

## FAQ for Sylvania Time Lapse VCR

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**QUESTION:**

What is the difference between a 24-hour and a 960-hour time lapse VCR?

**ANSWER:**

A 24-hour time lapse VCR allows you to continuously record up to 24 hours using a standard T-160 tape. A 960 hr. time lapse VCR allows you to continuously record up to 960 hours (40 days) using a standard T160 tape.

Sylvania Model SY24 is a 24 hour time lapse VCR. It provides real-time recording when set to the 24-hour recording mode. Other selectable recording settings are also available with this system, allowing you to continuously record up to 48 hours.

Sylvania Model SY96 is a 960 hour time lapse VCR. This system allows you to continuously record up to 960 hours using a standard T-160 tape. Fourteen selectable recording options are available with this system including 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 30 day settings.

**QUESTION:**

Is a special tape required to operate a time lapse VCR?

**ANSWER:**

No. You can use any standard VCR tape, such as a T-120 or T160 tape. We would, however, recommend that you change your tapes regularly and service the VCR on a regular basis to ensure high quality recording and playback.

**QUESTION:**

I have recorded a picture but notice that when I playback the picture, the recorded images move very fast/slow?

**ANSWER:**

The problem is related to synchronization. You must ensure the playback and recording mode are set to the same speed. For example, if the system was recorded in the 18 hr mode, the system must also be played back in the 18 hr mode. Press the REC/PLAY button on the remote control or main panel to ensure both systems are set to the same recording and playback setting.

**QUESTION:**

Can I set the time lapse VCR to record only when motion is detected at the camera?

**ANSWER:**

Yes. At the back of the most CCTV monitors there are alarm terminals. Refer to the monitor's owner's manual for reference. Connect a wire from the monitor's common (ground) terminal to the COM output at the back of the VCR. Next, connect a wire from the monitor's normally open terminal to the Alarm IN output at the back of the VCR. When motion is detected at the camera location, the VCR will be triggered to turn ON and OFF based on the VCR settings (refer to the VCR's owners manual to change the alarm duration setting). A wiring diagram has also been provided in the Appendices of all Sylvania Observation System Owners manuals for connecting the Observation system to a Sylvania Time Lapse VCR.

**QUESTION:**

There is no picture when I press the Play button.

**ANSWER:**

Ensure the audio/video cable is connected from the VCR's audio and video output to the monitor's audio and video input. You must also ensure the monitor is set to VCR mode.

**QUESTION:**

When I play the tape, the picture appears to be shaking?

**ANSWER:**

There are two possible reasons for this problem a. The tape may be worn out. OR b. The tracking may be off. Press the play button, followed by pressing the pause button. Use the + or - arrow keys on the remote control to make the screen stable. Once completed, press the Play button.

**QUESTION:**

When I play the tape, the time and date identification does not appear

**ANSWER:**

Ensure the display button on the VCR is turned ON

**QUESTION:**

I do not hear any audio when I press the Play button.

**ANSWER:**

The audio feature can be used in the 2, 6 or 18 hour settings only. Ensure the audio feature is turned ON every time you play the tape.

**QUESTION:**

The VCR's video input and output requires a special cable to connect A/V cables. How is this done?

**ANSWER:**

Sylvania time lapse VCR's utilize BNC inputs for video connections. Two sets of A/V cables and 2 sets of RCA/BNC couplers are included with each system. Simply connect the RCA/BNC connector to the Video cable and connect the coupler to the Video Input/Output of the VCR.