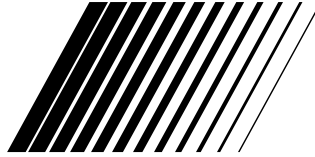


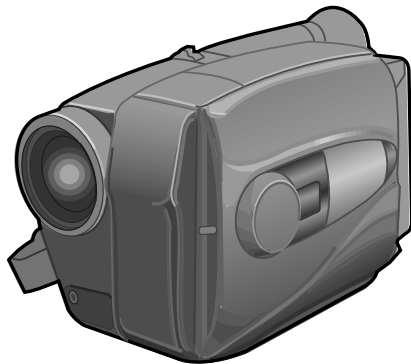


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## COMPACT VHS CAMCORDER

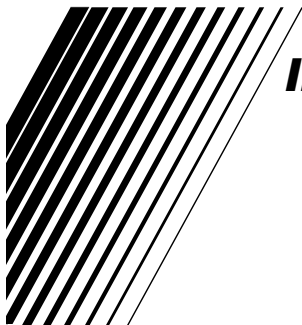
# GR-AX210 GR-AX310



*Compact VHS*



(The camcorder illustrations appearing in these instructions are of the GR-AX310.)



## INSTRUCTIONS

**For Customer Use:**

Enter below the Serial Nos. of the GR-AX210U/GR-AX310U camcorder and the AA-V11U AC Power Adapter/Charger.

The serial numbers are located on the bottom of the GR-AX210U/GR-AX310U, and the AA-V11U.

Model No. GR-AX210U/GR-AX310U  
AA-V11U

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

YU30052-501-1

**Dear Customer,**

Thank you for purchasing the JVC Compact VHS camcorder. Before use, please read the safety information and precautions contained in the following pages to ensure safe use of your new camcorder.

**Using This Instruction Manual**



- All major sections and subsections are listed in the Table Of Contents (☞ pg. 7).
- Notes appear after most subsections. Be sure to read these as well.
- Basic and advanced features/operation are separated for easier reference.

**It is recommended that you . . .**

- ..... refer to the Index (☞ pgs. 40 – 42) and familiarize yourself with button locations, etc. before use.
- ..... read thoroughly the Safety Precautions and Safety Instructions that follow. They contain extremely important information regarding the safe use of your new camcorder.

You are recommended to carefully read the cautions on pages 43 and 44 before use.

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

	<b>CAUTION</b> RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT OPEN	
<p>CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.</p>		



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

The AA-V11U AC Power Adapter/Charger should be used with:  
AC 120 V~, 60 Hz in the USA and Canada,  
AC 110 – 240 V~, 50/60 Hz in other countries.

**CAUTION (applies to the AA-V11U)**  
TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK MATCH WIDE BLADE OF PLUG TO WIDE SLOT, FULLY INSERT.

**ATTENTION (s'applique à l'AA-V11U)**  
POUR ÉVITER LES CHOCS ÉLECTRIQUES, INTRODUIRE LA LAME LA PLUS LARGE DE LA FICHE DANS LA BORNE CORRESPONDANTE DE LA PRISE ET POUSSER JUSQU'AU FOND.

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

**Warning on lithium battery**

The battery used in this device may present a fire or chemical burn hazard if mistreated. Do not recharge, disassemble, heat above 100°C (212°F) or incinerate. Replace the battery with Panasonic (Matsushita Electric), Sanyo or Maxell CR2025; use of another battery may present a risk of fire or explosion.

- Dispose of used battery promptly.
- Keep away from children.
- Do not disassemble and do not dispose of in fire.

**NOTES:**

- The rating plate (serial number plate) and safety caution are on the bottom and/or the back of the main unit.
- The rating plate (serial number plate) of the AC Power Adapter/Charger is on its bottom.

This Class B digital apparatus meets all requirements of the Canadian Interference – Causing Equipment Regulations.

“Cet appareil numérique de la classe B respecte toutes les exigences du Règlement sur le matériel brouilleur de Canada.”

This camcorder is designed to be used with NTSC-type color television signals. It cannot be used for playback with a television of a different standard. However, live recording and viewfinder playback are possible anywhere. Use the BN-V11U/V12U/V22U/V25U battery packs and, to recharge them, the provided multi-voltage AC Power Adapter/Charger. (An appropriate conversion adapter may be necessary to accommodate different designs of AC outlets in different countries.)

**ATTENTION:**

The product that you have purchased is powered by a rechargeable battery. The battery is recyclable. At the end of its useful life, under various state and local laws, it may be illegal to dispose of this battery into the municipal waste stream. Check with your local solid waste officials for details in your area for recycling options or proper disposal.



# IMPORTANT PRODUCT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Electrical energy can perform many useful functions. But improper use can result in potential electrical shock or fire hazards. This product has been engineered and manufactured to assure your personal safety. In order not to defeat the built-in safeguards, observe the following basic rules for its installation, use and servicing.

### ATTENTION:

Follow and obey all warnings and instructions marked on your product and its operating instructions. For your safety, please read all the safety and operating instructions before you operate this product and keep this manual for future reference.

## INSTALLATION

### 1. Grounding or Polarization

- (A) Your product may be equipped with a polarized alternating-current line plug (a plug having one blade wider than the other). This plug will fit into the power outlet only one way. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet, try reversing the plug. If the plug should still fail to fit, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug.
- (B) Your product may be equipped with a 3-wire grounding-type plug, a plug having a third (grounding) pin. This plug will only fit into a grounding-type power outlet. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the grounding-type plug.

### 2. Power Sources

Operate your product only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supply to your home, consult your product dealer or local power company. If your product is intended to operate from battery power, or other sources, refer to the operating instructions.

### 3. Overloading

Do not overload wall outlets, extension cords, or integral convenience receptacles as this can result in a risk of fire or electrical shock.

### 4. Power Cord Protection

Power supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the product.

### 5. Ventilation

Slots and openings in the cabinet are provided for ventilation. To ensure reliable operation of the product and to protect it from overheating, these openings must not be blocked or covered.

- Do not block the openings by placing the product on a bed, sofa, rug or other similar surface.
- Do not place the product in a built-in installation such as a bookcase or rack unless proper ventilation is provided or the manufacturer's instructions have been adhered to.

### 6. Wall or Ceiling Mounting

The product should be mounted to a wall or ceiling only as recommended by the manufacturer.

## ANTENNA INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Outdoor Antenna Grounding

If an outside antenna or cable system is connected to the product, be sure the antenna or cable system is grounded so as to provide some protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges. Article 810 of the National Electric Code, ANSI/NFPA 70, provides information with regard to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna discharge unit, size of grounding conductors, location of antenna discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode.

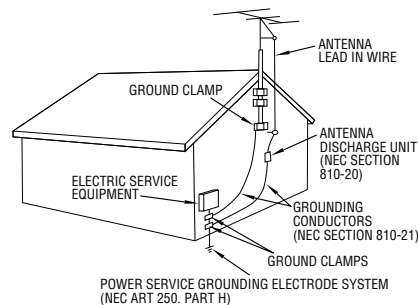
### 2. Lightning

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

### 3. Power Lines

An outside antenna system should not be located in the vicinity of overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can fall into such power lines or circuits. When installing an outside antenna system, extreme care should be taken to keep from touching such power lines or circuits as contact with them might be fatal.

EXAMPLE OF ANTENNA GROUNDING AS PER NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, ANSI/NFPA 70



NEC - NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

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## USE

### 1. Accessories

#### To avoid personal injury:

- Do not place this product on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket or table. It may fall, causing serious injury to a child or adult, and serious damage to the product.
- Use only with a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table recommended by the manufacturer or sold with the product.
- Use a mounting accessory recommended by the manufacturer and follow the manufacturer's instructions for any mounting of the product.
- Do not try to roll a cart with small casters across thresholds or deep-pile carpets.

### 2. Product and Cart Combination

A product and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the product and cart combination to overturn.

### 3. Water and Moisture

Do not use this product near water—for example, near a bath tub, wash bowl, kitchen sink or laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool and the like.

PORTABLE CART WARNING  
(Symbol provided by RETAC)



### 4. Object and Liquid Entry

Never push objects of any kind into this product through openings as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short-out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind on the product.

### 5. Attachments

Do not use attachments not recommended by the manufacturer of this product as they may cause hazards.

### 6. Cleaning

Unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.

### 7. Heat

The product should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other products (including amplifiers) that produce heat.

## SERVICING

### 1. Servicing

If your product is not operating correctly or exhibits a marked change in performance and you are unable to restore normal operation by following the detailed procedure in its operating instructions, do not attempt to service it yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

### 2. Damage Requiring Service

Unplug this product from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:

- a. When the power supply cord or plug is damaged.
- b. If liquid has been spilled, or objects have fallen into the product.
- c. If the product has been exposed to rain or water.
- d. If the product does not operate normally by following the operating instructions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions as an improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the product to its normal operation.
- e. If the product has been dropped or damaged in any way.
- f. When the product exhibits a distinct change in performance—this indicates a need for service.

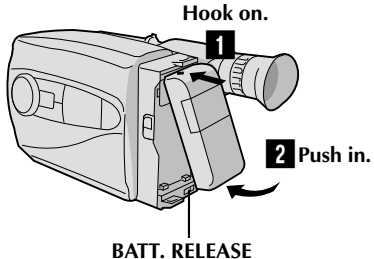
### 3. Replacement Parts

When replacement parts are required, be sure the service technician has used replacement parts specified by the manufacturer or have the same characteristics as the original part. Unauthorized substitutions may result in fire, electric shock or other hazards.

### 4. Safety Check

Upon completion of any service or repairs to this product, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to determine that the product is in safe operating condition.

### SUPPLY POWER

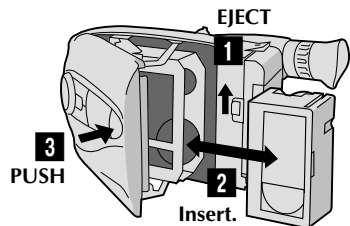


**Using the battery pack**

- 1 Hook-on the battery pack's top end to the camcorder. (Charging procedure, [P. 8](#))
- 2 Push in the battery pack until it locks into place.

**To remove the battery pack**  
Slide BATT. RELEASE and pull out the battery pack.

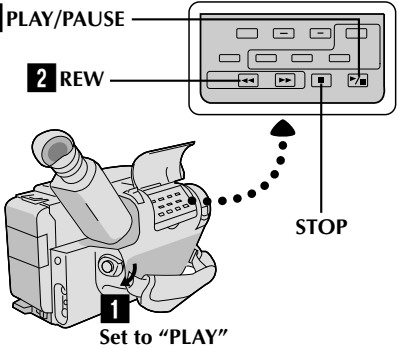
### INSERTING A VIDEO CASSETTE



- 1 Slide EJECT.
- 2 Insert a video cassette.
- 3 Press PUSH.

(For more details, [P. 11](#))

### PLAYBACK

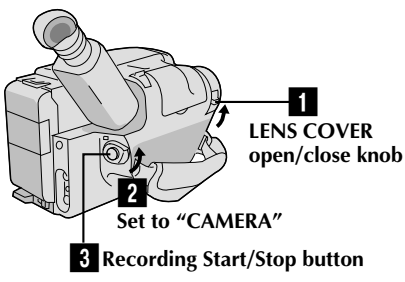


- 1 Set the power switch to "PLAY".
- 2 Press **REW**.  
— The tape will automatically stop at the beginning of the tape.
- 3 Press **PLAY/PAUSE**.  
— Playback starts and the playback picture appears in the viewfinder.

- To stop playback, press **STOP**.  
(For more details, [P. 30](#).)

■ Or simply play back the tape on a VHS VCR using the Cassette Adapter (VHS Playpak). [P. 28](#)

### SHOOTING



- 1 Slide the LENS COVER open/close knob to open the lens cover.
- 2 Set the power switch to "CAMERA".  
— The power indicator will light and an image will appear in the viewfinder.
- 3 Press the Recording Start/Stop button.  
— Recording starts.

- To stop recording temporarily, momentarily press the Recording Start/Stop button once again.  
(For more details, [P. 14](#))

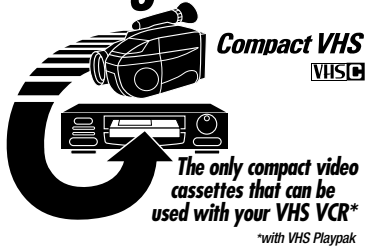


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## MAJOR FEATURES

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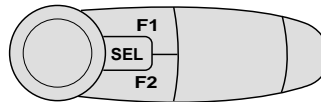
### The Logical Choice



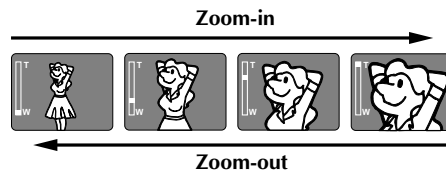
### Program AE with Special Effects (P. 16)

- Auto Mode Lock
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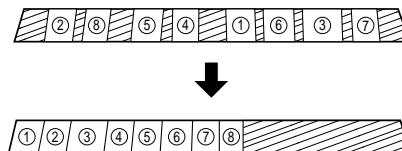
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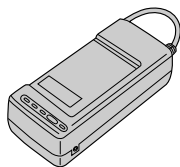
### Variable-Speed Hyper Zoom [GR-AX210:12x, GR-AX310:14x] (P. 15)



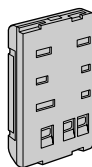
### Random Assemble Editing (P. 32 - 35) [GR-AX310 only]



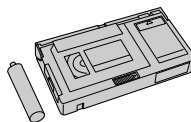
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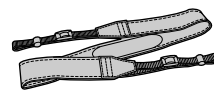
• AC Power Adapter/Charger AA-V11U



• Battery Pack BN-V11U



• Cassette Adapter (VHS PlayPak) C-P7U



• Shoulder Strap



• Lithium Battery



Cassettes marked **VHS** can be used with this camcorder.

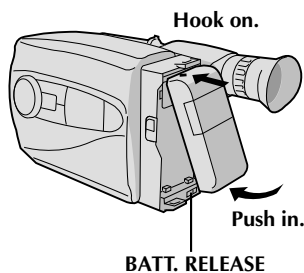
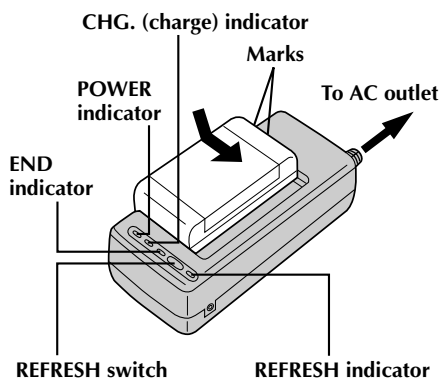


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## Power

This camcorder's 3-way power supply system lets you choose the most appropriate source of power.

### NOTES:

- No function is available without power supply.
- Use only specified power supply.
- Do not use provided power supply units with other equipment.

### CHARGING THE BATTERY PACK

#### 1 SUPPLY POWER

Connect the charger's AC power cord to a wall outlet. The power indicator lights.

#### 2 ATTACH BATTERY PACK

Align the marks and slide the battery pack in the direction of the arrow until it locks in place. The CHG. indicator lights.

#### 3 DETACH BATTERY PACK

When charging is completed, the END indicator lights. Slide the battery pack opposite the direction of the arrow.

BATT. PACK	CHARGE	DISCHARGE
BN-V11U	approx. 1 hr. 10 min.	approx. 3 hrs. 30 min.
BN-V12U	approx. 1 hr. 10 min.	approx. 3 hrs. 30 min.
BN-V22U	approx. 2 hrs. 10 min.	approx. 7 hrs.
BN-V25U	approx. 2 hrs. 40 min.	approx. 10 hrs.

### USING THE BATTERY PACK

#### 1 ATTACH BATTERY PACK

Hook its top end to the camcorder and push the battery pack in until it locks in place.

#### 2 DETACH BATTERY PACK

Slide BATT. RELEASE and pull out the battery pack.

BATT. PACK	RECORDING TIME
BN-V11U	approx. 1 hr. 5 min.
BN-V12U	approx. 1 hr. 5 min.
BN-V22U	approx. 2 hrs. 15 min.
BN-V25U	approx. 3 hrs.

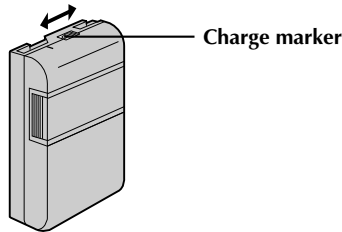
### \*\*REFRESH

The AC power adapter features a REFRESH function that allows you to fully discharge the battery pack before recharging.

#### To discharge the battery . . .

..... attach the battery pack to the adapter as shown in the illustration to the left. Then push REFRESH. The REFRESH indicator lights when discharging starts, and goes out when discharging is complete.



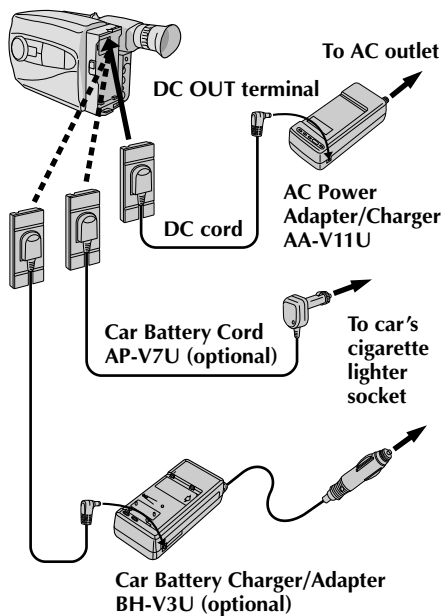


**\*\*CHARGE MARKER**

A charge marker is provided on the battery pack to help you remember whether it has been charged or not. Two colors are provided (red and black)—you choose which one means charged and which means discharged.

**NOTES:**

- The recording time per charge is affected by such factors as the time spent in Record/Standby mode and the frequency of zooming. It is safer to have spare battery packs.
- Charging times noted on page 8 are for fully discharged battery pack, and discharging times are for fully charged battery pack.
- Charging and discharging times vary according to the ambient temperature and the status of the battery pack.
- Remember to set the charge marker after charging a battery pack or after detaching a discharged one from your camcorder.
- Perform the REFRESH function after no less than 5 chargings.
- High temperatures can damage the battery pack, so use only where good ventilation is available. Don't allow it to discharge in container, such as a bag.
- If you stop recharging or discharging part way through, make sure to remove the battery pack before unplugging the adapter's AC cord.
- Remove the battery pack from the adapter immediately after discharging.
- To avoid interference with reception, do not use the AC Power Adapter/Charger near a radio.
- Make sure you unplug the DC cord before charging or discharging the battery pack.
- A blinking CHG. indicator means that the battery pack has become hot. Wait until it cools down to continue.
- The CHG. indicator may not light properly with a brand new battery pack, or with one that's been stored for an extended period. In this case, remove and reattach the battery pack and recharge it. The CHG. indicator should light during recharging. If not, contact your nearest JVC dealer.



**USING A CAR BATTERY**

Use the optional Car Battery Cord or Car Battery Charger/Adapter (connect as shown in the illustration to the left).

**NOTES:**

- When using the car battery, leave the engine idling.
- The optional Car Battery Charger (BH-V3U) can also be used to charge the battery pack.
- When using the optional Car Battery Charger or Car Battery Cord (AP-V7U), refer to the respective instruction booklet.

**USING AC POWER**

Use the AC Power Adapter (connect as shown in the illustration to the left).

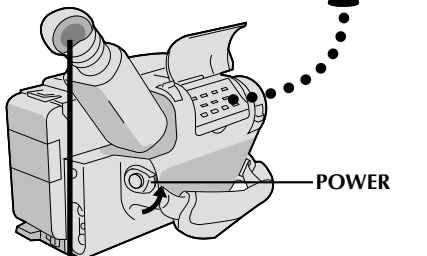
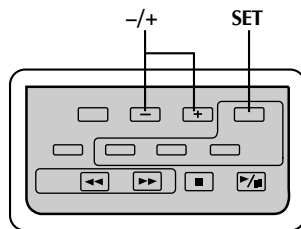
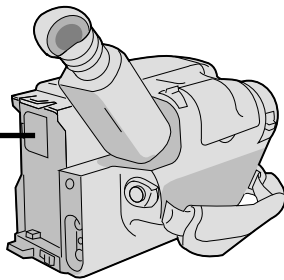
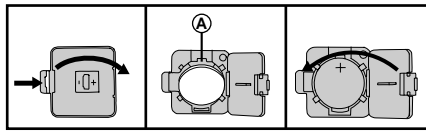
**NOTE:**

The supplied AC Power Adapter/Charger features automatic voltage selection in the AC range from 110 V to 240 V.

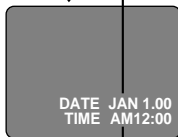


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## GETTING STARTED (cont.)



**Date**  
Month/Day/Year  
DATE ... Date setting is performed



**Time**  
12-hour indication with AM or PM  
TIME .... Time setting is performed

### Clock (Lithium) Battery Removal/Insertion

This battery is necessary for clock operation and to perform date/time settings.

- 1 SWITCH OFF POWER**  
Switch off the unit's power and remove the power supply unit.
- 2 OPEN COVER**  
Open the clock battery compartment cover while pressing the release tab.
- 3 REMOVE BATTERY (when replacing)**  
Insert a pointed, non-metallic object between the battery and the compartment (A) and pull the battery out.
- 4 INSERT BATTERY**  
Ensuring the plus (+) side is up, insert the supplied lithium battery and push it in.
- 5 CLOSE COVER**  
Close the compartment cover until it clicks in place.

#### NOTE:

See "SAFETY PRECAUTIONS" (pg. 2) for information on safe handling of lithium batteries.

### Date/Time Settings

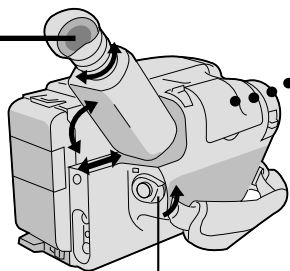
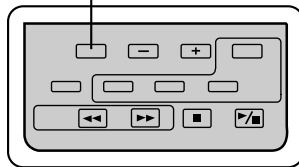
- 1 SELECT MODE**  
Set the power switch to CAMERA.
- 2 SET DATE/TIME**  
Press **SET** and the month blinks. Press + or - to set the month. Repeat to set day, year, hour and minute.
- 3 START CLOCK**  
Press **SET**. The blinking stops. The date and time are both displayed for confirmation, then the time display disappears.

#### NOTE:

The clock does not keep time while the date and time are blinking.

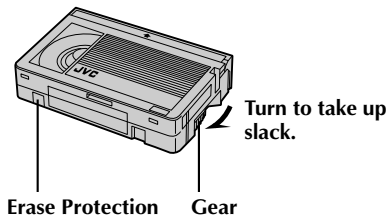
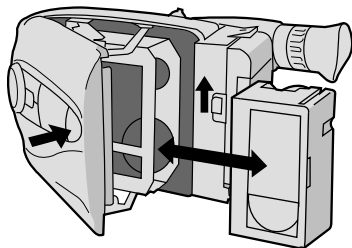
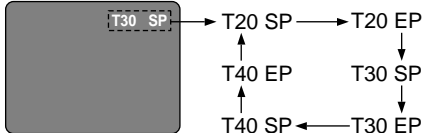


SP-EP recording mode and T20•30•40 tape length select button



Set POWER to "CAMERA".

Tape length and recording mode indicator



### Viewfinder Adjustment

#### POSITION VIEWFINDER

1 Adjust the viewfinder manually for best viewability (see illustration at left).

#### SELECT MODE

2 Set the power switch to CAMERA.

#### ADJUST DIOPTER

3 Turn the diopter adjustment control until the indications in the viewfinder are clearly focused.

### Tape Length/Recording Mode Setting

#### SET TAPE LENGTH

1 Set the tape length button according to the length of the tape used. T20 = 20 minutes of recording time, T30 = 30 minutes, and T40 = 40 minutes (in SP).

#### SET RECORDING MODE

2 Set depending on your preference. "SP" (Standard Play) provides higher picture and sound quality and is better for dubbing, while "EP" (Extended Play) is more economical, recording at 1/3 the speed of SP.

### Loading/Unloading A Cassette

#### OPEN CASSETTE HOLDER

1 Slide EJECT until the holder opens. Do not use force to open.

#### INSERT/REMOVE CASSETTE

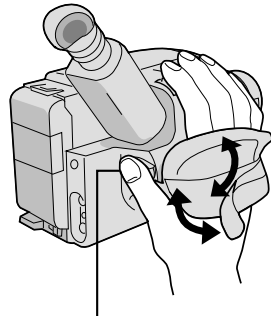
2 Make sure the label is facing outward.

#### CLOSE CASSETTE HOLDER

3 Press PUSH and make sure the holder is closed and locked.

#### NOTES:

- A cassette holder can't be opened unless a power supply is attached.
- Make sure that the tape is not slack when loading the cassette. If there is any slack, turn the gear on the cassette in the direction of the arrow to take up the slack.
- Make sure the Erase Protection tab is present. If not, cover the hole with adhesive tape. (Some cassettes have sliding tabs – in this case, check the tab's position.)



Recording Start/Stop button

### Grip Adjustment

#### EXPAND LOOP

- 1 Separate the Velcro strip.

#### INSERT HAND

- 2 Pass your right hand through the loop and grasp the grip.

#### ADJUST STRAP LENGTH

- 3 Adjust so your thumb and fingers can easily operate the Recording Start/Stop button and Power Zoom switch. Refasten the Velcro strip.

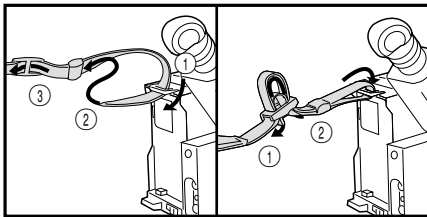
### Shoulder Strap Attachment

#### ATTACH STRAP

- 1 Following the illustration at left, thread the strap through the top of the eyelet (1), then fold it back and thread it through the keeper (2), and then through the buckle (3). Repeat the procedure to attach the other end of the strap to the other eyelet, making sure the strap isn't twisted.

#### ADJUST LENGTH

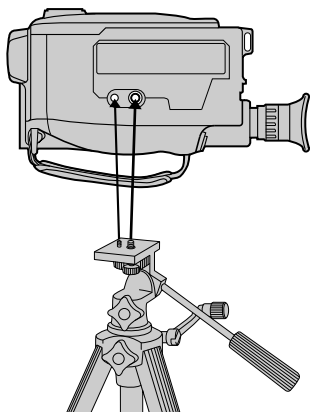
- 2 Adjust as shown in the illustration at left (1), then slide both keepers snug against the eyelets to prevent slipping (2).



### Tripod Mounting

#### ALIGN AND TIGHTEN

- 1 Align the screw and camera direction stud on the tripod with the camera's mounting socket and stud hole. Then tighten the screw.

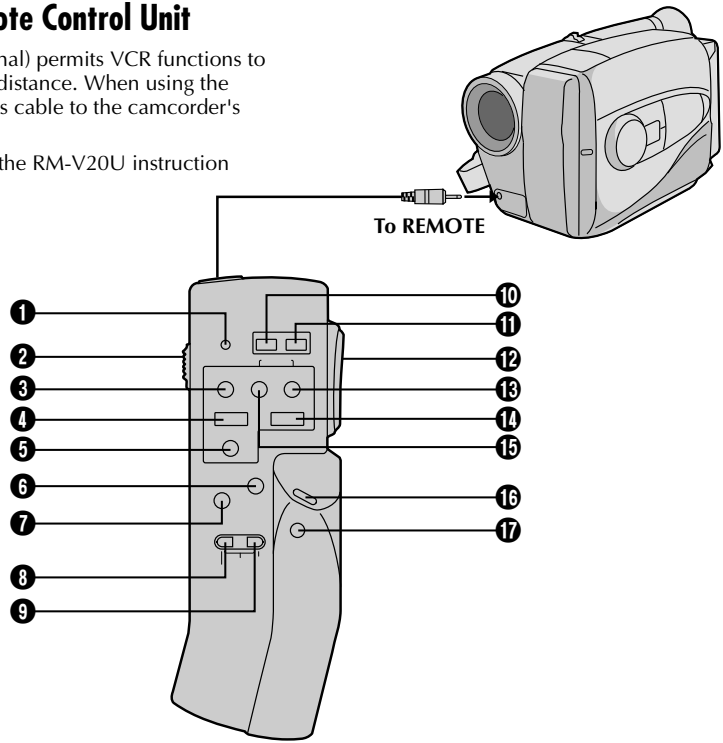




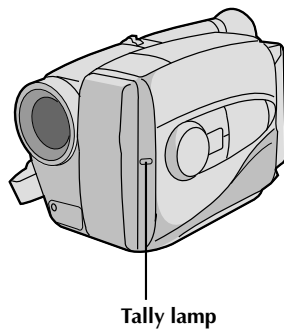
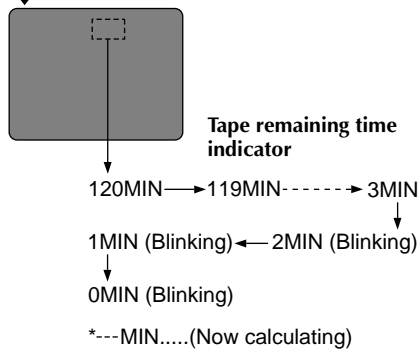
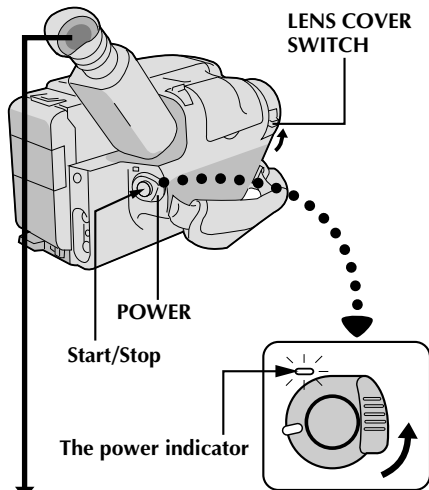
### RM-V20U Remote Control Unit

The RM-V20U (optional) permits VCR functions to be controlled from a distance. When using the RM-V20U, connect its cable to the camcorder's REMOTE jack.

\* Before use, refer to the RM-V20U instruction booklet.



Buttons	Functions	
	With the camcorder's power switch set to "CAMERA".	With the camcorder's power switch set to "PLAY".
① LED indicator	Lights when a signal is transmitted.	
② KEY-LOCK switch	Switching to "◀" turns off the remote control unit's power. Decreases battery power consumption, and prevents accidental operation by young children, etc.	
③ REC	—	—
④ STOP	—	Stop (☞ P. 30)
⑤ PAUSE/MONITOR	—	Pause (☞ P. 31)
⑥ AUDIO DUB	—	Audio Dubbing (☞ P. 37)
⑦ INSERT	—	Insert Editing (☞ P. 36)
⑧ REC TIME	Animation/Time-Lapse (☞ P. 27)	—
⑨ INTERVAL	Self-Timer (☞ P. 26)/Time-Lapse (☞ P. 27)	—
⑩ POWER OFF	Power off	
⑪ POWER ON	Power on	
⑫ ZOOM (T/W)	Slow-speed zoom (☞ P. 15)	—
⑬ FF/RETAKE	Retake (Forward) (☞ P. 15)	FF/FF Shuttle Search (☞ P. 30)
⑭ PLAY	—	Playback start (☞ P. 30)
⑮ REW/RETAKE	Retake (Rewind) (☞ P. 15)	Rew/Rew Shuttle Search (☞ P. 30)
⑯ START/STOP	Functions same as the Recording/Stop button of a camcorder.	
⑰ VISS	Index Code Marking (☞ P. 15)	—

**NOTE:**

You should already have performed the procedures listed below. If not, do so before continuing.

- Power (☞ pg. 8)
- Tape Length/Recording Mode Setting (☞ pg. 11)
- Grip Adjustment (☞ pg. 12)

**LOAD A CASSETTE**

- 1 Slide EJECT to open the cassette holder, then insert the cassette with the label facing out. Press PUSH to ensure the holder is closed and locked.

**ENTER RECORD-STANDBY MODE**

- 2 Slide the LENS COVER open/close switch to open the lens cover, then set the power switch to CAMERA.

- The power indicator lights and the camcorder enters the Record-Standby Mode.
- The scene you're aimed at appears on the viewfinder screen, with the word "PAUSE" superimposed upon it.

**START SHOOTING**

- 3 Press the Recording Start/Stop button.

- The tally lamp lights while recording is in progress, and "REC" appears in the viewfinder.

**STOP RECORDING**

- 4 Press the Recording Start/Stop button again to stop recording.

- The camcorder re-enters the Record-Standby mode.

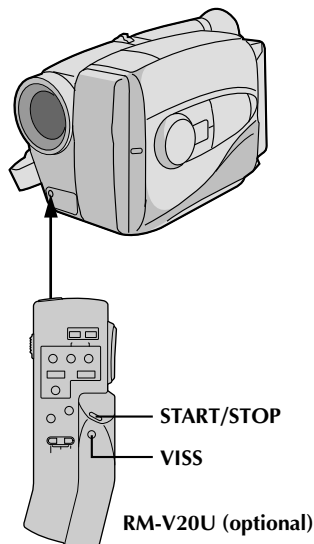
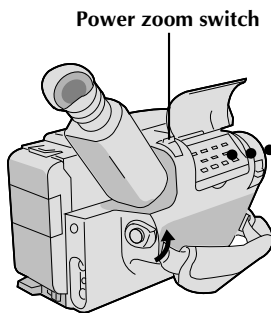
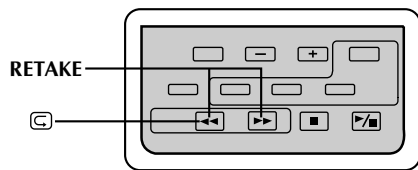
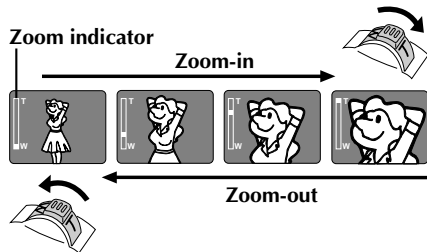
**NOTES:**

- A cassette holder can't be opened unless a power supply is attached.
- There may be a delay after you slide EJECT until the holder opens. Do not use force.
- The tape's remaining time is displayed in the viewfinder as shown.
- "TAPE END" appears when the tape reaches its end, and the power goes off automatically if left in this condition for 5 minutes. "TAPE END" also appears when a cassette whose tape is already at its end is loaded.
- If the Record-Standby mode continues for 5 minutes, the camcorder's power shuts off automatically. Set the power switch to POWER OFF, and then back to CAMERA to turn the camcorder on again.
- If you're recording on a cassette from the middle, use the RETAKE function (☞ pg. 15) to find the end of the last recording so you don't erase any of it.
- The LENS COVER warning blinks for about 5 seconds when the camcorder is turned on, whether the cover is open or closed.



## RECORDING Basic Features

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<p><b>FEATURE:</b></p> <p><b>PURPOSE:</b></p> <p><b>OPERATION:</b></p> <p><b>NOTES:</b></p>	<p><b>Zooming</b></p> <p>Varies the focal length of the lens and produces the zoom in/out effect.</p> <p><i>Zoom In</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Pull the power zoom switch down toward "T".</li> </ol> <p><i>Zoom Out</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2) Push the switch up toward "W".</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The further the power zoom switch is pushed, the faster the zoom speed becomes.</li> <li>• Focusing may become unstable during zooming. In this case, set the zoom while in Record-Standby, set manual focus or Focus Lock (☞ pg. 20, 21), then zoom in or out in Record mode.</li> </ul>
<p><b>FEATURE:</b></p> <p><b>PURPOSE:</b></p> <p><b>OPERATION:</b></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b></p>	<p><b>Quick Review</b></p> <p>To check the end of the last recording.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Press "□" for less than 2 seconds during the Record-Standby mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tape is rewound for about 2 seconds and played back automatically, then pauses in Record-Standby mode for the next shot.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b></p> <p><i>Distortion may occur at start of playback. This is normal.</i></p>
<p><b>FEATURE:</b></p> <p><b>PURPOSE:</b></p> <p><b>OPERATION:</b></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b></p>	<p><b>Retake</b></p> <p>To re-record certain segments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Make sure the camcorder is in the Record-Standby mode.</li> <li>2) Press either <b>RETAKE</b> button to reach the start point for new recording.</li> <li>3) Press Recording Start/Stop to start recording.</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b></p> <p><i>Noise may appear during Retake. This is normal.</i></p>
<p><b>FEATURE:</b></p> <p><b>PURPOSE:</b></p> <p><b>OPERATION:</b></p> <p><b>NOTES:</b></p>	<p><b>Index Code Marking</b></p> <p>To give you automatic access to any selected point on a recording. Auto Marking and Manual Marking are available.</p> <p><i>Auto Marking</i></p> <p>An index code is always marked to start the first recording on a new date after a cassette is inserted.</p> <p><i>Manual Marking (Using the optional RM-V20U Remote Control Unit)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Press <b>VISS</b> once to place the index code. INDEX blinks in the viewfinder during marking.</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If <b>VISS</b> is pressed during Record-Standby mode, the mark is placed where <b>START/STOP</b> is pressed.</li> <li>• If the date changes during a recording, it becomes the first recording of the new date and an index mark is placed at that point.</li> </ul>

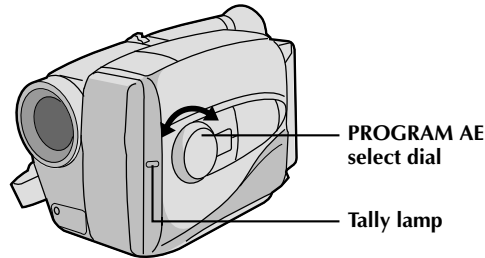


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## RECORDING Advanced Features

### Program AE With Special Effects

All you have to do to access any of the variety of shooting effects is to turn the PROGRAM AE select dial until the desired indication appears in the viewfinder. The mode is activated about 1 second later.



DIAL SYMBOL	VIEWFINDER INDICATION	MODE
LOCK	<b>A</b> AUTO LOCK	Auto Mode Lock

#### Auto Mode Lock

Locks the camcorder in Full Auto mode, preventing incorrect operation due to accidental button pressing during shooting.

- CINEMA, FADER, FOCUS, EXPOSURE, DISPLAY, TITLES and MWB (Manual White Balance) controls are disabled in this mode.

DIAL SYMBOL	VIEWFINDER INDICATION	MODE
RELEASE	<b>M</b> AUTO RELEASE	Auto Mode Release

#### Auto Mode Release

Re-enables the controls that were disabled by Auto Mode Lock.

DIAL SYMBOL	VIEWFINDER INDICATION	MODE
FG	FG:FOG	Electronic Fog Filter

#### Electronic Fog Filter

Makes the picture look misty white, as when an external fog filter is attached to the lens. Softens the image and gives it a "fancy" look.

DIAL SYMBOL	VIEWFINDER INDICATION	MODE
ND	ND:ND EFFECT	ND Effect

#### ND EFFECT

A black mist darkens the picture, as when an ND filter is used. Helps to counter the effects of glare on the subject.

DIAL SYMBOL	VIEWFINDER INDICATION	MODE
	SEPIA	Sepia

#### Sepia

The scene being shot is recorded in sepia-tinted (reddish-brown) monochrome, giving the effect of an older movie. Use together with Cinema (pg. 19) for the authentic look of a classic Hollywood movie.

DIAL SYMBOL	VIEWFINDER INDICATION	MODE
	TWILIGHT	Twilight

#### Twilight

Disengages the auto gain control and auto focus, locks focus to infinity and white balance to "☀" (outdoor) mode. Dusk, twilight scenery, fireworks, etc., look more natural and dramatic.

DIAL SYMBOL	VIEWFINDER INDICATION	MODE
	SPORTS	Sports

#### Sports

High shutter speed clearly captures fast-moving action.

DIAL SYMBOL	VIEWFINDER INDICATION	MODE
1/2000	S 1/2000	High Speed Shutter

#### High-Speed Shutter (1/2000s.)

Captures faster action than Sports mode.

DIAL SYMBOL	VIEWFINDER INDICATION	MODE
	SELF TIMER	15 sec. Self-Timer

#### 15sec. Self-Timer

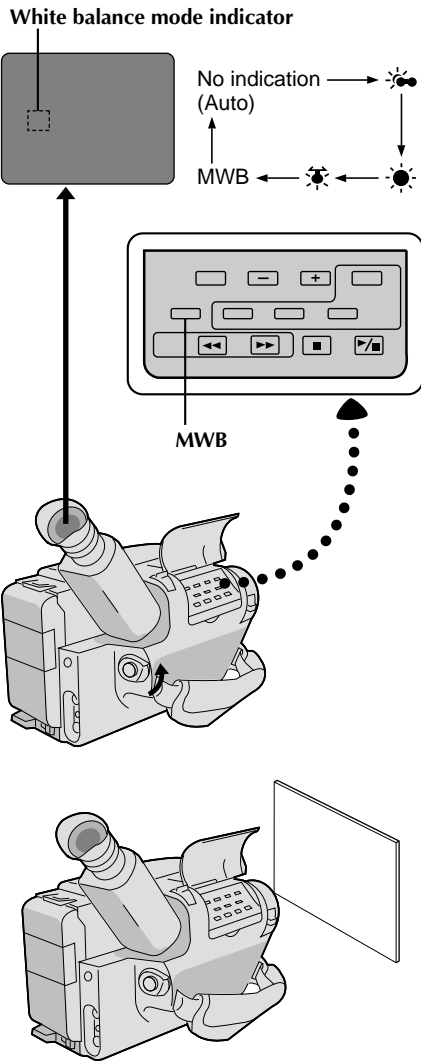
Lets you delay recording start after Recording Start/Stop is pressed. If camcorder is secured, operator can enter scene before recording starts.

- 1) Set PROGRAM AE dial to "☺". "☺ 15S" appears in viewfinder.
- 2) Press Recording Start/Stop.
  - Recording starts after 15 seconds.
  - Tally lamp begins blinking; blinking speed increases about 5 seconds before recording starts. Blinking stops when recording begins but light stays on.

### NOTES:

- Only one effect can be engaged at a time.
- When the PROGRAM AE select dial is switched from one mode to another, the newly selected mode's name and its indication is displayed in the viewfinder for approx. 3 seconds. Then the name disappears, and only the indication remains.
- The screen becomes slightly reddish when the fader (pg. 18) is used in the Sepia mode.
- The screen becomes slightly dark in the High Speed Shutter mode. Use in well-lighted situations.
- In the High Speed Shutter or Sports modes, picture color may be adversely affected if subject is lit by alternating discharge-type light sources such as fluorescent or mercury-vapor lights.





## White Balance Adjustment

This camcorder's Automatic Color Temperature system senses the color temperature of the ambient lighting for automatic white balance adjustment. However, precise color adjustment is not possible under the following conditions:

- When an object is in various shades of the same color.
- When a predominantly red or brown object is being shot outdoors.

In these cases, use the camcorder's built-in preset filters for white balance adjustment.

### SELECT MODE

**1** Press **MWB** (Manual White Balance) until the required indication appears in the viewfinder.

- "☀☁" ..... Outdoors on cloudy day
- "☀" ..... Outdoors on sunny day
- "☀★" ..... Light source is halogen or tungsten lamp
- "MWB" ..... With a memorized personal White Balance setting (see below)

MWB sets the color temperature for the subject's light source so you can shoot with natural colors that are unaffected by surroundings, even when there are multiple subjects with different color temperatures.

### ADJUST FOCUS

**1** Point the camcorder at a white, flat object such as a sheet of white paper, and adjust focus manually (☞ pg. 21).

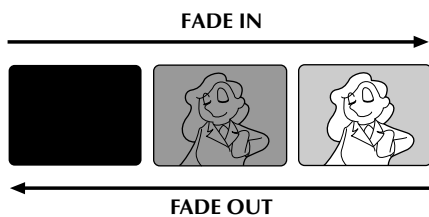
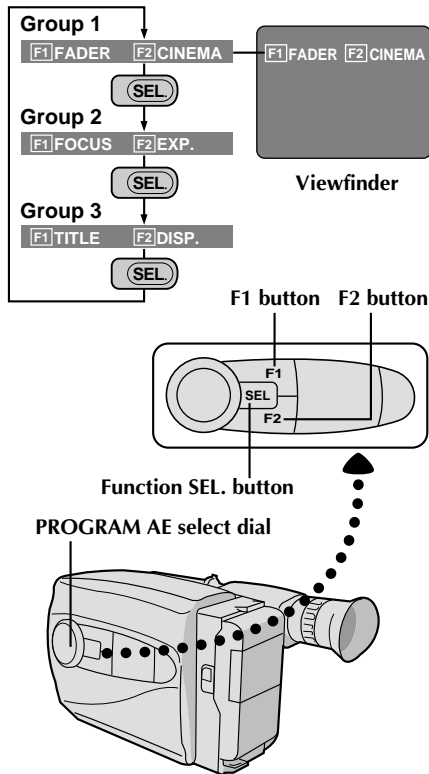
### ADJUST WHITE BALANCE

**2** Press **MWB** until "MWB" appears, then press and hold **MWB** for more than 3 seconds.

- "MWB" blinks in the viewfinder during adjustment, then stops blinking but stays lit when adjustment is complete.

## NOTES:

- To switch to automatic white balance adjustment, press **MWB** until the indication disappears, or turn the **PROGRAM AE** dial to **LOCK**.
- Re-adjust the White Balance mode when the lighting has changed, when the camcorder has been turned on and off again, or when the **PROGRAM AE** dial's position has been changed.
- It is helpful to connect your camcorder to a color monitor when adjusting the white balance ("BASIC CONNECTIONS" ☞ pg. 29).
- When adjusted by putting colored paper in front of the subject in front of the subject in step 2, this unit makes its color temperature standard for automatic white balance. So you can enjoy shooting with different colors. For example, when adjusting with red, blue or yellow colors, the image becomes the color which approximates to green, orange or purple respectively.



## INTELLIGENT FUNCTION CONTROL

This feature makes it easier for you to make selections during the following modes: **Fader, Cinema, Manual Focus Adjust, Exposure Control, Display, and Instant Title.**

### 1 PREPARATION

Set the **PROGRAM AE** dial to any position except LOCK.

### 2 SELECT MODE

Press **Function SEL.** repeatedly until the required function's indication appears in the viewfinder.

### 3 ENTER SELECTION

Press either **F1** or **F2** (the one to the immediate left of the desired function name).

### NOTE:

If you set the **PROGRAM AE** dial to **LOCK**, **F1** and **F2** disappear from the viewfinder, indicating that **IFC** (Intelligent Function Control) is unavailable.

## Fader

This feature allows smooth fade-in and fade-out to black blank screen. Fade-in works at recording start, and fade-out works at recording end or when you enter Record-Standby mode.

### 1 SELECT MODE

Press **Function SEL.** repeatedly until "FADER" appears to the right of **F1**.

### 2 ENGAGE FADE-STANDBY MODE

Press **F1** to engage the Fade-Standby mode. "FADER" appears in the viewfinder.

### 3 START RECORDING

Press Recording Start/Stop to start recording and activate fade-in.

OR . . .

### END RECORDING

Press Recording Start/Stop to end recording and engage fade-out.

### NOTES:

- Pressing and holding the Recording Start/Stop button allows you to record a black blank screen.
- The screen becomes slightly reddish when the Fader is used with Sepia (☞ pg. 16).
- With the Electronic fog filter mode (☞ pg. 16) engaged, the image fades in/out to a white screen.



Cinema mode

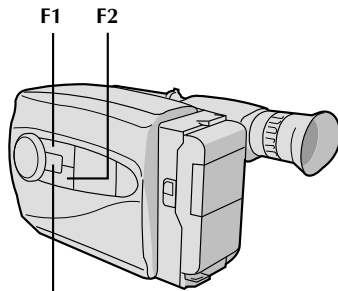


## Cinema

This feature allows you to record black bars at the top and bottom of the screen to produce a cinema-like "wide-screen" effect.

- 1 SELECT MODE**  
Press **Function SEL.** repeatedly until "CINEMA" appears to the right of F2.
- 2 ENGAGE CINEMA MODE**  
Press **F2.**
- 3 RESTORE NORMAL SCREEN**  
Press **F2** again while "CINEMA" appears next to F2 in the viewfinder.



Focus  
detection zone

Function SEL.

## Focusing

### Auto Focus

The camcorder's Full Range AF system offers continuous shooting ability from close-up to infinity. However, correct focus may not be obtainable in the situations listed below (in these cases use manual focusing):

- When two subjects overlap in the same scene.
- When illumination is low.\*
- When the subject has no contrast (difference in brightness and darkness), such as a flat, one-color wall, or a clear, blue sky.\*
- When a dark object is barely visible in the viewfinder.\*
- When the scene contains minute patterns or identical patterns that are regularly repeated.

\* The low-contrast warning "▲◀▶▲" appears in the viewfinder.

### Focus Lock

This feature locks the focus in place, which is especially helpful in the following situations:

- When things pass between your subject and the camcorder. Engage the focus lock function to lock your subject in before recording.
- When you want your subject to be focused, and to appear in a corner of the screen. First, center on the subject and focus using auto focus mode. Then engage the focus lock function and move the camcorder until the subject is where you want it.

### SELECT MODE

- 1 Press **Function SEL.** repeatedly until "FOCUS" appears to the right of F1.

### LOCK FOCUS

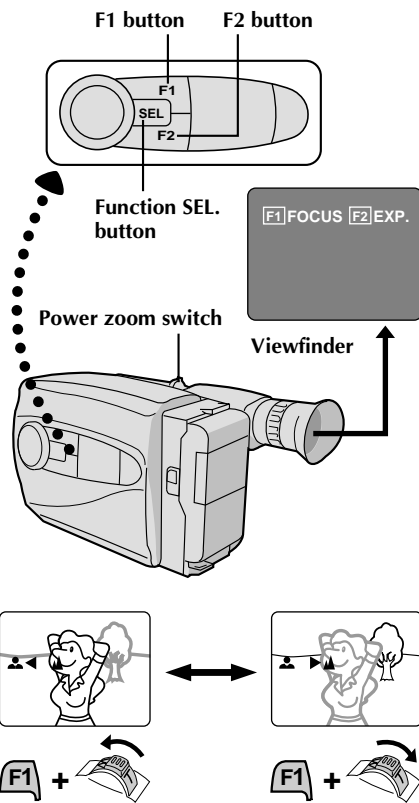
- 2 Press **F1**. The focus lock indication "◀▶" appears in the viewfinder.

### RELEASE FOCUS LOCK

- 3 Press **F1**. Focus lock is immediately released. The focus lock indication disappears.

### NOTES:

- If the lens is smeared or blurred, accurate focusing is not possible. Keep the lens clean, wiping with a piece of soft cloth if it gets dirty. When condensation occurs, wipe with a soft cloth or wait for it to dry naturally.
- When shooting a subject close to the lens, zoom-out first (☞ pg. 15). If zoomed-in in the auto focus mode, the camcorder could automatically zoom out depending on the distance between the camcorder and the subject.



### Manual Focus

#### NOTE:

You should already have made the necessary viewfinder adjustments (pg. 11). If you haven't, do so before continuing.

#### 1 SELECT MODE

Press **Function SEL.** repeatedly until "FOCUS" appears to the right of F1.

#### 2 ADJUST FOCUS

##### [A] TO FARTHER SUBJECT

While holding down **F1**, slide the power zoom switch to T. The Manual Focus indications "▲▶▲" appear and "▶" blinks.

Go to step 3.

##### [B] TO NEARER SUBJECT

While holding down **F1**, slide the power zoom switch to W. The Manual Focus indications "▲◀▲" appear and "◀" blinks.

Go to step 3.

#### 3 LOCK FOCUS

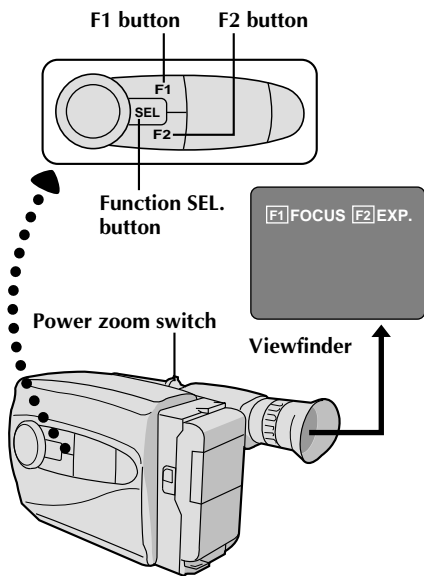
Release the power zoom switch. The focus indication is replaced by the focus lock indication "◀▶" and the adjusted focus is locked in.

#### 4 RELEASE MANUAL FOCUS MODE

Press **F1**. The Manual Focus mode is immediately released and the focus lock indication disappears.

#### NOTES:

- Be sure to focus the lens in the maximum telephoto position when you use the Manual Focus mode. If you focus in on a certain subject in the wide-angle position, sharply focused images cannot be obtained when zoomed up because the depth-of-field is reduced at longer focal lengths.
- Two manual focusing speeds are available. For slow-speed, push the switch slightly and hold that position. For fast-speed, push the switch fully.
- When the focus level cannot be adjusted any farther or closer, "▲" or "▶" will blink.



### Exposure Control

This feature automatically adjusts the iris for the best available picture quality, but you can override and make the adjustment manually.

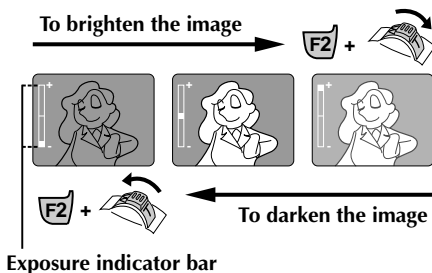
- 1 SELECT MODE**  
Press **Function SEL.** repeatedly until "EXP." appears to the right of F2.

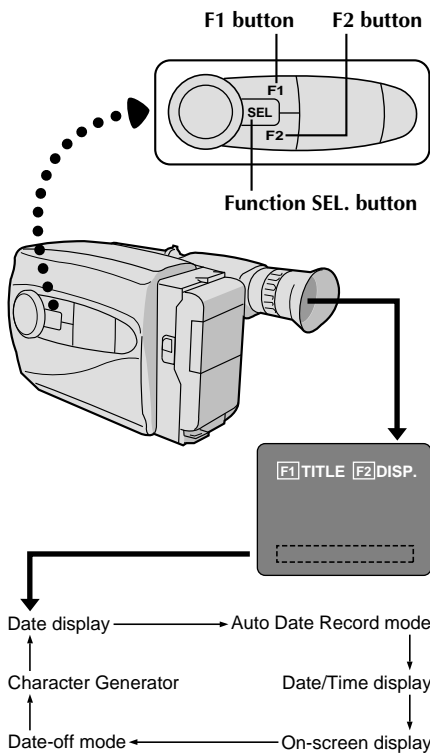
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- 2 BRIGHTEN IMAGE**  
While holding down **F2**, slide the power zoom switch to T. The Exposure indicator bar appears in the viewfinder.  
**OR . . .**  
**DARKEN IMAGE**  
While holding down **F2**, slide the power zoom switch to W. The Exposure indicator bar appears in the viewfinder.  
**When you want to return to the factory setting . . .**

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- 3 RESTORE INITIAL SETTING**  
Press **F2**. The standard setting is immediately restored and the Exposure indicator bar disappears.





Date display	Auto Date Record mode	
	Auto date record mode	Auto date record executed
Date/Time display	Character Generator	
	No Characters stored	Example of stored characters

**NOTES:**

- In the On-Screen Display mode, the date is displayed and recorded.
- The on-screen display is not available during recording.

**Date/Time Character Insert**

This feature allows you to display date, time and characters in your viewfinder and on a connected color monitor, record them manually or automatically, and even make your own titles.

**NOTE:**

You should already have performed the Date/Time Setting procedure (pg. 10). If you haven't, do so before continuing.

**DISPLAY**

**1 SELECT DISPLAY**

Press **Function SEL.** repeatedly until "DISP." appears to the right of F2.

**2 CHOOSE DISPLAY MODE**

Press **F2** while in Record-Standby to cycle through the modes as shown in the illustration at left.

**NOTES:**

- The selected display can be recorded.
- If you don't want to record the display, select Date-off mode before shooting.
- If you want to delete the display during shooting, press **F2**.
- If you want to call back a deleted display, engage the Record-Standby mode and then select the desired display mode using **F2**.

**AUTO DATE RECORD**

Your camcorder automatically records the month, day and year for about 5 seconds after recording is initiated in the following situations:

- After changing the date.
- After loading a cassette.
- After Auto Date Record mode is selected by pressing **F2**. In this mode, the month, day and year are replaced after 5 seconds with "AUTO DATE".

**NOTES:**

- Setting **PROGRAM AE to LOCK** always engages this mode, and disables all other modes.
- In the Auto Date Record mode, if the date changes while you're shooting, the date indication is recorded for about 5 seconds from that point. It is not recorded during any other recordings made on that day.

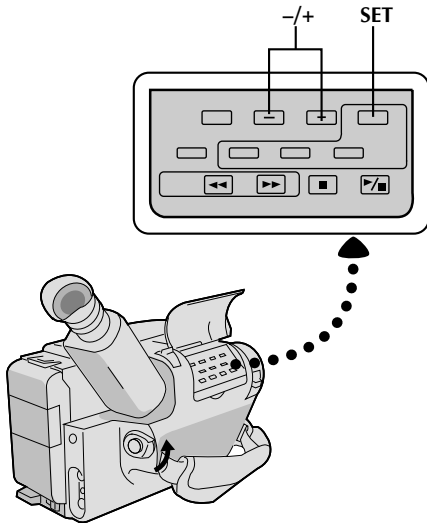
**ON-SCREEN DISPLAY**

**CONNECT CAMCORDER TO MONITOR**

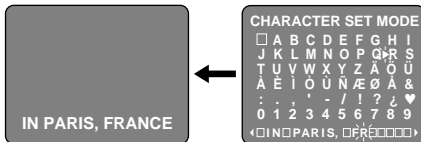
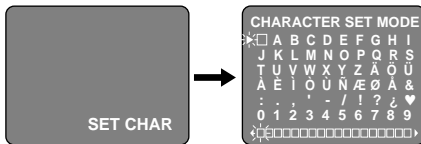
**1** Connect the camcorder to a monitor as instructed in "BASIC CONNECTIONS" (pg. 29).

**DISPLAY VIEWFINDER INDICATIONS**

**2** Press **F2** until the indications appear on the connected monitor.



CHARACTER SET MODE screen



CHARACTER SET MODE screen

## Character Generator

### 1 SELECT MODE

Press **Function SEL.** repeatedly until "DISP." appears to the right of F2.

### 2

### SET CHARACTER OR TITLE

Press **F2** until "SET CHAR" or a previously stored title appears in the viewfinder.

### 3

### ACCESS CHARACTER MODE SCREEN

Press **SET**. A character grid appears in the viewfinder.

### 4

### ENTER DESIRED CHARACTERS

Press **+** or **-** to move the cursor on the character grid to the desired character, then press **SET** to enter. The selected characters appears at the bottom of the screen. When you're done, press **SET** as many times as necessary to exit the screen. The title you made appears at the bottom of the screen.

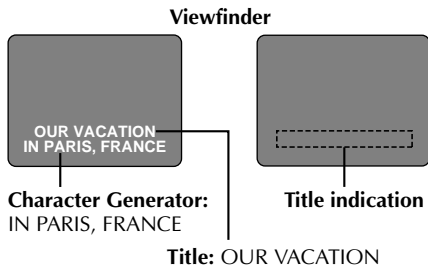
## NOTES:

- You can store up to 18 characters.
- You can only make and store one title at a time. To replace it, repeat the procedure.
- To create a space between two characters in a title you make, choose "□" on the CHARACTER SET MODE screen.





### Example of Character Generator & Title



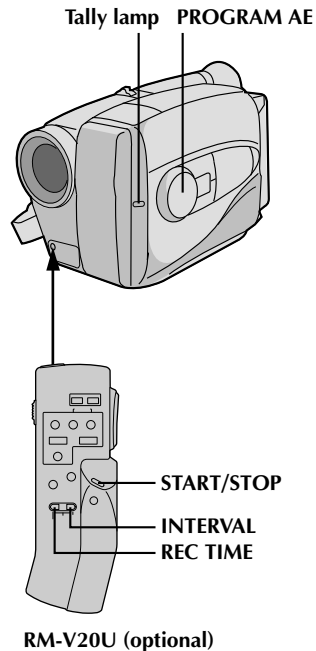
### Instant Titles

The camcorder has eight preset titles in memory. You can superimpose one of them above a previously stored title as shown in the illustration to the left. The preset titles appear in this order: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, OUR VACATION, MERRY CHRISTMAS, A SPECIAL DAY, HAPPY HOLIDAYS, OUR NEW BABY, WEDDING DAY, CONGRATULATIONS.

- 1 SELECT MODE**  
Press **Function SEL.** repeatedly until "TITLE" appears to the right of F1.
- 2 SELECT PRESET TITLE**  
Engage the Record-Standby mode, then press **F1** to cycle through the preset titles until the desired title is displayed.

#### NOTES:

- To delete the Instant Title during recording, press **F1**.
- To recall a title, engage the Record-Standby mode and then press **F1** to select the desired title.
- To display a title you made in the position usually occupied by an Instant Title, cycle through in step 2 above until your title appears (after "CONGRATULATIONS"). You can superimpose two personal titles on the scene being shot.



### Self-Timer

You can set the delay between pressing Recording Start/Stop and the actual start of recording. If you secure the camcorder, you (or whomever is operating the camcorder) can enter the scene before recording starts.

#### NOTE:

You need the optional RM-V20U remote control unit to perform this procedure.

#### ENGAGE RECORD-STANDBY MODE

**1** Make sure the lens cover is open, set the power switch to CAMERA.

#### SET TIME DELAY

**2** On the RM-V20U, press **INTERVAL** to set the delay time. There are four choices, and they appear in the viewfinder in the following order (each time **INTERVAL** is pressed): 15S (15 seconds), 30S (30 seconds), 1MIN (1 minute) and 5MIN (5 minutes). Pressing again releases the Self-timer.

#### START DELAYED RECORDING

**3** Press Recording Start/Stop. The tally lamp begins blinking, and the blinking speed increases about 5 seconds before recording starts. When recording begins, the lamp stops blinking but stays lit.

#### RELEASE SELF-TIMER MODE

**4** To release when the tally lamp is not blinking, press **INTERVAL** continuously until "⊙" disappears. To release when the tally lamp is blinking, press Recording Start/Stop to stop the blinking, then press **INTERVAL** continuously until "⊙" disappears.

#### NOTE:

If the **PROGRAM AE** dial is set to "⊙", 15S is automatically selected.



## Animation

Give stationary scenes or objects an illusion of movement. This function allows you to shoot a series of pictures, each slightly different, of the same object for a brief period of time.

### NOTE:

You need the optional RM-V20U remote control unit to perform the following procedure.

- 1** **ENGAGE RECORD-STANDBY MODE**  
Make sure the lens cover is open, then set the power switch to CAMERA.
- 2** **SET RECORDING SPEED**  
Set **SP/EP** to **SP** (☞ pg. 11).
- 3** **SET RECORDING TIME**  
Press **REC TIME** on the remote control. Three choices are available, and they appear in the following order (each time **REC TIME** is pressed): 1/4S (one-fourth of a second), 1/2S (one-half of a second) and 1S (one full second). Press again to release the animation mode.
- 4** **START RECORDING**  
Press Recording Start/Stop after focusing on the subject. The recording stops automatically after the selected period of time.
- 5** **ASSEMBLE SERIES OF PICTURES**  
Repeat steps 3 and 4 for the desired number of pictures.
- 6** **CHECK YOUR WORK**  
Play back the series of pictures to see if the results were satisfactory.
- 7** **RELEASE ANIMATION MODE**  
Press **REC TIME** until "■" disappears from the viewfinder.

### NOTES:

- For best results, make sure the camcorder is secured when shooting.
- If the **PROGRAM AE** dial is set to Self-Timer mode, Animation is cancelled and Self-Timer mode is engaged with 15S selected.
- Fade-in/out cannot be performed during Animation shooting.

## Time-Lapse

You can record sequentially at preset time spans. Leaving the camcorder aimed at a specific subject, you can record subtle changes over an extended period of time.

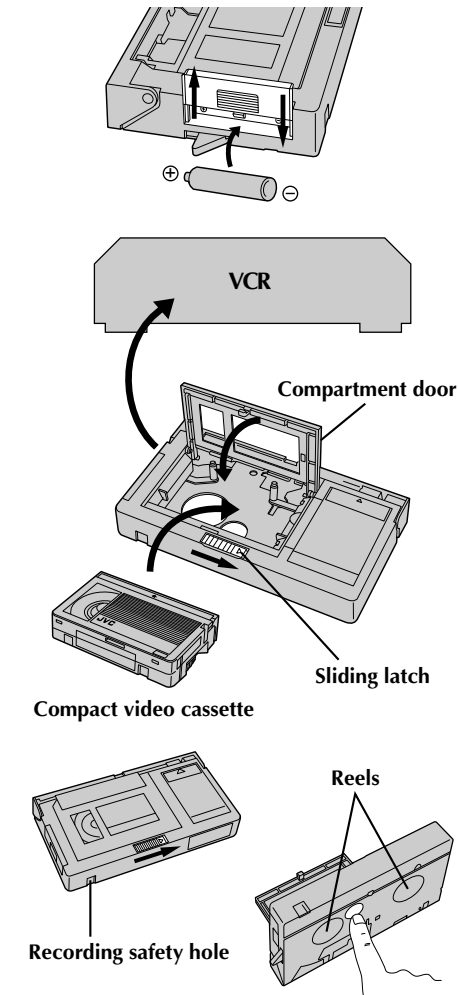
### NOTE:

You need the optional RM-V20U remote control unit to perform the following procedure.

- 1** **ENGAGE RECORD-STANDBY MODE**  
Make sure the lens cover is open, then set the power switch to CAMERA.
- 2** **SET RECORDING SPEED**  
Set **SP/EP** to **SP** (☞ pg. 11).
- 3** **SET RECORDING TIME**  
Press **REC TIME** on the remote control. There are three choices available, and they appear in the following order (each time **REC TIME** is pressed): 1/4S, 1/2S and 1S. Press again to reset.
- 4** **SET INTERVAL BETWEEN RECORDINGS**  
Press **INTERVAL** on the remote control. There are four choices available, and they appear in the following order (each time **INTERVAL** is pressed): 15S, 30S, 1MIN, and 5MIN. Press again to reset.
- 5** **START TIME-LAPSE RECORDING**  
Press Recording Start/Stop. Recording and intervals alternate automatically.
- 6** **RELEASE TIME-LAPSE MODE**  
To release when the tally lamp is not blinking, press **INTERVAL** and **REC TIME** repeatedly until "■" and "☺" disappear. To release when the tally lamp is blinking, press Recording Start/Stop to stop the blinking, then press **INTERVAL** and **REC TIME** repeatedly until "■" and "☺" disappear.

### NOTES:

- Fade-in/out cannot be performed during Time-Lapse shooting.
- For best results, keep the camcorder secured while shooting.
- If, during steps 3 and 4, the **PROGRAM AE** dial is set to the Self-Timer mode, the Self-Timer mode is engaged with 15S selected.



### Cassette Adapter (VHS PlayPak)

Use this to play back a VHS-C video cassette recorded with this camcorder. It is fully compatible with any VHS video cassette recorder. The C-P7U adapter is battery powered and automatically performs tape loading and unloading.

#### 1 INSERT BATTERY

Slide the battery cover up to remove it, and install one "AA(R6)" size battery as shown in the illustration at left. Then reattach the cover.

#### 2 INSERT CASSETTE IN ADAPTER

Slide the latch to open the adapter compartment door, then insert the cassette and close the compartment door.

#### 3 PLAY BACK ON CONNECTED VCR

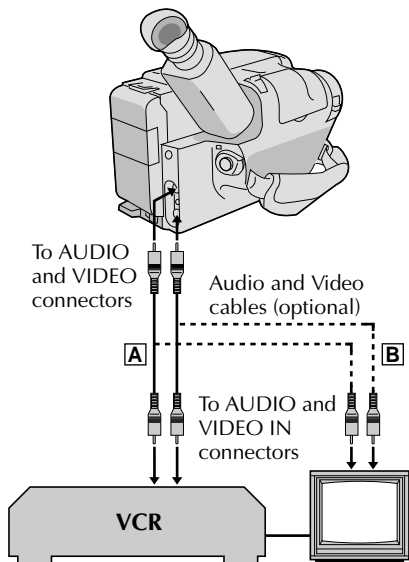
Load the cassette adapter into the VCR and play the tape back as you would any other.

#### 4 REMOVE CASSETTE FROM ADAPTER

Slide the latch and the compartment door opens automatically. Then insert your finger in the hole on the underside of the adapter as shown in the illustration at left, push up and remove the cassette.

#### NOTES:

- During tape loading and unloading, do not touch the reels for safety and tape protection.
- During special-effect playback (slow motion, still frame, etc.), the picture may vibrate or noise bars may appear on the screen.
- To record on a VCR using a compact cassette and the adapter, cover the adapter's recording safety hole with adhesive tape.



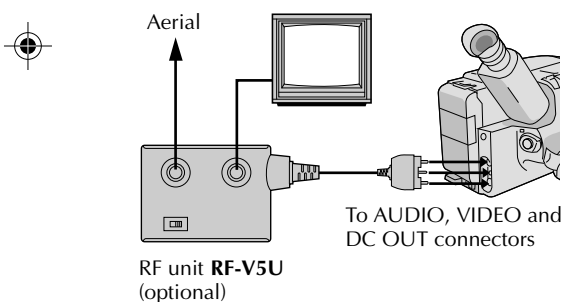
There are three basic types of connections. When making the connections, refer also to your VCR and TV instruction manuals.

**Connection To A VCR [A]  
(Editing, Dubbing and Playback)**

**NOTE:**

Use the optional Audio and Video cables.

- 1 CONNECT CAMCORDER TO VCR**  
As shown in the illustration at left, connect the optional Audio and Video cables between the AUDIO and VIDEO connectors on the camcorder and those on the VCR.
- 2 SUPPLY POWER**  
Turn on the camcorder, the VCR and the TV.
- 3 SELECT MODE**  
Set the VCR to its AUX input mode, and set the TV to its VIDEO mode or channel 3.



**Connection To A TV With A/V Input  
Connectors [B] (Playback ONLY)**

**NOTE:**

Use the optional Audio and Video cables.

- 1 CONNECT CAMCORDER TO TV**  
As shown in the illustration at left, connect the optional Audio and Video cables between the AUDIO and VIDEO connectors on the camcorder and those on the TV.
- 2 SELECT MODE**  
Set the TV to its VIDEO or AV mode (as specified in its instructions).

**NOTES:**

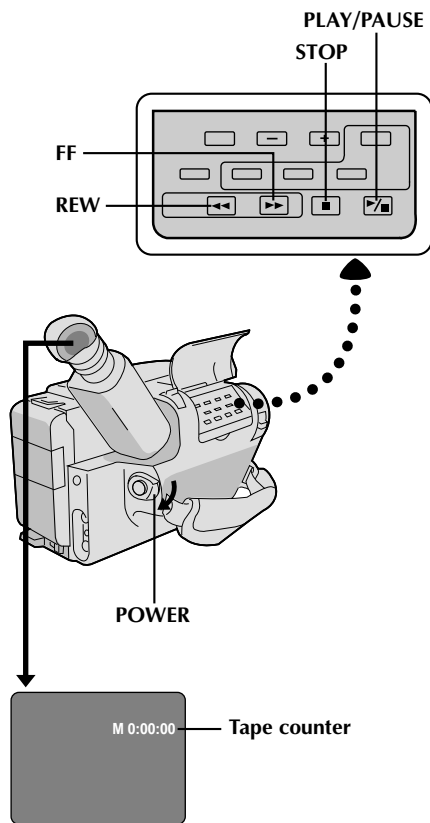
- It is recommended to use the AC Power Adapter/Charger as the power supply instead of the battery pack.
- To monitor the picture and sound from the camcorder without inserting a tape, set the camcorder's power switch to CAMERA, then set your TV to the appropriate input mode.
- If you have a TV or speakers that are not specially shielded, do not place the speakers adjacent to the TV as interference will occur in the camcorder playback picture.

**Connection To A TV With NO A/V Input  
Connectors (Playback ONLY)**

**NOTE:**

Use the optional RF-V5U RF unit.

\* Refer to the RF-V5U instruction manual for connection procedure.

**NOTE:**

Make sure you connect your camcorder as directed in "BASIC CONNECTIONS" (pg. 29).

**1 LOAD A CASSETTE**

Slide EJECT to open the cassette holder, then insert the cassette with the label facing out. Press PUSH to ensure the holder is closed and locked.

**2 SELECT MODE**

Set the power switch to PLAY. The Power On indicator lights.

**3 PLAYBACK**

Press **PLAY/PAUSE**. The playback picture appears in the viewfinder and the connected TV.

**4 STOP PLAYBACK**

Press **STOP**.

**Rewind or Fast-forward the tape**

Press REW to rewind, or FF to fast-forward the tape during Stop mode.

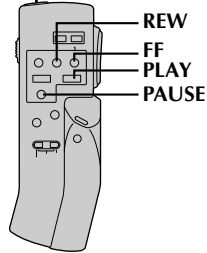
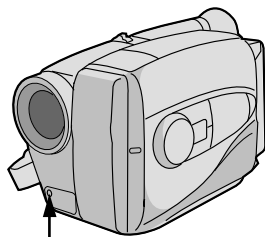
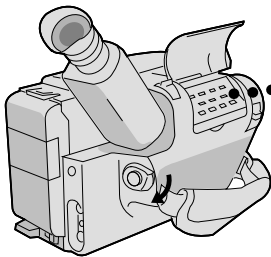
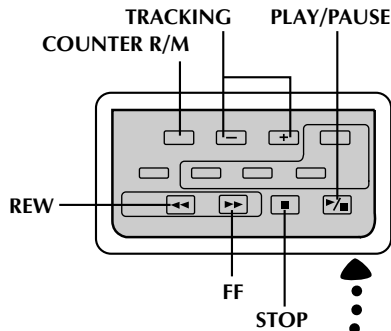
**NOTE:**

The camcorder shuts off automatically after about 5 minutes in STOP mode. To turn on again, set the power switch to POWER OFF, then to PLAY.



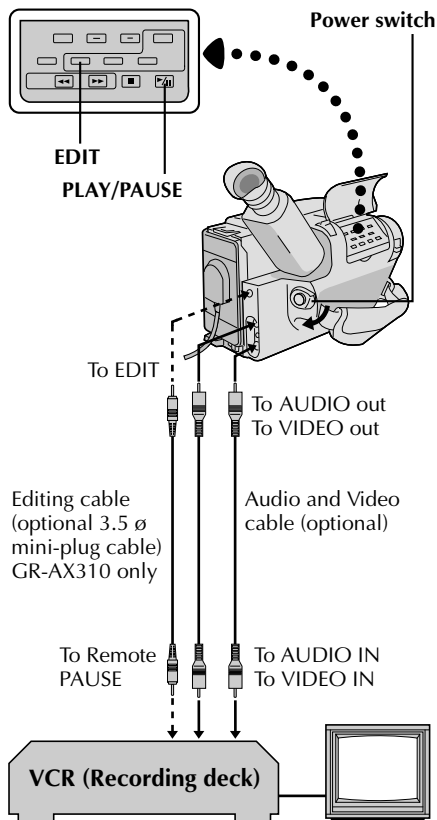
## PLAYBACK Features

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RM-V20U (optional)

<b>FEATURE:</b>	<b>Manual Tracking</b>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To eliminate noise bars that appear on the screen.
<b>OPERATION:</b>	1) Press either <b>TRACKING</b> button as many times as necessary for best picture.
<b>NOTES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To reset <b>TRACKING</b> to the original preset, press both <b>TRACKING</b> buttons simultaneously.</li> <li>• <b>Manual Tracking</b> may not work with tapes recorded on other VCRs or camcorders.</li> </ul>
<b>FEATURE:</b>	<b>Still Playback</b>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To pause during playback.
<b>OPERATION:</b>	1) Press <b>PLAY/PAUSE</b> during playback. 2) To resume normal playback, press <b>PLAY/PAUSE</b> again.
<b>NOTE:</b>	Noise bars appear and pictures may become monochrome during <b>Still Playback</b> . This is normal.
<b>FEATURE:</b>	<b>Shuttle Search</b>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To allow high-speed search in either direction.
<b>OPERATION:</b>	<p><i>Forward Search</i></p> <p>1) Press <b>FF</b> during playback. (Speed is 3 times normal in SP, and 7 times normal in EP mode.)</p> <p><i>Reverse Search</i></p> <p>1) Press <b>REW</b> during playback. (Speed is as noted above.)</p>
<b>NOTE:</b>	Noise bars appear and pictures may become monochrome in <b>Shuttle Search</b> . This is normal.
<b>FEATURE:</b>	<b>Counter Memory Function</b>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To make it easier to locate a specific tape segment.
<b>OPERATION:</b>	<p>1) Press <b>COUNTER R/M</b> and hold for more than 2 seconds. The counter resets to "0:00:00".</p> <p>2) Press <b>COUNTER R/M</b>. "M" appears.</p> <p>3) After recording or playback, press <b>STOP</b>, then <b>REW</b>. The tape automatically stops at or close to 0:00:00.</p> <p>4) Press <b>PLAY/PAUSE</b> to start playback.</p>
<b>NOTES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The counter memory functions in the <b>FF</b> and <b>REW</b> modes.</li> <li>• To disable <b>Counter Memory Function</b>, press <b>COUNTER R/M</b> so the "M" disappears.</li> </ul>



## Tape Dubbing

### CONNECT EQUIPMENT

- 1 Following the illustration at left, connect the camcorder and the VCR. **GR-AX310 only:** If you have a Remote PAUSE terminal, use the editing cable to connect it to the camcorder and the VCR. (See "NOTES" below for details.)

### PREPARE FOR DUBBING

- 2 Set the camcorder's power switch to PLAY, turn on the VCR's power, and insert the appropriate cassettes in the camcorder and the VCR.

### SELECT VCR MODE

- 3 Engage the VCR's AUX and Record-Pause modes.

### FIND EDIT-IN POINT

- 4 Engage the camcorder's Play mode to find a spot just before the edit-in point. Once it's reached, press PAUSE on the camcorder.

### START EDITING

- 5 Press PLAY on the camcorder and engage the VCR's Record mode.

### STOP EDITING TEMPORARILY

- 6 Engage the VCR's Record-Pause mode and press PAUSE on the camcorder.

### EDIT MORE SEGMENTS

- 7 Repeat steps 4 through 6 for additional editing, then stop the VCR and camcorder when finished.

### NOTES (GR-AX310 only):

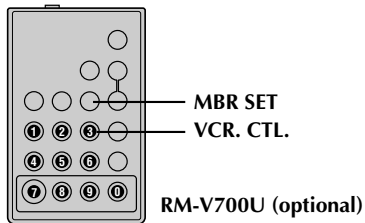
- When using a Remote PAUSE terminal, pressing EDIT on the camcorder in step 5 automatically engages the VCR's Record mode.
- When using a Remote PAUSE terminal, you can access a function called Master Edit Control System. Before beginning, reset the camcorder's counter to "0:00:00" at an edit-out point. When the tape reaches this point (remember there's a small margin of error) during editing, the camcorder and VCR pause automatically. However, some VCRs are not compatible with the Master Edit Control System.

### Random Assemble Editing [R.A.Edit] (GR-AX310 only)

Create edited videos easily using your camcorder as the source player. You can select up to 8 "cuts" for automatic editing, in any order you like. R.A.Edit is more easily performed when the optional RM-V700U MBR (Multi-Brand Remote) is set to operate with your brand of VCR (see chart at left), but can also be performed by operating the VCR manually.

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## VCR CODE LIST

VCR BRAND NAME	BUTTONS (A) (B)	VCR BRAND NAME	BUTTONS (A) (B)
GE	1 1	PHILIPS	1 2
	9 2		3 3
	9 0	PANASONIC	1 3
	9 4		1 7
6 6	9 4		
HITACHI	6 6	1 8	
	6 9	9 4	
JVC A B C	9 1	RCA	9 2
	9 6	9 4	
	9 6	9 5	
MAGNAVOX	9 5	6 5	
	1 1	6 0	
	7 1	3 9	
MITSUBISHI	7 6	3 1	
	6 7	TOSHIBA	6 9
NEC	6 8	6 1	
	3 7	ZENITH	1 6
PHILIPS	3 8		
	1 9		
	9 5		
	1 1		

## SET REMOTE/VCR CODE

## SET REMOTE TO OPERATE VCR

- 1** Turn off the power to the VCR and point the remote toward the VCR's infrared sensor. Then, referring to the chart at left, press and hold **MBR SET**, and press button (A) and then (B).

- The code is automatically set once you release the **MBR SET** button, and the VCR's power comes on.

## OPERATE THE VCR

- 2** Make sure the VCR's power is on. Then, while holding **VCR CTL**, press the button on the remote for the desired function. The functions the remote can control are PLAY, STOP, PAUSE, FF, REW and VCR REC STBY (you don't need to press **VCR CTL** for this one).

*You're now ready to try Random Assemble Editing.*

## IMPORTANT

Although the MBR is compatible with JVC VCRs and those of many other makers, it may not work with yours or may offer limited functions.

## NOTES:

- If the VCR's power doesn't come on in step 1, try another code from the chart.
- Some brands of VCR don't come on automatically. In this case, turn the power on manually and try step 2.
- If the RM-V700U is not able to control the VCR, use the controls on the VCR.
- The RM-V700U cannot be used to operate the camcorder.

## MAKE CONNECTIONS

## CONNECT TO . . .

- 1** **A** JVC VCR EQUIPPED WITH REMOTE PAUSE TERMINAL

Connect the editing cable to the Remote PAUSE terminal.

- B** JVC VCR NOT EQUIPPED WITH REMOTE PAUSE TERMINAL

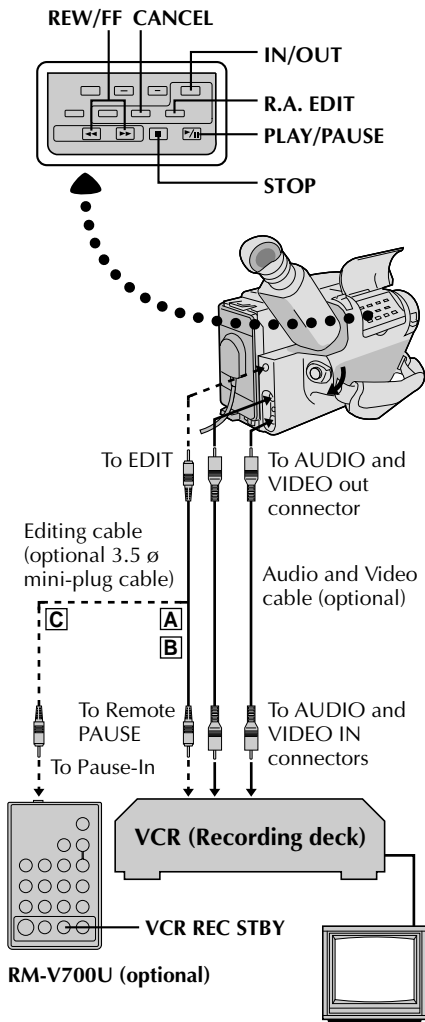
Connect the editing cable to the R.A.EDIT connector.

- C** NON-JVC VCR WITH NEITHER

Connect the editing cable to the RM-V700U's Pause-In jack.

All other connections are as shown in the illustration on page 34.

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**2 PREPARE CAMCORDER**

Insert a recorded tape and set the power switch to PLAY.

**3 PREPARE VCR**

Turn the power on, insert a recordable tape and engage the AUX mode (refer to VCR's instructions).

**SELECT SCENES**

**1 ACCESS R.A. EDIT COUNTER DISPLAY**

Press **PLAY/PAUSE**, then press **R.A. EDIT** and the counter display appears in the viewfinder and the screen of the connected TV.

**2 REGISTER BEGINNING OF SCENE**

Press **REW** or **FF** to locate the beginning of a scene you want, then press **IN/OUT** to register that point. The data appears under IN on the display.

**3 REGISTER END OF SCENE**

Press **REW** or **FF** to locate the end of the scene and press **IN/OUT** to register it. The data appears under OUT on the display. The total time of the registered scene(s) is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

**4 REGISTER ADDITIONAL SCENES**

Repeat steps 2 and 3 for each additional scene (as many as 8).

**5 MAKE CORRECTIONS**

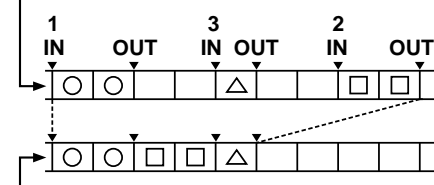
Press **CANCEL** during steps 2 and 3 to erase the most recently registered point.

**NOTES:**

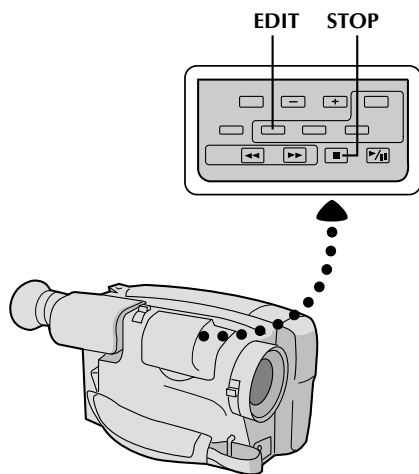
- There must be at least one second between an in-point and its corresponding out-point.
- The camcorder prerolls during R.A. Edit, so there must be at least 15 seconds of recording material prior to any in-point.
- Blank portions of tape cannot be registered as in-points or out-points.
- If it takes more than 5 minutes to search for an in-point, the VCR's Record-Pause mode is cancelled and editing doesn't take place.
- Pressing **R.A.EDIT** clears all in- and out-points from memory.
- Leave a small margin for error around each in-point to ensure the scene is recorded in its entirety.



## ORIGINAL TAPE (camcorder)



## EDITED TAPE (VCR)



## AUTOMATIC EDITING TO VCR

**1 ENGAGE VCR'S RECORD-PAUSE MODE**

1 Point the remote control toward the VCR's infrared sensor and press VCR REC STBY, or manually engage the VCR's Record-Pause mode.

**2 BEGIN AUTOMATIC EDITING**

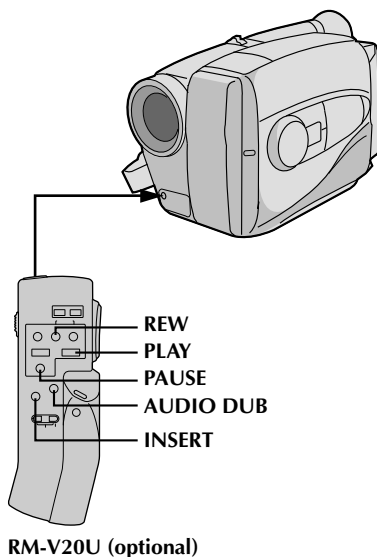
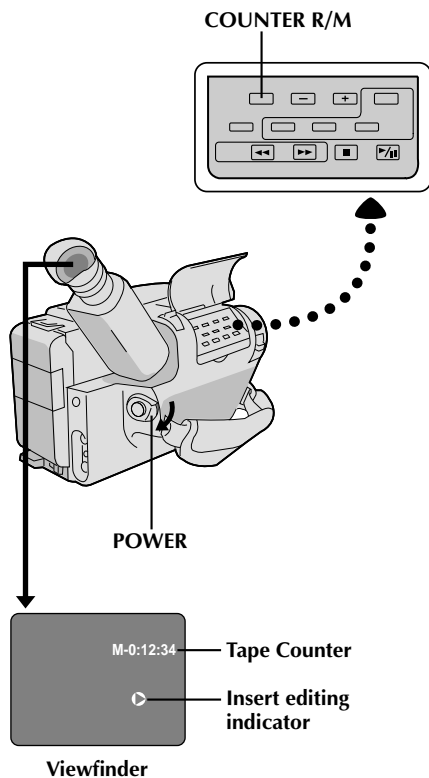
2 Press **EDIT** on the camcorder, and the previously selected scenes are copied to the VCR in the specified order.

**3 END AUTOMATIC EDITING**

3 When all selected scenes have been copied, the camcorder and VCR enter the still or pause mode. Press **STOP** on both units.

**NOTES:**

- If you performed step 1C on page 33, keep the remote control pointed at the VCR during editing.
- The on-screen display only appears while the camcorder searches for each scene.
- To dub a copy of the camcorder's (source) tape, perform R.A.EDIT by specifying only one in-point (and no out-point). The contents of the tape from the specified in-point to the end of the tape are automatically copied.
- There may be noise at in- or out-points on the edited tape with certain VCRs.



## Insert Editing

You can record a new scene into a previously recorded tape, replacing a section of the original recording with minimal picture distortion at the in- and out-points. The original audio remains unchanged.

### NOTE:

You need the optional RM-V20U remote control unit to perform the following procedure.

#### 1 SELECT MODE

Set the power switch to PLAY.

#### 2 FIND EDIT-OUT POINT

Locate the point and press **PAUSE** on the camcorder or the remote control.

#### 3 RESET COUNTER

Press and hold **COUNTER R/M** for more than 2 seconds to reset the tape counter, then press for less than 1 second and make sure "M" appears in the viewfinder.

#### 4 FIND EDIT-IN POINT

Press **REW** to go a little beyond the beginning of the scene you want to replace, press **PLAY** to view the recorded tape, and press **PAUSE** at exactly at the point where the new scene should start.

#### 5 ENGAGE INSERT EDITING MODE

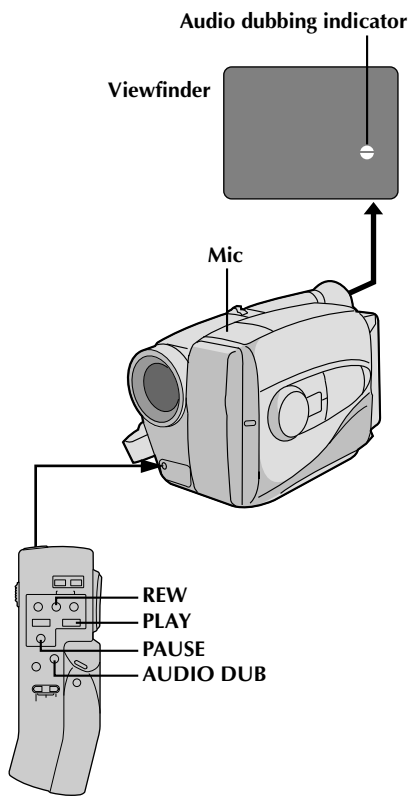
Press and hold **INSERT**, and press **PAUSE**. The Insert mode is engaged, and the scene the camcorder is aimed at appears on the screen.

#### 6 BEGIN INSERT EDITING

Press Recording Start/Stop. When the counter reaches "0:00:00", editing stops automatically and the camcorder enters the playback mode.

### NOTES:

- Insert Editing may not work correctly if a blank segment exists in the recorded tape, or if the recording speed was changed.
- The tape may stop slightly before or after the designated end point, and noise bars may appear. Neither indicates a defect in the unit.
- To edit onto a tape with the recording safety tab removed, cover the hole with adhesive tape.
- Only video signal is recorded in the Insert Editing mode. When the sound is to be recorded, press **AUDIO DUB** and **PAUSE** simultaneously after Step 5. When **INSERT** and **PAUSE** are pressed simultaneously again, the unit re-enters the Video-signal-only Recording mode.
- If the camcorder's mike is too close to the TV, or if the TV's volume is too high, whistling or howling may occur.



## Audio Dubbing

You can record a new soundtrack on a prerecorded tape (normal audio only).

\*\* Perform steps 1, 2 and 3 of the Insert Editing procedure (pg. 36) before continuing.

### FIND EDIT-IN POINT

- 1 Press **REW** to go a little beyond the beginning of the scene onto which you want to dub new audio, press **PLAY** to view the recorded tape, then press **PAUSE** at exactly the point where dubbing should start.

### ENGAGE AUDIO DUB STANDBY MODE

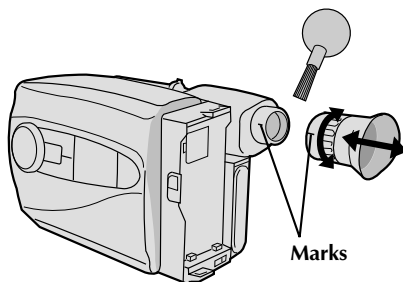
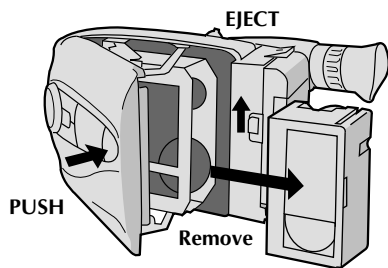
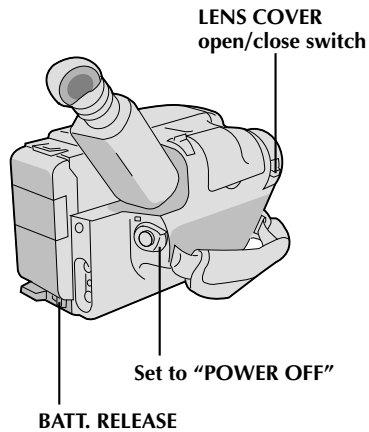
- 2 Press and hold **AUDIO DUB**, and press **PAUSE**.

### BEGIN AUDIO DUBBING

- 3 Press **PLAY**. When the counter reaches "0:00:00", Audio Dubbing stops automatically and the camcorder enters the playback mode.

### NOTES:

- *Audio Dubbing may not work correctly if the tape contains blank segments, or if the recording speed was changed during the original recording.*
- *If the camcorder's mike is too close to the TV, or if the TV's volume is too high, whistling or howling may occur.*

**After Use**

- 1** Set the power switch to POWER OFF to turn off the camcorder.
- 2** Slide EJECT to open the cassette holder, then remove the cassette.
- 3** Close and lock the cassette holder by pressing PUSH.
- 4** Press BATT. RELEASE to remove the battery pack.
- 5** Slide the LENS COVER open/close switch to close the lens cover.

**Cleaning The Camcorder**

- CLEAN EXTERIOR**
  - 1** Wipe gently with a soft cloth.
- CLEAN LENS**
  - 2** Blow it with a blower brush, then wipe gently with lens cleaning paper.
- REMOVE EYEPIECE**
  - 3** Turn the eyepiece counterclockwise and pull it out.
- CLEAN VIEWFINDER**
  - 4** Remove dust using a blower brush.
- RE-ATTACH EYEPIECE**
  - 5** Align the marks, re-attach the eyepiece and turn it clockwise.

**NOTES:**

- Avoid using strong cleaning agents such as benzine or alcohol.
- Cleaning should be done only after the battery pack has been removed or other power units have been disconnected.
- Mold may form if the lens is left dirty.



## TROUBLESHOOTING

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SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE(S)
<b>POWER</b>	
No power is supplied.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The battery pack has not been attached correctly (☞ pg. 8).</li> <li>• The battery pack is not charged (☞ pg. 8).</li> <li>• The power supply has not been correctly connected (☞ pg. 9).</li> </ul>
<b>RECORDING</b>	
Recording cannot be performed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The recording tape's Erase Protection tab is missing. Cover the hole with adhesive tape. (Some tapes have sliding tabs. In this case, check the position of the tab.)</li> </ul>
Recording does not start.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The camcorder power switch has not been set to CAMERA (☞ pg. 14).</li> </ul>
<b>PLAYBACK</b>	
The tape is running, but there's no playback picture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The TV has not been set to its VIDEO mode or channel.</li> <li>• If A/V connection is used, the TV's VIDEO/TV switch has not been set to VIDEO.</li> <li>• The RF unit has not been set to the correct channel.</li> </ul>
Noise bars appear in the playback picture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manual Tracking has not been performed (☞ pg. 31).</li> </ul>
Playback picture is blurred or interrupted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The video heads are dirty or worn out. Consult your nearest JVC dealer for head cleaning or replacement.</li> </ul>
The counter indication is blurred during Still playback.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is normal.</li> </ul>
<b>TAPE TRANSPORT</b>	
The tape stops during fast-forward or rewind.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Counter Memory Function has been activated (☞ pg. 31).</li> </ul>
Rewinding or fast-forwarding cannot be performed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The tape is already fully wound on one reel or the other.</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER</b>	
The tape won't eject.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The battery pack is running low.</li> </ul>
Some functions are not available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PROGRAM AE dial is set to LOCK (☞ pg. 16).</li> </ul>
Vertical white lines appear when shooting a very bright object.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This sometimes occurs when the contrast between the background and the object is great. It is not a defect of the camcorder.</li> </ul>
Bright, crystal-shaped spots appear in the viewfinder.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunlight is directly entering the lens.</li> </ul>
The picture is blurred in the Quick Review or Retake mode.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is normal while recording in the EP mode. Some noise may be present while recording in the SP mode (☞ pg. 11).</li> </ul>
An error number (E01, etc.) appears in the viewfinder.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult your nearest JVC dealer.</li> </ul>

The camcorder is a microcomputer-controlled device. External noise and interference (from a TV, a radio, etc.) might prevent it from functioning properly. In such cases, first disconnect its power supply unit (battery pack, AC Power Adapter/Battery Charger, etc.) and clock battery; and then re-connect it and proceed as usual from the beginning.



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## INDEX Controls

### Controls

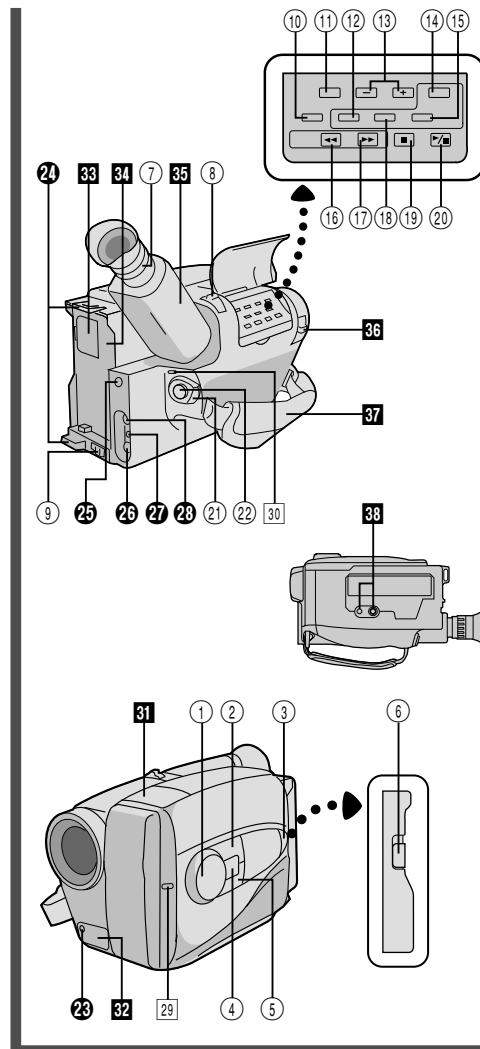
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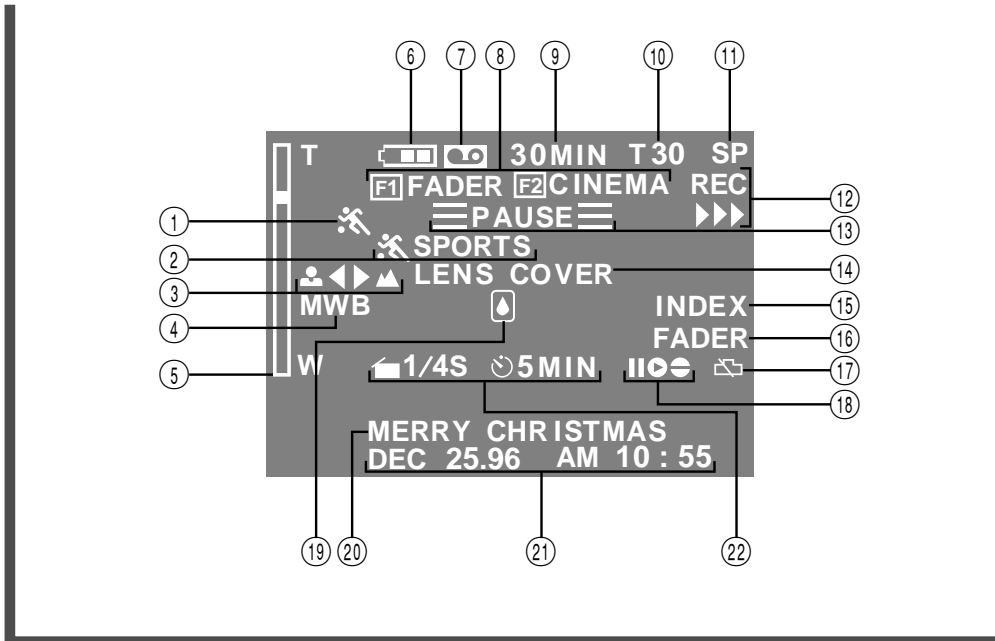
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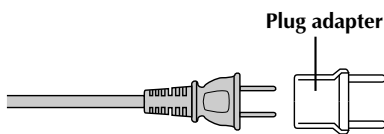
## CAUTIONS

### When using the AC Power Adapter/Charger in areas other than the USA

- The provided AC Power Adapter/Charger features automatic voltage selection in the AC range from 110 V to 240 V.

### USING HOUSEHOLD AC PLUG ADAPTER

In case of connecting the unit's power cord to an AC wall outlet other than American National Standard C73 series type use an AC plug adapter, called a "Siemens Plug", as shown.  
For this AC plug adapter, consult your nearest JVC dealer.



### INFORMATION

This device complies with Part 15 of FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation. Change or modifications not approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment. This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

## General Battery Precautions

- When the RM-V20U (remote control), C-P6U or C-P7U (cassette adapter) are not functioning even when correctly operated, the batteries are exhausted. Replace them with fresh ones.
- Use only the following batteries:

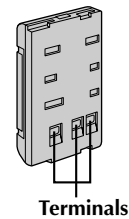
RM-V20U ..... AAA (R03) size  
C-P6U or C-P7U ..... AA (R6) size

Please make note of the following rules for battery use. When misused, batteries can leak or explode.

1. Refer to the RM-V20U and C-P6U/C-P7U instructions when replacing batteries.
2. **Do not** use old and new batteries together.
3. **Do not** use two different kinds of batteries. Although sizes may be the same, voltages may differ.
4. **Do not** expose batteries to excessive heat as they can leak or explode.
5. **Do not** dispose of batteries in a fire.
6. Remove batteries from the unit if it is to be stored for an extended period to avoid battery leakage which can cause malfunctions.

## Battery Packs

The supplied battery pack is a nickel-cadmium battery. Before using the supplied battery pack or an optional battery pack, be sure to read the following cautions:



1. **To avoid hazard . . .**
  - .... **do not** burn.
  - .... **do not** short-circuit the terminals.
  - .... **do not** modify or disassemble.
  - .... use only specified chargers.
2. **To prevent damage and prolong service life . . .**
  - .... **do not** subject to unnecessary shock.
  - .... avoid repeated charging without fully discharging.
  - .... charge in an environment where temperatures are within the tolerances shown in the chart below. This is a chemical reaction type battery—cooler temperatures impede chemical reaction, while warmer temperatures can prevent complete charging.
  - .... store in a cool, dry place. Extended exposure to high temperatures will increase natural discharge and shorten service life.
  - .... avoid prolonged uncharged storage.
  - .... remove from charger or powered unit when not in use, as some machines use current even when switched off.

**3. To prevent damage to the camcorder . . .**

- .... replace the battery pack when it begins to deliver less recording time per charge.

**NOTE:**

*It is normal for the battery pack to be warm after charging, or after use.*

Temperature Range Specifications

Charging ..... 10°C to 35°C

Operation ..... 0°C to 40°C

Storage ..... -10°C to 30°C

**NOTES:**

- *Recharging time is based on room temperature of 20°C.*
- *The lower the temperature, the longer recharging takes.*

**Cassettes**

To properly use and store your cassettes, be sure to read the following cautions:

**1. During use . . .**

- .... make sure the cassette bears the VHS-C mark.
- .... be aware that recording onto prerecorded tapes automatically erases the previously recorded video and audio signals.
- .... make sure the cassette is positioned properly when inserting.
- .... do not load and unload the cassette repeatedly without allowing the tape to run at all. This slackens the tape and can result in damage.
- .... do not open the front tape cover. This exposes the tape to fingerprints and dust.

**2. Store cassettes . . .**

- .... away from heaters or other heat sources.
- .... out of direct sunlight.
- .... where they won't be subject to unnecessary shock or vibration.
- .... where they won't be exposed to strong magnetic fields (such as those generated by motors, transformers or magnets).
- .... vertically, in their original cases.

**Main Unit****1. For safety, DO NOT . . .**

- .... open the camcorder's chassis.
- .... disassemble or modify the unit.
- .... short-circuit the terminals of the battery pack. Keep it away from metallic objects when not in use.
- .... allow inflammables, water or metallic objects to enter the unit.
- .... remove the battery pack or disconnect the power supply while the power is on.
- .... leave the battery pack attached when the camcorder is not in use.

**2. Avoid using the unit . . .**

- .... in places subject to excessive humidity or dust.
- .... in places subject to soot or steam such as near a cooking stove.
- .... in places subject to excessive shock or vibration.
- .... near a television set.
- .... near appliances generating strong magnetic or electric fields (speakers, broadcasting antennas, etc.).
- .... in places subject to extremely high (over 40°C or 104°F) or extremely low (under 0°C or 32°F) temperatures.

**3. DO NOT leave the unit . . .**

- .... in places of over 50°C (122°F).
- .... in places where humidity is extremely low (below 35%) or extremely high (above 80%).
- .... in direct sunlight.
- .... in a closed car in summer.
- .... near a heater.

**4. To protect the unit, DO NOT . . .**

- .... allow it to become wet.
- .... drop the unit or strike it against hard objects.
- .... subject it to shock or excessive vibration during transportation.
- .... keep the lens directed at extremely bright objects for long periods.
- .... direct the eyepiece of the viewfinder at the sun.
- .... carry it by holding the viewfinder.
- .... swing it excessively when using the shoulder strap.

**5. This camcorder features a built-in head cleaner which automatically cleans the heads and head drum when a cassette is loaded or unloaded. If, however, the heads become dirty and cause blurriness or interruption in the playback picture, consult your nearest JVC dealer.****About moisture condensation . . .**

- You have observed that pouring a cold liquid into a glass will cause drops of water to form on the glass' outer surface. This same phenomenon occurs on the head drum of a camcorder when it is moved from a cool place to a warm place, after heating a cold room, under extremely humid conditions or in a place directly subjected to the cool air from an air conditioner.
- Moisture on the head drum can cause severe damage to the video tape, and can lead to internal damage to the camcorder itself.

**Serious malfunctioning**

If malfunctioning occurs, stop using the unit immediately and consult your local JVC dealer.



## SPECIFICATIONS

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### GENERAL

Format	: VHS NTSC standard
Power source	: DC 6V
Power consumption	: 5.7 W
Signal system	: NTSC-type
Video recording system	
Luminance	: FM recording
Color	: Converted sub-carrier direct recording * Conforms to VHS standard
Cassette	:  cassette
Tape speed	
SP	: 33.35 mm/sec. (1-5/16 ips)
EP	: 11.12 mm/sec. (7/16 ips)
Recording time (max.)	
SP	: 40 minutes
EP	: 120 minutes (with TC-40 cassette)
Operating temperature	: 0°C to +40°C (32°F to 104°F)
Operating humidity	: 35% to 80%
Storage temperature	: -20°C to +50°C (-4°F to 122°F)
Weight	
GR-AX210	: Approx. 740 g (1.7 lbs)
GR-AX310	: Approx. 760 g (1.7 lbs)
Dimensions (Including viewfinder)	: 109 (W) x 113 (H) x 226 (D) mm (4-5/16" x 4-1/2" x 8-15/16")

### CAMERA

Pick up	: 1/4" format CCD
Lens	: F1.2, f = 4.1 to 57.4 mm, 14:1 power zoom lens (GR-AX310) F1.6, f = 4.2 to 50.4 mm, 12:1 power zoom lens (GR-AX210) with auto iris and macro control, filter diameter 46 mm
Viewfinder	: Electronic viewfinder with 0.5" black/white CRT
White balance adjustment	: Auto/Manual adjustment

### VIDEO

Output	: 1 Vp-p, 75 ohms, unbalanced (via VIDEO out connector)
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### AUDIO

Output	: -8 dBs, 1 k-ohm (via AUDIO out connector)
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### AC POWER ADAPTER/BATTERY CHARGER (AA-V11U)

Power requirement	
U.S.A. and Canada	: AC 120 V~, 60 HZ
Other countries	: AC 110 V to 240 V~, 50/60 Hz
Power consumption	: 23 W
Output	
Charge	: DC 8.5 V , 1.3 A
VTR	: DC 6.3 V , 1.8 A
Charging system	: Constant current, peak detection, timer controlled
Dimensions	: 150 (W) x 42 (H) x 68 (D) mm (5-15/16" x 1-11/16" x 2-11/16")
Weight	: Approx. 320 g (0.71 lbs)

### CASSETTE ADAPTER (C-P7U)

Dimensions	: 188 (W) x 25 (H) x 104 (D) mm (7-7/16" x 1" x 4-1/8")
Weight	: Approx. 240 g (0.53 lbs)
Accessory	: "AA (R6)"-size battery x 1

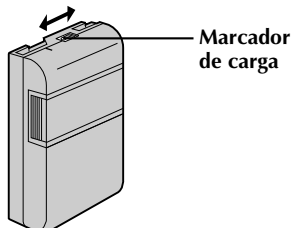
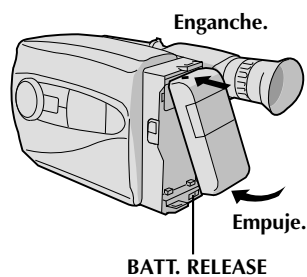
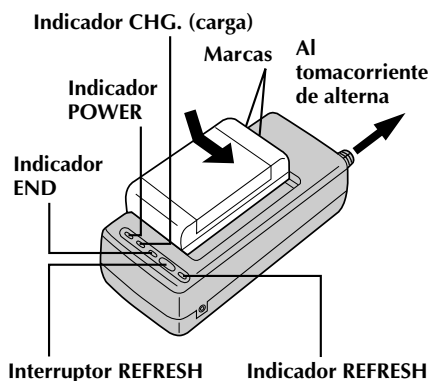
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- Battery Packs BN-V12U, BN-V22U, BN-V25U
- Car Battery Charger BH-V3U
- Battery Charger BH-VC10U
- Car Battery Cord AP-V7U
- RF Unit RF-V5U
- Wireless Remote Control Unit RM-V700U  
For R.A. Edit (GR-AX310) using a non-JVC VCR ( pg. 33)  
\* The RM-V700U cannot be used to operate the camcorder.
- Wired Remote Control Unit RM-V20U
- Compact VHS-C Cassettes TC-40/30/20
- Active Carrying Bag CB-V7U

\* Some accessories are not available in some areas. Please consult your nearest JVC dealer for details on accessories and their availability.

Specifications shown are for SP mode unless otherwise indicated. E. & O. E. Design and specifications subject to change without notice.

**\*\*INDICADOR DE CARGA**

Se ha suministrado un indicador de carga sobre el paquete de pilas para ayudarle a recordar si ha sido cargado o no. Los dos colores suministrados (rojo y negro), le permiten seleccionar la carga y la descarga.

**\*\*REFRESCADO**

El adaptador de CA se caracteriza por la función REFRESH que le permite descargar totalmente el paquete de pilas antes de recargarlo.

**Para descargar las pilas . . .**

..... coloque el paquete de pilas en el adaptador como se muestra en la ilustración de la izquierda. Luego presione REFRESH. El indicador REFRESH se enciende cuando se inicia la descarga y se apaga cuando la descarga ha terminado.

**Alimentación**

Esta cámara de video posee un sistema de alimentación de 3 vías que le permite seleccionar la fuente de alimentación más apropiada.

**NOTAS:**

- Sin alimentación no hay ninguna función disponible.
- Utilice exclusivamente la alimentación indicada.
- No utilice la unidades de alimentación suministradas con otro equipo.

**CARGA DEL PAQUETE DE PILAS****1 ALIMENTACION**

Conecte el cordón de alimentación de CA del cargador a un tomacorriente. Se encenderá la luz del indicador de alimentación.

**2 COLOCACION DEL PAQUETE DE PILAS**

Alinee las marcas y deslice el paquete de pilas en la dirección de la flecha hasta que quede bloqueado en su lugar. Se enciende la luz indicadora CHG.

**3 EXTRACCION DEL PAQUETE DE PILAS**

Quando la carga está completa, se encenderá el indicador END. Deslice el paquete de pilas en el sentido opuesto al de la flecha.

PAQUETE DE PILAS	CARGA	DESCARGA
BN-V11U	aprox. 1 hora 10 min.	aprox. 3 horas 30 min.
BN-V12U	aprox. 1 hora 10 min.	aprox. 3 horas 30 min.
BN-V22U	aprox. 2 horas 10 min.	aprox. 7 horas
BN-V25U	aprox. 2 horas 40 min.	aprox. 10 horas

**USO DEL PAQUETE DE PILAS****1 COLOCACION DEL PAQUETE DE PILAS**

Enganche la parte superior del mismo en la cámara de video y empuje el paquete de pilas hasta que se bloquee en su lugar.

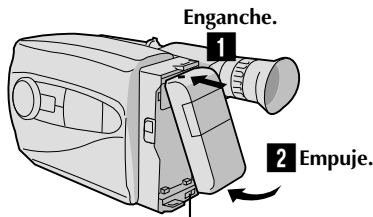
**2 EXTRACCION DEL PAQUETE DE PILAS**

Deslice BATT. RELEASE y extraiga el paquete de pilas.

PAQUETE DE PILAS	TIEMPO DE GRABACION
BN-V11U	aprox. 1 hora 5 min.
BN-V12U	aprox. 1 hora 5 min.
BN-V22U	aprox. 2 horas 15 min.
BN-V25U	aprox. 3 horas

Si la unidad comienza a funcionar mal, deje de usarla inmediatamente y consulte a su concesionario local de JVC.

**ALIMENTACION**



**BATT. RELEASE** (extracción de la batería)

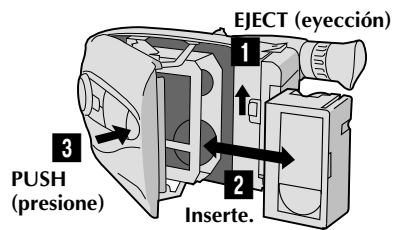
**Utilización de la batería**

- 1** Enganche el extremo superior de la batería en la cámara de video. (Procedimiento para carga: P. 8)
- 2** Empuje la batería hacia adentro hasta que quede bloqueada en su lugar.

**Para extraer la batería**

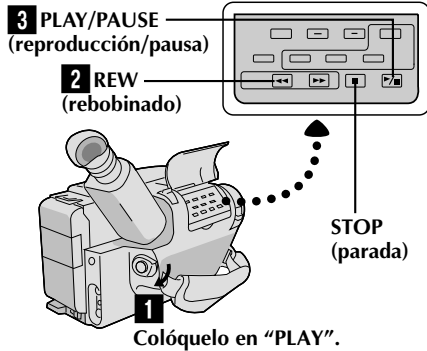
Deslice BATT. RELEASE y extraiga la batería.

**INSERCIÓN DEL CASSETTE DE VIDEO**



- 1** Deslice EJECT.
- 2** Inserte un cassette de video.
- 3** Presione PUSH. (Por más detalles, P. 11.)

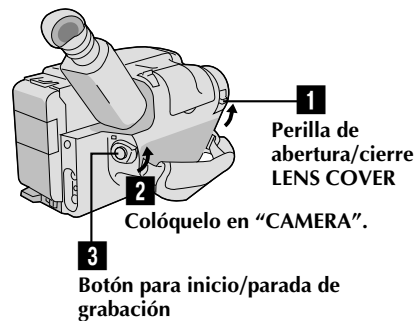
**REPRODUCCION**



- 1** Ajuste el interruptor de alimentación en "PLAY".
- 2** Presione **REW**.  
— La cinta se detiene automáticamente al comienzo de la misma.
- 3** Presione **PLAY/PAUSE**.  
— Comienza la reproducción y la imagen aparece en el visor.
- Presione **STOP** para detener la grabación. (Por más detalles, P. 30.)

■ O simplemente reproduzca la cinta en un VCR de VHS utilizando el adaptador de cassette (VHS Playpak). P. 28

**FILMACION**



- 1** Deslice la perilla de apertura/cierre LENS COVER para abrir la tapa del objetivo.
- 2** Ajuste el interruptor de alimentación en "CAMERA".  
— El indicador de alimentación se encenderá y aparecerá una imagen en el visor.
- 3** Presione el botón inicio/parada de grabación.  
— Comenzará la grabación.
- Para detener temporalmente la grabación, presione nuevamente el botón de inicio/parada de grabación. (Por más detalles, P. 14.)



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FOR SERVICING

## HOW TO LOCATE YOUR JVC SERVICE CENTER

**TOLL FREE: 1-800-252-5722**

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*In order to receive the most satisfaction from your purchase, read the instruction booklet before operating the unit. In the event that repair is necessary, or for the address nearest your location, please refer to the factory service center list below or within the Continental United States, call 1-800-252-5722 for your authorized servicer. Remember to retain your Bill of Sale for Warranty Service.*

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*Pack your JVC unit in the original carton or one of equivalent size and strength. Enclose, with the unit, a letter stating the problem or symptom that exists and also a copy of the receipt or bill of sale you received when you purchased your JVC unit. Print your home return address on the outside and the inside of the carton. Send to the appropriate JVC Factory Service Center as listed above.*

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*To purchase accessories for your JVC product, you may contact your local JVC Dealer. Or from the 48 Continental United States call toll free: 1-800-882-2345.*

#### **Don't service it yourself.**

##### **CAUTION**

*To prevent electrical shock, do not open the cabinet. No user serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.*





# WARRANTY

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## LIMITED WARRANTY

## CONSUMER VIDEO 1-90

JVC COMPANY OF AMERICA warrants this product and all parts thereof, except as set forth below ONLY TO THE ORIGINAL PURCHASER AT RETAIL to be FREE FROM DEFECTIVE MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP from the date of original retail purchase for the period as shown below. ("The Warranty Period")

PARTS	<b>1</b> YR	LABOR	<b>90</b> DAYS
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THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS VALID ONLY IN THE FIFTY (50) UNITED STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND IN COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.

### WHAT WE WILL DO:

If this product is found to be defective, JVC will repair or replace defective parts at no charge to the original owner. Such repair and replacement services shall be rendered by JVC during normal business hours at JVC authorized service centers. Parts used for replacement are warranted only for the remainder of the Warranty Period. All products and parts thereof may be brought to a JVC authorized service center on a carry-in basis except for Television sets having a screen size 25 inches and above which are covered on an in-home basis.

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4. Damage that occurs in shipment, due to act of God, and cosmetic damage;
5. Signal reception problems and failures due to line power surge;
6. Video Pick-up Tubes/CCD Image Sensor, Cartridge, Stylus (Needle) are covered for 90 days from the date of purchase;
7. Accessories;
8. Batteries (except that Rechargeable Batteries are covered for 90 days from the date of purchase);from the date of purchase);

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### For customer use:

Enter below the Model No. and Serial No. which is located either on the rear, bottom or side of the cabinet. Retain this information for future reference.

**Model No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

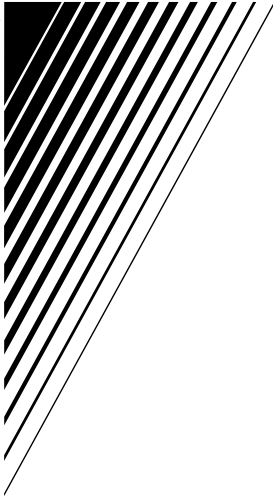
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