 1) Press the button up, down, left or right to select a scene or still picture to be played back, and then press the button in the centre to set it.
- 2) Activate the operation icons that are displayed on TV screen with the remote control for the TV.

- A** Operation icons
- B** Display operation icons
- C** Cancel operation icons
- D** Display/Cancel operation icons
- The following operations are available by pressing the colour buttons on the remote control.
 - Green: Switching the number of scenes/still pictures in thumbnail display (9 thumbnails → 20 thumbnails → 9 thumbnails...)
 - Zoom in on still picture
 - Yellow: Deleting scenes/still pictures
 - Red: Zoom out from still picture

■ Other linked operations

Turning the unit off:

If you use the remote control for the TV to turn off the power, this unit also turns off.

Automatic input switching:

If you connect with a HDMI mini cable and then turn on this unit, the input channel on the TV automatically switches to this unit's screen. If the TV's power is in standby status, it will turn on automatically (if [Set] has been selected for the TV's [Power on link] setting).

- Depending on the HDMI terminal on the TV, the input channel may not switch automatically. In this case, use the remote control for the TV to switch the input channel.
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- If you are unsure whether or not the TV and AV amplifier you are using are compatible with VIERA Link, read the operating instructions for the devices.
 - Available linked operations between this unit and a Panasonic TV is different depending on the types of Panasonic TVs even if they are compatible with VIERA Link. Refer to the operating instructions of the TV for the operations that support on the TV.
 - Operation is not possible with a cable that is not based on the HDMI standard.

Connecting a DVD burner to copy to/play back a disc

VIDEO PHOTO

AVCHD scenes or still pictures recorded with this unit can be copied to a DVD disc by connecting a DVD burner (optional) to this unit using a Mini AB USB Connection Cable (supplied with DVD burner). The copied DVD disc can also be played back.

- Please read the operating instructions of the DVD burner for how to use it.
- MP4 scenes cannot be copied to disc. Copy to PC to make a backup. (→ 95)

Preparing for copying/playing back

We recommend using Panasonic DVD burner VW-BN2/VW-BN01.

■ About discs that can be used for copying

Disc type	DVD-RAM 	DVD-RW  / +RW 	DVD-R  / DVD-R DL  / +R  / +R DL 
Copy ^{*1}	○	○	○
Additional copy ^{*2}	○	—	—
Format ^{*3}	○	○	—

^{*1} Use a new disc. You can additionally copy only to a DVD-RAM. When you copy to DVD-RW, DVD-R, DVD-R DL, +RW, +R or +R DL, the disc is automatically finalized to allow playback on other devices and additional copying will not be possible.

^{*2} Only DVD-RAM copied with the DVD burner or HD Writer AE 2.6X can additionally copy.

^{*3} Connect this unit and a DVD burner before formatting. If you format a used disc, you can copy on that disc. Please be aware that if a disc is formatted, then all the data recorded on the disc will be erased. (→ 93)

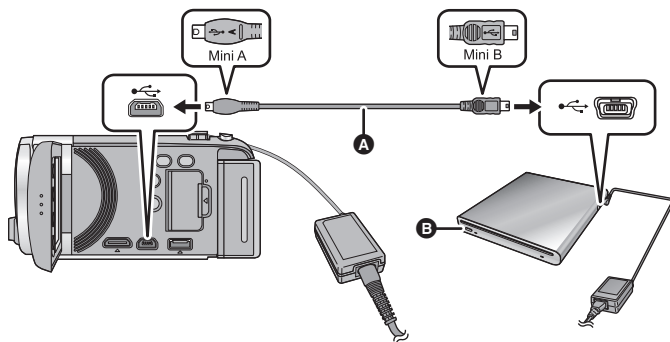
- We recommend using the discs that have been recommended in the operating instructions of the DVD burner. Refer to the operating instructions of the DVD burner for details about recommended discs, disc handling etc.

1 Connect the AC adaptor (supplied with DVD burner) to the DVD burner.

- You cannot supply power to the DVD burner from this unit.

2 Connect this unit to the AC adaptor and change the mode to .

3 Connect this unit to the DVD burner with the Mini AB USB Connection Cable (supplied with DVD burner).



A Mini AB USB Connection Cable (supplied with DVD burner)

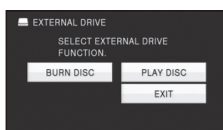
B DVD burner (optional)

- Insert the plugs as far as they will go.

4 Insert the disc in the DVD burner.

- Insert the DVD disc with the recording side down when using the DVD burner.

5 Touch the desired item.



[BURN DISC]:

Refer to page 90 for how to copy discs.

[PLAY DISC]:

Refer to page 92 for how to play back the copied discs.

To terminate the connection with the DVD burner

Touch [EXIT].

- Disconnect the Mini AB USB Connection Cable from this unit.

Copying to discs

- You cannot copy from multiple SD cards to 1 disc. (You can additionally copy only to a DVD-RAM.)
- You cannot copy AVCHD scenes together with still pictures or high-definition images together with standard images to the same disc.
- MP4 scenes cannot be copied to disc. Copy to PC to make a backup. (→ 95)

1 Connect this unit to the DVD burner to prepare for copying. (→ 89)

2 Touch the desired items following the instructions on the screen.

- It will return to the previous step by touching .
- (When [SELECT SCENES] is selected)
When touched, the scene/still picture is selected and the  indication appears on the thumbnail. Touch the scene/still picture again to cancel the operation.
- (When [SELECT DATE] is selected)
When touched, the date is selected and surrounded by red. Touch the date again to cancel the operation.
- Up to 99 scenes/99 dates can be selected in succession.

3 Touch [START].

- When 2 or more discs are necessary for copying, follow the on-screen instructions to switch discs.
- You may need more discs than displayed number of discs when you are copying additionally to a used DVD-RAM.
- Eject the disc after copying is completed.
- When the copied disc is played back on another device and the list of scenes is displayed, they are ordered by date.

■ About recording formats when copying AVCHD scenes

[High Definition]:

The images recorded in high definition picture quality with this unit are copied as they are.

[Standard] ([XP]/[SP]):

Images are converted into the original standard picture quality and then copied.

- Since XP has a higher picture quality compared to SP, the data capacity becomes large so that you may need more discs for copying than SP.

Before you delete the data on the media after copying is complete, be sure to play back the discs to check that they have been copied to correctly. (→ 92)

Important Notice

- When connecting an optional DVD burner and this unit for copying a disc, do not insert a disc with recorded AVCHD scenes in high definition picture quality into devices that do not support the AVCHD format. In some cases the disc may get stuck in the device. The disc will not play back on devices that do not support the AVCHD format.
- When inserting a disc containing recorded AVCHD scenes/still pictures into other devices, a message prompting you to format the disc may be displayed. Do not format the disc, since deleted data cannot be restored later.

Approximate time for copying to a disc

To copy AVCHD scenes to the full capacity of a disc

Disc type	Copy time		
	[High Definition]	[Standard] ([XP])	[Standard] ([SP])
DVD-RAM	Approx. 50 min to 1 h 20 min	Approx. 1 h 30 min to 2 h 30 min	Approx. 3 h to 5 h
DVD-RW* / +RW*	Approx. 35 min to 1 h 15 min		
DVD-R* /+R*	Approx. 15 min to 45 min		

* Even if the data capacity to be copied is small, the time it takes for copying may be about the same as the time shown in the table.

- When copying motion pictures in standard picture quality to a disc, the recordable time of [Standard] ([XP]) is approx. 1 hour and that of [Standard] ([SP]) is approx. 2 hours.

To copy approx. 600 MB still pictures (Picture size 2.9M)

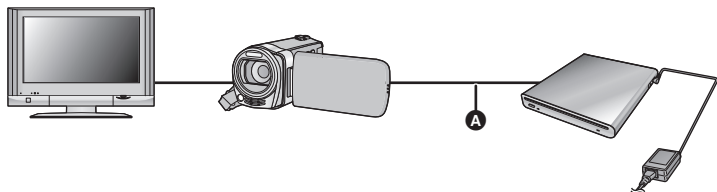
Disc type	Copy time
DVD-RAM/DVD-RW/DVD-R/+RW/+R	Approx. 10 min to 20 min

- Copy time of DVD-R DL/+R DL is approximately 2 to 3 times that of DVD-R/+R.
- Depending on the following conditions or discs, the time it takes for copying may be longer than the above times. Wait until the end of copying is displayed.
 - When the number of recorded scenes is large
 - When the temperature of the DVD burner has become high

- The disc that was copied to can be played back by connecting this unit and a DVD burner.**
- Do not turn off this unit or the DVD burner or disconnect the Mini AB USB Connection Cable while copying. Also, do not shake this unit or the DVD burner.
- It is impossible to stop copying halfway.
- The order in which the scenes were copied cannot be changed.
- Data that has been recorded on another device may not be copied.
- When 2 or more discs are necessary for copying, the last scene copied to a disc is automatically divided to fit the space on the disc.
- Copying may complete with more or less than the number of discs displayed when dividing of scenes was performed automatically etc.
- For discs being copied using [Standard] ([XP])/[Standard] ([SP]), you cannot select face highlight playback, highlight playback, intelligent scene selection and [HIGHLIGHT] or [FACE] of highlight & time frame index.
- The remaining copy time displayed while copying is the approximate time for a single disc.

Playing back the copied disc

- Only discs that have been copied by connecting this unit to the DVD burner or created with HD Writer AE 2.6X can be played back.



- **A** Mini AB USB Connection Cable (supplied with DVD burner)

1 Connect this unit to the DVD burner to prepare for playback. (→ 89)

- When playing back on a TV, connect this unit to the TV. (→ 82)

2 Touch the scene or still picture to be played back and then play it back.

- The playback operation is performed the same as when playing back motion pictures or still pictures. (→ 28, 67)
 - It will return to step 5 on page 89 when [RETURN] is selected in the thumbnail screen.
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- It is also possible to switch the media to play back by touching the play mode select icon. It is possible to select [DISC]/[VIDEO] or [DISC]/[PICTURE] when the DVD burner is connected.
 - Black bands may appear on the left and right of the screen when it is played back connected to a TV with 4:3 ratio.

Managing the copied disc

- Connect this unit to the DVD burner and then touch [PLAY DISC]. (→ 89)

■ Formatting discs

This is for initializing DVD-RAM, DVD-RW and +RW discs.

Please be aware that if a disc is formatted, then all the data recorded on the disc will be erased. Back up important data on a PC etc.

: [DISC SETUP] → [FORMAT DISC]

- When formatting is complete, touch [EXIT] to exit the message screen.
-
- Connect this unit and the DVD burner to format discs.
You may no longer be able to use the discs if you format them on another device such as a PC etc.

■ Auto protect

You can protect (write protect) a DVD-RAM disc when copying motion pictures in high definition picture quality or DVD-RW disc when copying motion pictures or still pictures in high definition picture quality to the disc.

1 Select the menu.

: [DISC SETUP] → [AUTO PROTECT] → [ON]

- If a disc that you copied to is inserted in another device without protecting it, a message may be displayed prompting you to format the disc. We recommend setting [AUTO PROTECT] to [ON] in order to prevent accidental deletion.

2 Copy to the disc. (→ 90)

- After copying, the disc is write protected.

To release the disc protection

[DISC SETUP] → [CANCEL PROTECT]

- Touch [EXIT] and close the message screen after the auto protection is released.

■ Displaying disc information

Information such as the type of recorded disc, the number of recorded scenes and whether or not the disc is finalized is displayed.

: [DISC SETUP] → [DISC STATUS]

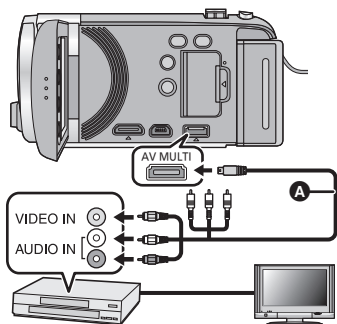
- Touch [EXIT] to exit the information screen.

Dubbing images onto other video device

VIDEO

Images played back on this unit can be dubbed onto a DVD recorder or video device.

- **Images are dubbed in standard quality.**
- Use the AC adaptor to free you from worrying about the battery running down.



Change the video input on the video device and TV that this unit is connected to.

- The channel set will differ depending on the terminal to which the unit is connected.
 - See the operating instructions of the video device for details.
 - Insert the plugs as far as they will go.
 - Do not use any other AV multi cables except the supplied one.
- A** AV multi cable (supplied)

1 Connect this unit to a video device and then change the mode to .

2 Start playback on this unit.

3 Start recording on the connected device.

- To stop recording (dubbing), stop playback on this unit after stopping recording on the recorder.
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- If the date and time display and function indication are not wanted, cancel them before dubbing. (→ 34, 84)

If the dubbed images are played back on a wide-screen TV, the images may be stretched vertically.

In this case, refer to the operating instruction of the device you are connecting to or read the operating instructions of the wide-screen TV and set the aspect ratio to 16:9.

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What you can do with a PC

HD Writer AE 2.6X

You can copy the motion/still picture data to the HDD of PCs or write to media like Blu-ray discs (BD), DVD discs or SD cards using HD Writer AE 2.6X, the software installed in the supplied CD-ROM. Refer to the operating instructions of HD Writer AE 2.6X (PDF file) for details on how to use it.

■ Smart wizard

The Smart wizard screen is automatically displayed when you connect this unit to a PC with HD Writer AE 2.6X installed. (→ 103)

**Copy to PC:**

You can copy motion/still picture data to the HDD of PCs.

Copy to disc:

You can copy to disc in high definition picture quality or conventional standard picture quality (MPEG2 format).

- Select the function you wish to use and follow the on-screen instructions for easy copying.

Available function	Data type	Software required
Copying data to a PC	Motion picture and still picture	CD-ROM (supplied): HD Writer AE 2.6X
Copying in BD/AVCHD format* * MP4 scenes cannot be copied to BD/AVCHD format.		
Copying in DVD-Video format: • Converted to conventional standard quality (MPEG2 format).	Motion picture	
Editing: Editing motion picture data copied on an HDD of a PC • Title, Transition, Delete partially, Divide Scene • Converting the motion picture data to MPEG2 • Converting part of motion picture into still picture		
Online sharing: You can upload motion pictures on the Internet and share them with your family and friends.		
Playing back on a PC: Play back the motion picture data in high definition picture quality on a PC.		
Formatting discs: Depending on the type of disc that you use, formatting is necessary.		

Available function	Data type	Software required
Playing back on a PC	Still picture	HD Writer AE 2.6.X or Standard Windows picture viewer or a commercially available picture viewer
Copying still pictures to a PC (➔ 105)		Windows Explorer
Refer to page 107 if using a Mac.		

Important Notice

- When using an SDXC Memory Card, check the following support site.
<http://panasonic.net/avc/sdcard/information/SDXC.html>
- Do not insert a disc recorded in AVCHD format with HD Writer AE 2.6X in a device that does not support the AVCHD format. In some cases the disc may get stuck in the device. The disc will not play back on devices that do not support the AVCHD format.
- When inserting a disc containing recorded motion pictures into other devices, a message prompting you to format the disc may be displayed. Do not format the disc, since deleted data cannot be restored later.

- Motion pictures that have been recorded on another device cannot be written to the software supplied with this unit. To write motion picture data recorded with the Panasonic High Definition Video Camera sold previously, use the HD Writer supplied with the unit.
- We cannot guarantee operation if you use software other than that supplied to read/write motion picture.
- Do not start the software supplied with this unit and other software at the same time. Close any other software if you start the software supplied with this unit and close the software supplied with this unit if you start any other software.

■ About Conversion assist function

When you want to convert the recording quality and write to media, the “Conversion assist function”, which is a linking function between this unit and the HD Writer AE 2.6X, is activated by connecting this unit to the PC with the USB cable. When the “Conversion assist function” is used, it is possible to write to media faster than when operating only on PC.

- Please refer to page 103 about the connection of this unit and a PC.
- Refer to the operating instructions of the software for details. (→ 106)

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- A CD-ROM drive is necessary to install the supplied software applications. (A compatible BD/DVD writer drive and media are necessary for writing to a BD/DVD.)
- Operation is not guaranteed in the following cases.
 - When 2 or more USB devices are connected to a PC, or when devices are connected through USB hubs or by using extension cables.
 - Operation on an upgraded OS.
 - Operation on an OS other than the one pre-installed.
- This software is not compatible with Microsoft Windows 3.1, Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows 98SE, Windows Me, Windows NT and Windows 2000.

■ Operating environment for HD Writer AE 2.6X

PC	IBM PC/AT compatible PC
OS	Microsoft Windows XP (32 bit) Home Edition Service Pack 2/Service Pack 3 Microsoft Windows XP (32 bit) Professional Service Pack 2/Service Pack 3 Microsoft Windows Vista (32 bit) Home Basic Service Pack 1/Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows Vista (32 bit) Home Premium Service Pack 1/Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows Vista (32 bit) Business Service Pack 1/Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows Vista (32 bit) Ultimate Service Pack 1/Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit) Starter Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit/64 bit) Home Basic Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit/64 bit) Home Premium Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit/64 bit) Professional Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit/64 bit) Ultimate
CPU	Intel Pentium 4 2.8 GHz or higher (including compatible CPU) • Intel Core 2 Duo 2.16 GHz or higher or AMD Athlon 64 X2 Dual-Core 5200+ or higher is recommended when a playback function or MPEG2 output function is used. • Intel Core 2 Quad 2.6 GHz or higher is recommended when using the editing or continuous photo playback function.
RAM	Windows 7: 1 GB or more (32 bit)/2 GB or more (64 bit) Windows Vista: 1 GB or more Windows XP: 512 MB or more (1 GB or more recommended)

Display	High Colour (16 bit) or more (32 bit or more recommended) Desktop resolution of 1024×768 pixels or more (1280×1024 pixels or more recommended) Windows Vista/Windows 7: DirectX 9.0c compatible video card (DirectX 10 recommended) with DirectDraw overlay Windows XP: DirectX 9.0c compatible video card Compatible with DirectDraw overlay PCI Express™ ×16 compatible recommended
Free hard disk drive space	Ultra DMA — 100 or more 450 MB or more (for installing the software) When writing to a DVD/BD/SD, more than double the amount of free space as the disc being created is necessary.
Sound	DirectSound Support
Interface	USB port [Hi-Speed USB (USB 2.0)]
Other requirements	Mouse or equivalent pointing device Internet connection

- Supplied CD-ROM is available for Windows only.
- Input is not supported in languages other than English, German, French and Simplified Chinese.
- Operation cannot be guaranteed on all BD/DVD drives.
- Operation is not guaranteed on Microsoft Windows Vista Enterprise, Windows XP Media Center Edition, Tablet PC Edition and Windows 7 Enterprise.
- This software is not compatible with a multi-boot environment.
- This software is not compatible with a multi-monitor environment.
- If using Windows XP, an administrative account user only can use this software. If using Windows Vista/Windows 7, administrative account and standard account users only can use this software. (An administrative account user should install and uninstall this software.)

■ To use the HD Writer AE 2.6X

You will need a high performance PC depending on the functions to be used. It may not properly play back or properly operate depending on the environment of the PC used. Refer to the operating environment and notes.

- Operation during the playback may become slow if the CPU or memory is not fulfilling the requirements of the operating environment.
- Always use the most current driver for the video card.
- Always make sure there is enough capacity on the HDD in the PC. It may become inoperable or the operation may stop suddenly if the capacity gets low.

■ Operating environment for the card reader function (mass storage)

PC	IBM PC/AT compatible PC
OS	Microsoft Windows XP (32 bit) Home Edition Service Pack 2/Service Pack 3 Microsoft Windows XP (32 bit) Professional Service Pack 2/Service Pack 3 Microsoft Windows Vista (32 bit) Home Basic Service Pack 1/Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows Vista (32 bit) Home Premium Service Pack 1/Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows Vista (32 bit) Business Service Pack 1/Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows Vista (32 bit) Ultimate Service Pack 1/Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows Vista (32 bit) Enterprise Service Pack 1/Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit) Starter Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit/64 bit) Home Basic Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit/64 bit) Home Premium Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit/64 bit) Professional Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit/64 bit) Ultimate
CPU	Windows Vista/Windows 7: 1.0 GHz or higher Windows XP: Intel Pentium III 450 MHz or higher or Intel Celeron 400 MHz or higher
RAM	Windows 7: 1 GB or more (32 bit)/2 GB or more (64 bit) Windows Vista Home Basic: 512 MB or more Windows Vista Home Premium/Business/Ultimate/Enterprise: 1 GB or more Windows XP: 128 MB or more (256 MB or more recommended)
Interface	USB port
Other requirements	Mouse or equivalent pointing device

- The USB equipment operates with the driver installed as standard in the OS.

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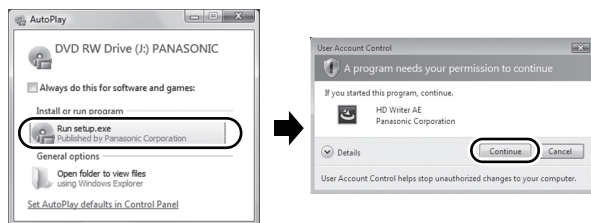
Installation

When installing the software, log on to your computer as the Administrator or with a user name with equivalent authorization. (If you do not have authorization to do this, consult your manager.)

- Before starting the installation, close all applications that are running.
- Do not perform any other operations on your PC while the software is being installed.
- Explanation of operations and screens is based on Windows Vista.

1 Insert the CD-ROM into the PC.

- The following screen is displayed automatically. Click [Run setup.exe] → [Continue].
- If the following screen is not displayed automatically, select [Start] → [Computer] (or double-click on [Computer] on the desktop), and then double-click [PANASONIC].

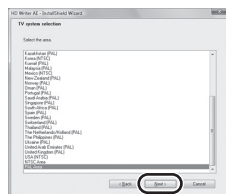


2 Click [Next].

3 Read the [End User License Agreement], then place a check beside [I accept the terms of the license agreement] if you agree to them and click [Next].

4 Select the country or region where you live, then click [Next].

- If the country or region cannot be selected, select [PAL Area].
- When the confirmation message appears, click [Yes].



5 Select where the application is to be installed, then click [Next].

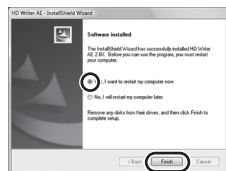
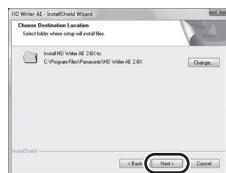
6 Select [Yes] or [No] to create shortcut.

- A message regarding the playback in the environment used may be displayed depending on the performance of the PC used. Click [OK] after confirming.

7 When installation is complete, some notes will appear. Check the contents, then close the window.

8 Select [Yes, I want to restart my computer now.], then click [Finish].

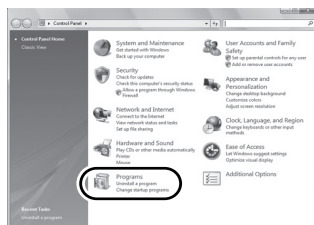
The PC must be rebooted for the application to work.



■ Uninstalling HD Writer AE 2.6X

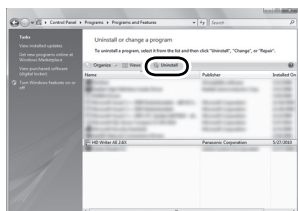
Follow the steps below to uninstall any software applications that you no longer require.

1 Select [Start] → [Control Panel] → [Uninstall a Program].



2 Select [HD Writer AE 2.6X], then click [Uninstall].

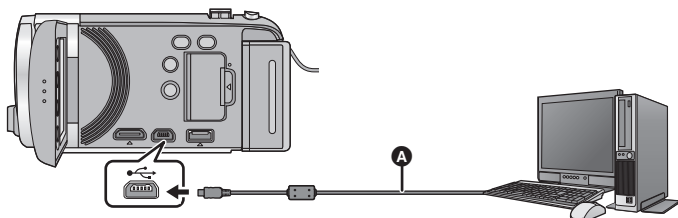
- Proceed with the uninstallation by following the on-screen instructions.
- After uninstalling the software, be sure to reboot the PC.



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Connecting to a PC

- Connect this unit to the PC after the software applications are installed.
- Remove the supplied CD-ROM from your PC.



- A** USB cable (supplied)

1 Connect this unit to the AC adaptor.

- It is possible to use it connected to the PC with the batteries only, but you will not be able to write data into the unit.
- Connect with the AC adaptor when using the Conversion assist function.

2 Turn on the unit.

- This function is available in all modes.

3 Connect this unit to a PC.

- The USB function selection screen will appear.

4 Touch [PC] on the screen of this unit.

- The Smart wizard screen is automatically displayed when HD Writer AE 2.6X is installed.
- This unit is automatically recognised as an external drive of the PC. (→ 105)
- When you select an option other than [PC], reconnect the USB cable.
- When using the battery, the LCD monitor turns off after about 5 seconds. Touch the screen to turn the LCD monitor on.

- Do not use any other USB cables except the supplied one. (Operation is not guaranteed with any other USB cables.)

• When the unit is connected to a PC it cannot be turned off.

Disconnect the USB cable, before turning this unit off.

- Do not disconnect the USB cable or the AC adaptor while the access lamp is on or card access icon () appears on the unit screen.
- When performing reading/writing between a PC and an SD card, be aware that some SD card slots built into PCs and some SD card readers are not compatible with the SDHC memory card or SDXC memory card.
- When using an SDXC Memory Card, check the following support site.
<http://panasonic.net/avc/sdcard/information/SDXC.html>

■ To disconnect USB cable safely

- 1 Double click the  icon in task tray displayed on the PC.
 - Depending on your PC's settings, this icon may not be displayed.
- 2 Select [USB Mass Storage Device] and click [Stop].
- 3 Verify [MATSHITA HDC-SDX1/SD USB Device] is selected and click [OK].

■ Charging the battery by connecting it to different devices

When using the battery, if you turn off the unit and connect it to a PC, Panasonic Blu-ray disc recorder or Panasonic DVD recorder, the battery will charge.

- **When connecting this unit to a PC for the first time, make sure to connect this unit to the PC with this unit turned on.**
- Insert the USB cable securely all the way. It will not operate properly if it is not inserted all the way.
- Do not use any other USB cables except the supplied one. (Operation is not guaranteed with any other USB cables.)
- Be sure to connect the unit directly to the PC, Blu-ray disc recorder or DVD recorder.
- During charging, the status indicator flashes. When charging is finished, the status indicator turns off.
- You cannot charge when the status indicator flashes rapidly for approx. 1 minute, or when it does not light at all. Charge using the AC adaptor. (→ 13)
- It will take 2 or 3 times longer to charge compared to when using the AC adaptor.
- Use the AC adapter to charge the large capacity battery (VW-VBK360; optional).
- If the status indicator flashes at a particularly fast or slow rate, refer to page 125.
- When this unit is connected to a PC, Blu-ray disc recorder or DVD recorder using a USB cable while the unit is turned on, power is also supplied from the connected equipment to this unit.

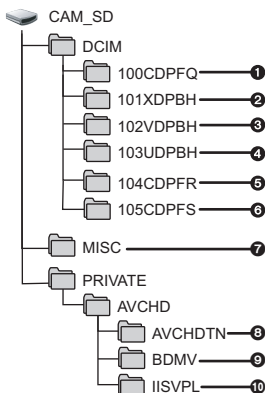
About the PC display

When the unit is connected to a PC, it is recognised as an external drive.

- Removable disk (Example:  CAM_SD (G:)) is displayed in [Computer].

We recommend using HD Writer AE 2.6X to copy or write back motion picture data. Using Windows Explorer or other programmes on the PC to copy, move or rename files and folders recorded with this unit will result in them being unusable with HD Writer AE 2.6X.

Example folder structure of an SD card:



The following data will be recorded.

- Up to 999 still pictures in JPEG format ([S1000001.JPG] etc.)
- 1280×720p MP4 format motion picture files ([S1000001.MP4] etc.)
- 640×480p MP4 format motion picture files ([S1000001.MP4] etc.)
- iFrame 960×540p MP4 format motion picture files ([S1000001.MP4] etc.)
- JPEG format still pictures recorded in hi-speed burst shooting mode
- JPEG format still pictures created from the motion picture
- The DPOF setting files
- AVCHD format motion picture thumbnails
- AVCHD format motion picture files ([00000.MTS] etc.)
- Files for intelligent scene selection playback

■ Copying your still pictures to your PC

Card reader function (mass storage)

Still pictures recorded with this unit can be copied to the PC with Explorer or other programmes.

- Double click the folder that contains the still pictures. ([DCIM] → [100CDPFQ] etc.)
- Drag and drop the still pictures onto the destination folder (on the PC's HDD).

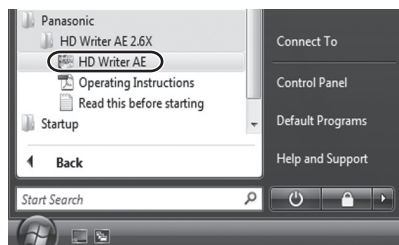
- Do not delete the SD card's folders. Doing so may make the SD card unusable in this unit.
- When data not supported by this unit has been recorded on a PC, it will not be recognised by this unit.
- Always use this unit to format SD cards.

Starting HD Writer AE 2.6X

- When using HD Writer AE 2.6X on Windows XP, log on to your computer as Administrator (or with a login name equally authorized). If you log on with a login name other than Administrator, you cannot use the applications.
- When using HD Writer AE 2.6X on Windows Vista/Windows 7, log on to your computer as Administrator (or with a login name equally authorized) or with the user name for a standard user account. If you log on with a user name for a guest user account, the software cannot be used.

(On the PC)

Select [Start] → [All Programs] → [Panasonic] → [HD Writer AE 2.6X] → [HD Writer AE].



- For details on how to use the software applications, read the PDF operating instructions of the software.

Reading the operating instructions of the software applications

- You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 or later or Adobe Reader 7.0 or later to read the PDF operating instructions.

Select [Start] → [All Programs] → [Panasonic] → [HD Writer AE 2.6X] → [Operating Instructions].

- HD Writer AE 2.6X is not available for Mac.
- iMovie'09 supported. For details about iMovie'09, please contact Apple Inc.
- There are some limitations in the functions when iMovie'09 is used. Refer to page 120 for details.

■ Operating environment

PC	Mac
OS	Mac OS X 10.5.8 Mac OS X 10.6
CPU	Intel Core Duo Intel Core 2 Duo
RAM	1 GB or more
Interface	USB port

- Even if the system requirements mentioned in these operating instructions are fulfilled, some PCs cannot be used.
- The USB equipment operates with the driver installed as standard in the OS.
- Supplied CD-ROM is available for Windows only.

■ Copying still pictures on PC

1 Connect this unit to a PC via the supplied USB cable.

- The USB function selection screen will appear.

2 Touch [PC] on the screen of this unit.

- This unit is automatically recognised as an external drive of Mac.
- When you select an option other than [PC], reconnect the USB cable.
- When using the battery, the LCD monitor turns off after about 5 seconds. Touch the screen to turn the LCD monitor on.

3 Double-click [CAM_SD] displayed on the desktop.

- Files are stored in [100CDPFQ] or [104CDPFR] folder etc. in the [DCIM] folder.

4 Using a drag-and-drop operation, move the pictures you want to acquire or the folder storing those pictures to any different folder on the PC.

■ To disconnect USB cable safely

Drag [CAM_SD] disk icon to the [Trash], and then disconnect the USB cable.

To use as a camera for Skype

It is possible to perform video conferencing using Skype when this unit is connected to a PC that is connected to the Internet.

Skype is a software that allows you to perform video conferencing using an Internet connection.

- Skype must first be installed before use.
- For downloading or details regarding Skype, refer to the Skype Website.
- For information on how to use Skype, refer to the Skype help file.
- Depending on the PC or Internet environment used, you may not be able to use Skype, images may be disrupted, cut off, the resolution may be low or the audio may be cut off. (→ 120)

■ Operating environment for Skype

PC	IBM PC/AT compatible PC	Mac
Software	Skype 4.2 for Windows	Skype 2.8 for Mac OS X
OS	Microsoft Windows XP (32 bit) Home Edition Service Pack 2/ Service Pack 3 Microsoft Windows XP (32 bit) Professional Service Pack 2/ Service Pack 3 Microsoft Windows Vista (32 bit) Home Basic Service Pack 1/ Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows Vista (32 bit) Home Premium Service Pack 1/ Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows Vista (32 bit) Business Service Pack 1/ Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows Vista (32 bit) Ultimate Service Pack 1/ Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows Vista (32 bit) Enterprise Service Pack 1/ Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit) Starter Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit/64 bit) Home Basic Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit/64 bit) Home Premium Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit/64 bit) Professional Microsoft Windows 7 (32 bit/64 bit) Ultimate	Mac OS X 10.6
CPU	Intel Pentium 4 1.7 GHz or higher	Intel Core Duo Intel Core 2 Duo
RAM	Windows 7: 1 GB or more (32 bit)/2 GB or more (64 bit) Windows Vista Home Basic: 512 MB or more Windows Vista Home Premium/Business/Ultimate/ Enterprise: 1 GB or more Windows XP: 512 MB or more	512 MB or more

Free hard disk drive space	100 MB free disk space
Sound	Speaker or headphones
Interface	USB port
Other requirements	High-speed broadband internet connection

- Even if the system requirements mentioned in these operating instructions are fulfilled, some PCs cannot be used.
- The USB equipment operates with the driver installed as standard in the OS.

How to connect

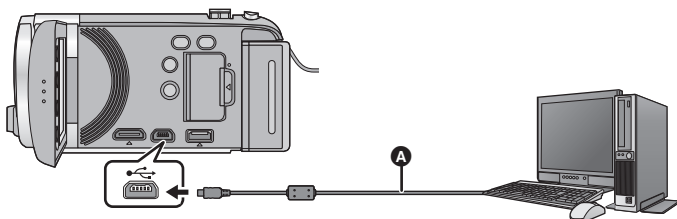
1 Connect this unit to the AC adaptor.

- Use the AC adaptor to free you from worrying about the battery running down.

2 Turn on the unit.

- Change the mode to  or .

3 Connect this unit to a PC.

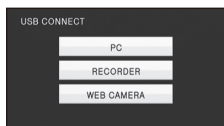


A USB cable (supplied)

- Insert the USB cable securely all the way. It will not operate properly if it is not inserted all the way.
- Do not use any other USB cables except the supplied one. (Operation is not guaranteed with any other USB cables.)
- The USB function selection screen will appear.

4 Touch [WEB CAMERA] on the screen of this unit.

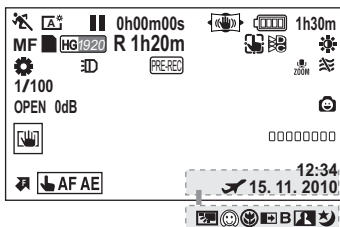
- When you select an option other than [WEB CAMERA], reconnect the USB cable.
- Sides of the image will be truncated and displayed in 4:3 aspect ratio on you and your partner's PCs.
- When you use the camera as a web camera continuously for 8 hours, it will stop the operation and return to the USB function selection screen.
- Do not operate any other function on this unit while the camera is connected to a PC in Web camera mode.



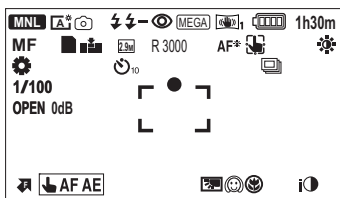
5 Disconnect the USB cable after shutting down Skype.

■ Recording indications

Motion picture recording mode



Still picture recording mode



Remaining battery power
(→ 14)

1h30m

Remaining battery time
(→ 14)

R 1h20m

Remaining time for motion
picture recording (→ 23)

0h00m00s

Elapsed recording time
(→ 23)

("h" is an abbreviation for hour, "m" for
minute and "s" for second.)

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Date indication (→ 20)

12:34

Time indication (→ 20)



World time setting (→ 33)

HA1920 / HG1920 / HX1920 / HB1920 /
720/25p / 480/25p / i Frame

Motion picture recording mode (→ 51)

(White) Card recording possible
status

(Green) Recognising the card

●/II (Red) Recording

II (Green) Recording pause

PRE-REC PRE-REC (→ 45)

MNL Manual mode (→ 63)

HA / FA / iA / iA / iA / iA / iA / iA / iA / iA

Intelligent auto mode (→ 26)

HA / FA Operation icon is
displayed/not displayed.
(→ 44)

MF Manual focus (→ 66)

AWB White balance (→ 64)

1/100 Shutter speed (→ 65)

OPEN/F2.0 Iris value (→ 65)

0dB Gain value (→ 65)

Scene mode (→ 49)

Scene mode (→ 49)

Power LCD (→ 36)

**Image stabilizer (→ 40)/Optical image
stabilizer lock (→ 41)**

AF/AE tracking (→ 42)

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	Video light (→ 43)
	Picture adjustment (→ 58)
	High-speed burst shooting (→ 61)
	Digital cinema colour (→ 55)
AF*	AF assist lamp (→ 62)
	Zoom microphone (→ 56)
	Wind noise canceller (→ 56)
	Smile shot (→ 46)
	Microphone level (→ 57)
	Backlight compensation (→ 47)
	Soft skin mode (→ 47)
	Tele macro (→ 48)
W / B	Fade (White), Fade (Black) (→ 45)
	Colour night view function (→ 48)
	Intelligent contrast control (→ 45)
	Intelligent exposure (→ 47)
○ (White)/● (Green)/ / / / /	
Focus indication (→ 24)	
10 / 2	Self-timer recording (→ 47)
A /	Flash (→ 46)
+ / -	Flash level (→ 46)
	Red eye reduction (→ 47)
	Picture quality (→ 60)

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Number of recording pixels for still pictures (→ 25, 59, 61, 68)

The picture size is not displayed for still pictures recorded with other products that have different picture sizes from the sizes shown above.

R3000	Remaining number of still pictures (→ 25)
(White)	Still picture recording icon
(Red)	Recording still picture
	MEGA OIS (→ 24)
	WEB camera (→ 108)

Major confirmation/error messages to be indicated on the screen in text.

CHECK CARD.

This card is not compatible or it cannot be recognised by the unit.

If this message appears even though motion pictures and still pictures are recorded on an SD card, the card may be unstable. Reinsert the SD card, then turn the unit off and then on again.

THIS BATTERY CANNOT BE USED.

- Use a battery that is compatible with this unit. (→ 11)
If using a Panasonic battery compatible with this unit, remove the battery and then insert it again. If the message appears even after repeating this several times, this unit needs repair. Detach the power and consult the dealer who you purchased this unit from. Do not attempt to repair it by yourself.
- You are attempting to connect an AC adaptor not compatible with this unit. Use the supplied AC adaptor. (→ 13)

PLEASE CHECK EXTERNAL DRIVE OR DISC.

A disc that cannot be used when connecting the unit to the DVD burner has been inserted, or the DVD burner is not recognised properly. Connect the Mini AB USB Connection Cable again and insert a disc to copy the data. (→ 88)

About recovery

If faulty management information is found, the messages may appear and a repair is performed. (Repairing may take time depending on the error.)

**SOME SCENES NEED REPAIRING. PLAY SCENES TO BE REPAIRED.
(IRREPARABLE SCENES WILL BE DELETED.)**

- The above message is displayed when abnormal management information is detected when the scenes are displayed in thumbnail. To perform the repair, touch the scene with  in the thumbnail, and start the playback. **Please be aware that if the repair fails, scenes with  will be deleted.**
- Use a sufficiently charged battery or the AC adaptor.
- Depending on the condition of the data, it may not be possible to completely repair the data.
- When data recorded on another device is recovered, it may not be possible to play back the data on this unit or the other device.
- If recovery fails, turn the unit off and on again after waiting a while. If recovery fails repeatedly, format a media on the unit. Please be aware that if a media is formatted, then all the data recorded on the media will be erased.
- If the thumbnail information is recovered, displaying the thumbnails may become slower.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Check points
This unit cannot be turned on. This unit does not stay on long enough. Battery runs down quickly.	• Charge the battery again to ensure it is sufficiently charged. (→ 13) • In cold places, the battery using time becomes shorter. • The battery has a limited life. If the operating time is still too short even after the battery is fully charged, the battery has worn out and needs to be replaced.
This unit is turned off automatically.	• If the unit turns off when you turn off the power to the TV using the TV remote control, the VIERA Link is at work. If you are not using the VIERA Link, set [VIERA Link] to [OFF]. (→ 86) • When this unit is connected to a DVD burner to copy or play back images (a disc is being accessed), the unit turns off automatically if the Mini AB USB Connection Cable is removed.
A clicking sound is heard when the unit is shaken.	• This is the sound of the lens moving and is not a defect. This sound will no longer be heard when the unit is turned on and change the mode to  or .
Remaining battery indication is not displayed properly.	• The remaining battery capacity indication is an approximation. If the remaining battery capacity indication is not displayed correctly, fully charge the battery, discharge it and then charge it again.

Problem	Check points
This unit cannot be operated though it is turned on. This unit does not operate normally.	▶▶▶ - Remove the battery or AC adaptor, wait about 1 minute and then reconnect the battery or AC adaptor. Then about 1 minute later, turn on the unit again. (Conducting the above operation while the media is being accessed may damage the data on the media.) - If normal operation is still not restored, detach the power connected, and consult the dealer who you purchased this unit from.
Item other than the touched one is selected.	▶▶▶ Calibrate the touch screen. (→ 37)
The remaining time indication or the elapsed time indication is not shown.	▶▶▶ [DISPLAY] of the [SETUP] is [OFF]. (→ 33)
The unit arbitrarily stops recording.	▶▶▶ - Use an SD card that can be used for motion picture recording. (→ 15) - The recordable time may have shortened due to the deterioration of the data writing speed or repeated recording and deletion. Using the unit, format the SD card. (→ 37) - If [AGS] is [ON], record in the normal horizontal position or set [AGS] to [OFF]. (→ 55)
Auto focus function does not work.	▶▶▶ - Switch to intelligent auto mode. - If you are trying to record a scene which is hard to bring into focus in auto focus mode, use the manual focus mode to adjust the focus. (→ 26, 66)

Problem	Check points
“CONDITION TOO DARK, OR OPEN LENS COVER.” is displayed.	▶▶▶ • Before turning on the unit, open the lens cover. • This message may also be displayed when recording in a very dark location.
Colour balance of images is strange when recording in a place such as a gymnasium.	▶▶▶ • In a place with multiple light sources, such as a gymnasium or a hall, set the white balance setting to  (Indoor mode 2). If you cannot record clearly with the  (Indoor mode 2), set it to  (Manual adjustment mode). (→ 64)
Any scenes/still pictures cannot be played back.	▶▶▶ • Any scenes/still pictures where the thumbnails are displayed as  cannot be played back.
Although this unit is correctly connected to a TV, images cannot be seen. The images are squeezed horizontally.	▶▶▶ • Please read the operating instructions of your TV and select the channel that matches the input used for the connection. • Change the [TV ASPECT] setting to match the aspect ratio of the TV. (→ 84) • Change the setting of the unit depending on the cable connecting to the TV. (→ 85)
Scenes cannot be deleted.	▶▶▶ • Release the protect setting. (→ 80) • Any scenes/still pictures where the thumbnails are displayed as  cannot be deleted. If the scenes/still pictures are unnecessary, format the media to erase the data. (→ 37) Please be aware that if a media is formatted then all the data recorded on the media is erased and cannot be recovered. Back up important data on a PC, disc etc.

Problem	Check points
If the SD card is inserted in this unit, it is not recognised.	▶▶▶ ● If the SD card is formatted on a PC, it may not be recognised by this unit. Use this unit to format SD cards. (→ 37)
If the SD card is inserted in another device, it is not recognised.	▶▶▶ ● Check that the device is compatible with the capacity or type of SD card (SD Memory Card/SDHC Memory Card/SDXC Memory Card) that you inserted. Refer to the operating instructions of the device for details.
Colour or brightness of the image changes, or you may see horizontal bars in the image. The LCD monitor flickers indoors.	▶▶▶ ● Colour or brightness of the image may change, or you may see horizontal bars in the image when the object is recorded under fluorescent light, mercury light or sodium light, etc., but this is not a malfunction. ● In motion picture recording mode, record in intelligent auto mode or set the shutter speed to 1/100 in areas where the power supply frequency is 50 Hz, or 1/125 in areas of 60 Hz. ● In still picture recording mode, this will not affect the recorded image.
Object seems to be warped.	▶▶▶ ● Object seems to be warped slightly when the object moves across the image very fast, but this is because the unit is using MOS for the image sensor. This is not a malfunction.
White round spots like soap bubbles appear on the recorded picture.	▶▶▶ ● If you take a picture with the flash in a dark place or indoors, white round spots may appear on the picture caused by the flash reflecting of particles of dust in the air. This is not a malfunction. A characteristic of this is that the number of round spots and their position differ in every picture.



Problem	Check points
“ERROR OCCURRED. PLEASE TURN UNIT OFF, THEN TURN ON AGAIN.” is displayed.	• The unit has automatically detected an error. Restart the unit by turning off and on. • The unit will be turned off in about 1 minute if the unit is not turned off and on. • Repair is needed if it is repeatedly displayed even if it is restarted. Detach the power connected, and consult the dealer who you purchased this unit from. Do not attempt to repair the unit by yourself.
VIERA Link does not work.	▶▶▶ [Setting on this unit] • Connect with a HDMI mini cable (optional). (→ 86) • Press the MENU button, then touch [SETUP] → [VIERA Link] → [ON]. (→ 86) • Turn the unit off and then back on again. ▶▶▶ [Setting on other devices] • If the TV input does not switch automatically, switch the input using the TV remote control. • Check the VIERA Link setting on the connected device. • Please refer to the operating instructions of the connected device.
When connected by the USB cable, this unit is not detected by the PC.	▶▶▶ • After re-inserting the SD card into the unit, reconnect the supplied USB cable. • Select another USB terminal on the PC. • Check the operating environment. (→ 98, 107, 108) • Connect the supplied USB cable again after restarting the PC and turning on this unit again.
When the USB cable is disconnected, an error message will appear on the PC.	▶▶▶ • To disconnect the USB cable safely, double-click the  icon in the task tray and follow the instructions on the screen.

Problem	Check points
The power of the DVD burner cannot be turned on.	▶▶▶ When the unit is connected to the DVD burner, use the respective AC adaptors for both this unit and the DVD burner.
Cannot see the PDF operating instructions for HD Writer AE 2.6X.	▶▶▶ You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 or later or Adobe Reader 7.0 or later to read the PDF operating instructions for HD Writer AE 2.6X.
Cannot copy scenes on the SD card by connecting to other equipment with the USB cable.	▶▶▶ Other equipment might have not recognised the SD card. Unplug the USB cable once, and reconnect it.
Cannot import AVCHD scenes with iMovie'09.	▶▶▶ You may not be able to import AVCHD scenes with iMovie'09 when both AVCHD scenes and MP4 scenes (included iFrame) are recorded on a single SD card. In such a case, first copy all the MP4 scenes data (included iFrame) to iMovie'09, delete all the MP4 scenes data on the SD card, and then import the AVCHD scenes with iMovie'09.
When using Skype, the image/audio is cut off.	▶▶▶ Disconnect the USB cable after shutting down Skype, and connect to Skype again.

■ If scenes do not change smoothly when played back on another device (AVCHD)

The images may be still for several seconds at the joins between the scenes if the following operations are performed when multiple scenes have been continuously played back using another unit.

- Just how smoothly the scenes will be played back depends on the playback unit.
Depending on the unit used, the images may stop moving and become still for a moment even when none of the following conditions are applicable.
- A continuous recording of motion picture data that exceeds 4 GB may momentarily stop at every 4 GB of data when played back with another device.
- It may not play back smoothly when the editing of scenes was done with the HD Writer AE 2.6X, but it will play back smoothly if you set the seamless settings in the HD Writer AE 2.6X. Refer to the operating instructions for the HD Writer AE 2.6X.

Principal reasons for not playing back smoothly
● When the scenes were recorded on different dates
● When scenes lasting under 3 seconds have been recorded
● When PRE-REC was used for recording
● When deleting scenes
● When selected scenes are copied to a disc in a connected DVD burner
● When scenes recorded more than 99 scenes on the same date

Cautions for use

About this unit

The unit and the SD card become warm during use. This is not a malfunction.

Keep this unit as far away as possible from electromagnetic equipment (such as microwave ovens, TVs, video games etc.).

- If you use this unit on top of or near a TV, the pictures and/or sound on this unit may be disrupted by electromagnetic wave radiation.
- Do not use this unit near cell phones because doing so may result in noise adversely affecting the pictures and/or sound.
- Recorded data may be damaged, or pictures may be distorted, by strong magnetic fields created by speakers or large motors.
- Electromagnetic wave radiation generated by microprocessors may adversely affect this unit, disturbing the pictures and/or sound.
- If this unit is adversely affected by electromagnetic equipment and stops functioning properly, turn this unit off and remove the battery or disconnect AC adaptor. Then reinsert the battery or reconnect AC adaptor and turn this unit on.

Do not use this unit near radio transmitters or high-voltage lines.

- If you record near radio transmitters or high-voltage lines, the recorded pictures and/or sound may be adversely affected.

Make sure to use the supplied cords and cables. If you use optional accessories, use the cords and the cables supplied with them.

Do not extend the cords and the cables.

Do not spray insecticides or volatile chemicals onto the unit.

- If the unit is sprayed with such chemicals, its body may be marred and the surface finish may peel off.
- Do not leave rubber or plastic products in contact with the unit for a long time.

When you use the unit in a sandy or dusty place such as a beach, do not let sand or fine dust get into the body and terminals of the unit.

Also, keep the unit away from sea water.

- Sand or dust may damage the unit. (Care should be taken when inserting and removing a card.)
- If sea water splashes onto the unit, wipe off the water with a well wrung cloth. Then wipe the unit again with a dry cloth.

When carrying the unit, do not drop or bump it.

- A strong impact can break the unit's casing, causing it to malfunction.

Cleaning

- Before cleaning, detach the battery or pull the AC cable from the AC outlet, and then wipe the unit with a soft, dry cloth.
- If the unit is very dirty, dip a cloth in water and squeeze firmly, and then wipe the unit with the damp cloth. Next, dry the unit with a dry cloth.
- Use of benzine, paint thinner, alcohol, or dishwashing liquid may alter the camera body or peel the surface finish. Do not use these solvents.
- When using a chemical dust cloth, follow the instructions that came with the cloth.

Do not use the unit for surveillance purposes or other business uses.

- This unit was designed for consumer intermittent use. It was not intended for continuous use, or for any industrial or commercial application resulting in prolonged use.
- In certain situations, continuous use could cause the unit to overheat and cause a malfunction. Such use is strongly discouraged.

When you are not going to use the unit for an extended time

- When storing the unit in a cupboard or cabinet, it is recommended that you place a desiccant (silica gel) in with it.

About the battery

The battery used in this unit is a rechargeable lithium-ion battery. It is susceptible to humidity and temperature and the effect increases the more the temperature rises or falls. In cold areas, the full charge indication may not appear or the low battery indication may appear about 5 minutes after starting use. At high temperatures, the protection function may be triggered, making it impossible to use the unit.

Be sure to detach the battery after use.

- If the battery is left attached, a minute amount of current continues to flow even if the unit is off. Keeping the unit in this state may result in over discharge of the battery. This may result in you not being able to use the battery even after it is charged.
- The battery should be stored in the vinyl bag so metal does not come into contact with the terminals.
- The battery should be stored in a cool place free from humidity, with as constant temperature as possible. (Recommended temperature: 15 °C to 25 °C, Recommended humidity: 40%RH to 60%RH)
- Extremely high temperatures or low temperatures will shorten the life of the battery.
- If the battery is kept in high-temperature, high-humidity, or oily-smoky places, the terminals may rust and cause malfunctions.
- To store the battery for a long period of time, we recommend you charge it once every year and store it again after you have completely used up the charged capacity.
- Dust and other matter attached to the battery terminals should be removed.

Prepare spare batteries when going out for recording.

- Prepare batteries appropriate to 3 to 4 times the period you are planning to record for. Cold places such as a ski resort can shorten the period which you can record for.

If you drop the battery accidentally, check to see if the terminals are damaged.

- Inserting a battery with damaged terminals can damage the unit.

Do not throw old battery into fire.

- Heating a battery or throwing it into a fire may result in an explosion.

If the operating time is very short even after the battery has been recharged, the battery has worn out. Please purchase a new battery.

About the AC adaptor

- If the temperature of the battery is extremely high or extremely low, charging may take time or the battery may not be charged.
- If you use the AC adaptor near a radio, radio reception may be disturbed. Keep the AC adaptor 1 m or more away from the radio.
- When using the AC adaptor, it may generate whirring sounds. However, this is normal.
- After use, be sure to disconnect the AC adaptor. (If it is left connected, a minute amount of current is consumed.)
- Always keep the electrodes of the AC adaptor and battery clean.

About status indicator during charging

When the status indicator is flashing at a particularly fast or slow rate, the following should be considered.

Flashing with approx. 4 second period (off for approx. 2 seconds, on for approx. 2 seconds):

- When the battery is over discharged or the temperature of the battery is too high or low. It can be charged, but it may take a few hours to complete the charging normally.
- It will flash in 2 second intervals when normal charging resumes. Even in such cases, it may start flashing in 4 second intervals until charging is completed depending on the conditions of use.

Flashing with approx. 0.5 second period (off for approx. 0.25 second, on for approx. 0.25 second):

- The battery is not charged. Remove the battery from the unit, and try charging again.
- Check that the terminals of the unit or battery are not dirty or covered in a foreign object, and connect the battery correctly once again. If a foreign object or dirt is present, turn off the unit before removing.
- The battery or environment is at an extremely high or low temperature. Wait until the temperature has returned to an appropriate level and try charging again. If you are still unable to charge, there may be a fault in the unit, battery or AC adaptor.

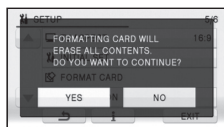
Off:

- Charging has finished.
- If the status indicator stays off despite the charging being unfinished, there may be a fault in the unit, battery or AC adaptor.
- Refer to page 123 for details on the battery.

About the SD card

When disposing of or giving away the SD card, note that:

- Formatting and deletion of this unit or computer only changes the file management information and does not completely delete the data in the SD card.
- It is recommended that the SD card is physically destroyed or the SD card is physically formatted using this unit when disposing of or giving away the SD card.
- To physically format the SD card, connect the unit via the AC adaptor, select [SETUP] → [FORMAT CARD] → [YES] from the menu, and then press and hold the delete/video light button on the screen below for about 3 seconds. When the SD card data deletion screen appears, select [YES], and then follow the on-screen instructions.



- The customer is responsible for the management of the data in the SD card.

LCD monitor

- When the LCD monitor gets dirty, wipe it with a soft cloth such as eye glass cleaner.
- Do not touch the LCD monitor with your finger nails, or rub or press with strong force.
- It may become hard to see or hard to recognise the touch when the LCD protection sheet is affixed.
- In a place with drastic temperature changes, condensation may form on the LCD monitor. Wipe it with a soft cloth such as eye glass cleaner.
- When the unit has become very cold, for example due to storage in a cold area, its LCD monitor will be slightly darker than usual immediately after the unit is turned on. The normal brightness will be restored when the unit's internal temperature rises.

Extremely high precision technology is employed to produce the LCD Monitor screen featuring a total of approximately 230,000 dots. The result is more than 99.99% effective dots with a mere 0.01% of the dots inactive or always lit. However, this is not a malfunction and does not affect the recorded picture.

About personal information

After you have set up the face recognition function, personal information will be held in this unit and included in recorded images.

- When the unit is serviced, or given away/disposed of, the personal information should be deleted in the interests of protecting personal information. (→ 79)

Indemnity

- Information, including personal information, may be changed or lost as a result of mistaken operation, static electricity effects, accident, breakage, repair or other handling. It should be noted before use that Panasonic does not accept any responsibility for direct or indirect problems which occur as the result of the change to or loss of the information including personal information.

About condensation

When condensation forms on the unit, the lens will cloud up and the unit may not work properly. Make every effort to ensure that condensation does not form. If it does form, take the actions described below.

Causes of condensation

Condensation takes place when the ambient temperature or humidity is changed as follows.

- When this unit is brought inside from the cold (e.g. a ski slope) to a warm room.
- When this unit is moved from an air-conditioned car to outside.
- When a cold room has been warmed up quickly.
- When cool wind from an air conditioner is directly blown onto this unit.
- After summer afternoon showers of rain.
- When this unit is in a very humid place where the air is thick with steam. (e.g. a heated swimming pool)

Helpful hint

If, for example, you have used this unit for recording on a ski slope and are taking it into a heated room, place the unit inside a plastic bag, remove as much of the air from inside the bag as possible, then seal the bag. Leave the unit for about an hour in the room so the temperature of the unit is close to the ambient temperature of the room, then use it.

Optional accessories

Product numbers correct as of Jun. 2010. These may be subject to change.
Some optional accessories may not be available in some countries.

Battery charger (VW-BC10E/EB)
Battery pack (lithium/VW-VBK180)
Battery pack (lithium/VW-VBK360)
HDMI mini cable (RP-CDHM15, RP-CDHM30)
Video DC light (VW-LDC103E)*
Light bulb for video DC light (VZ-LL10E)
Shoe adaptor (VW-SK12E)
DVD burner (VW-BN2)
DVD burner (VW-BN01)
Accessory kit (VW-ACK180E/EB)

* To use the VW-LDC103E, the shoe adaptor/VW-SK12E and the battery pack/VW-VBG130, VW-VBG260 are required. To charge the battery pack/VW-VBG130, VW-VBG260, the AC adaptor/VW-AD21E/EB-K, VW-AD20E/EB-K is required.

About copyright

■ Carefully observe copyright laws

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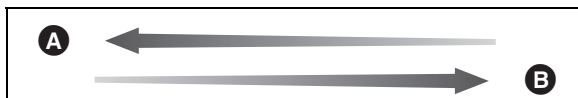
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See <http://www.mpegla.com>.

Recording modes/approximate recordable time

- SD cards are only mentioned with their main memory size. The stated times are the approximate recordable times for continuous recording.



Recording format		AVCHD			
Recording mode		HA	HG	HX	HE
Picture size		1920×1080	1920×1080	1920×1080	1920×1080
SD card	4 GB	30 min	40 min	1 h	1 h 30 min
	8 GB	1 h	1 h 20 min	2 h	3 h 20 min
	16 GB	2 h	2 h 40 min	4 h 10 min	6 h 40 min
	32 GB	4 h 10 min	5 h 30 min	8 h 20 min	13 h 40 min
	48 GB	6 h 20 min	8 h 10 min	12 h 30 min	20 h 20 min
	64 GB	8 h 30 min	11 h	16 h 50 min	27 h 30 min

Recording format		MP4		
Recording mode		1280×720p	640×480p	iFrame
Picture size		1280×720	640×480	960×540
SD card	4 GB	50 min	3 h 20 min	19 min
	8 GB	1 h 45 min	7 h	40 min
	16 GB	3 h 30 min	14 h	1 h 20 min
	32 GB	7 h 30 min	30 h	2 h 40 min
	48 GB	11 h	44 h 50 min	4 h
	64 GB	15 h	60 h 30 min	5 h 20 min

- A** Image quality prioritised
- B** Recording time prioritised

- If recording for long periods, prepare batteries for 3 or 4 times the period you wish to record for. (→ 14)
- The default setting is [HG] mode.
- Maximum continuously recordable time for one scene: 12 hours
- The recording is paused once when the recording time for one scene exceeds 12 hours, and the recording will automatically resume after a few seconds.
- If a recording with a lot of movements is recorded, the recording time is reduced.
- The recordable time may be reduced if recording of short scene is repeated.
- Use time in the row of 4 GB in above table as a guideline for the time that can be copied onto one DVD disc (4.7 GB).

Approximate number of recordable pictures

- SD cards are only mentioned with their main memory size. The stated number is the approximate number of recordable pictures.

Aspect ratio		4:3			
Picture size		2.9M 1952×1464		0.3M 640×480	
Picture quality					
SD card	512 MB	300	500	3600	6100
	1 GB	600	1000	7400	12000
	2 GB	1200	2000	15000	25000
	4 GB	2500	4000	30000	50000
	8 GB	5000	8000	60500	102000
	16 GB	10000	16000	122000	205000
	32 GB	20000	32000	246000	414000
	48 GB	31000	49000	364000	613000
	64 GB	42000	66000	492000	829000

Aspect ratio		3:2		16:9	
Picture size		2.8M 2064×1376		2.1M 1920×1080	
Picture quality					
SD card	512 MB	300	500	440	690
	1 GB	600	1000	900	1400
	2 GB	1200	2000	1800	2800
	4 GB	2500	4000	3600	5600
	8 GB	5000	8000	7300	11000
	16 GB	10000	16000	14000	23000
	32 GB	20000	32000	29000	46000
	48 GB	31000	49000	44000	69000
	64 GB	42000	66000	59000	93000

- The number of recordable pictures depends on whether  and  are used together and on the subject being recorded.
- Maximum number of recordable pictures that can be displayed is 99999. If the number of recordable pictures exceeds 99999, the number will not change when the picture is taken until the number of recordable pictures gets less than 99999.
- The memory capacity indicated on the label of an SD card is the total of the capacity for copyright protection and management and the capacity which can be used on the unit, a PC etc.

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