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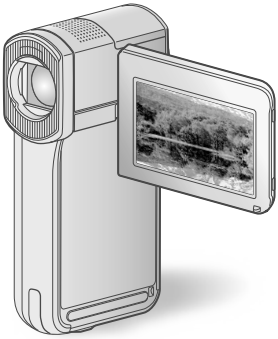

HDR-TG5E/TG5VE/TG7VE

Digital HD Video Camera Recorder

Operating Guide

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Read this first

Before operating the unit, please read this manual thoroughly, and retain it for future reference.

WARNING

To reduce fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to rain or moisture.

Do not expose the batteries to excessive heat such as sunshine, fire or the like.

CAUTION

Battery pack

If the battery pack is mishandled, the battery pack can burst, cause a fire or even chemical burns. Observe the following cautions.

- Do not disassemble.
- Do not crush and do not expose the battery pack to any shock or force such as hammering, dropping or stepping on it.
- Do not short circuit and do not allow metal objects to come into contact with the battery terminals.
- Do not expose to high temperature above 60°C (140°F) such as in direct sunlight or in a car parked in the sun.
- Do not incinerate or dispose of in fire.
- Do not handle damaged or leaking lithium ion batteries.
- Be sure to charge the battery with Sony battery charger or the device that can charge the battery pack.
- Keep the battery pack out of the reach of small children.
- Keep the battery pack dry.
- Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by Sony.
- Dispose of used battery packs promptly as described in the instructions.

Replace the battery with the specified type only. Otherwise, fire or injury may result.

AC Adaptor

Do not use the AC Adaptor placed in a narrow space, such as between a wall and furniture.

Use the nearby wall outlet (wall socket) when using the AC Adaptor. Disconnect the AC Adaptor from the wall outlet (wall socket) immediately if any malfunction occurs while using your camcorder.

Even if your camcorder is turned off, AC power source (mains) is still supplied to it while connected to the wall outlet (wall socket) via the AC Adaptor.

Notice for customers in the United Kingdom

A moulded plug complying with BS 1363 is fitted to this equipment for your safety and convenience.

Should the fuse in the plug supplied need to be replaced, a fuse of the same rating as the supplied one and approved by ASTA or BSI to BS 1362, (i.e., marked with an ASTA or BSI mark) must be used. If the plug supplied with this equipment has a detachable fuse cover, be sure to attach the fuse cover after you change the fuse. Never use the plug without the fuse cover. If you should lose the fuse cover, please contact your nearest Sony service station.

FOR CUSTOMERS IN EUROPE

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Hereby, Sony Corporation, declares that this HDR-TG5VE/TG7VE Digital HD Video Camera Recorder is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of the Directive 1999/5/EC. For details, please access the following URL: http://www.compliance.sony.de/

Notice for the customers in the countries applying EU Directives (HDR-TG5E)

The manufacturer of this product is Sony Corporation, 1-7-1 Konan Minato-ku Tokyo, 108-0075 Japan. The Authorized Representative for EMC and product safety is Sony Deutschland GmbH, Hedelfinger Strasse 61, 70327 Stuttgart, Germany. For any service or guarantee matters please refer to the addresses given in separate service or guarantee documents.

ATTENTION

The electromagnetic fields at the specific frequencies may influence the picture and sound of this unit.

This product has been tested and found compliant with the limits set out in the EMC Directive for using connection cables shorter than 3 meters (9.8 feet).

Notice

If static electricity or electromagnetism causes data transfer to discontinue midway (fail), restart the application or disconnect and connect the communication cable (USB, etc.) again.



Disposal of Old Electrical & Electronic Equipment (Applicable in the European Union and other European countries with separate collection systems)

This symbol on the product or on its packaging indicates that this product shall not be treated as household waste. Instead it shall be handed over to the applicable collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment.
By ensuring this product is disposed of correctly, you will help prevent potential negative consequences for the environment and human health, which could otherwise be caused by inappropriate waste handling of this product. The recycling of materials will help to conserve natural resources.
For more detailed information about recycling of this product, please contact your local Civic Office, your household waste disposal service or the shop where you purchased the product.



Disposal of waste batteries (applicable in the European Union and other European countries with separate collection systems)

This symbol on the battery or on the packaging indicates that the battery provided with this product shall not be treated as household waste.
By ensuring these batteries are disposed of correctly, you will help prevent potentially negative consequences for the environment and human health which could otherwise be caused by inappropriate waste handling of the battery. The recycling of the materials will help to conserve natural resources.
In case of products that for safety, performance or data integrity reasons require a permanent connection with an incorporated battery, this battery should be replaced by qualified service staff only. To ensure that the battery will be treated properly, hand over the product at end-of-life to the applicable collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment.
For all other batteries, please view the section on how to remove the battery from the product safely. Hand the battery over to the applicable collection point for the recycling of waste batteries.
For more detailed information about recycling of this product or battery, please contact your local Civic Office, your household waste disposal service or the shop where you purchased the product.

For the customers in the U.S.A.

If you have any questions about this product, you may call:
Sony Customer Information Center 1-800-222-SONY (7669).
The number below is for the FCC related matters only.

Regulatory Information

Declaration of Conformity
Trade Name: SONY
Model No.: HDR-TG5E
Responsible Party: Sony Electronics Inc.
Address: 16530 Via Esprillo, San Diego, CA 92127 U.S.A.
Telephone No.: 858-942-2230
This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Notes

HDR-TG5E is to be used with the "Handycam" Station Cradle Model DCRA-C250 and AC Adaptor Model AC-L200C/AC-L200D.

CAUTION

You are cautioned that any changes or modifications not expressly approved in this manual could void your authority to operate this equipment.

Note

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.

The supplied interface cable must be used with the equipment in order to comply with the limits for a digital device pursuant to Subpart B of Part 15 of FCC Rules.

Battery pack

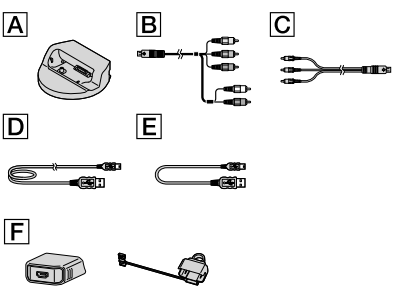
This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Supplied items

The numbers in ( ) are the supplied quantity.

- ☐ AC Adaptor (1)
- ☐ Power cord (Mains lead) (1)
- ☐ "Handycam" Station Cradle (1) A
- ☐ Component A/V cable (1) B
- ☐ A/V connecting cable (1) C

□ USB cable (long) (1) D
□ USB cable (short) (1) E
□ Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor (1)/ USB adaptor cap (1) F
The Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor and the USB adaptor cap are attached to the USB cable (short) beforehand.
□ Rechargeable battery pack NP-FH50 (1)
□ Wrist strap (1)
□ CD-ROM "Handycam" Application Software (1) (p. 25)
– "PMB" (software, including "PMB Guide")
– "Handycam" Handbook (PDF)
□ "Operating Guide" (This manual) (1)



- See page 42 for the "Memory Stick" media you can use with this camcorder.

Notes on use

Using the camcorder

- The camcorder is not dustproofed, dripproofed or waterproofed. See "Precautions" (p. 54).
- Do not do any of the following when the (Movie)/ (Photo) lamps (p. 13) or the access lamp (p. 43) are lit or flashing. Otherwise, the recording media may be damaged, recorded images may be lost or other malfunctions could occur.
  – ejecting the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media
  – removing the battery pack or AC Adaptor from the camcorder
  – Applying mechanical shock or vibration to the camcorder
- Do not apply shock or vibration to the camcorder. The camcorder may not be able to record or play movies and photos.
- When connecting the camcorder to another device with communication cables, be sure to insert the connector plug in the correct way. Pushing the plug forcibly into the terminal will damage the terminal and may result in a malfunction of the camcorder.
- If you close the LCD panel when your camcorder is connected to other devices with the USB cable, the recorded images may be lost.
- Even if the camcorder is turned off, the GPS function is working as long as the GPS switch is set to ON. Make sure that the GPS switch is set to OFF during take off and landing of an airplane (HDR-TG5VE/TG7VE).
- If you repeat recording/deleting images for a long time, fragmentation of data occurs on the recording media. Images cannot be saved or recorded. In such a case, save your images on some type of external media first, and then perform [MEDIA FORMAT] (p. 41).
- The LCD screen is manufactured using extremely high-precision technology, so over 99.99% of the pixels are operational for effective use. However, there may be some tiny black points and/or bright points (white, red, blue, or green in color) that appear constantly on the LCD screen. These points are normal results of the manufacturing process and do not affect the recording in any way.

Note on the camcorder/battery pack temperature

- When the temperature of the camcorder or battery pack becomes extremely high or extremely low, you may not be able to record or play back on the camcorder, due to the protection features of the camcorder being activated in such situations. In this case, an indicator appears on the LCD screen (p. 53).

On recording

- Before starting to record, test the recording function to make sure the image and sound are recorded without any problems.

- Compensation for the contents of recordings cannot be provided, even if recording or playback is not possible due to a malfunction of the camcorder, recording media, etc.
- TV color systems differ depending on the country/region. To view your recordings on a TV, you need a PAL system-based TV.
- Television programs, films, video tapes, and other materials may be copyrighted. Unauthorized recording of such materials may be contrary to the copyright laws.
- To prevent your image data from being lost, save all your recorded images on external media periodically. It is recommended that you save the image data on a disc such as DVD-R using your computer. Also, you can save your image data using a VCR, or a DVD/HDD recorder.

Playing back recorded images on other devices

- The camcorder is compatible with MPEG-4 AVC/H.264 High Profile for high definition image quality (HD) recording. Therefore, you cannot play back images recorded with high definition image quality (HD) on the camcorder with the following devices;
  – Other AVCHD format compatible devices which are not compatible with High Profile
  – Devices which are not compatible with the AVCHD format

Discs recorded with HD image quality (high definition)

- This camcorder captures high definition footage in the AVCHD format. DVD media containing AVCHD footage should not be used with DVD based players or recorders, as the DVD player/recorder may fail to eject the media and may erase its contents without warning. DVD media containing AVCHD footage may be played on a compatible Blu-ray Disc™ player/recorder or other compatible device.

About language setting

- The on-screen displays in each local language are used for illustrating the operating procedures. Change the screen language before using the camcorder if necessary (p. 14).

About this manual

- The images of the LCD screen used in this manual for illustration purposes are captured using a digital still camera, and therefore may appear different from the actual images of the LCD screen.
- In this Operating Guide, the internal memory of the camcorder and “Memory Stick PRO Duo” media are called “recording media.”
- In this Operating Guide, both “Memory Stick PRO Duo” media and “Memory Stick PRO-HG Duo” media are referred as “Memory Stick PRO Duo” media.
- You will find the “Handycam” Handbook (PDF) on the supplied CD-ROM (p. 51).
- The screenshots are from Windows Vista. The scenes may vary depending on the operating system of the computer.

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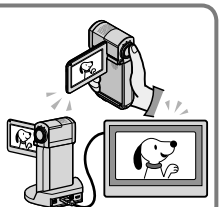
Recording movies and photos (p. 15)



- In the default settings, movies and photos are recorded with high definition image quality (HD) on the internal memory.
- You can change the recording media selected, and the image quality of movies (p. 42).

Playing movies and photos (p. 19)



Playing movies and photos on your camcorder (p. 19)

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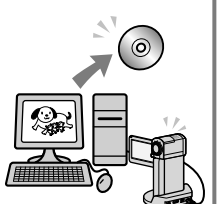
Saving movies and photos on a disc



Saving movies and photos with a computer (p. 31)

- You can create a disc with either high definition image quality (HD) or standard definition image quality (SD) from high definition image quality (HD) movies imported to the computer. See page 28 on the characteristics of each type of disc.

Creating a disc with a DVD writer or a recorder (p. 37)

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- You can free recording space by deleting movies and photos that you have saved on other media, from the your camcorder's media.

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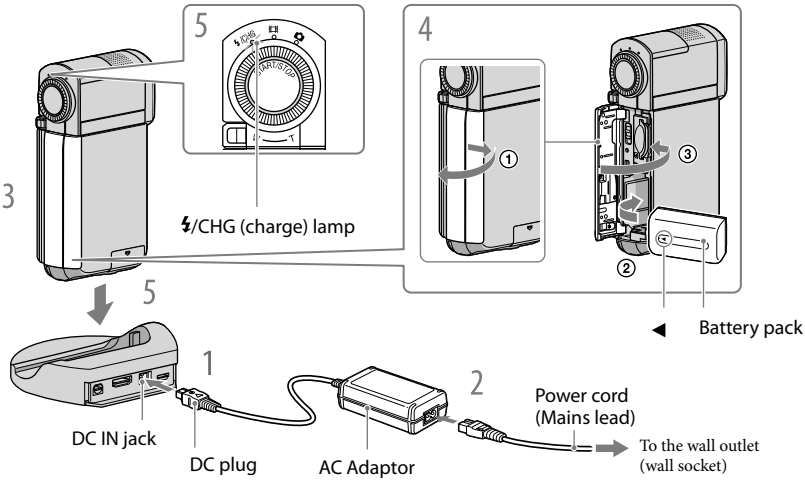
Step 1: Charging the battery pack



You can charge the "InfoLITHIUM" battery pack NP-FH50 after attaching it to your camcorder.

- You cannot attach any "InfoLITHIUM" battery pack other than NP-FH50 to your camcorder.

1 Connect the AC Adaptor to the DC IN jack on the "Handycam" Station Cradle.

- Be sure that the ▲ mark on the DC plug is facing up.

2 Connect the power cord (mains lead) to the AC Adaptor and the wall outlet (wall socket).

3 Turn off your camcorder by closing the LCD screen.

4 Insert the battery.

① Open the battery/Memory Stick Duo cover.
② Insert the battery in the direction of the arrow all the way in until it clicks.
③ Close the battery/Memory Stick Duo cover.

5 Place the camcorder on the "Handycam" Station Cradle as shown above, and insert it into the "Handycam" Station Cradle securely, all the way to

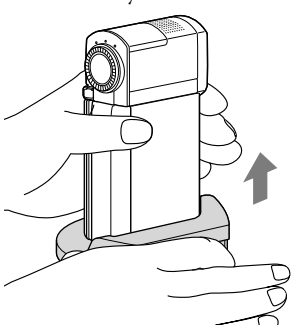
the bottom.

The ϟ/CHG (charge) lamp lights up and charging starts. When the ϟ/CHG (charge) lamp turns off, the battery is fully charged.

- See page 57 on charging, recording and playing time.
- When your camcorder is on, you can check the approximate amount of remaining battery power with the remaining battery indicator at the upper left on the LCD screen.
- When inserting the camcorder into the "Handycam" Station Cradle, close the DC IN jack cover.
- Disconnect the AC Adaptor from the DC IN jack holding both the "Handycam" Station Cradle and the DC plug.

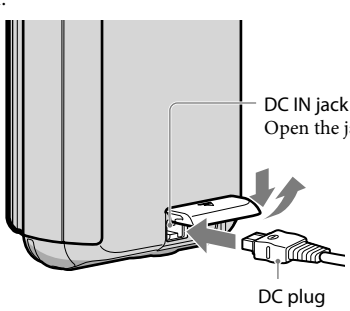
To remove your camcorder from the "Handycam" Station Cradle

Close the LCD panel, then remove the camcorder from the "Handycam" Station Cradle holding both your camcorder and the "Handycam" Station Cradle.



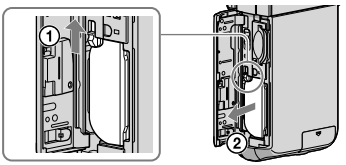
To charge the battery pack using only the AC Adaptor

Close the LCD panel with your camcorder turns off, then connect the AC Adaptor to the DC IN jack on your camcorder.



To remove the battery pack

Turn off your camcorder and open the battery/Memory Stick Duo cover.
Slide the BATT (battery) release lever (①), then eject the battery pack (②).



- Be sure not to drop the battery pack.

To use a wall outlet (wall socket) as a power source

Make the same connections as “Step 1: Charging the battery pack.”

Notes on the battery pack and the AC Adaptor

- When you remove the battery pack or disconnect the AC Adaptor, close the LCD screen and make sure that the 🎞 (Movie)/📷 (Photo) lamps (p. 13) are turned off.
- Do not short-circuit the DC plug of the AC Adaptor or battery terminal with any metallic objects. This may cause a malfunction.
- In the default setting, the power turns off automatically if you leave your camcorder without any operation for about 5 minutes, to save battery power ([A.SHUT OFF]).

Charging the battery pack abroad

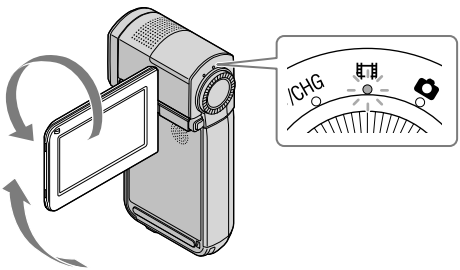
You can charge the battery pack in any countries/regions using the AC Adaptor supplied with your camcorder within the AC 100 V - 240 V, 50 Hz/60 Hz range.

- Do not use an electronic voltage transformer.

Step 2: Turning the power on, and setting the date and time

1 Open the LCD screen of your camcorder.

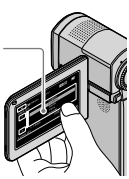
The lens cover is opened and your camcorder is turned on.



(Movie): To record movies
(Photo): To record photos

2 Select the desired geographical area with ^/v, then touch [NEXT].

Touch the button on the LCD screen.



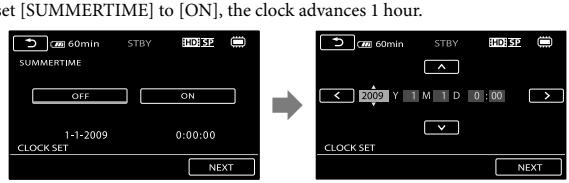


- To set the date and time again, touch MENU (MENU) → [CLOCK SET] (under 13 [CLOCK/A LANG] category). When an item is not on the screen, touch ^/v until the item appears.

3 Set [SUMMERTIME], date and time, then touch OK.

The clock starts.

- If you set [SUMMERTIME] to [ON], the clock advances 1 hour.

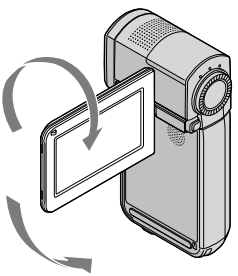


- The date and time does not appear during recording, but they are automatically recorded on the recording media, and can be displayed during playback. To display the date and time, touch MENU (MENU) → [DATA CODE] (under 8 [PLAYBACK SET] category) → [DATE/TIME] → OK → ×.

- You can turn off the operation beeps by touching MENU (MENU) → [BEEP] (under 11 [SOUND/DISP SET] category) → [OFF] → OK → ×.
- Once the clock is set, the clock time is automatically adjusted with [AUTO CLOCK ADJ] and [AUTO AREA ADJ] set to [ON]. The clock may not be adjusted to the correct time automatically, depending on the country/region selected for your camcorder. In this case, set [AUTO CLOCK ADJ] and [AUTO AREA ADJ] to [OFF] (HDR-TG5VE/TG7VE).

To turn off the power

Close the LCD screen. The 🎞 (Movie) lamp flashes for a few seconds and the power is turned off.



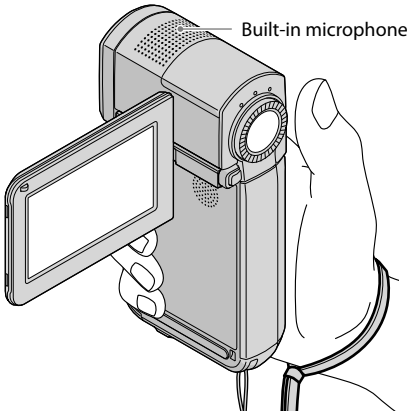
Changing the language setting

You can change the on-screen displays to show messages in a specified language.
Touch MENU (MENU) → [A LANGUAGE SET] (under 13 [CLOCK/A LANG] category) → a desired language → OK → ×.

Recording

Recording movies

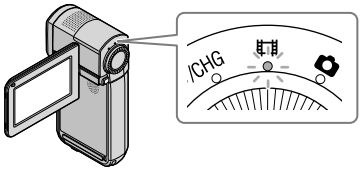
In the default setting, movies are recorded with high definition image quality (HD) on the internal memory (p. 42, 47).



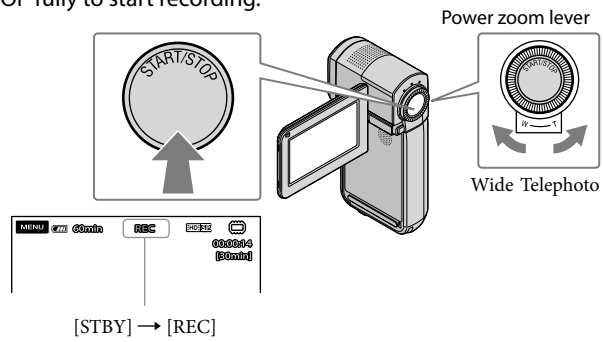
• Do not touch the built-in microphone during recording.

1 Open the LCD screen of your camcorder.

The lens cover is opened and your camcorder is turned on.



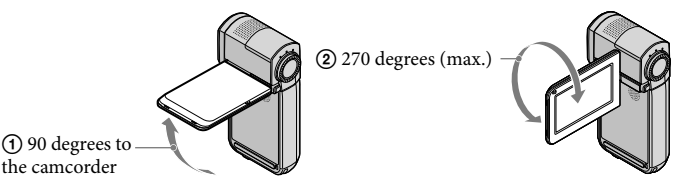
2 Press START/STOP fully to start recording.



To stop recording, press START/STOP fully again.

- You can magnify images with the power zoom lever. Move the power zoom lever slightly for a slower zoom. Move it further for a faster zoom.
- The icons and indicators on the LCD panel will be displayed for about 5 seconds, then they will be disappeared, after turning on your camcorder or switching the recording/playback modes. To display the icon and indicators again, touch the LCD panel.

- If you close the LCD screen during recording, the camcorder stops recording.
- See page 57 on the recordable time of movies.
- When a movie file exceeds 2 GB, the next movie file is created automatically.
- You can change the recording media and the image quality (p. 42, 47).
- You can change the recording mode of movies (p. 47).
- [STEADYSHOT] is set to [ON] in the default setting.
- To adjust the angle of the LCD panel, first open the LCD panel 90 degrees to the camcorder (①), and then adjust the angle (②). If you rotate the LCD panel 270 degrees to the lens side (②), you can record movies/photos in mirror mode.



- In the default setting, a photo is recorded automatically when the camcorder detects the smile of a person during movie recording ([SMILE DETECTION]/[FRAME SETTING]). An orange frame appears around a face targeted for possible smile detection shot. You can change the setting in the menu (p. 47).
- You can increase the zooming level by using the digital zoom. Set the zooming level by touching MENU (MENU) → [DIGITAL ZOOM] (under 2 [SHOOTING SET] category) → a desired setting → OK → ×.
- When viewing movies on an x.v.Color-compliant TV, record movies with the x.v.Color function. Touch MENU (MENU) → [X.V.COLOR] (under 3 [RECORDING SET] category) → [ON] → OK → ×. Some settings may be required on a TV to view the movies. Refer to the instruction manuals of the TV.

Shooting photos

In the default setting, photos are recorded on the internal memory (p. 42).

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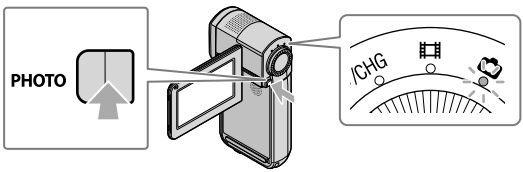
1 Open the LCD screen of your camcorder.

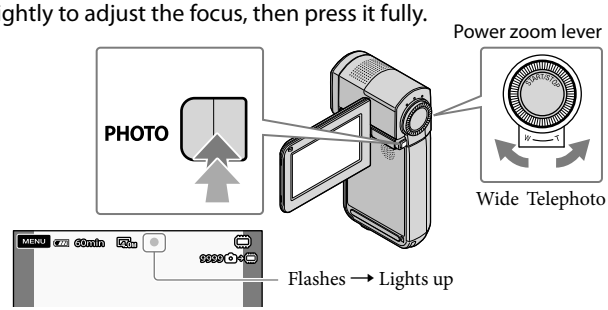
The lens cover is opened and your camcorder is turned on.

2 Press PHOTO lightly to turn on the (Photo) lamp.

The LCD screen display switches for photo recording mode, and the screen aspect ratio becomes 4:3.



3 Press PHOTO lightly to adjust the focus, then press it fully.



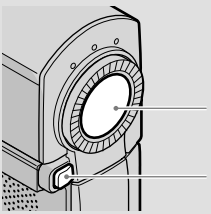
When disappears, the photo is recorded.

- Move the power zoom lever slightly for a slower zoom. Move it further for a faster zoom.

- You can check the recordable number of photos on the LCD screen (p. 59).
- To change the image size, touch MENU (MENU) → [IMAGE SIZE] (under 5 [PHOTO SETTINGS] category) → a desired setting → OK → ×.
- Your camcorder flashes automatically when there is insufficient ambient light. The flash does not work during movie recording. You can change how your camcorder flashes by touching MENU (MENU) → [FLASH MODE] (under 5 [PHOTO SETTINGS] category) → a desired setting → OK → ×.
- You cannot record photos while is displayed.

To switch between movie recording mode and photo recording mode

Press START/STOP lightly to switch to movie recording mode. Press PHOTO lightly to switch to photo recording mode.

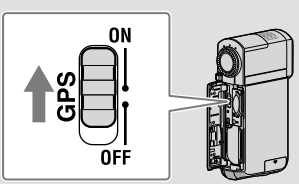


Acquiring location information using the GPS (HDR-TG5VE/TG7VE)

When you set the GPS switch to ON, appears on the LCD screen, and your camcorder acquires the location information from the GPS satellites. Acquiring the location information enables you to use functions such as the Map Index.

The indicator changes according to the strength of GPS signal reception.

- Make sure that the GPS switch is set to OFF during take off and landing of an airplane.



- Built-in map is powered by companies as follows; Map of Japan by ZENRIN CO., LTD., other areas by NAVTEQ.

Playback on the camcorder

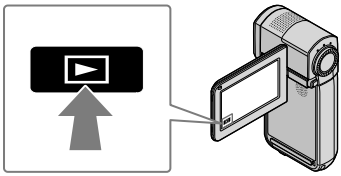
In the default setting, movies and photos on the internal memory are played (p. 42).

Playing movies

1 Open the LCD screen of your camcorder.

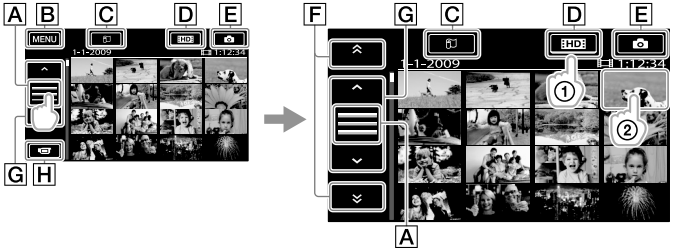
The lens cover is opened and your camcorder is turned on.

2 Touch (PLAYBACK).



The VISUAL INDEX screen appears after some seconds.

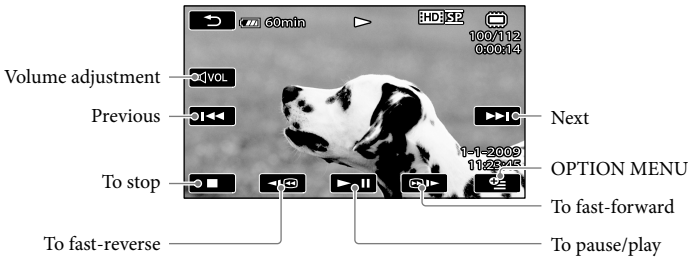
3 Touch HD (or SD) (①) → a desired movie (②).



A Switches operating button display.
B To MENU screen
C Displays the Map Index screen (HDR-TG5VE/TG7VE).
D HD: Displays high definition image quality (HD) movies.
E : Displays photos.
F / : Displays movies recorded on the previous/next date.
G / : Displays the previous/next movie.
H Returns to the recording screen.

- You can scroll the display by touching and dragging F or G.
- I▶I appears with the movie or photo that was most recently played or recorded. If you touch the movie or photo with I▶I, you can continue playback from the previous time. (▶ appears on the photo recorded on the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media.)

Your camcorder starts playing the selected movie.



- When playback from the selected movie reaches the last movie, the screen returns to the VISUAL INDEX screen.
- Touch / during pause to play back movies slowly.
- As you repeat touching / during playback, movies are played as fast as about 5 times → about 10 times → about 30 times → about 60 times.
- You can display the VISUAL INDEX by touching MENU (MENU) → [VISUAL INDEX] (under 6 [PLAYBACK] category).
- You can display the VISUAL INDEX after rotating the LCD screen 180 degrees, and closing with the screen facing out.
- The recording date, time, and shooting conditions, and coordinates (HDR-TG5VE/TG7VE) are recorded automatically during recording. This information is not displayed during recording, but you can display it during playback by touching MENU (MENU) → [DATA CODE] (under 8 [PLAYBACK SET] category) → a desired setting → OK → ×.

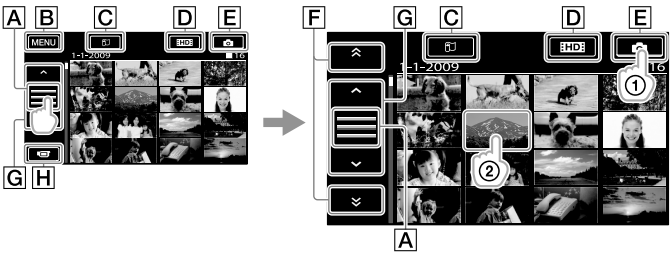
To adjust the sound volume of movies

While playing back movies, touch VOL → adjust with / → .

- You can adjust the sound volume by using / in the OPTION MENU.

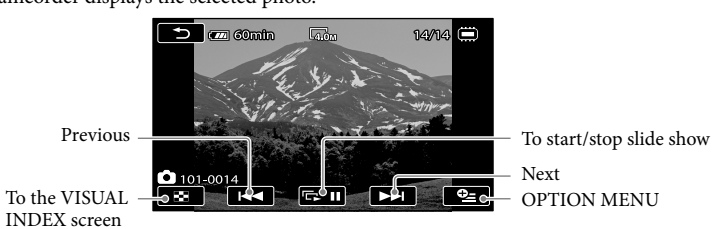
Viewing photos

Touch the (Photo) (①) → a desired photo (②) on the VISUAL INDEX screen.



A Switches operating button display.
B To MENU screen
C Displays the Map Index screen (HDR-TG5VE/TG7VE).
D : Displays high definition image quality (HD) movies.
E : Displays photos.
F / : Displays photos recorded on the previous/next date.
G / : Displays the previous/next photo.
H Returns to the recording screen.

Your camcorder displays the selected photo.



- You can zoom in the photo by moving the power zoom lever while viewing photos (PB ZOOM). If you touch a point in the PB ZOOM frame, the point comes to the center in the frame.
- When viewing photos recorded on "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media, 101 ▸ (playback folder) appears on the screen.

Playing images on a TV

Connection methods and the image quality (high definition (HD) or standard definition (SD)) viewed on the TV screen differ depending on what type of TV is connected, and the connectors used. You can connect your camcorder to the TV easily following the instructions of [TV CONNECT Guide].

Connecting a TV using [TV CONNECT Guide]

1 Switch the input on the TV to the connected jack.

- Refer to the instruction manuals of the TV.

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2 Turn on your camcorder, and touch MENU (MENU) → [TV CONNECT Guide] (under 9 [OTHERS] category) on the LCD screen.

- Use the supplied AC Adaptor as the power source (p. 12).

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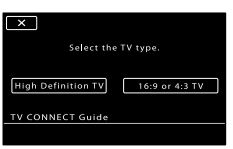
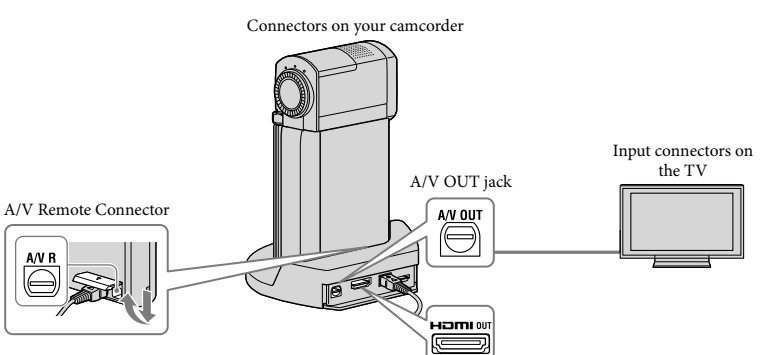
3 Connect your camcorder and TV referring to [TV CONNECT Guide].





- When the A/V connecting cable is used to output movies, movies are output with standard definition image quality (SD).
- Your camcorder is equipped with an A/V Remote Connector, and the "Handycam" Station Cradle is equipped with an A/V OUT jack. Connect the A/V connecting cable or component A/V cable either to the "Handycam" Station Cradle or to your camcorder.

4 Play back movies and photos on your camcorder (p. 19).

- Make the required output settings on your camcorder.
  To connect a high definition TV via component video jacks:
  MENU (MENU) → [COMPONENT] (under 12 [OUTPUT SETTINGS] category) → [1080i/576i] → OK → ×
  To connect a non-high-definition TV via component video jacks:
  MENU (MENU) → [COMPONENT] (under 12 [OUTPUT SETTINGS] category) → [576i] → OK → ×
  To connect a 4:3 TV:
  MENU (MENU) → [TV TYPE] (under 12 [OUTPUT SETTINGS] category) → [4:3] → OK → ×
  To activate "BRAVIA" Sync:
  MENU (MENU) → [CTRL FOR HDMI] (under 14 [GENERAL SET] category) → [ON] (the default setting) → OK → ×

On "Photo TV HD"

This camcorder is compatible with the "Photo TV HD" standard. "Photo TV HD" allows for highly-detailed, photo-like depiction of subtle textures and colors. By connecting Sony's Photo TV HD-compatible devices using an HDMI cable* or the component A/V cable**, a whole new world of photos can be enjoyed in breathtaking full HD quality.

* The TV will automatically switch to the appropriate mode when displaying photos.

**Setup of the TV will be necessary. Please refer to the instruction manual of your Photo TV HD-compatible TV for details.

Preparing a computer

(Windows)

You can perform following operations using "PMB (Picture Motion Browser)."
– Importing images to a computer
– Viewing and editing imported images
– Creating a disc
– Uploading movies and photos to websites

To save movies and photos using a computer, install "PMB" from the supplied CD-ROM beforehand.

- Do not format the internal memory of your camcorder from a computer. Your camcorder may not operate correctly.
- This camcorder captures high definition footage in the AVCHD format. Using the enclosed PC software, high definition footage can be copied onto DVD media. However, DVD media containing AVCHD footage should not be used with DVD based players or recorders, as the DVD player/recorder may fail to eject the media and may erase its contents without warning.

Step 1 Checking the computer system

OS*1
Microsoft Windows XP SP3*2/Windows Vista SP1*3

CPU
Intel Pentium 4 2.8 GHz or faster (Intel Pentium 4 3.6 GHz or faster, Intel Pentium D 2.8 GHz or faster, Intel Core Duo 1.66 GHz or faster, or Intel Core 2 Duo 1.66 GHz or faster is recommended.) However, Intel Pentium III 1 GHz or faster is sufficient for the following operations: – Importing the movies and photos to the computer – One Touch Disc Burn – Creating an Blu-ray disc/AVCHD format disc/DVD-video (Intel Pentium 4, 2.8 GHz or faster, is required when creating a DVD video by converting high definition image quality (HD) to standard definition image quality (SD).) – Copying a disc
Application
DirectX 9.0c or later (This product is based on DirectX technology. It is necessary to have DirectX installed.)
Memory
For Windows XP: 512 MB or faster (1 GB or more is recommended.) However, 256 MB or more is sufficient for processing only the movies with standard definition image quality (SD). For Windows Vista: 1 GB or more
Internal memory
Disk volume required for installation: Approximately 500 MB (10 GB or more may be necessary when creating AVCHD format discs. 50 GB maximum may be necessary when creating Blu-ray discs.)
Display
Minimum 1,024 × 768 dots
Others
USB port (this must be provided as standard, Hi-Speed USB (USB 2.0 compatible)), Blu-ray disc/DVD burner (CD-ROM drive is necessary for installation) Either NTFS or exFAT file system is recommended as the hard disk file system.

- Operation with all computer environments is not assured.

*1 Standard installation is required. Operation is not assured if the OS has been upgraded or in a multi-boot environment.
*2 64-bit editions and Starter (Edition) are not supported.
*3 Starter (Edition) is not supported.

When using a Macintosh

The supplied software "PMB" is not supported by Macintosh computers.
To process photos using a Macintosh computer connected to your camcorder, see the following website.
http://guide.d-imaging.sony.co.jp/mac/ms/us/

Step 2 Installing the supplied software "PMB"

Install "PMB" before connecting your camcorder to a computer.

- If a version of "PMB" supplied with another device has already been installed on the computer, check the version. (The version number is displayed by clicking [Help] - [About PMB].) Compare the version number of the supplied CD-ROM with that of the previously installed "PMB," check to ensure that the versions have been installed in order, from the lower to the higher. If the version number of the previously installed "PMB" is higher than that of the "PMB" of your camcorder, uninstall "PMB" from the computer and then re-install it in order, from lower to higher. If you install a higher version of "PMB" first, some functions may not work correctly.
- See page 51 on the "Handycam" Handbook.

1 Confirm that your camcorder is not connected to the computer.

2 Turn on the computer.

- Log on as an Administrator for installation.
- Close all applications running on the computer before installing the software.

3 Place the supplied CD-ROM in the disc drive of your computer.

The installation screen appears.

- If the screen does not appear, click [Start] → [Computer] (in Windows XP, [My Computer]), then double-click [SONYPICTUTIL (E:)] (CD-ROM)*.

* Drive names (such as (E:)) may vary depending on the computer.

4 Click [Install].



5 Select the language for the application to be installed, then click [Next].

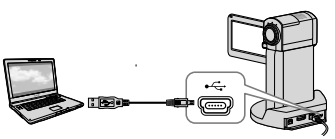
6 Connect the AC Adaptor to the "Handycam" Station Cradle and the wall outlet (wall socket).

- If you do not use the "Handycam" Station Cradle, connect the AC Adaptor and Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor to the camcorder (p. 11, 61), then proceed to step 8.

7 Set the camcorder onto the "Handycam" Station Cradle.

8 Turn on the camcorder by opening the LCD screen.

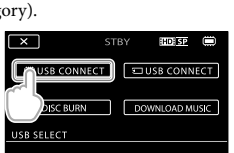
9 Connect the ⚷ (USB) jack of the "Handycam" Station Cradle or the Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor and the computer with the USB cable (supplied).



The [USB SELECT] screen appears on the camcorder screen automatically.

10 Touch [USB CONNECT] on the camcorder screen.

- If the [USB SELECT] screen does not appear, touch MENU (MENU) → [USB CONNECT] (under 9 [OTHERS] category).



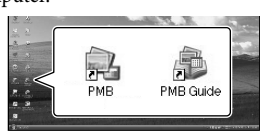
11 Click [Continue] on the computer screen.

12 Read the terms of the license agreement carefully. If you agree to the terms, change ○ to ◉, and then click [Next] → [Install].

13 Follow the on-screen instructions to install the software.

- Depending on the computer, you may need to install third party software. If the installation screen appears, follow the instructions to install the required software.
- Restart the computer if required to complete the installation.

When the installation is completed, following icons will appear.
Remove the CD-ROM from your computer.



- Other icons may appear.
- No icon may appear depending on the installation procedure.
- The "Handycam" Handbook is not installed in this procedure (p. 51).

To disconnect your camcorder from the computer

1 Click the icon at the bottom right of the desktop of the computer → [Safely remove USB Mass Storage Device].



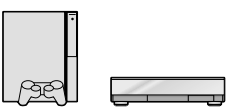
2 Touch [END] → [YES] on the camcorder screen.

3 Disconnect the USB cable.

- You can create a Blu-ray disc by using a computer with a Blu-ray disc burner. Install the BD Add-on Software for "PMB"(p.34)

Selecting the method for creating a disc (computer)

Several methods for creating a high definition image quality (HD) disc or a standard definition image quality (SD) disc from high definition image quality (HD) movies or photos recorded on your camcorder are described here. Select the method that suits your disc player.

Player	Choosing a method and disc type	
Blu-ray disc playback devices (a Blu-ray disc player, PLAYSTATION®3, etc.)	① Importing movies and photos to a computer (Easy PC Back-up) (p. 31) ↓ ② Creating a Blu-ray disc* with high definition image quality (HD) (p. 34)	Blu-ray
AVCHD format playback devices (a Sony Blu-ray disc player, PLAYSTATION®3, etc.) 	Creating a disc with one touch (One Touch Disc Burn) (p. 30)	HD
	① Importing movies and photos to a computer (Easy PC Back-up) (p. 31) ↓ ② Creating a AVCHD format disc with high definition image quality (HD) (p. 33)	HD
Ordinary DVD playback devices (a DVD player, a computer that can play DVDs, etc.) 	① Importing movies and photos to a computer (Easy PC Back-up) (p. 31) ↓ ② Creating a standard definition image quality (SD) disc (p. 35)	SD

* To create a Blu-ray disc, the BD Add-on Software for "PMB" must be installed (p. 34).

Characteristics of each type of disc

Blu-ray Using a Blu-ray disc enables you to record high definition image quality (HD) movies of a longer duration than DVD discs.

HD High definition image quality (HD) movie can be recorded on DVD media, such as DVD-R discs, and a high definition image quality (HD) disc is created.

SD Standard definition image quality (SD) movie converted from high definition image quality (HD) movie can be recorded on DVD media, such as DVD-R discs, and a standard image quality (SD) disc is created.

Discs you can use with "PMB"

You can use 12 cm discs of following type with "PMB." For Blu-ray disc, see page 34.

Disc type	Features
DVD-R/DVD+R/DVD+R DL	Unrewritable
DVD-RW/DVD+RW	Rewritable

- Always maintain your PLAYSTATION®3 to use the latest version of the PLAYSTATION®3 system software.
- The PLAYSTATION®3 may not be available in some countries/regions.

Creating a disc with one touch

(One Touch Disc Burn)

You can save movies and photos on a disc. Movies and photos recorded on your camcorder that have not yet been saved with One Touch Disc Burn can be saved on a disc automatically. Movies and photos are saved on a disc with their recorded image quality.

- High definition image quality (HD) movies (the default setting) will make a high definition image quality (HD) disc. You cannot play a high definition image quality (HD) disc on DVD players.
- Creating a Blu-ray disc is not available with One Touch Disc Burn.
- To create a standard definition image quality (SD) disc from high definition image quality (HD) movies, import movies to a computer first (p. 31), and then create a standard definition image quality (SD) disc (p. 35).
- Install "PMB" beforehand (p. 25), however, do not start "PMB."
- Connect your camcorder to the wall outlet (wall socket) using the AC Adaptor supplied for this operation (p. 12).
- With One Touch Disc Burn, you can save movies and photos recorded on the internal memory only.

1 Turn on your computer, and place an empty disc on the DVD drive.

- See page 28 for the type of discs you can use.
- If any other software than "PMB" starts automatically, shut it down.

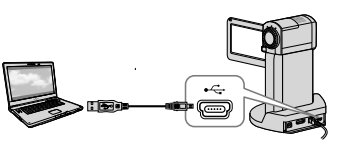
2 Connect the AC Adaptor to the "Handycam" Station Cradle and the wall outlet (wall socket).

- If you do not use the "Handycam" Station Cradle, connect the AC Adaptor and Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor to the camcorder (p. 11, 61), then proceed to step 4.

3 Set the camcorder onto the "Handycam" Station Cradle.

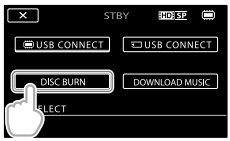
4 Turn on the camcorder by opening the LCD screen.

5 Connect the ψ (USB) jack of the "Handycam" Station Cradle or the Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor and the computer with the USB cable (supplied).

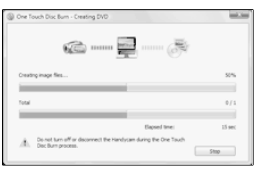


- If you close the LCD panel when your camcorder is connected to other devices with the USB cable, the recorded images may be lost.

6 Touch MENU (MENU) → [USB CONNECT] (under 9 [OTHERS] category) → [DISC BURN].



7 Follow the instructions on the computer screen.



- Movies and photos are not saved on the computer when you perform One Touch Disc Burn.

Importing movies and photos to a computer

(Easy PC Back-up)

Movies and photos recorded on your camcorder that have not yet been saved with Easy PC Back-up can be imported to a computer automatically. Turn on the computer beforehand.

- Connect your camcorder to the wall outlet (wall socket) using the supplied AC Adaptor for this operation (p. 12).

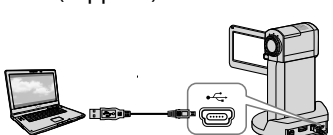
1 Connect the AC Adaptor to the "Handycam" Station Cradle and the wall outlet (wall socket).

- If you do not use the "Handycam" Station Cradle, connect the AC Adaptor and Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor to the camcorder (p. 11, 61), then proceed to step 3.

2 Set the camcorder onto the "Handycam" Station Cradle.

3 Turn on the camcorder by opening the LCD screen.

4 Connect the ψ (USB) jack of the "Handycam" Station Cradle or the Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor and the computer with the USB cable (supplied).

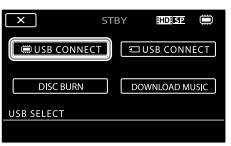


The [USB SELECT] screen appears on the camcorder screen.

- If you close the LCD panel when your

camcorder is connected to other devices with the USB cable, the recorded images may be lost.

5 Touch [USB CONNECT] to import images from the internal memory, or [USB CONNECT] to import images from a "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media.



The [Handycam Utility] window appears on the computer screen.

6 On the computer screen, click [Easy PC Back-up] → [Import].



Movies and photos are imported to your computer.
When the operation is completed, the "PMB" screen appears.

- When the operation is completed, a screen to indicate that movies are being analyzed may appear. It may take a long time to analyze movies. In the meantime, you can operate "PMB."

- You can create either high definition image quality (HD) discs (Blu-ray disc/AVCHD format disc) (p. 33) or standard definition image quality (SD) discs (p. 35) from imported high definition image quality (HD) movies.
- See "PMB Guide" on importing selected movies and photos (p. 33).
- You can export high definition image quality (HD) movies from your computer to your camcorder (HDR-TG5E/TG5VE). On the "PMB" screen, click [Manipulate] → [Export to] → [Handycam (Internal Memory)] or [Handycam (Memory Stick)]. See "PMB Guide" for details (p. 33).

Changing the destination drive or folder for movies and photos

On the [Handycam Utility] screen in step 6 above, click [Easy PC Back-up] → [Change]. On the screen displayed, you can select the drive or folder where the images are to be saved.

Starting PMB (Picture Motion Browser)

Double-click the “PMB” short-cut icon on the computer screen.

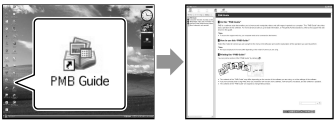


- If the icon is not displayed on the computer screen, click [Start] → [All Programs] → [Sony Picture Utility] → [PMB] to start “PMB.”

You can view, edit, or create discs of movies and photos using “PMB.”

Reading “PMB Guide”

For details on how to use “PMB,” read the “PMB Guide.” Double-click the “PMB Guide” short-cut icon on the computer screen to open the “PMB Guide.”



- If the icon is not displayed on the computer screen, click [Start] → [All Programs] → [Sony Picture Utility] → [Help] → [PMB Guide]. You can also open the “PMB Guide” from [Help] of “PMB.”

Creating a high definition image quality (HD) disc

You can create a high definition image quality (HD) disc by putting together high definition image quality (HD) movies previously imported to your computer (p. 31).

- In this section, the procedure for recording a high definition image quality (HD) movie on a DVD disc (p. 29) is explained.
- You can play a high definition image quality (HD) disc on AVCHD format playback devices, such as a Sony Blu-ray disc player and a PLAYSTATION®3. You cannot play the disc on ordinary DVD players (p. 28).

1 Turn on your computer, and place an empty disc on the DVD drive.

- See page 28 for the type of discs you can use.
- If any other software than “PMB” starts automatically, shut it down.

2 Double-click the “PMB” short-cut icon on the computer screen to start “PMB.”

- You may start “PMB” also by clicking [Start] → [All Programs] → [Sony Picture Utility] → [PMB].

3 Click [Folders] or [Calendar] on the left side in the window, and select the folder or date, then select the high definition image quality (HD) movies.

- High definition image quality (HD) movies are marked with HD.
- You cannot save photos on a disc.
- To select plural movies, hold the Ctrl key down and click thumbnails.

4 At the top of the window, click [Manipulate] → [AVCHD (HD) Creation].



The window used to select movies appears.

- To add movies to the previously selected ones, select the movies in the main window and drag and drop onto the window for selecting movies.

5 Follow the instructions on the screen to create a disc.

- It may take a long time to create a disc.

Playing a high definition image quality (HD) disc on a computer

You can play back high definition image quality (HD) discs using "Player for AVCHD" that is installed together with "PMB."

To start "Player for AVCHD" Click [Start] → [All Programs] → [Sony Picture Utility] → [Player for AVCHD].

See the "Player for AVCHD" help on the operation.

- Movies may not be played smoothly depending on the computer environment.

Creating a Blu-ray disc

You can create a Blu-ray disc with a high definition image quality (HD) movie previously imported to a computer (p. 31).

To create a Blu-ray disc, the BD Add-on Software for "PMB" must be installed. Click [BD Add-on Software] on the installation screen of "PMB," and install this plug-in according to the on-screen instructions.

- Connect your computer to the internet when you install [BD Add-on Software].



Place an empty Blu-ray disc in the disc drive, and click [Manipulate] → [Blu-ray Disc (HD) Creation] in step 4 of "Creating a high definition image quality (HD) disc" (p. 33). Other procedures are the same as that for creating a high definition image quality (HD) disc.

- Your computer must support the creation of Blu-ray discs.
- BD-R (unrewritable) and BD-RE (rewritable) media are available for creating Blu-ray discs. You cannot add contents to either type of disc after creating the disc.

Creating a standard definition image quality (SD) disc that can be played on ordinary DVD players

You can create a standard definition image quality (SD) disc by selecting movies and photos previously imported to your computer (p. 31).

- You may select high definition image quality (HD) movies as sources. However, image quality is converted from high definition (HD) to standard definition (SD). It will take a longer time for converting the image quality of the movies than it took to actually record the movies.

1 Turn on your computer, and place an empty disc on the DVD drive.

- See page 28 for the type of discs you can use.
- If any other software than "PMB" starts automatically, shut it down.

2 Double-click the "PMB" short-cut icon on the computer screen to start "PMB."

- You may start "PMB" also by clicking [Start] → [All Programs] → [Sony Picture Utility] → [PMB].

3 Click [Folders] or [Calendar] on the left side in the window, and select the folder or date, then select the movies and photos.

- High definition image quality (HD) movies are marked with HD.
- To select plural movies and photos, hold the Ctrl key down and click thumbnails.

4 At the top of the window, click [Manipulate] → [DVD-Video (SD) Creation].

The window used to select movies and photos appears.

- To add movies and photos to the previously selected ones, select the movies and photos in the main window and drag and drop onto the window for selecting movies and photos.



5 Follow the instructions on the screen to create a disc.

- It may take a long time to create a disc.

Copying a disc

You can copy a recorded disc to another disc using "Video Disc Copier."
You can also copy a disc by converting high definition image quality (HD) movies to standard definition image quality (SD) movies.
Click [Start] → [All Programs] → [Sony Picture Utility] → [Video Disc Copier] to start the software. See "Video Disc Copier" help on the operation.

- You cannot copy to a Blu-ray disc.

Editing movies

You can cut out only necessary parts from a movie and save it as another file. Using “PMB,” select the movie you want to edit, then click [Manipulate] → [Video Trimming] on the menu to display the Video Trimming window. See “PMB Guide” on the operation (p. 33).

Capturing photos from a movie

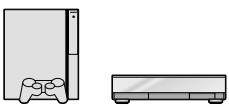
You can save a frame of a movie as a photo file.
On the movie playback window of “PMB,” click to display [Save Frame] windows. See “PMB Guide” on the operation (p. 33).



Selecting the method for creating a disc (DVD writer/recorder)

Several methods for creating a high definition image quality (HD) disc or a standard definition image quality (SD) disc from high definition image quality (HD) movies or photos recorded on your camcorder are described here. Select the method that suits your disc player.

- Prepare a DVD disc such as a DVD-R, for creating a disc.
- See page 34 to create a Blu-ray disc.

Player	Choosing a method and disc type	
AVCHD format playback devices (a Sony Blu-ray disc player, PLAYSTATION®3, etc.) 	Creating a high definition image quality (HD) disc with a DVD writer, etc. (USB cable connection) (p. 38)	HD 
Ordinary DVD playback devices (a DVD player, a computer that can play DVDs, etc.) 	Creating a standard definition image quality (SD) disc with a disc recorder, etc. (A/V connecting cable connection) (p. 39)	SD 

- Always maintain your PLAYSTATION®3 to use the latest version of the PLAYSTATION®3 system software.
- The PLAYSTATION®3 may not be available in some countries/regions.

Creating a high definition image quality (HD) disc with a DVD writer, etc.

(USB cable connection)

Use USB cable to connect your camcorder to a disc creation device, which is compatible with high definition image quality (HD) movies, such as a Sony DVD writer. Refer also to the instruction manuals supplied with the device to be connected. The method used to create a disc by connecting your camcorder to a Sony DVD writer is described here.

- Connect your camcorder to the wall outlet (wall socket) using the AC Adaptor for this operation (p. 12).

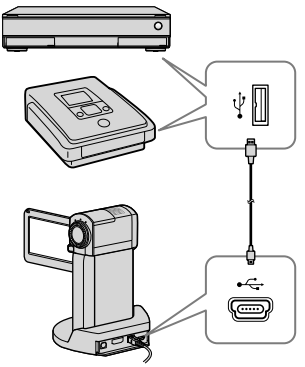
1 Connect the AC Adaptor to the "Handycam" Station Cradle and the wall outlet (wall socket).

- If you do not use the "Handycam" Station Cradle, connect the AC Adaptor and Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor to the camcorder (p. 11, 61), then proceed to step 3.

2 Set the camcorder onto the "Handycam" Station Cradle.

3 Turn on the camcorder by opening the LCD screen.

4 Connect the ψ (USB) jack of the "Handycam" Station Cradle or the Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor and a DVD writer, etc., with the USB cable (supplied).



The [USB SELECT] screen appears on the camcorder screen.

5 Touch [USB CONNECT] when movies are recorded on the internal memory, or [USB CONNECT] when movies are recorded on a "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media on the camcorder screen.

6 Record movies on the connected device.

- For details, refer to the instruction manuals supplied with the device to be connected.

7 After the operation is completed, touch [END] → [YES] on the camcorder screen.

8 Disconnect the USB cable.

- The high definition image quality (HD) disc that you created should not be used in DVD players/recorders. Because DVD players/recorders are not compatible with the AVCHD format, DVD players/recorders may fail to eject the disc.
- Sony DVD writer may not be available in some countries/regions.

Creating a standard definition image quality (SD) disc with a recorder, etc.

(A/V connecting cable connection)

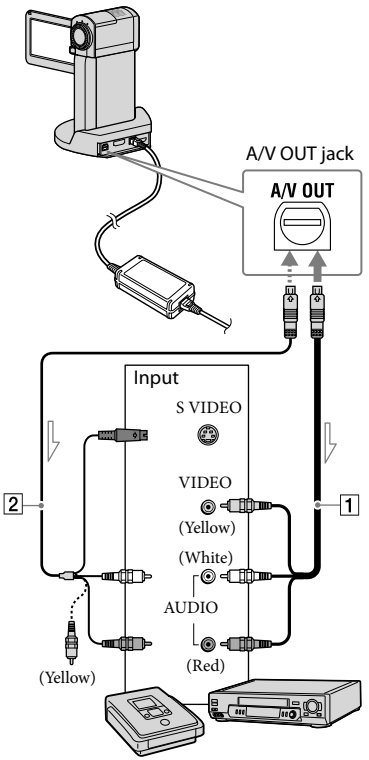
You can dub images played back on your camcorder on a disc or video cassette, by connecting your camcorder to a disc recorder or a Sony DVD writer, etc. with the A/V connecting cable. Connect the device in either way of 1 or 2. Refer also to the instruction manuals supplied with the devices to be connected. Select the recording media that contains movies you want to dub and the image quality before starting the operation (p. 42, 47).

- Connect your camcorder to the wall outlet (wall socket) using the AC Adaptor for this operation (p. 12).
- High definition image quality (HD) movies will be dubbed with standard definition image quality (SD).

1 A/V connecting cable (supplied)
Connect the A/V connecting cable to the input jack of another device.
Your camcorder is equipped with an A/V Remote Connector, and the "Handycam" Station Cradle is equipped with an A/V OUT jack (p. 61, 62). Connect the A/V connecting cable either to the "Handycam" Station Cradle or to your camcorder, depending on your setup.

2 A/V connecting cable with S VIDEO (sold separately)
When connecting to another device via the S VIDEO jack, by using an A/V connecting cable with an S VIDEO cable (sold separately), higher quality images can be produced than with an A/V connecting cable. Connect the white and red plug (left/right audio) and the S VIDEO plug (S VIDEO channel) of the A/V connecting cable with an S VIDEO cable. If you connect the S VIDEO plug only, you will hear no sound. The yellow plug (video)

connection is not necessary.



1 Insert the recording media in the recording device.

- If your recording device has an input selector, set it to the input mode.

2 Connect your camcorder to the recording device (a disc recorder, etc.) with the A/V connecting cable 1 (supplied) or an A/V connecting cable with S VIDEO 2 (sold separately).

- Connect your camcorder to the input jacks of the recording device.

3 Start playback on your camcorder, and record it on the recording device.

- Refer to the instruction manuals supplied with your recording device for details.

4 When dubbing is finished, stop the recording device, and then your camcorder.

- Since dubbing is performed via analog data transfer, the image quality may deteriorate.
- You cannot dub images to recorders connected with an HDMI cable.
- To hide the screen indicators (such as a counter, etc.) on the screen of the monitor device connected, touch MENU (MENU) → [DISP OUTPUT] (under 12 [OUTPUT SETTINGS] category) → [LCD PANEL] (the default setting) → OK → ✕.
- To record the date/time, coordinates (HDR-TG5VE/TG7VE), or camera settings data, touch MENU (MENU) → [DATA CODE] (under 8 [PLAYBACK SET] category) → a desired setting → OK → ✕.
  In addidion touch MENU (MENU) → [DISP OUTPUT] (under 12 [OUTPUT SETTINGS] category) → [V-OUT/PANEL] → OK → ✕.
- When the screen size of display devices (TV, etc.) is 4:3, touch MENU (MENU) → [TV TYPE] (under 12 [OUTPUT SETTINGS] category) → [4:3] → OK → ✕.
- When you connect a monaural device, connect the yellow plug of the A/V connecting cable to the video input jack, and the white (left channel) or the red (right channel) plug to the audio input jack on the device.
- Sony DVD writer may not be available in some countries/regions.

Deleting movies and photos

You can free media space by deleting movies and photos from recording media. Select the recording medium that contains the movies and photos you want to delete before starting the operation (p. 42).

1 Touch MENU (MENU).

2 To delete movies, touch [DELETE] (under 7 [EDIT] category) → [HD DELETE] or [SD DELETE].

- To delete photos, touch [DELETE] (under 7 [EDIT] category) → [DELETE].

3 Touch and display the ✓ mark on the movies or photos to be deleted.



4 Touch OK → [YES] → OK → ✕.

- To delete all movies at one time
  In step 2, touch [DELETE] → [HD DELETE ALL]/[SD DELETE ALL] → [YES] → [YES] → OK → ✕.
- To delete all photos at one time
  In step 2, touch [DELETE] → [DELETE ALL] → [YES] → [YES] → OK → ✕.

Formatting the recording media

Formatting deletes all the movies and photos to recover recordable free space.

- Connect your camcorder to the wall outlet (wall socket) using the AC Adaptor supplied for this operation (p. 12).
- To avoid the loss of important images, you should save them (p. 24) before formatting the recording media.
- Protected movies and photos will also be deleted.

1 Touch MENU (MENU) → [MEDIA FORMAT] (under 10 [MANAGE MEDIA] category).

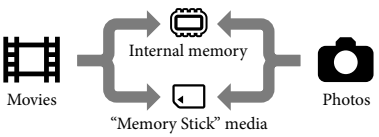
2 Touch the recording media to be formatted ([INT. MEMORY] or [MEMORY STICK]).

3 Touch [YES] → [YES] → OK.

- While [Executing…] is displayed, do not close the LCD screen, oprate the buttons on the camcorder, disconnect the AC Adaptor, or eject the “Memory Stick PRO Duo” media from your camcorder. (The access lamp is lit or flashing while formatting the medium.)

Changing the recording media

You can select the internal memory or "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media as the recording, playback, or editing medium on your camcorder. Select the medium to be used for movies and photos separately. In the default setting, both movies and photos are recorded on the internal memory.



- You can do recording, playback, and editing operations on the selected medium.
- See page 57 for the recordable time of movies.

Selecting the recording media for movies

1 Touch MENU (MENU) → [MOVIE MEDIA SET] (under 10 [MANAGE MEDIA] category).

The [MOVIE MEDIA SET] screen appears.

2 Touch the desired medium.

3 Touch [YES] → OK.

The recording medium is changed.

Selecting the media for photos

1 Touch MENU (MENU) → [PHOTO MEDIA SET] (under 10 [MANAGE MEDIA] category).

The [PHOTO MEDIA SET] screen appears.

2 Touch the desired recording medium.

3 Touch [YES] → OK.

The recording medium is changed.

To check the recording media settings

Light up the (Movie) lamp to check the recording medium used for movies, or the (Photo) lamp for photos. The media icon is displayed at the top right corner of the screen.



: Internal memory
: "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media

Inserting "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media

- Set the recording medium to [MEMORY STICK] to record movies and/or photos on "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media (p. 42).

Types of "Memory Stick" media you can use with your camcorder

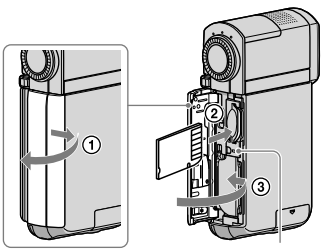
- For recording movies, it is recommended that you use "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media of 1 GB or larger marked with:
  – MEMORY STICK PRO DUO ("Memory Stick PRO Duo" media)*
  – MEMORY STICK PRO-HG DUO ("Memory Stick PRO-HG Duo" media)

  * Marked with Mark2 or not, either can be used.

• "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media of up to 16 GB are confirmed to work with this camcorder.

1 Insert the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media.

① Open the battery/Memory Stick Duo cover.
② Insert the "Memory Stick Duo" media until it clicks.
③ Close the battery/Memory Stick Duo cover.



The [Create a new Image Database File.] screen appears when you insert new "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media while the 🎞 (Movie) lamp is lit.

• If you force the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media into the slot in the wrong direction, the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media, the "Memory Stick Duo" media slot, or image data may be damaged.

2 Touch [YES].

• To record only photos on "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media, touch [NO].

• If [Failed to create a new Image Database File. It may be possible that there is not enough free space.] is displayed in step 2, format the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media (p. 41).

To eject the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media

Open the battery/Memory Stick Duo cover and lightly push the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media in once.

• Do not open the battery/Memory Stick Duo cover during recording.
• When inserting or ejecting the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media, be careful so that the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media does not pop out and drop.

Dubbing or copying movies and photos from the internal memory to "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media

Touch MENU (MENU) → [MOVIE DUB]/[PHOTO COPY] (under 7 [EDIT] category), then follow the displays on the screen.

Customizing your camcorder with menus

- Menu items are described in more details with color photos in the "Handycam" Handbook (p. 51).

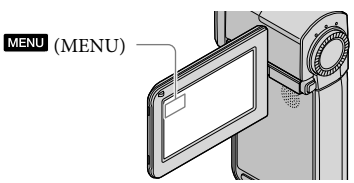
Using menus

Your camcorder has MY MENU where 6 menu items you use most often can be registered, and MENU, where all menu items are displayed.
MY MENU is displayed by default.

1 Open the LCD screen of your camcorder.

The lens cover is opened and your camcorder is turned on.

2 Touch MENU (MENU).



The MY MENU screen is displayed.



To MENU Screen

- MY MENU items in recording mode are different from those in playback mode.

3 Touch the menu item to be changed.

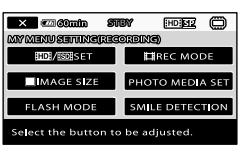
4 After changing the setting, touch OK

To register your favorite menu items to MY MENU

1 In step 3 of "Using menus," touch [MY MENU SETTING].

2 Touch [RECORDING] or [PLAYBACK].

Select [RECORDING] to change the items for MY MENU(RECORDING) or [PLAYBACK] to change the items for MY MENU(PLAYBACK).



3 Touch the button to be changed.

4 Touch OK → the item to be registered.

5 Touch ×, after MY MENU screen is displayed.

- You can register up to 6 menu items in each MY MENU for recording and playback mode.
- The default settings for each MY MENU are the following:
  – MY MENU for recording mode [HD/SD SET], [REC MODE], [IMAGE SIZE], [PHOTO MEDIA SET], [FLASH MODE], [SMILE DETECTION]
  – MY MENU for playback mode [DELETE], [DELETE], [HD/SD SET], [HIGHLIGHT], [LCD BRIGHT], [MOVIE DUB]

To change settings by using MENU

1 Open the LCD screen of your camcorder.

The lens cover is opened and your camcorder is turned on.

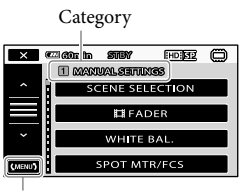
2 Touch MENU (MENU).

The MY MENU screen is displayed.

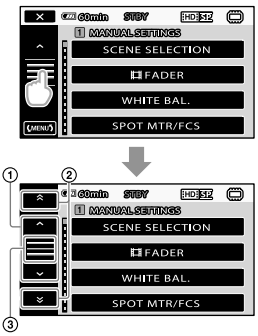
- If the MENU screen was previously displayed, the MENU screen will be displayed again. Proceed step 4.

3 Touch MENU.

The MENU items are displayed.



4 Touch the menu item to be changed.



① Moves through 4 items at once
② Moves from category to category
③ Displays ✕ and MENU.

- You may not be able to set some menu items, depending on the recording or playback conditions.
- Grayed out menu items or settings are not available.
- You can touch ① or ② and drag on the screen to scroll the list of the menu.

5 After changing the setting, touch OK → ✕.

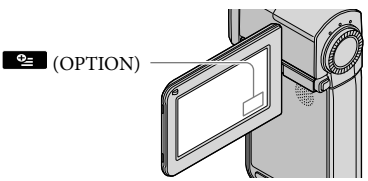
- To return to the previous screen, touch ↩.

- Depending on the menu items being changed, your camcorder switches between playback mode and recording mode.

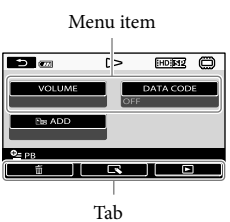
Using the OPTION MENU

The OPTION MENU appears just like the pop-up window that appears when you right-click the mouse on a computer. The menu items you can change in the context appear.

1 Touch (OPTION).



2 Touch the desired tab → the item to change the setting.



3 After completing the setting, touch OK.

- Grayed out menu items or settings are not available.
- When the item you want is not on the screen, touch another tab. (There may be no tab.)
- The tabs and items that appear on the screen depend on the recording/playback status of your camcorder at the time.

Menu lists

1 (MANUAL SETTINGS) category

SCENE SELECTION ..... Selects an appropriate recording setting according to the type of scene, such as night view or beach.
FADER..... Fades scenes in or out.
WHITE BAL..... Adjusts the white balance.
SPOT MTR/FCS ..... Adjusts the brightness and focus for the seleted subject simultaneously.
SPOT METER ..... Adjusts the brightness of images to a subject you touch on the screen.
SPOT FOCUS ..... Focuses on a subject you touch on the screen.
EXPOSURE ..... Adjusts the brightness of movies and photos.
FOCUS..... Focuses manually.
TELE MACRO..... Shoots a subject in focus with, the background out of focus.
SMTH SLW REC..... Records fast moving subjects in slow-motion.

2 (SHOOTING SET) category

DIGITAL ZOOM..... p. 16
GUIDEFRAME..... Displays the frame to make sure the subject is horizontal or vertical.
STEADYSHOT..... p. 16
BLT-IN ZOOM MIC ..... Records movies with vivid sound appropriate to the zoom position.
MICREF LEVEL ..... Sets the microphone level.
AUTO BACK LIGHT ..... Adjusts the exposure for backlit subjects automatically.
AUTO SLW SHUTTR ..... Adjusts the shutter speed automatically.
CONVERSION LENS..... Optimizes the Steadyshot function and focus according to the attached lens.

3 (RECORDING SET) category

HD / SD SET ..... Sets image quality for recording, playback, or editing movies.
REC MODE ..... Sets the mode to record movies. When recording fast moving subject, a high image quality, such as [FH], is recommended.
X.V.COLOR..... p. 16
WIDE SELECT ..... Sets the horizontal to vertical ratio when recording movies with standard definition image quality (SD).

4 (FACE FUNC. SET) category

FRAME SETTING ..... Selects whether to display the detection frame or not when a face is detected.
FACE DETECTION ..... Adjusts the image quality of the face(s) automatically.
SMILE DETECTION ..... Automatically takes a shot whenever a smile is detected.
SMILE SENSITIVITY..... Sets the smile detection sensitivity using the SMILE SHUTTER function.
SMILE PRIORITY ..... Sets the priority subject (child or adult) for the SMILE SHUTTER function.

5 (PHOTO SETTINGS) category

- SELF-TIMER ... Sets the self-timer when your camcorder is in photo recording mode.
- IMAGE SIZE ... Sets the photo size.
- FLASH MODE ... Sets how the flash is activated.
- FLASH LEVEL ... Sets the brightness of flash.
- REDEYE REDUC ... Prevents redeye when shooting with flash.
- FILE NO. ... Sets how to assign the file number.

6 (PLAYBACK) category

- VISUAL INDEX ... p. 19
- DATE INDEX ... Enables searching for desired images by date.
- MAP* ... Displays the Map Index for searching for movies and photos by recording location.
- FILM ROLL ... Displays and plays the scenes by a certain interval.
- FACE ... Displays and plays the face scenes.
- HIGHLIGHT ... Selects a number of short scenes and plays them back together as a digest of your movies with music and visual effects.
- PLAYLIST ... Displays and plays the playlist of movies.

7 (EDIT) category

- DELETE
  - HD DELETE/ SD DELETE ... p. 41
  - HD DELETE by date/ SD DELETE by date ... p. 41
  - HD DELETE ALL/ SD DELETE ALL ... p. 41
- DELETE
  - DELETE ... p. 41
  - DELETE by date ... p. 41
  - DELETE ALL ... p. 41
- PROTECT
  - HD PROTECT/ SD PROTECT ... Sets the protection to avoid deleting movies.
  - HD PRT. by date/ SD PRT. by date ... Protects recorded movies by recording date to avoid deleting them by mistake.
- PROTECT
  - PROTECT ... Sets the protection to avoid deleting photos.
  - PRT. by date ... Protects recorded photos by recording date to avoid deleting them by mistake.
- DIVIDE ... Divides movies.
- PHOTO CAPTURE ... Captures photos from desired scenes of movies.
- MOVIE DUB
  - DUB by select ... p. 43

DUB by date ..... p. 43

HD DUB ALL/
SD DUB ALL ..... p. 43

PHOTO COPY

COPY by select ..... p. 43

COPY by date ..... p. 43

PLAYLIST EDIT

HD ADD/SD ADD ..... Adds movies in a playlist.

HD ADD by date/
SD ADD by date..... Adds movies recorded on a same day at one time in a playlist.

HD ERASE/SD ERASE ... Erases movies from a playlist.

HD ERASE ALL/
SD ERASE ALL..... Erases all movies from a playlist.

HD MOVE/SD MOVE.... Changes the order of movies in a playlist.

8 (VIEW IMAGES SET) category

HD / SD SET ..... Sets image quality for recording, playback, or editing movies.

DATA CODE ..... Displays the detailed recording data during playback.

9 (OTHERS) category

YOUR LOCATION* ..... Displays the current location on a map.

USB CONNECT

USB CONNECT ..... Connects the internal memory via USB.

USB CONNECT ..... Connects the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media via USB.

DISC BURN ..... p. 30

TV CONNECT Guide ..... p. 22

EMPTY MUSIC** ..... Deletes music files.

DOWNLOAD MUSIC** ..... Download music files that can be played with Highlight Playback.

BATTERY INFO ..... Displays the battery information.

10 (MANAGE MEDIA) category

MOVIE MEDIA SET ..... p. 42

PHOTO MEDIA SET ..... p. 42

MEDIA INFO ..... Displays information on the recording media, such as free space.

MEDIA FORMAT

INT. MEMORY ..... p. 41

MEMORY STICK ..... p. 41

REPAIR IMG.DB F.

INT. MEMORY ..... p. 53

MEMORY STICK ..... p. 53

11 (SOUND/DISP SET) category

VOLUME ..... p. 20
BEEP ..... p. 14
LCD BRIGHT ..... Adjusts the brightness of the LCD screen.
LCD BL LEVEL ..... Adjusts the backlight of the LCD screen.
LCD COLOR ..... Adjusts the color intensity of the LCD screen.
DISPLAY SET ..... Sets the duration that icons or indicators are displayed on the LCD screen.

12 (OUTPUT SETTINGS) category

TV TYPE ..... p. 23
COMPONENT ..... p. 23
HDMI RESOLUTION
HD CONTENTS ..... Sets the output resolution for images recorded in high definition (HD).
SD CONTENTS ..... Sets the output resolution for images recorded in standard definition (SD).
DISP OUTPUT ..... Sets whether the on-screen displays appears on the TV screen or not.

13 (CLOCK/ A LANG) category

CLOCK SET ..... p. 13
AREA SET ..... p. 13
AUTO CLOCK ADJ* ..... Sets whether the camcorder adjusts the clock automatically by acquiring the time from GPS or not.
AUTO AREA ADJ* ..... Sets whether the camcorder compensates for a time differences automatically by acquiring the current location information from GPS or not.
SUMMERTIME ..... p. 13
A LANGUAGE SET ..... p. 14

14 (GENERAL SET) category

DEMO MODE ..... Sets whether the demonstration appears or not.
CALIBRATION ..... Calibrates the touch panel.
A.SHUT OFF ..... Changes the [A.SHUT OFF] setting (p. 12).
CTRL FOR HDMI ..... p. 23

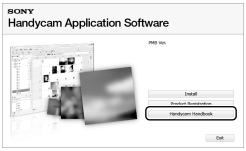
* HDR-TG5VE/TG7VE
**HDR-TG5E/TG5VE

Getting detailed information from the “Handycam” Handbook

The “Handycam” Handbook is a user guide designed to be read on a computer screen. The functions of your camcorder are described, some of them with color photos. The “Handycam” Handbook is intended to be read when you want to know more about operating your camcorder.

1 To install the “Handycam” Handbook on a Windows computer, place the supplied CD-ROM in the disc drive of your computer.

2 On the installation screen displayed, click [Handycam Handbook].

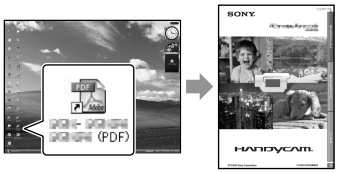


3 Select the desired language and the model name of your camcorder, then click [Handycam Handbook (PDF)].

- The model name of your camcorder is printed on its bottom surface.

4 Click [Exit] → [Exit], then remove the CD-ROM from your computer.

To view the “Handycam” Handbook, double-click the short-cut icon on the computer screen.



- When using a Macintosh, open the [Handbook] – [GB] folder in the CD-ROM, then copy [Handbook.pdf].
- You need Adobe Reader to read “Handycam” Handbook. If it is not installed on your computer, you can download it from the Adobe Systems web page: http://www.adobe.com/
- Refer to “PMB Guide” for details on the supplied software “PMB” (p. 33).

Troubleshooting

If you run into any problems using your camcorder, use the following table to troubleshoot the problem. If the problem persists, disconnect the power source and contact your Sony dealer.

Notes before sending your camcorder for repair

- Your camcorder may be required to initialize or change the current internal memory of your camcorder, depending on the problem. In the event of this, the data stored on the internal memory will be deleted. Be sure to save the data on the internal memory on other media (backup) before sending your camcorder for repair. We will not compensate you for any loss of internal memory data.
- During repair, we may check a minimum amount of data stored on the internal memory in order to investigate the problem. However, your Sony dealer will neither copy nor retain your data.
- See the "Handycam" Handbook (p. 51) for details on the symptoms of your camcorder, and "PMB Guide" (p. 33) on connecting your camcorder to a computer.

The power does not turn on.

- Attach a charged battery pack to the camcorder (p. 10).
- Connect the plug of the AC Adaptor to the wall outlet (wall socket) (p. 12).

The camcorder does not operate even when the power is set to on.

- It takes a few seconds for your camcorder to be ready to shoot after the power is turned on. This is not a malfunction.
- Disconnect the AC Adaptor from the wall outlet (wall socket) or remove the battery pack, then reconnect it after about 1 minute. If your camcorder still does not work, press RESET (p. 61) using a pointed object. (If you press RESET, all settings, including the clock setting, are reset.)

Your camcorder gets warm.

- Your camcorder may become warm during operation. This is not a malfunction.

The power abruptly turns off.

- Use the AC Adaptor (p. 12).
- Turn on the power again.
- Charge the battery pack (p. 10).

Pressing START/STOP or PHOTO fully does not record images.

- Your camcorder is recording the image you have just shot on the recording media. You cannot make any new recordings during this period.
- The recording media is full. Delete unnecessary images (p. 41).
- Total number of movie scenes or photos has exceeded the recordable capacity of your camcorder. Delete unnecessary images (p. 41).

"PMB" cannot be installed.

- Check the computer environment or installation procedure required to install "PMB" (p. 24).

"PMB" does not work correctly.

- Quit "PMB" and restart your computer.

The camcorder is not recognized by the computer.

- Disconnect devices from the USB jack of the computer other than the keyboard, mouse, and your camcorder.
- Disconnect the USB cable from the computer and the "Handycam" Station Cradle or the Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor, and restart the computer, then connect the computer and your camcorder again in an orderly manner.

Self-diagnosis display/Warning indicators

If indicators appear on the LCD screen, check the following.
If the problem persists even after you have tried to fix a couple of times, contact your Sony dealer or local authorized Sony service facility.

C:04:□□

- The battery pack is not an "InfoLITHIUM" battery pack NP-FH50. Use an "InfoLITHIUM" battery pack NP-FH50 (p. 10).
- Connect the DC plug of the AC Adaptor to the DC IN jack of the "Handycam" Station Cradle or your camcorder securely (p. 10).

C:13:□□ / C:32:□□

- Remove the power source. Reconnect it and operate your camcorder again.

C:06:□□

- The battery pack temperature is high. Change the battery pack or place it in a cool place.

E:20:□□ / E:31:□□ / E:61:□□ / E:62:□□ / E:91:□□ / E:94:□□ /E:95:□□/E:96:□□

- Your camcorder needs to be repaired. Contact your Sony dealer or local authorized Sony service facility. Inform them of the 5-digit code, which starts from "E."

101-0001

- When the indicator flashes slowly, the file is damaged or unreadable.



- Battery power is low.



- The battery pack temperature is high. Change the battery pack or place it in a cool place.



- No "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media is inserted (p. 42).
- When the indicator flashes, there is not enough free space for recording images. Delete unnecessary images (p. 41), or format the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media (p. 41) after storing the images on other media.
- The Image Database File is damaged. Check the Image Database File by touching MENU (MENU) → [REPAIR IMG.DB F.] (under 10 [MANAGE MEDIA] category) → recording media.

- The "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media is damaged. Format the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media with your camcorder (p. 41).



- Incompatible "Memory Stick Duo" media is inserted (p. 42).

- Access to the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media was restricted on another device.

- There is something wrong with the flash.



- The amount of light is not sufficient. Use the flash.
- The camcorder is unsteady. Hold the camcorder steady with both hands. However, note that the camera-shake warning indicator does not disappear.

- The recording media is full. Delete unnecessary images (p. 41).
- Photos cannot be recorded during processing. Wait for a while, then record.

Precautions

On use and care

- Do not use or store the camcorder and accessories in the following locations:
  - Anywhere extremely hot, cold or humid. Never leave them exposed to temperatures above 60 °C (140 °F), such as under direct sunlight, near heaters or in a car parked in the sun. They may malfunction or become deformed.
  - Near strong magnetic fields or mechanical vibration. The camcorder may malfunction.
  - Near strong radio waves or radiation. The camcorder may not be able to record properly.
  - Near AM receivers and video equipment. Noise may occur.
  - On a sandy beach or anywhere dusty. If sand or dust gets in your camcorder, it may malfunction. Sometimes this malfunction cannot be repaired.
  - Near windows or outdoors, where the LCD screen or the lens may be exposed to direct sunlight. This damages the inside of the LCD screen.
- Operate your camcorder on DC 6.8 V/7.2 V (battery pack) or DC 8.4 V (AC Adaptor).
- For DC or AC operation, use the accessories recommended in these operating instructions.
- Do not let your camcorder get wet, for example, from rain or sea water. If your camcorder gets wet, it may malfunction. Sometimes this malfunction cannot be repaired.
- If any solid object or liquid gets inside the casing, unplug your camcorder and have it checked by a Sony dealer before operating it any further.
- Avoid rough handling, disassembling, modifying, physical shock, or impact such as hammering, dropping or stepping on the product. Be particularly careful of the lens.
- Keep the camcorder turning off when you are not using your camcorder.
- Do not wrap your camcorder with a towel, for example, and operate it. Doing so might cause heat to build up inside.
- When disconnecting the power cord (mains lead), pull it by the plug and not the cord (lead).
- Do not damage the power cord (mains lead) such as by placing anything heavy on it.
- Do not use a deformed or damaged battery pack.
- Keep metal contacts clean.
- If the battery electrolytic liquid has leaked:
  - Consult your local authorized Sony service facility.
  - Wash off any liquid that may have contacted your skin.
  - If any liquid gets in your eyes, wash with plenty of water and consult a doctor.

When not using your camcorder for a long time

- To keep your camcorder in optimum state for a long time, turn it on and let it run by recording and playing back images about once a month.
- Use up the battery pack completely before storing it.

LCD screen

- Do not exert excessive pressure on the LCD screen, as it may cause damage.
- If your camcorder is used in a cold place, a residual image may appear on the LCD screen. This is not a malfunction.
- While using your camcorder, the back of the LCD screen may heat up. This is not a malfunction.

To clean the LCD screen

- If fingerprints or dust make the LCD screen dirty, it is recommended that you use a soft cloth to clean it. When you use the LCD Cleaning Kit (sold separately), do not apply the cleaning liquid directly to the LCD screen. Use cleaning paper moistened with the liquid.

On handling the casing

- If the casing is soiled, clean the camcorder body with a soft cloth lightly moistened with water, and then wipe the casing with a dry soft cloth.
- Avoid the following to avoid damage to the finish:
  - Using chemicals such as thinner, benzine, alcohol, chemical cloths, repellent, insecticide and sunscreen

– Handling the camcorder with above substances on your hands
– Leaving the casing in contact with rubber or vinyl objects for a long period of time

About care and storage of the lens

- Wipe the surface of the lens clean with a soft cloth in the following instances:
  – When there are fingerprints on the lens surface
  – In hot or humid locations
  – When the lens is exposed to salty air such as at the seaside
- Store in a well-ventilated location subject to little dirt or dust.
- To prevent mold, periodically clean the lens as described above.

On charging the pre-installed rechargeable battery

Your camcorder has a pre-installed rechargeable battery to retain the date, time, and other settings even when the camcorder is turned off. The pre-installed rechargeable battery is always charged while your camcorder is connected to the wall outlet (wall socket) via the AC Adaptor or while the battery pack is attached. The rechargeable battery will be fully discharged in about 3 months if you do not use your camcorder at all. Use your camcorder after charging the pre-installed rechargeable battery. However, even if the pre-installed rechargeable battery is not charged, the camcorder operation will not be affected as long as you are not recording the date.

Procedures

Connect your camcorder to a wall outlet (wall socket) using the supplied AC Adaptor, and leave it with the LCD screen closed for more than 24 hours.

Note on disposal/transfer of the camcorder

Even if you perform [HDDELETE ALL], [SDDELETE ALL], [DELETE ALL] or [MEDIA FORMAT] or formatting the media of the camcorder, you may not delete data from the media completely.

When you transfer the camcorder, it is recommended that you perform [EMPTY] (See "Getting detailed information from the "Handycam" Handbook on page 51.) to prevent the recovery of your data. Also, when you dispose of the camcorder, it is recommended that you destroy the actual body of the camcorder.

Note on disposal/transfer of "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media

Even if you delete data in the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media or format the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media on your camcorder or a computer, you may not delete data from the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media completely. When you give the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media to somebody, it is recommended that you delete data completely using data deletion software on a computer. Also, when you dispose of the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media, it is recommended that you destroy the actual body of the "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media.

Specifications

System

Signal format: PAL color, CCIR standards HDTV 1080/50i specification

Movie recording format:
Video: HD: MPEG-4 AVC/H.264 AVCHD format compatible
SD: MPEG-2 PS
Audio: Dolby Digital 2ch
Dolby Digital Stereo Creator

Photo file format
: DCF Ver.2.0 Compatible
: Exif Ver.2.21 Compatible
: MPF Baseline Compatible

Recording media (Movie/Photo)

Internal memory: 16 GB

"Memory Stick PRO Duo" media
HDR-TG5E:
When measuring media capacity, 1 GB equals 1 billion bytes, a portion of which is used for data management.
HDR-TG5VE/TG7VE:
When measuring media capacity, 1 GB equals 1 billion bytes, a portion of which is used for system management and/or application files. The capacity used for this purpose is approximately 1.24 GB.

Image device: 3.6 mm (1/5 type) CMOS sensor
Recording pixels (photo, 4:3):
Max. 4.0 mega (2 304 × 1 728) pixels*
Gross: Approx. 2 360 000 pixels
Effective (movie, 16:9):
Approx. 1 430 000 pixels
Effective (photo, 16:9):
Approx. 1 490 000 pixels
Effective (photo, 4:3):
Approx. 1 990 000 pixels

Lens:

Carl Zeiss Vario-Tessar
10 × (Optical), 20 ×, 120 × (Digital)
F1.8 ~ 2.3
Focal length:
f=3.2 ~ 32.0 mm (5/32 ~ 1 5/16 in.)
When converted to a 35 mm still camera
For movies**: 43 ~ 507 mm (1 3/4 ~ 20 in.) (16:9)
For photos: 38 ~ 380 mm (1 1/2 ~ 15 in.) (4:3)

Color temperature: [AUTO], [ONE PUSH], [INDOOR] (3 200 K), [OUTDOOR] (5 800 K)

Minimum illumination

5 lx (lux) ([AUTO SLW SHUTTR] is set to [ON], shutter speed 1/25 second)

* The unique pixel array of Sony's ClearVid and the image processing system (BIONZ) allow still image resolution equivalent to the sizes described.

** The focal length figures are actual figures resulting from wide angle pixel readout.

Input/Output connectors

A/V Remote Connector: Component/video and audio output jack

LCD screen

Picture: 6.7 cm (2.7 type, aspect ratio 16:9)

Total number of pixels: 211 200 (960 × 220)

General

Power requirements: DC 6.8 V/7.2 V (battery pack) DC 8.4 V (AC Adaptor)

Average power consumption: During camera recording, using LCD screen at normal brightness: HD: 3.1 W SD: 2.4 W

Operating temperature: 0 °C to 40 °C (32 °F to 104 °F)

Storage temperature: –20 °C to + 60 °C (-4 °F to +140 °F)

Dimensions (approx.): 30 × 117 × 62 mm (1 3/16 × 4 5/8 × 2 1/2 in.) (w/h/d) including the projecting parts
30 × 117 × 62 mm (1 3/16 × 4 5/8 × 2 1/2 in.) (w/h/d) including the projecting parts, and the supplied rechargeable battery pack attached

Mass (approx.)
HDR-TG5E:
220 g (7 oz) main unit only
270 g (9 oz) including the supplied rechargeable battery pack
HDR-TG5VE/TG7VE:
230 g (8 oz) main unit only
280 g (9 oz) including the supplied rechargeable battery pack

"Handycam" Station Cradle DCRA-C250

Input/Output connectors

A/V OUT jack: Component/video and audio output jack

HDMI OUT jack: Type A (19-pin)

USB jack: mini-B
(HDR-TG7VE: output only)

Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor

Input/Output connectors

USB jack: mini-B
(HDR-TG7VE: output only)

AC Adaptor AC-L200C/AC-L200D

Power requirements: AC 100 V - 240 V, 50 Hz/60 Hz

Current consumption: 0.35 A - 0.18 A

Power consumption: 18 W

Output voltage: DC 8.4 V*

Operating temperature: 0 °C to 40 °C (32 °F to 104 °F)

Storage temperature: –20 °C to + 60 °C (-4 °F to +140 °F)

Dimensions (approx.): 48 × 29 × 81 mm (1 15/16 × 1 3/16 × 3 1/4 in.) (w/h/d) excluding the projecting parts

Mass (approx.): 170 g (6.0 oz) excluding the power cord (mains lead)

* See the label on the AC Adaptor for other specifications.

Rechargeable battery pack NP-FH50

Maximum output voltage: DC 8.4 V

Output voltage: DC 6.8 V

Maximum charge voltage: DC 8.4 V

Maximum charge current: 1.75 A

Capacity
typical: 6.1 Wh (900 mAh)
minimum: 5.9 Wh (870 mAh)

Type: Li-ion

Design and specifications of your camcorder and accessories are subject to change without notice.

- Manufactured under license from Dolby Laboratories.

Expected charging and running time for the supplied battery pack (in minute)

Image quality	HD	SD
Charging time (full charge)	135	
Continuous recording time	100	135
Typical recording time	50	65
Playback time	155	180

- Recording and playback time is approximate time available using a fully charged battery pack.
- High definition image quality (HD)/Standard definition image quality (SD)
- Recording condition: [REC MODE] is set to [SP].
- The internal memory or "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media is used as the recording media.
- Typical recording time shows the time when you repeat recording start/stop, turning the power on/off and zooming.

Expected recording time of movies in the internal memory (in minute)

- To set the recording mode, touch MENU (MENU) → [REC MODE] (under 3 [RECORDING SET] category). In the default setting, the recording mode is [HD SP] (p. 47).

High definition image quality (HD) in minute

Recording mode	Recording time	
	HDR-TG5E	HDR-TG5VE/TG7VE
[HD FH]	115 (115)	110 (110)
[HD HQ]	230 (165)	220 (155)
[HD SP]	290 (205)	275 (195)
[HD LP]	390 (300)	370 (285)

Standard definition image quality (SD) in minute

Recording mode	Recording time	
	HDR-TG5E	HDR-TG5VE/TG7VE
[SD HQ]	235 (210)	225 (200)
[SD SP]	340 (210)	325 (200)
[SD LP]	715 (460)	680 (440)

- The number in ( ) is the minimum recordable time.

Example of expected recording time of movies in a "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media (in minute)

Recording mode	For 4 GB capacity	
	High definition (HD)	Standard definition (SD)
[FH]	25 (25)	—
[HQ]	55 (40)	55 (50)
[SP]	70 (50)	80 (50)
[LP]	95 (70)	170 (110)

- The number in ( ) is the minimum recordable time.
- A Sony "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media is used.
- The recordable time may vary depending on the recording and subject conditions, [REC MODE], and the type of "Memory Stick" media.
- On charging/recording/playback time
  - Measured when using the camcorder at 25 °C (77 °F) (10 °C to 30 °C (50 °F to 86 °F) is recommended)
  - The recording and playback time will be shorter in low temperatures, or depending on the conditions under which you use your camcorder.

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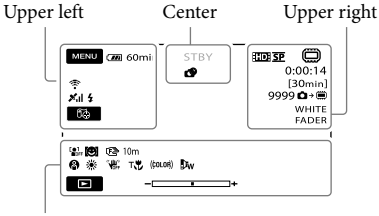


Upper left

Indicator	Meaning
MENU	MENU button
	Self-timer recording
	GPS tracking status
	YOUR LOCATION button
	Flash, REDEYE REDUC
	MICREF LEVEL low
4:3	WIDE SELECT
	BLT-IN ZOOM MIC
60 min	Remaining battery
	Return button

Center

Indicator	Meaning
[STBY]/[REC]	Recording status
4.0M 3.0M 1.9M VGA	Photo size
	Slide show set
	Warning
	Playback mode

Upper right

Indicator	Meaning
HD SP/SD SP	Recording quality (HD/SD) and recording mode (FH/HQ/SP/LP)
	Recording/playback/editing media

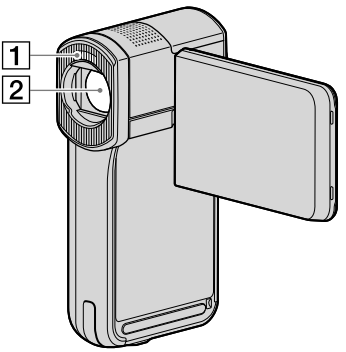
Indicator	Meaning
0:00:00	Counter (hour:minute: second)
[00min]	Estimated recording remaining time
WHITE FADER BLACK FADER	FADER
9999 9999	Approximate number of recordable photos and recording media
101	Playback folder
100/112	Current playing movie or photo/Number of total recorded movies or photos

Bottom

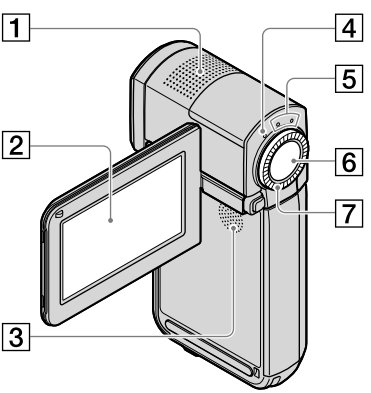
Indicator	Meaning
	[FACE DETECTION] set to [OFF]
	SMILE DETECTION
	Manual focus
	SCENE SELECTION
	White balance
	SteadyShot off
	SPOT MTR/FCS SPOT METER/ EXPOSURE
	TELE MACRO
	X.V.COLOR
	CONVERSION LENS
	OPTION button
	PLAYBACK button
	Slide show button
101-0005	Data file name
	Protected image
	Index button

- Indicators and their positions are approximate and may differ from what you actually see.
- Some indicators may not appear, depending on your camcorder models.

Figures in ( ) are reference pages.

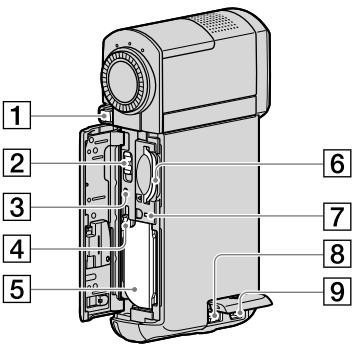


1 Flash
2 Lens (Carl Zeiss lens)

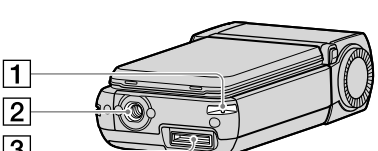


1 Built-in microphone
2 LCD screen/Touch panel (13)
If you rotate the LCD panel 180 degrees, you can close the LCD panel with the LCD screen facing out. This is convenient during playback operations.
3 Speaker
4 ϟ/CHG (charge) lamp (10)

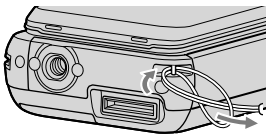
5 (movie)/ (Photo) lamps (13)
6 START/STOP button (15)
7 Power zoom lever (15, 17, 21)



1 PHOTO button (17)
2 GPS switch (HDR-TG5VE/TG7VE)
3 RESET button
Press RESET to initialize all the settings including the clock setting.
4 BATT (battery) release lever
5 Battery pack
6 "Memory Stick Duo" media slot (43)
7 Access lamp (Internal memory, "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media) (43)
While the lamp is lit or flashing, the camcorder is reading or writing data.
8 DC IN jack (10, 11)
9 A/V Remote Connector (22)

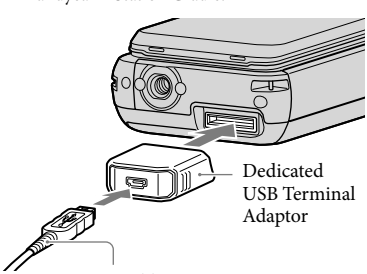


1 Hook for wrist strap
Attach the strap (supplied) and place your hand through the loop to prevent the camcorder from damage by being dropped.

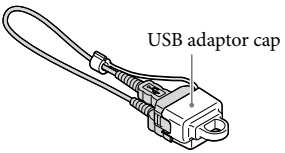


2 Tripod receptacle
Attach a tripod (sold separately) to the tripod receptacle using a tripod screw (sold separately: the length of the screw must be less than 5.5 mm (7/32 in.)).

3 Interface connector
Connects your camcorder to the "Handycam" Station Cradle or the Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor.
By attaching the Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor, you can connect the USB cable to your camcorder without using the "Handycam" Station Cradle.



- Depending on when or where you use the camcorder, attach the Dedicated USB Terminal Adaptor to either the long or the short cable.
- Be careful not to hang or give strong impact to the adaptor or the cable. It may become damaged.
- Attach the USB adaptor cap on the USB cable when carrying it in bags, etc.



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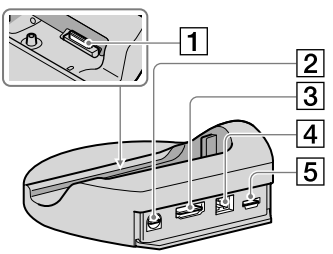

1 Interface connector
Connect to the interface connector on your camcorder when you attach your camcorder to the “Handycam” Station Cradle.

2 A/V OUT jack (22, 39)

3 HDMI OUT jack (22)

4 DC IN jack (10)

5 ♆ (USB) jack (26, 30, 31, 38)
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