SONY

Solid-State Memory Camcorder

Operating Guide

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NXCAM   MEMORY STICK TM   SD XC CLASS C   HDMI HIGH-DEFINITION MULTIMEDIA INTERFACE

HXR-NX100

Read this first

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

Precautions when using the camcorder

• Do not hold the camcorder by the following parts, and also do not hold the camcorder by the jack covers.
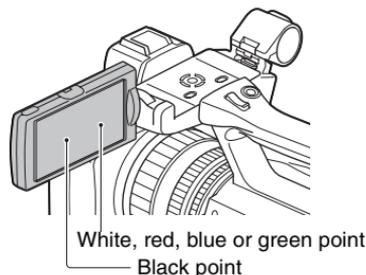
Lens hood   LCD screen

Microphone (sold separately) or Microphone holder   Viewfinder

❸ Notes

• The camcorder is not dustproof, dripproof or waterproof. See "About handling of your camcorder" (p. 110).

• 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.

• Use the camcorder in accordance with the regulations of a place where you use it.

On the LCD screen and lens

• A menu item that is grayed out is not available under the current recording or playback conditions.

• 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. This is not a malfunction. These points are normal results of the manufacturing process and do not affect the recording in any way.

White, red, blue or green point
Black point

On sunlight

• Do not record the sun or leave the camcorder under the sun for a long time. The internal parts of the camcorder may be damaged. If sunlight is focused on a nearby object, it may cause a fire.

• Do not expose your camcorder's viewfinder, lens, or LCD screen to the sun or strong light source for extended periods. Doing so may cause a malfunction of the camcorder.

• Do not attempt to record the sun directly. Doing so may cause a malfunction of the camcorder.

On the temperature of your camcorder and battery pack

Your camcorder has a protective function that disables recording or playback if the temperature of your camcorder or battery pack is beyond the safely operable range. In this case, a message appears on the LCD screen or in the viewfinder (p. 100).

On recording

• In order to stabilize memory card operation, it is recommended that you format the memory card when you use it with your camcorder for the first time. All data recorded on the memory card will be erased by formatting, and cannot be recovered. Save important data on the memory card on other media such as a computer, before formatting the memory card.

- Before starting to record, test the recording function to make sure the picture and sound are recorded without any problems.
- Compensation for the loss of the content of recordings or the loss of recording opportunities cannot be provided, even if recording or playback is not possible due to a malfunction of the camcorder, storage media, etc., or even if images or sounds are distorted due to the limits of the capabilities of the camcorder.
- TV color systems differ depending on the countries/regions. To view your recordings on a TV, a TV of the appropriate color system for the country/region is required.
- Television programs, films, video tapes, and other materials may be copyrighted. Unauthorized recording of such materials may be contrary to the copyright laws.
- Because of the way that the image device (CMOS sensor) reads out image signals, the following phenomena may occur.
  – The subjects passing by the frame rapidly might appear crooked depending on the recording conditions. (This phenomenon may be notable in displays having high motion resolution.)
  – Horizontal lines appear on the LCD screen during recording under fluorescent lights, sodium lamps or mercury lamps. The phenomena can be reduced by adjusting the shutter speed (p. 39).

Save all your recorded image data

- To prevent your image data from being lost, save all your recorded images on PC periodically.

To handle the recorded images on your computer

Download "Catalyst Browse" software (p. 18).

Format the recording media using [MEDIA FORMAT] if images are not recorded or played back properly

If you continue recording and deleting images on recording media for a long period of time, the files on that recording media may be fragmented. As a result, you may not be able to record and save images properly. If this happens, save images on a PC, then format the recording media (p. 70).

About the operation of the camcorder

You can operate the camcorder using the ♠/♥/♠/ ♠/SET buttons (p. 72).

About NTSC (60i)/PAL (50i) models

This camcorder does not have a function for switching the signal format (60i/50i).
In this manual, the values for both [60i] and [50i] settings are described. Check the signal format of your camcorder on the display screen (p. 13).

About this manual

- The on-screen displays in each local language are used for illustrating the operating procedures. Change the screen language before using your camcorder if necessary (p. 91).
- Design and specifications of recording media and other accessories are subject to change without notice.
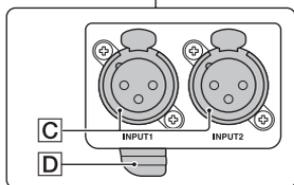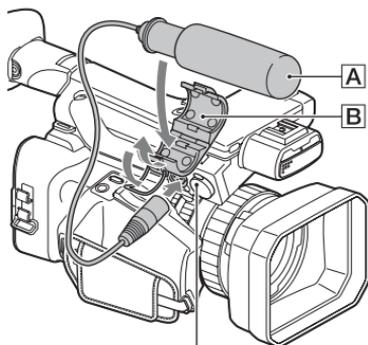
Identifying Parts and Controls

Body

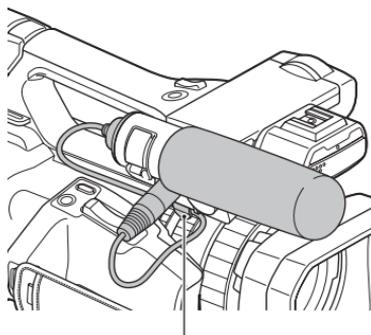The numbers in ( ) are reference pages.
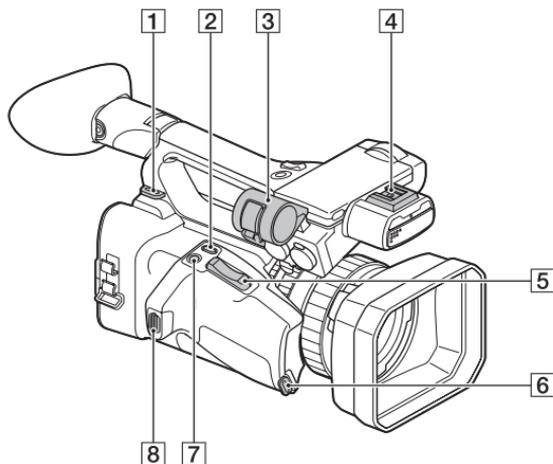
1 Hook for shoulder strap

2 ASSIGN4/LAST SCENE button (p. 57)

3 Microphone holder

4 Multi-interface shoe (p. 44, 79)

5 Power zoom lever (p. 32)

6 Grip belt attachment

7 ASSIGN5/FOCUS MAG button (p. 33, 58)

8 Grip belt attachment

Attaching the microphone (sold separately)

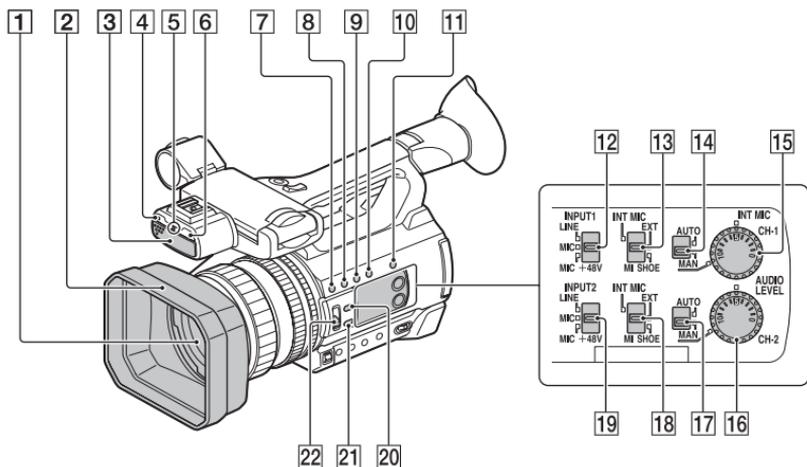This section explains how to connect an external microphone (sold separately).

Put the cable in the outer cable holder.

① Place the microphone [A] into the microphone holder [B].

② Connect the plug of the microphone to the INPUT1 jack or INPUT2 jack [C].

③ Place the microphone cable into the cable holder [D].

1 Lens (G lens)

2 Lens hood

3 Internal microphone

4 Remote control sensor (p. 91)

5 Recording lamp (p. 91)
Flashes when remaining capacity of the memory card or battery becomes low.

6 NIGHTSHOT light (p. 46)

7 ASSIGN1/WB SET button (p. 41, 58)

8 ASSIGN2/STATUS button (p. 58, 64)

9 ASSIGN3/LOW LUX button (p. 46, 58)

10 DISPLAY button (p. 63)

11 SLOT SEL button (p. 27)

12 INPUT1 (LINE/MIC/MIC+48V) switch (p. 42)

13 CH-1 (INT MIC/EXT/MI SHOE) switch (p. 42)

14 AUTO/MAN (CH-1) switch (p. 43)

15 AUDIO LEVEL (CH-1) dial (p. 43)

16 AUDIO LEVEL (CH-2) dial (p. 43)

17 AUTO/MAN (CH-2) switch (p. 43)

18 CH-2 (INT MIC/EXT/MI SHOE) switch (p. 42)
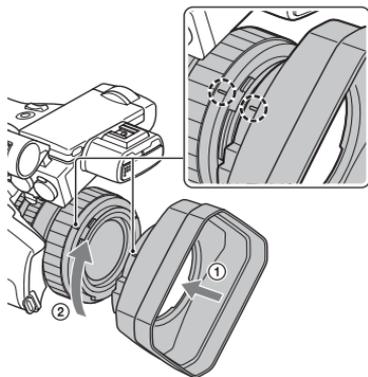
19 INPUT2 (LINE/MIC/MIC+48V) switch (p. 42)

20 IRIS AUTO/MAN button (p. 38)

21 FOCUS AUTO/MAN button (p. 33)

22 ND FILTER switch (p. 40)
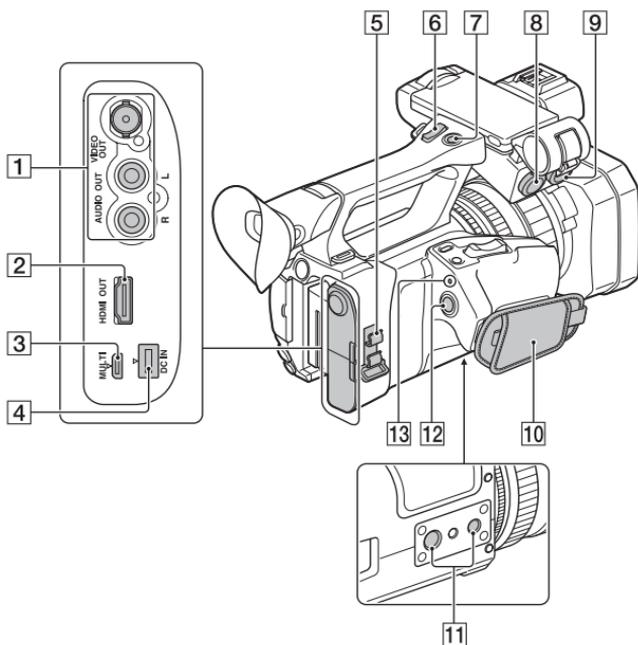
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Attaching the lens hood

Align the marks on the lens hood to those on the camcorder, and turn the lens hood in the direction of the arrow ② until it is locked.

ϔ Tip
• If you attach or remove a 62 mm (2 1/2 in.) PL filter or MC protector, remove the lens hood.

1 VIDEO OUT jack/AUDIO OUT jack (p. 65, 81)

2 HDMI OUT jack (p. 65)

3 Multi/Micro USB jack (p. 91)

4 DC IN jack (p. 19)

5 Cable clamper/loop clamper

6 Handle zoom lever (p. 32)

7 Handle record button (p. 28)

8 INPUT1 jack (p. 42)

9 INPUT2 jack (p. 42)

10 Grip belt

11 Tripod receptacles (1/4 inch, 3/8 inch)
Supports 1/4-20UNC and 3/8-16UNC screws.
For mounting on a tripod (sold separately, screw length 5.5 mm or shorter)

Some tripods may not be designed to attach in the proper direction.

12 START/STOP button (p. 28)

13 POWER/CHG lamp

About the cable clamper/loop clamper

Attaching the power cord, HDMI cable, and other cables, inserted in the corresponding connectors, in the cable clamper helps prevent the cords from being disconnected. However, not all HDMI cables are supported.
Attach any cables that are not in the cable clamper to the loop clamper at the bottom of the clamper using a cable tie or similar object.

Cable clamper
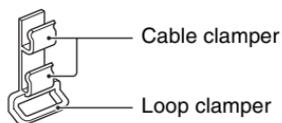
Loop clamper

⊘ Note

Do not use the cable clamper/loop clamper for any purpose other than securing cables (for example, attaching a strap for carrying the camcorder).
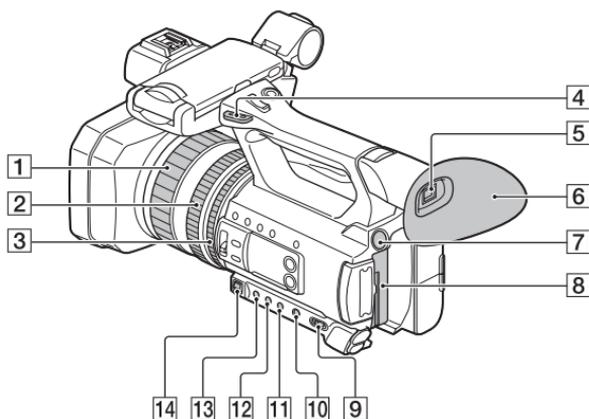
1 Focus ring (p. 33)

2 Zoom ring (p. 32)

3 Iris ring (p. 38)

4 Hook for shoulder strap

5 Viewfinder (p. 24)

6 Large eyecup (p. 24)

7 BATT RELEASE button (p. 20)

8 Battery pack (p. 19)

9 ON/STANDBY switch (p. 22)

10 FULL AUTO button (p. 45)

11 SHUTTER button (p. 39)

12 WHT BAL button (p. 41)

13 GAIN button (p. 39)

14 Manual lever (p. 39, 41)
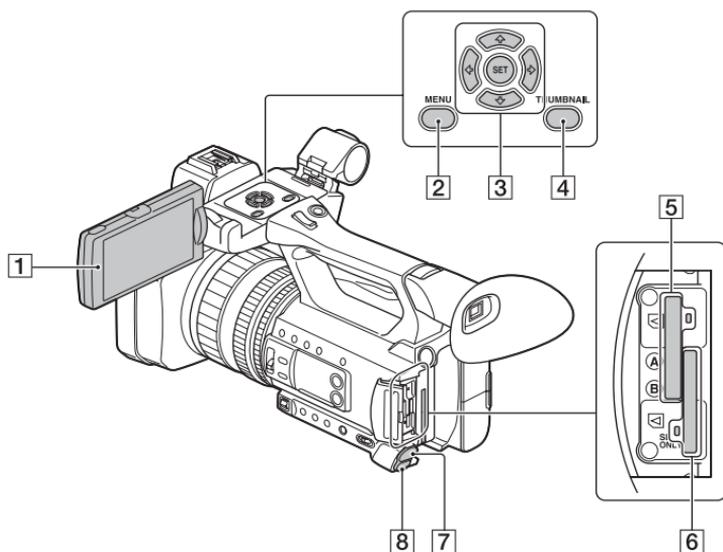
1 LCD screen (p. 24)

2 MENU button (p. 72)

3 ↑/↓/←/→/SET buttons (p. 72)

4 THUMBNAIL button (p. 60)

5 Memory card slot A/Memory card access lamp (p. 26)

6 Memory card slot B/Memory card access lamp (p. 26)

7 ∩ (headphones) jack

8 REMOTE jack (p. 91)
The REMOTE jack connects to a video deck or other devices used to control playback.

Wireless Remote Commander

Remove the insulation sheet before using the Wireless Remote Commander.

Insulation sheet
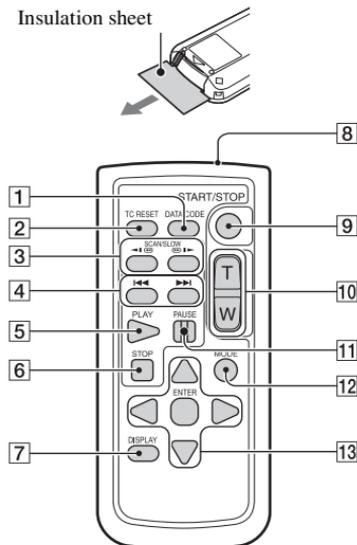
1 DATA CODE button (p. 63)

2 TC RESET button (p. 54)

3 SCAN/SLOW buttons (p. 60)

4 ◄◄ ►► (PREV/NEXT) buttons (p. 60)

5 PLAY button (p. 60)

6 STOP button (p. 60)

7 DISPLAY button (p. 63)

8 Transmitter

9 START/STOP button (p. 28)

10 Power zoom lever

11 PAUSE button (p. 60)

12 MODE button

13 ◄/►/▲/▼/ENTER buttons

⌕ Notes

• Aim the Wireless Remote Commander towards the remote sensor to operate your camcorder.

• Point the remote sensor away from strong light sources such as direct sunlight or overhead lighting. Otherwise, the Wireless Remote Commander may not function properly.

• When you are operating with the Wireless Remote Commander supplied with your camcorder, your video device may also operate. In that case, select a commander mode other than DVD2 for your video device, or cover the sensor of your video device with black paper.

To change the battery of the Wireless Remote Commander

① While pressing on the tab, inset your fingernail into the slit to pull out the battery case.

② Place a new battery with the + side facing up.

③ Insert the battery case until it clicks into place.

Tab

WARNING

Battery may explode if mistreated. Do not recharge, disassemble or dispose of in fire.

• When the lithium battery becomes weak, the operating distance of the Wireless Remote Commander may shorten, or the Wireless Remote Commander may not function properly. In this case, replace the battery with a Sony CR2025 lithium battery. Use of another battery may present a risk of fire or explosion.

Screen Indicators

Upper left   Center   Upper right

Bottom
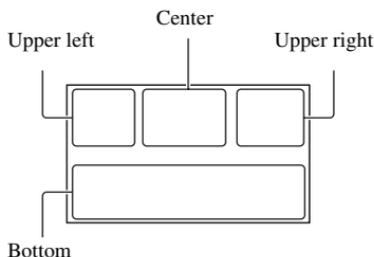
Upper left

Indicator	Meaning
📼 100%	Remaining battery
🅰AUTO 😊 👤 🖼 🏔 🌙 🌃 👤 💡 🌷 🏃 🔥	INTELLIGENT AUTO (face detection/scene detection/camera-shake detection) (p. 45)
🌙 🌅 🌞 🏔 😊 🌃 🎿	SCENE SELECTION (p. 45)
AVCHD 1080/60i FX XAVCS 1080/60p 50	REC FORMAT (p. 36)
4:3	DV WIDE REC (p. 80)
W ▮▬▬▬ T	Optical zoom
Z99 ᴄ🔍 ×1.2 Z99 ᴅ🔍 ×2.3	Clear image zoom Digital zoom
A→ A←↩	SIMUL/RELAY REC
100-0001	Playback folder of memory card

Center

Indicator	Meaning
🖐	Vibration warning
🗂A 🗂B	Recording media
REC STBY	Recording standby
🚫 🚫	Warning (p. 100)
▶	Playback indicator (p. 60)
⊞	Processing
🗂A → 🗂B 🗂B → 🗂A	Relay recording
🎥STBY 🎥REC	HDMI REC CONTROL

Upper right

Indicator	Meaning
0min	Estimated remaining recording time
🗂A 🗂B	Recording/playback media
00:00:00:00	Time code (hour:minute:second:frame)

Bottom

Indicator	Meaning
👤ON	Face detection [ON]
PEAKING	PEAKING (p. 85)
▨	ZEBRA (p. 85)
((🖐STD)) ((🖐)) ((🖐off))	⊞ STEADYSHOT (p. 78)
🔆 🏔 👤	Manual focus (p. 33)
PP1 to PP6	PICTURE PROFILE (p. 47)
F5.6	Iris (p. 38)
9dB	Gain (p. 39)
100 180°	Shutter speed (p. 39)
♪DolbyD	AVCHD AUDIO FORMAT (p. 82)
-2.0EV	AE SHIFT (p. 78)
🅰	Auto setting (p. 38)
🔆 ☀ ◢A ◢B	White balance (p. 41)
(histogram)	HISTOGRAM (p. 84)
◢	LOW LUX (p. 46)
CH1 ▮▮▮------- CH2 ▮▮▮-------	AUDIO LEVEL DISPLAY (p. 87)
DIG.EXT	Digital extender (p. 78)
🔲	NIGHTSHOT (p. 46)
NDoFF ND1 ND2 ND3	ND filter (p. 40)

Indicator	Meaning
⋺◼ ⋺◼REC ⋺◼STBY ⋺◼AUTO	Multi Interface Shoe video light (p. 79)
♪M½]	Manual volume adjustment (p. 44)

☼ Tip

• Indicators may look different or appear at different positions.

Data during recording

The recording date, time and condition are recorded automatically on the recording media.
They are not displayed while recording. However, you can check them by selecting ◼ (DISPLAY SET) → [DATA CODE] and choosing the data that you want to display, or by pressing the ASSIGN button to which the DATA CODE function is assigned, during playback.

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Step 1: Checking supplied accessories

Make sure that you have following items supplied with your camcorder. If, for any reason, there is something missing, contact your Sony dealer.
The number in the parentheses indicates the number of that item supplied.

• Recording media are sold separately.

AC Adaptor (p. 19)
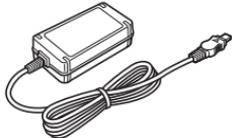
Power cord (mains lead) (p. 19)

IS1293 power cord for India.
Not supplied in some countries.

Wireless Remote Commander (RMT-845) (p. 12)
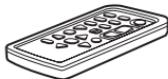
A button-type lithium battery is already installed.

Large eyecup (p. 24)

Lens hood (p. 7)

Lens cap (p. 28)

USB cable
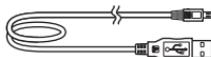
Rechargeable battery pack (NP-F770)

Battery charger (BC-L1)
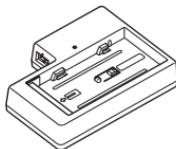
CD-ROM "Manuals for Solid-State Memory Camcorder"

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Software Downloads

When the unit is used with a PC connection, download any device drivers, plug-ins, and application software you require from the following websites.

Sony Professional products website:

U.S.A.	http://pro.sony.com
Canada	http://www.sonybiz.ca
Latin America	http://sonypro-latin.com
Europe, Middle East, and Africa	
	http://www.pro.sony.eu
Japan	http://www.sonybsc.com
Asia Pacific	http://pro.sony-asia.com
Korea	http://bp.sony.co.kr
China	http://pro.sony.com.cn

Although the data regarding recorded materials are stored over multiple files and folders, you can easily handle the clips without considering its data and directory structure, by using the dedicated application software.

Step 2: Charging the battery pack

You can charge the "InfoLITHIUM" battery pack (L series) with the supplied AC Adaptor.

🔋 **Note**

• You can use a large capacity battery pack, NP-F970 (sold separately), with your camcorder.

DC plug

DC IN jack

Power cord

AC Adaptor
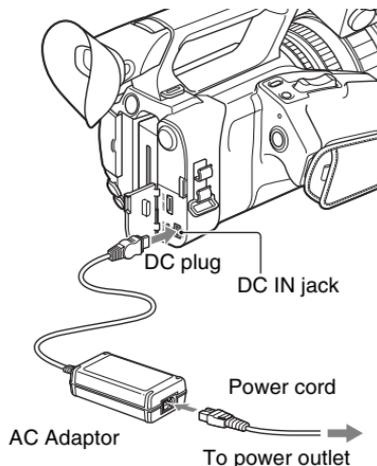
To power outlet

1 **Push the battery in and slide it down into position.**
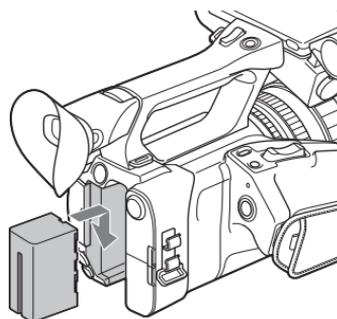
2 **Connect the DC plug to the DC IN jack of the camcorder.**
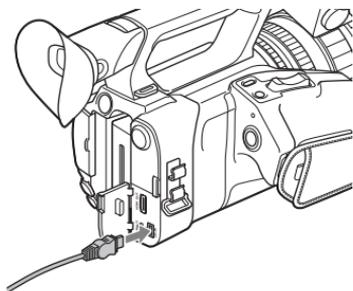
3 **Connect the power cord (mains lead) to the AC Adaptor and the wall outlet (wall socket).**

4 **Turn the ON/STANDBY switch to STANDBY ( ).**

The CHG lamp lights up and charging starts.
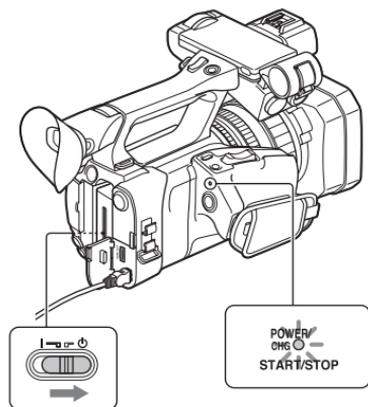
When charging ends

The CHG lamp turns off when the battery is fully charged.

🕭 **Note**

Even if the CHG lamp is not lit, the battery charger is not disconnected from the AC power source (mains) as long as it is connected to the wall outlet (wall socket).

Disconnect the AC Adaptor from the DC IN jack.

🔆 **Tip**

• You can check the remaining battery life with the status check function (p. 64).

To remove the battery pack

Turn the ON/STANDBY switch to STANDBY ( ). Press and hold the BATT RELEASE button, and slide the battery up and out.

BATT RELEASE button
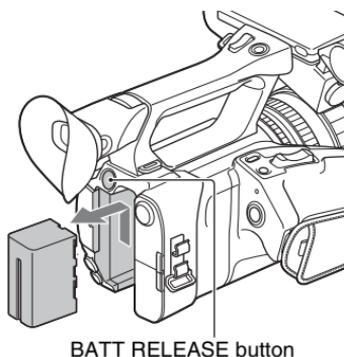
To store the battery pack

If the battery pack is not in use for a while, run down the battery and store it (p. 109).

Charging time

Approximate time (minutes) required when you charge a fully discharged battery pack.

Battery pack	Full charge time
NP-F770	370 minutes

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Battery pack	Full charge time
NP-F970 (sold separately)	520 minutes

On the battery pack

• Always turn the ON/STANDBY switch to STANDBY (⏻) before changing the battery pack.
• The CHG lamp flashes during charging, or the Battery Info will not be correctly displayed under the following conditions.
  – The battery pack is not attached correctly.
  – The battery pack is damaged.
  – The battery pack is worn-out.

Using a power outlet

You can use the AC Adaptor to obtain the AC power. While you are using the AC Adaptor, the battery pack will not lose its charge even when it is attached to your camcorder.

Perform the procedure up to step **3** of "Step 2: Charging the battery pack" (p. 19).

On the AC Adaptor

• Do not short-circuit the DC plug of the AC Adaptor or battery terminal with any metallic objects. This may cause a malfunction.

To charge the battery pack using the supplied battery charger (BC-L1)

DC plug

To power outlet
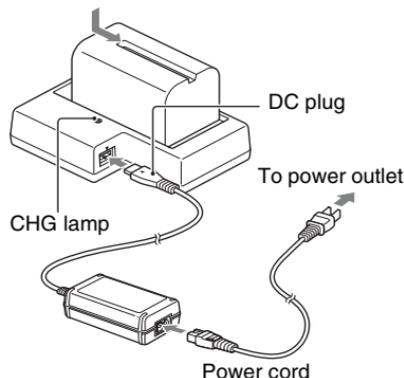
CHG lamp

Power cord

1 Connect the DC plug to the DC IN jack of the battery charger.

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

3 Push the battery in and slide it in the direction of the arrow in the diagram.

The CHG lamp lights up and charging starts.

When charging ends, the CHG lamp turns off.

Slide the battery pack out in the opposite direction and remove it from the battery charger.

◑ Note

When charging finishes and the CHG lamp turns off, the battery charger is not cut off from the power supply.

Step 3: Turning on the camcorder and setting the date and time

Turning on the camcorder

Turn the ON/STANDBY switch to ON (I).

When you use your camcorder for the first time, the [CLOCK SET] screen appears.
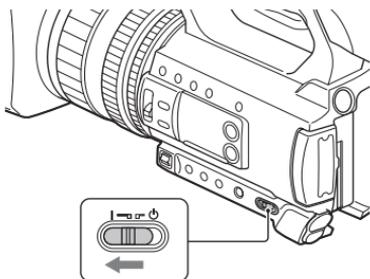
To turn off the power

Turn the ON/STANDBY switch to STANDBY (⏻).

🔦 **Note**

• If a warning message is displayed, follow the instructions.

Setting the date and time

Set the date and time when you use your camcorder for the first time.

🔆 **Tip**

• If you do not use your camcorder for about **3 months**, the built-in rechargeable battery gets discharged and the date and time settings may be cleared from the memory. In that case, charge the rechargeable battery and then set the date and time again (p. 111).

MENU button
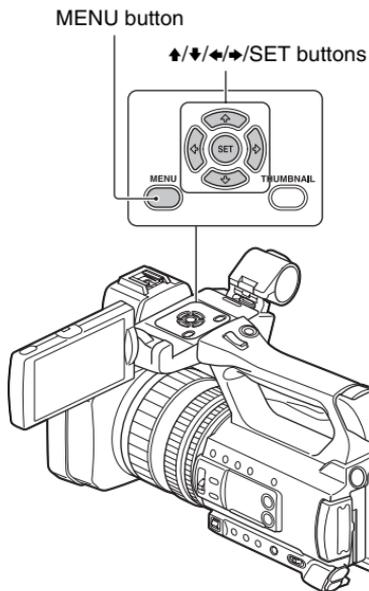
▲/▼/◄/►/SET buttons

When you set the date and time again, press the MENU button, and select ⊞ (OTHERS) → [CLOCK SET].

1 Select your area using the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, then press the button.

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┌─────────────────────────────────────────┐
│ CLOCK SET                                 │
│                                           │
│ AREA SET            ▲                      │
│                Tokyo/Seoul                 │
│                             GMT +9.0       │
│ SUMMERTIME      OFF                        │
│                                           │
│ DATE            2015 Y  1 M  1 D   12 : 00 AM │
│                                           │
└─────────────────────────────────────────┘
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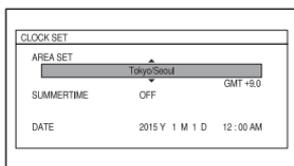
2 Set [SUMMERTIME], [Y] (year), [M] (month), [D] (day), hour and minute, using the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, then press the button.

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┌─────────────────────────────────────────┐
│ CLOCK SET                                 │
│                                           │
│ AREA SET                                   │
│                Tokyo/Seoul                 │
│                             GMT +9.0       │
│ SUMMERTIME      OFF                        │
│                    ▲                       │
│ DATE            2015 Y  1 M  1 D   12 : 00 AM │
│                    ▼                       │
└─────────────────────────────────────────┘
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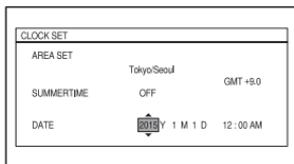
The clock starts.

•Set [SUMMERTIME] to [ON] to move the time forward 1 hour.

•You can set any year up to the year 2037.

•Midnight is indicated as 12:00 AM, and noon as 12:00 PM.

ʊ̈ Tip

• The date and time are automatically recorded on the selected recording media, and can be displayed during playback (p. 87).

Step 4: Adjusting the LCD screen and viewfinder

Using the LCD screen

The LCD screen can be rotated in the range as illustrated below, allowing a person other than the camera operator to see the image.

① Open 180°

② 90° (max.)

② 180° (max.)
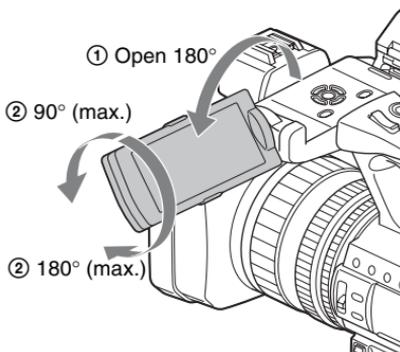
Using the viewfinder

Closing the LCD screen switches the display to the viewfinder.
You can adjust the angle of the viewfinder to suit your shooting style.

● Note

The LCD screen and the viewfinder do not operate at the same time.

Adjusting the viewfinder

Diopter adjustment dial
Move it until the picture becomes clear.
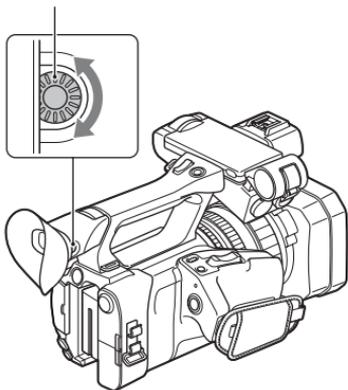
● Note

• Some primary colors may become visible in the viewfinder if you change your line of sight, but this is not a malfunction.
These colors are not recorded onto the memory cards.

When the picture in the viewfinder is hard to see

If you cannot see the picture in the viewfinder clearly under bright circumstances, use the supplied large eyecup. To attach the large eyecup, stretch it slightly and fit it over the groove of the eyecup attached to the camcorder. You can attach the large eyecup facing either the right or left side.

Large eyecup
(supplied)
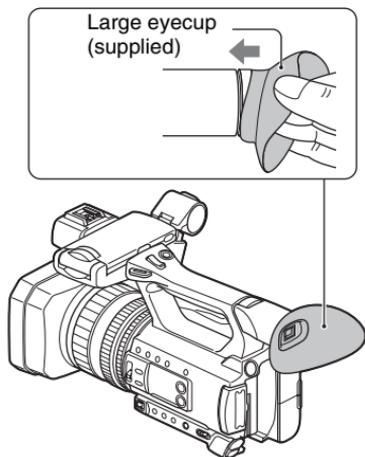
ⓧ Note

• Do not remove the eyecup attached to the
  camcorder.

Step 5: Preparing the recording media

Supported memory cards

File format	Recording media
AVCHD	SD, SDHC, SDXC memory card (Class 4 or faster), Memory Stick PRO Duo (Mark2), PRO-HG Duo
DV	SD, SDHC, SDXC memory card (Class 6 or faster), Memory Stick PRO-HG Duo
XAVC S HD	SDXC memory card (Class 10)
S&Q (AVCHD)	SD, SDHC, SDXC memory card (Class 10)

⟳ Notes

- Operation with all memory cards is not assured.
- Only "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media, which is half the size of standard "Memory Stick" media, or standard size SD cards can be used with this camcorder.
- See page 103 for the recording time of memory cards.
- Movies recorded on SDXC memory cards can be imported to or played back on other equipment, such as a computer or A/V device, by connecting the camcorder to the equipment with the USB cable. However, the equipment must support the exFAT file system used for SDXC memory cards. Confirm in advance that the connecting equipment is supporting the exFAT file system. If you connect equipment not supporting the exFAT file system and the format screen appears, do not perform the format. All the data recorded will be lost.

Open the cover, and insert the memory card with the notched edge in the direction as illustrated until it clicks into place.

Memory card slot A
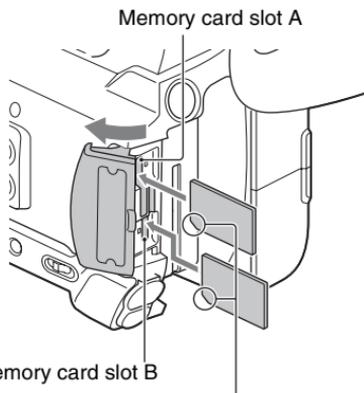
Memory card slot B

Note the direction of the notched corner.

- If you insert a memory card into the slot in the wrong direction, the memory card, the memory card slot, or image data may be damaged.
- Memory card slot A accepts either "Memory Stick PRO Duo" media or an SD card. Memory card slot B accepts an SD card only.

To eject a memory card

Lightly push the memory card once.

⟳ Notes

- If "The image database file is corrupted. The media must be restored to use again." appears, format the memory card (p. 70).
- When inserting or ejecting the memory card, be careful of the memory card popping out and dropping.

Selecting the memory card slot to be used for recording

Press the SLOT SEL button to change which slot is selected for recording. You can confirm the selected slot on the screen.

SLOT SEL button
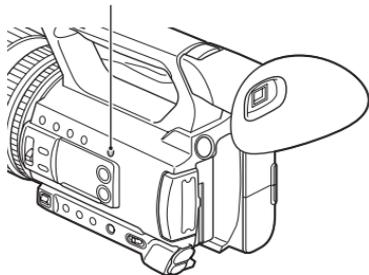
⚡ Notes

• You can only select a slot that already has a memory card inserted.
• While movies are being recorded on the memory card, you cannot switch the slot even if you press the SLOT SEL button.

☀ Tip

• When only one slot has a memory card inserted, the slot that has the memory card is selected automatically.

Recording

Handle record button

START/STOP button
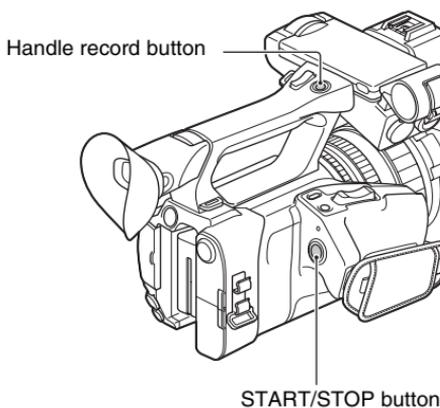
Recording movies

Your camcorder records movies on a memory card. The factory setting for recording movies is AVCHD. Do the following steps to record movies.

1 **Press the latches on both sides of the lens cap and remove it.**
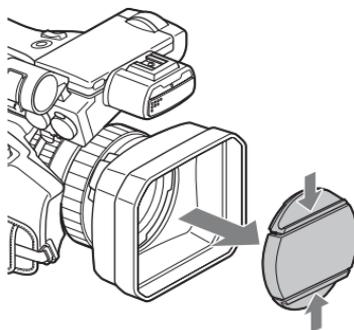
2 Turn the ON/STANDBY switch to ON (I).
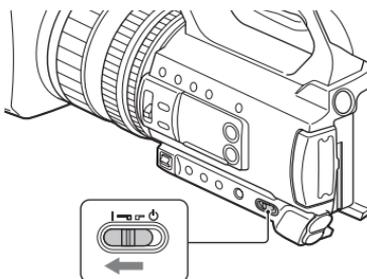
3 Press the START/STOP button (or the handle record button) to start recording.

[STBY] → [REC]
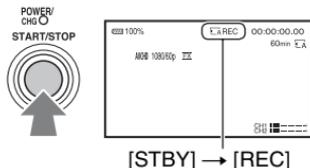
The recording lamps light up during recording.

To stop the movie recording, press the START/STOP button or the handle record button again.

⚠ Notes
- When the access lamp is lit or flashing in red, your camcorder is reading or writing data on recording media. Do not shake or apply strong force to your camcorder, do not turn the power off, and do not remove the recording media, battery pack or the AC Adaptor. The image data may be destroyed.
- See page 103 about the recording time of movies.
- If a movie file size exceeds 2 GB while recording in DV or AVCHD format, the camcorder automatically divides the file and creates a new one.
- If a movie file size exceeds 6 hours duration while recording in XAVC S HD format, the camcorder automatically divides the file and creates a new one.
- The menu settings, picture profile settings, and settings made using the AUTO/MAN switch are saved when you turn the camcorder off by setting the ON/STANDBY switch to STANDBY (⏻). The POWER/CHG lamp flashes while the settings are being stored.

💡 Tips

- When recording with a setting other than DV, the aspect ratio is fixed to 16:9. When recording in DV mode, you can switch the aspect ratio to 4:3 ([DV WIDE REC], p. 80).
- For details about changing the screen display during recording, see page 63.
- For details about screen display during recording, see page 13.
- The recording lamps can be set to stay off ([REC LAMP], p. 91).

Continuous recording on the memory cards (Relay recording)

Insert memory cards each in both slots A and B, so the camcorder switches memory card A (or B) just before space on the other one runs out, and continues recording on the next memory card automatically.
Do the following setting before recording.
Press MENU → select ⇄ (REC/OUT SET) → [REC SET] → [SIMUL/RELAY REC] → [RELAY REC] with the ♠/♦/♠/♦/SET button.

Exchange the recordable memory card

Small space

REC start   REC end

A [REC]   [REC]

B [REC   ]

Small space   REC: Recording
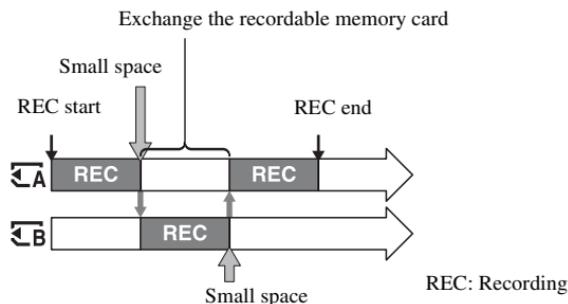
⊘ Notes

- Do not eject the memory card that is currently being used for recording. When replacing a memory card while recording, replace only the one in the slot whose access lamp is off.
- Even if you press the SLOT SEL button, while recording movies, you cannot switch the slot currently being used.
- When the remaining recording time of the memory card being used is less than 1 minute and the other slot has a recordable memory card inserted, [A → B] or [B → A] appears on the camcorder screen. The indicator turns off when the memory card is switched.
- If you start recording on a memory card with the remaining recording time of less than 1 minute, the camcorder may not be able to relay-record. To relay-record without failing, make sure that the memory card has more than 1 minute when you start recording.
- Seamless playback of relay-recorded movies with this camcorder is not possible.
- You can re-combine relay-recorded movies using the "Catalyst Browse" application software.
- The maximum recording time using relay recording is 13 hours. Recording stops automatically when the maximum recording time elapses.

Recording movies using both the memory card A and B (Simultaneous recording)

You can record movies on both of these recording media simultaneously.
Press MENU → select ⇄ (REC/OUT SET) → [REC SET] → [SIMUL/RELAY REC] → [SIMULTANEOUS REC] with the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button.

Changing the setting of the START/STOP button and handle record button

When using SIMULTANEOUS REC, you can start and stop recording on different memory cards by using the START/STOP button and the handle record button.
In the default setting, movies are recorded on both the memory card A and B at the same time when either record button is pressed.
• REC BUTTON: ⌣A ⌣B
• HANDLE REC BUTTON: ⌣A ⌣B

To change the setting

Press MENU → select ⇄ (REC/OUT SET) → [REC SET] → [REC BUTTON SETTING] with the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button.

REC BUTTON SETTING setting	Button and recording media
REC BUTTON: ⌣A ⌣B HANDLE REC BUTTON: ⌣A ⌣B	Recording on both the memory card A and the memory card B starts and stops at the same time when either record button is pressed.
REC BUTTON: ⌣A HANDLE REC BUTTON: ⌣B	Recording on the memory card A starts and stops when the START/STOP button is pressed, and on the memory card B when the handle record button is pressed.
REC BUTTON: ⌣B HANDLE REC BUTTON: ⌣A	Recording on the memory card B starts and stops when the START/STOP button is pressed, and on the memory card A when the handle record button is pressed.

Adjusting the zoom
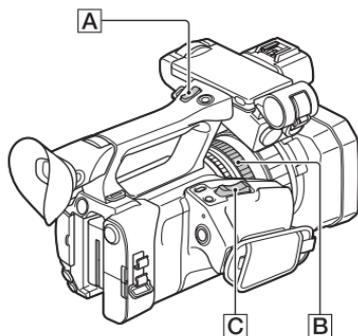
Adjusting the zoom with the power zoom lever

Press the zoom lever C slightly to zoom slowly, and press it further to zoom more quickly.
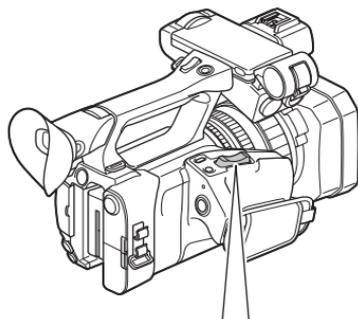
Wide angle view: Wide
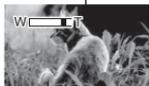
Close view: Telephoto

☼ Tips

• When focusing, the minimum distance required between the camcorder and the subject is about 1 cm (about 13/32 in.) for wide angle and about 1 meter (about 39 3/8 in.) for telephoto.

• The focus may not be adjusted at certain zoom positions if the subject is within 1 meter (about 39 3/8 in.) from your camcorder.

• Be sure to keep your finger on the power zoom lever C. If you move your finger off the power zoom lever C, the operation sound of the power zoom lever may also be recorded.

Adjusting the zoom with the handle zoom

Press the handle zoom lever A to zoom in or out.

☼ Tip

You can turn the handle zoom function on/off, and change the zoom operation speed ([HANDLE ZOOM], p. 78).

Adjusting the zoom with the zoom ring

You can zoom at the desired speed by turning the zoom ring B. Fine adjustment is also possible.

⚠ Note

• Turn the zoom ring B at a moderate speed. If you turn it too fast, the zoom may lag behind the zoom ring rotation, or the operation sound of the zoom may also be recorded.

Adjusting the focus

You can adjust the focus manually for
different recording conditions.
Use this function in the following cases.

– To record a subject behind a window covered
with raindrops.
– To record horizontal stripes.
– To record a subject with little contrast
between the subject and its background.
– When you want to focus on a subject in the
background.
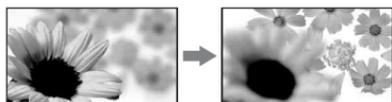
– To record a stationary subject using a tripod.
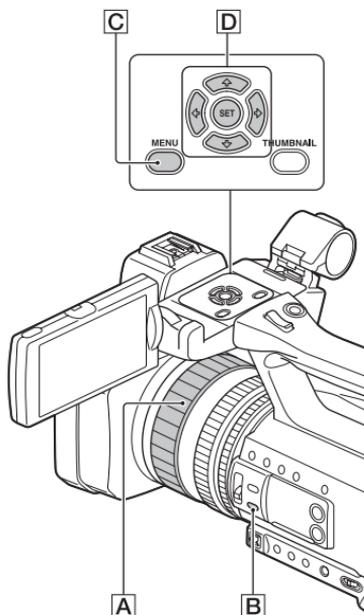
1 During recording or standby, press the FOCUS AUTO/MAN button B to set the focus to manual.

⊕ appears.

2 Turn the focus ring A to adjust the focus.

⊕ changes to 🔺 when the focus
cannot be adjusted any farther, and
changes to ♣ when the focus cannot be
adjusted any closer.

To adjust automatically

Press the FOCUS AUTO/MAN button B
to set the focus to automatic.
⊕ disappears and the automatic focus
adjustment is restored.

✓ Tips

• The focal length information (the distance at
which the subject is in focus; for when it is dark
and hard to adjust the focus) appears for about 3
seconds in the following cases.
  – When you press the FOCUS AUTO/MAN
button B to set the focus to manual and ⊕
appears on the LCD screen.
  – When you rotate the focus ring A while ⊕
is displayed.
• You can switch the focal length information
between meters and feet ([FOCUS DISPLAY],
p. 87).

Using the focus magnifier

The selected area on the LCD screen is
magnified and displayed. It is easier to
confirm the focus setting during manual
focusing.
[FOCUS MAGNIFIER] is assigned to the
ASSIGN5/FOCUS MAG button (p. 58).

Recording

Press the ASSIGN5/FOCUS MAG button.

The center of the screen is magnified. The setting changes with each press of the button.

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  📷100%           🔲STBY   00:00:08.15

FOCUS MAGNIFIER          ▲          x4.0


           ◀                    ▶

                       ▼              ┌─────┐
                                      │  □  │
                                      └─────┘
[MENU]: END
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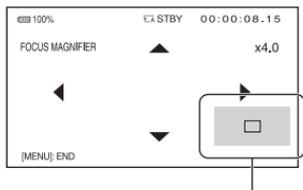
Enlarged display position

You can adjust the enlarged display position with the ▲/▼/◀/▶ buttons on the camcorder. Press the SET button to set the enlarged display position back to the center.

ⓘ Note

• Even though the image appears expanded on the LCD screen, the recorded image is not expanded.

⚪ Tip

• You can change the magnification ratio with [FOCUS MAG RATIO] (p. 86).

Focusing on a detected face (Face detection)

The camcorder detects the face and focuses on it (The default setting is [OFF]). [FACE DETECTION] is available only with automatic focus.

1 **Press the MENU button C.**

2 **Select 📷 (CAMERA SET) → [FACE DETECTION] → [ON] with the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button D.**

When the faces are detected, frames appear on the LCD screen.

3 **Press the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button D, move the selection cursor (orange colored frame) to select the priority face, then press the button again.**

Selection cursor (orange colored frame)

Priority face frame (double frame)

The frame on the priority face changes to a double frame.

To cancel the priority face

Move the selection cursor (orange colored frame) onto the frame (double frame) on the priority face, using the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button D, then press the button.

ⓘ Notes

• Faces may not be detected depending on the recording environment, the condition of the subject or the settings.

• You may not be able to get the proper effect in some recording environments. If this happens, set [FACE DETECTION] to [OFF].

• The face detection function is disabled when using digital zoom or NIGHTSHOT.

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ϔ Tips
- You can assign this function to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).
- To make it easy to detect faces, record under the following conditions:
  - Record in a moderately bright place
  - Do not obscure the face with a hat, mask, sunglasses, etc.
  - Face the front of the camera

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Changing the recording setting

Selecting the file format and recording format

You can select the file format in [FILE FORMAT] and the recording format (bit-rate, image size, frame rate, and scanning system) in [REC FORMAT].
You can select either XAVC S HD or AVCHD in [FILE FORMAT].
Select the desired file format that best suits the shooting situation and playback equipment.

1 Press the MENU button.

2 Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button to select ⇄ (REC/OUT SET) → [REC SET] → [FILE FORMAT] → the desired format.

3 Select ⇄ (REC/OUT SET) → [REC SET] → [REC FORMAT] → a desired format with the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button.

Setting values

For XAVC S HD

60i	50i
1080/60p 50Mbps	1080/50p 50Mbps
1080/30p 50Mbps	1080/25p 50Mbps
1080/24p 50Mbps	–

For AVCHD

60i	50i
1080/60p PS	1080/50p PS
1080/60i FX	1080/50i FX
1080/60i FH	1080/50i FH

60i	50i
1080/60i HQ	1080/50i HQ
1080/60i LP	1080/50i LP
1080/30p FX	1080/25p FX
1080/30p FH	1080/25p FH
1080/24p FX	–
1080/24p FH	–
720/60p FX	720/50p FX
720/60p FH	720/50p FH
720/60p HQ	720/50p HQ

About setting values

• Bit-rate
PS: max. 28 Mbps
FX: max. 24 Mbps
FH: approx. 17 Mbps (average)
HQ: approx. 9 Mbps (average)
LP: approx. 5 Mbps (average)
• Image size
1080: 1,920×1,080 (PS, FX, FH),
1,440×1,080 (HQ, LP)
720: 1,280×720
• Frame rate
Either 60, 50, 30, 25, or 24
• Scanning system
i: interlaced
p: progressive
If you select [1080/60i FX] (60i models), for example, movies are recorded with following format.
• 1080: Effective scanning lines
• 60: Frame rate
• i: Scanning system
• FX: Recording mode

ϔ Tip
• When recording in DV, the recording format is fixed to 480/60i HQ (576/50i HQ).

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Frame rate for 60i models

The frame rate displayed on the LCD screen differs from the actual frame rate.

Frame rate on the LCD screen	Actual frame rate
24	23.98
30	29.97
60	59.94

Setting DV MODE (DV mode)

You can record/play back in DV mode of standard image quality

1 Press the MENU button.

2 Select ⇄ (REC/OUT SET) → [REC SET] → [DV MODE] → [YES] with the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button.

The camcorder restarts in DV mode.

Functions not available in DV mode

- Slow & Quick Motion recording
- Protecting recorded movies (Protect)
  – [PROTECT] is not displayed in the menu.
- Dividing a movie
  – [DIVIDE] is not displayed in the menu.

◆ Note

- When DV mode is selected, the audio format is fixed to LPCM.

Available menus in DV mode only

⇄ (REC/OUT SET)
  – 🔲DV🔲 WIDE REC
  – CANCEL DV MODE

◆ Note

- When you switch from DV mode to another, settings made in DV mode are initialized. If a movie file exceeds 2 GB during recording, the camcorder divides the recording into separate files by creating a new file(s) automatically. However, the divided files are displayed as a single movie on the screen of the camcorder.

Canceling DV mode

① Press the MENU button.

② Select ⇄ (REC/OUT SET) → [REC SET] → [CANCEL DV MODE] → [YES] with the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button.

When DV mode is canceled, the following settings return to the default.

- S&Q MOTION
- REC SET
- AVCHD AUDIO FORMAT

Adjusting the brightness

You can adjust the image brightness by adjusting the iris, gain or shutter speed, or by adjusting the light volume with the ND filter switch ⃞B.
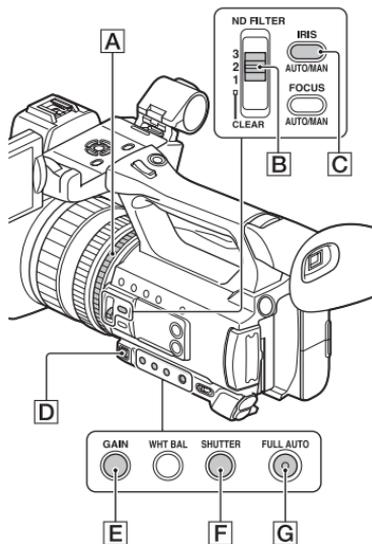
Note

• When you set the FULL AUTO button ⃞G on, the iris, gain, shutter speed, and white balance are adjusted automatically. You cannot adjust any of them manually.

Adjusting the iris

This is handy for making the background blurred or sharp.

1 Press the FULL AUTO button ⃞G to set auto mode off.

The FULL AUTO button lamp turns off.

2 Press the IRIS AUTO/MAN button ⃞C to set the iris to manual.

The 🄰 next to the iris value disappears.
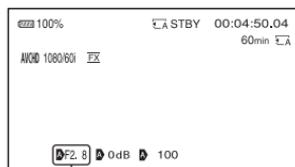
Iris value

3 Turn the iris ring ⃞A to adjust the value.

The volume of the light increases the more that you open the aperture (decreasing F value). The volume of the light decreases the more that you close the aperture (increasing F value).

To temporarily adjust the iris automatically

If the [IRIS PUSH AUTO] function has been assigned to an ASSIGN button (p. 58), press and hold the button to adjust the iris automatically.

To adjust automatically

Press the IRIS AUTO/MAN button ⃞C when the 🄰 mark beside the iris value is not displayed.
The iris value disappears or 🄰 appears next to the iris value.

Adjusting the gain

You can use this if you do not want to increase the value by AGC (automatic gain control).

1 Press the FULL AUTO button G to set auto mode off.

The FULL AUTO button lamp turns off.

2 Press the GAIN button E.

The 🄰 next to the gain value disappears, and the gain value is highlighted.

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📼100%              📷STBY   00:04:50.04
                               60min 📷
AVCHD 1080/60i   FX



     ▶F2.8  ▶0dB ▶ 100
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Gain value

3 Adjust the value using the manual lever D.

Setting values:

33dB, 30dB, 27dB, 24dB, 21dB, 18dB, 15dB, 12dB, 9dB, 6dB, 3dB, 0dB (default), −3dB

To adjust automatically

Press the GAIN button E while the gain value is highlighted.
The gain value disappears, or 🄰 appears next to the gain value.

Adjusting the shutter speed

You can adjust and fix the shutter speed manually. You can make a moving subject look still or emphasize the movement of a subject by adjusting the shutter speed.

1 Press the FULL AUTO button G to set auto mode off.

The FULL AUTO button lamp turns off.

2 Press the SHUTTER button F.

The 🄰 next to the shutter speed value disappears, and the shutter speed value is highlighted.
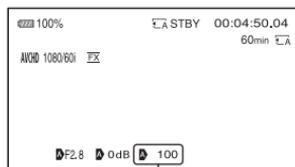
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📼100%              📷STBY   00:04:50.04
                               60min 📷
AVCHD 1080/60i   FX



     ▶F2.8  ▶0dB ▶ 100
```
Shutter speed value

3 Adjust the value using the manual lever D.

Selection range:

60i models

You can select from 1/8 to 1/10000 (1/6 to 1/10000 when shooting with 24p).

50i models

You can select from 1/6 to 1/10000.

The denominator of the set shutter speed appears on the LCD screen. For example, [100] appears on the LCD screen when you set the shutter speed to 1/100 second. The larger the value on

the LCD screen is, the faster the shutter speed is.

☆ Tips

• It is difficult to focus automatically at a lower shutter speed. Manual focusing with your camcorder attached to a tripod is recommended.
• When recording under fluorescent lamps, sodium lamps, or mercury lamps, the picture may flicker or change colors, or may have horizontal bands of noise.
  You may be able to improve the situation by adjusting the shutter speed to 1/50 if the power frequency of your area is 50 Hz, or 1/60 in a 60 Hz area.
• You can switch the shutter speed display between seconds and degrees ([SHUTTER DISPLAY], p. 87).

To adjust automatically

Press the SHUTTER button $\boxed{F}$ while the shutter speed value is highlighted. The shutter speed value disappears, or $\blacktriangle$ appears next to the shutter speed value.

Adjusting the volume of light (ND filter)

You can record a subject clearly by using the ND filter switch $\boxed{B}$ when the recording environment is too bright.
The ND filters 1, 2 and 3 reduce the volume of light to about 1/4, 1/16 and 1/64, respectively.

If ND1 flashes during the iris automatic adjustment, set the ND filter to 1. If ND2 flashes during the iris automatic adjustment, set the ND filter to 2. If ND3 flashes during the iris automatic adjustment, set the ND filter to 3.
The ND filter indicator will stop flashing and remain on the screen.
If NDOFF flashes, set the ND filter $\boxed{B}$ to "CLEAR." The ND filter icon will disappear from the screen.

❂ Notes

• If you change the ND filter switch $\boxed{B}$ during recording, the movie and sound may become distorted.
• When adjusting the iris manually, the ND filter icon does not flash even if the light volume should be adjusted with the ND filter.
• If the camcorder cannot detect the ND filter position (CLEAR/1/2/3), ND flashes on the screen. Make sure that the ND filter is set correctly.

☆ Tip

• While recording a bright subject, diffraction may occur if you close the aperture further down, resulting in a fuzzy focus (this is a common phenomenon with video cameras). The ND filter switch $\boxed{B}$ suppresses this phenomenon and gives better recording results.

Adjusting the color tone

Adjusting the white balance
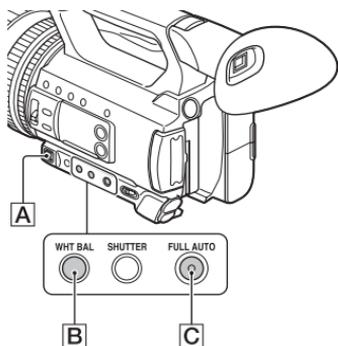
You can adjust and fix the white balance according to the lighting conditions of recording environment.
You can store white balance values in memory A (📷 A) and memory B (📷 B), respectively. Unless a white balance is readjusted, values will remain even after the power has been turned off.
When you select PRESET, [OUTDOOR], [INDOOR] or [MANU WB TEMP] is selected, according to which one you previously set with [WB PRESET] in the 📷 (CAMERA SET) menu.

� Tip
• You can assign [WB PRESET] to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).

1 Press the FULL AUTO button C to set auto mode off.

The FULL AUTO button lamp turns off.

2 Press the WHT BAL button B.

The white balance value is highlighted.

3 Select PRESET, A, or B using the manual lever A.

■ Setting the A/B value
Select A or B for recording with the white balance setting stored in memory A or B.

■ To use the PRESET value of white balance
Select 📷 (CAMERA SET) → [WB PRESET] and select a desired setting.

Setting values:	Example of recording conditions
☀ Outdoor ([OUTDOOR])	• When recording a night scene, neon lighting, fireworks, etc. • When recording a sunrise, sunset, etc. • Under daylight fluorescent lamp
☼ Indoor ([INDOOR])	• Where lighting conditions change, such as at a party place, etc. • Under video light, such as in a studio, etc. • Under a sodium or mercury lamp
Color temperature setting ([MANU WB TEMP])	• You can set a desired color temperature between 2300K and 15000K with 📷 (CAMERA SET) → [WB TEMP SET] (default setting is 6500K).

To save the adjusted white balance value in memory A or B

① Press the FULL AUTO button C to set auto mode off.

② Press the WHT BAL button [B] to highlight the white balance value.

③ Select A (⚲ A) or B (⚲ B) using the manual lever.

④ Press the MENU button.

⑤ Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET buttons to select ⚲ (CAMERA SET) → [WB SET].

⑥ Frame a white object such as a piece of paper that fills the screen under the same lighting conditions as your subject.

⑦ Press the SET button.
The adjusted value is stored in ⚲ A or ⚲ B. The stored color temperature appears for about 3 seconds.

⚲ Tip

• [WB SET] is assigned to the ASSIGN1/WB SET button. The adjusted value is stored by pressing the ASSIGN1/WB SET button when the shooting screen is displayed, instead of performing step ④ to ⑦.

⚲ Note

• When a white balance adjustment value has not been obtained successfully, ⚲ A or ⚲ B starts flashing slowly. Adjust the subject appropriately and set the shutter speed to auto or around 1/60 (60i models)/1/50 (50i models), then try adjusting the white balance again.

To restore automatic adjustment

Press the WHT BAL button [B].

⚲ Note

• When you turn the FULL AUTO button [C] on, all other manual adjustments (iris, gain, and shutter speed) are also released.

Audio setup

The jacks, switches and dials shown below allow you to set the sound that is recorded. See page 5 for details about connecting a microphone.
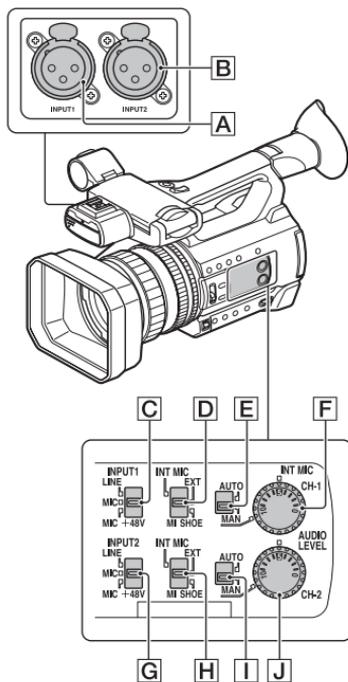
External audio input and selection

[A]: INPUT1 jack
[B]: INPUT2 jack
[C]: INPUT1 (LINE/MIC/MIC+48V) switch
[G]: INPUT2 (LINE/MIC/MIC+48V) switch

Audio source switches

[D]: CH-1 (INT MIC/EXT/MI SHOE) switch
[H]: CH-2 (INT MIC/EXT/MI SHOE) switch

Audio level controls

|E|: AUTO/MAN (CH-1) switch
|I|: AUTO/MAN (CH-2) switch
|F|: AUDIO LEVEL (CH-1) dial
|J|: AUDIO LEVEL (CH-2) dial

Recording sound from the internal microphone

You can record sound in stereo using the camcorder's internal microphone.

Internal microphone
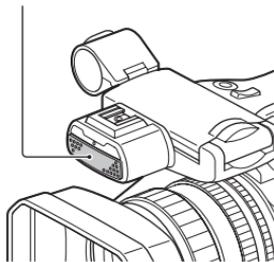
1 Set the CH-1 (INT MIC/EXT/MI SHOE) switch |D| and CH-2 (INT MIC/EXT/MI SHOE) switch |H| to "INT MIC."

ᇦ Tips

- If the audio level is too low, set [INT MIC SENS] to [HIGH].
- To reduce wind noise, set [INT MIC WIND] to [ON].
- If the internal microphone is selected for both channels 1 and 2 (CH-1: INT MIC, CH-2: INT MIC), the sound that is output from the headphones during recording and standby will have weaker stereo effect than the sound that is actually recorded.

Recording sound from an external audio device

Use the following procedure if using a microphone or external audio device.

1 Select the audio input source.

- Set the INPUT1/INPUT2 (LINE/MIC/ MIC+48V) switch (|C| or |G|) based on the device connected to INPUT1 jack |A|/INPUT2 jack |B|.
- To record using a microphone, select "MIC" or "MIC+48V." See page 5 for details about connecting a microphone.

Connected device	Switch position
External audio device (such as mixer)	LINE
Dynamic microphone or microphone with built-in battery	MIC
+48V powered (phantom power) microphone	MIC+48V

ᄵ Notes

- If the switch is set to MIC+48V and you connect a device that is not compatible with +48V power, it may damage the connected device. Check the switch before connecting the device.
- To prevent unwanted noise when no audio device is connected to the INPUT1 or INPUT2 jack, set the INPUT1/INPUT2 (LINE/MIC/ MIC+48V) switch (|C| or |G|) to "LINE."

2 Set the CH-1 (INT MIC/EXT/MI SHOE) switch |D| and CH-2 (INT MIC/EXT/MI SHOE) switch |H| to "EXT."

- If [INPUT CH SELECT] is set to [INPUT1/INPUT2] in the [XLR SET] menu, the audio input on the INPUT1 and INPUT2 jacks are recorded for CH-1 and CH-2, respectively.

• If [INPUT CH SELECT] is set to [INPUT1/INPUT1] in the [XLR SET] menu, the audio input on the INPUT1 jack is recorded to both CH-1 and CH-2.

[XLR SET] > [INPUT CH SELECT] setting	Sound recorded to CH-1 and CH-2		
INPUT1/ INPUT2	INPUT1	●⟶	CH1
	INPUT2	●⟶	CH2
INPUT1/ INPUT1	INPUT1	●⟶	CH1
		↳	CH2

3 Set the input level of the external audio device.

When the INPUT1/INPUT2 (LINE/MIC/MIC+48V) switch ([C] or [G]) is set to "MIC" or "MIC+48V," the XLR microphone input level can be set using [INPUT1 TRIM]/[INPUT2 TRIM] in the menu (p. 83). Adjust the setting based on the sensitivity of the microphone.

☼ Tip

• When using a stereo microphone that has two XLR plugs, connect the left channel (L) to the INPUT1 jack [A] and the right channel (R) to the INPUT2 jack [B], then set the CH-1 (INT MIC/EXT/MI SHOE) switch [D] and CH-2 (INT MIC/EXT/MI SHOE) switch [H] to "EXT."

Recording sound from a Multi Interface Shoe compatible microphone (sold separately)

You can record sound in stereo using a Multi Interface Shoe compatible microphone.

1 Connect the Multi Interface Shoe compatible microphone (sold separately) to the Multi Interface Shoe.

2 Set the CH-1 (INT MIC/EXT/MI SHOE) switch [D] and CH-2 (INT MIC/EXT/MI SHOE) switch [H] to "MI SHOE."

Adjusting the recording level

When the CH-1 and CH-2 switches are both set to "INT MIC," both the left and right channels are adjusted by the CH-1 switch/dial.

1 Set the AUTO/MAN switch for the channel that you want to adjust (CH-1 [E] or CH-2 [I]) to "MAN."

♪M♪ appears on the screen.

2 Turn the AUDIO LEVEL dial (CH-1 [F] or CH-2 [J]) to adjust the audio level.

Use headphones or an audio level meter to check that the audio level is appropriate.

To restore automatic adjustment

Set the AUTO/MAN switch for the adjusted channel (CH-1 [E] or CH-2 [I]) after manual adjustment to "AUTO."

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Useful functions

Selecting suitable settings automatically (auto mode setting)

You can make optimal recordings in various situations.
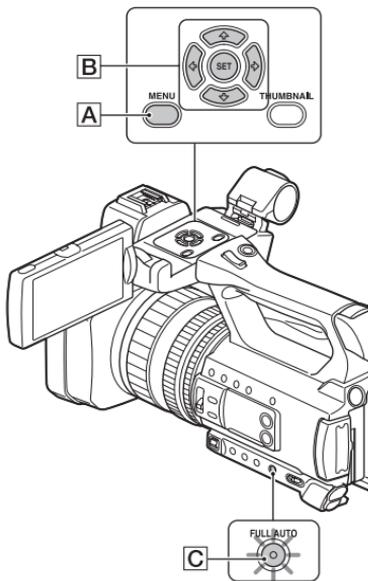
1 Press the FULL AUTO button [C] to set auto mode on.

The FULL AUTO button lamp turns on.

2 Press the MENU button [A].

3 Select ▶▤ (CAMERA SET) → [AUTO MODE SET] with the ↑/↓/◀/▶/SET button [B].

4 Press the ↑/↓/◀/▶/SET button [B], select [AUTO], [INTELLIGENT AUTO], or [SCENE SELECTION], and press the button again.

⚠ Note

• When you select [INTELLIGENT AUTO], [STEADYSHOT] is set to [ACTIVE], and the angle of view shifts 1.08 times toward the telephoto side.

Scenes detected by INTELLIGENT AUTO

Face detection: ☺ (Portrait), 👶 (Baby)
Scene detection: ◪ (Backlight), 🏔 (Landscape), ☽ (Night Scene), 🎭 (Spotlight), 🕯 (Low Light), 🌷 (Macro)
Camera-shake detection: 🚶 (Walk), 🗿 (Tripod)

To use [SCENE SELECTION]

① Press the MENU button [A], press the ↑/↓/◀/▶/SET button [B] and select ▶▤ (CAMERA SET) → [SCENE SELECTION SET], then press the button again.

② Press the ↑/↓/◀/▶/SET button [B], select the desired setting, then press the button again.

Setting values	Recording conditions
☽ Night Scene* ([NIGHT SCENE])	Shoots a night view with a proper exposure, using a tripod (sold separately).
☁ Sunrise & Sunset* ([SUNRISE & SUNSET])	Shoots the scenes under the glow of sunset/ sunrise vividly.
❋ Fireworks* ([FIREWORKS])	Shoots fireworks with optimal exposure.

Recording

Setting values	Recording conditions
🏔 Landscape* ([LANDSCAPE])	Shoots distant subjects clearly. This setting also prevents your camcorder from focusing on any glass or mesh in windows between the camcorder and the subject.
👤 Portrait ([PORTRAIT])	Brings out the subject, such as people or flowers, while creating a soft background.
🔦 Spotlight ([SPOTLIGHT])	Prevents people's faces from appearing excessively white when subjects are lit by strong light.
🏖 Beach ([BEACH])	Takes the vivid blue of the ocean or a lake.

* Focuses on only distant subjects.

Shooting in dimly lit locations (LOW LUX)

You can shoot bright video, even in low light conditions, such as outdoor locations with limited street lighting or dimly lit indoors, by automatically optimizing the gain and shutter speed.

🔆 **Note**

This function is available only when FULL AUTO is turned on and [AUTO MODE SET] is set to "AUTO."
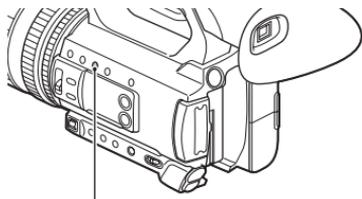
LOW LUX button

1 **Press the FULL AUTO button to set auto mode on.**

The FULL AUTO button lamp turns on.

2 **Press the ASSIGN3/LOW LUX button.**

- ⬆ is displayed.
- To cancel, press the ASSIGN3/LOW LUX button again.

Shooting in dark conditions (NIGHTSHOT)

You can shoot scenes under very dark conditions.

🔆 **Note**

This function is available only when FULL AUTO is turned on.

1 **Press the FULL AUTO button to set auto mode on.**

The FULL AUTO button lamp turns on.

2 **Assign [NIGHTSHOT] to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).**

3 **Press the ASSIGN button.**

- 🌃 is displayed.
- To cancel, press the ASSIGN button again.

🔆 **Notes**

- NIGHTSHOT uses infrared light. Make sure that your finger does not cover the infrared light emitter when shooting.
- Do not use NIGHTSHOT in bright conditions. Doing so may damage the camcorder.

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Customizing the picture quality (Picture profile)

You can customize the picture quality by adjusting picture profile items such as [GAMMA] and [DETAIL]. You can make adjustments for the time of day, weather conditions, or just personal preference. Connect your camcorder to a TV or monitor, and adjust the picture quality while observing the picture on the TV or monitor screen.

Picture quality settings for different recording conditions have been stored in [PP1] through [PP6] as default settings.

Note

• [PP4] is set for the picture profile by default.

Picture profile number	Example setting
PP1	Example settings of a color tone with [STANDARD] gamma
PP2	Example settings of a color tone with [STILL] gamma
PP3	Example settings of natural color tone with [ITU-709] gamma
PP4	Example settings of a color tone that is faithful to [ITU-709]
PP5	Example settings of pictures recorded on cinema color negative film
PP6	Example settings of pictures screened with cinema color print film

1 Press the MENU button.

2 Select ▣ (CAMERA SET) → [PICTURE PROFILE] → the desired picture profile number using the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, then press the button again.

3 Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, select [OK], then press the button again.

You can record with the settings of the selected picture profile.

Tip

You can also select a picture profile by pressing an ASSIGN button assigned with [PICTURE PROFILE].

To cancel picture profile recording

Select [OFF] in step 2 with the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, then press the button.

To change the picture profile

You can change the settings stored in [PP1] through [PP6].

① In step 3, press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, select [SETTING], then press the button again.

② Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, select the item that you want to adjust, then press the button again.

③ Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, adjust the picture quality, then press the button again.

④ Repeat steps ② and ③ to adjust other items.

⑤ Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, select [⏎ RETURN], then press the button again.

⑥ Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, select
   [OK], then press the button again.
   The picture profile indicator is
   displayed.

BLACK LEVEL

To set the black level.

Item	Description and settings
	Sets the black level. –15 to +15

GAMMA

To select a gamma curve.

Item	Description and settings
[STANDARD]	Standard gamma curve
[STILL]	Gamma curve to create the tone of a still image.
[CINEMATONE1]	Gamma curve 1 for producing tone of film camera images
[CINEMATONE2]	Gamma curve 2 for producing tone of film camera images
[ITU709]	Gamma curve that corresponds to ITU-709. Gain in low intensity area: 4.5

✪ Note

• There is no still image shooting mode on the camcorder.

BLACK GAMMA

To correct gamma in low intensity area.

Item	Description and settings
[RANGE]	Selects a correcting range. HIGH / MIDDLE / LOW
[LEVEL]	Sets the correcting level. –7 (maximum black compression) to +7 (maximum black stretch)

KNEE

To set knee point and slope for video signal compression to prevent over-exposure by limiting signals in high intensity areas of the subject to the dynamic range of your camcorder.
When selecting [STANDARD] or [STILL] in [GAMMA], [KNEE] is set to off if [MODE] is set to [AUTO]. To use functions in [KNEE], set [MODE] to [MANUAL].

Item	Description and settings

[MODE]	Selects a mode either automatic or manual.
	  [AUTO] : Sets the knee point and slope automatically.
	  [MANUAL] : Sets the knee point and slope manually.

[AUTO SET]	Sets the maximum point and sensitivity in the automatic mode.
	  [MAX POINT] : Sets the maximum point.
	                  90% to 100%
	  [SENSITIVITY] : Sets the sensitivity.
	                  HIGH / MIDDLE / LOW

[MANUAL SET]	Sets the knee point and slope manually.
	  [POINT] : Sets the knee point.
	             75% to 105%
	  [SLOPE] : Sets the knee slope.
	             −5 (gentle) to +5 (steep)
	             [KNEE] is set to off when you set to +5.

COLOR MODE

To set type and level of colors.

Item	Description and settings
[STANDARD]	Suitable colors when [GAMMA] is set to [STANDARD].
[STILL]	Suitable colors when [GAMMA] is set to [STILL].
[CINEMATONE1]	Film camera image-like colors good with [GAMMA] set to [CINEMATONE1].
[CINEMATONE2]	Film camera image-like colors good with [GAMMA] set to [CINEMATONE2].
[PRO]	Natural colors when [GAMMA] is set to [ITU-709].
[ITU709 MATRIX]	Colors that are faithful to the ITU-709 standard (when used with ITU-709 gamma).
[B/W]	Sets the saturation to 0 and records in black and white.

SATURATION

To set the color level.

Item	Description and settings
	−32 (light) to +32 (dark)

COLOR PHASE

To set the color phase.

Item	Description and settings
	−7 (greenish) to +7 (reddish)

COLOR DEPTH

To set the color depth for each color phase.
This function is more effective for chromatic colors and less effective for achromatic colors. The color looks deeper as you increase the setting value to more positive side, and lighter as you decrease the value to more negative side.

Item	Description and settings
[R]	−7 (light red) to +7 (deep red)
[G]	−7 (light green) to +7 (deep green)
[B]	−7 (light blue) to +7 (deep blue)
[C]	−7 (light cyan) to +7 (deep cyan)
[M]	−7 (light magenta) to +7 (deep magenta)
[Y]	−7 (light yellow) to +7 (deep yellow)

COLOR CORRECTION

To set the color correction.

Item	Description and settings
TYPE	Selects color correction type. [OFF]: Not correct colors. [COLOR REVISION]: Corrects colors stored in memory. Colors not stored in memory (displayed in black and white when [COLOR EXTRACT] is set) will not be corrected. [COLOR EXTRACT]: Displays areas in colors that are stored in the memory. The other areas are displayed in black and white. You can use this function to add effects to your movies or to confirm the colors to be stored in the memory.
MEMORY SELECTION	Selects a memory to enable. [1]: Enable memory 1 only. [2]: Enable memory 2 only. [1&2]: Enable both memory 1 and 2.

Item	Description and settings
MEMORY1 COLOR	Sets colors stored in Memory 1. [PHASE]: Sets color phase. 0 (purple) to 8 (red) to 16 (yellow) to 24 (green) to 31 (blue) [PHASE RANGE]: Sets color phase range. 0 (no color selection), 1 (narrow: to select only a single color) to 31 (wide: to select multiple colors in similar color phase) [SATURATION]: Sets saturation. 0 (to select from light colors to dark colors) to 31 (to select dark color) [ONE PUSH SET]: Automatically sets [PHASE] for a subject at the center of the marker. [SATURATION] is set to 0.
MEMORY1 REVISION	Corrects colors in Memory 1. [PHASE]: Corrects the phase of the color in Memory 1. –15 to +15 (0 for no correction.) [SATURATION]: Corrects the saturation of the color in Memory 1. –15 to +15 (0 for no correction.)
MEMORY2 COLOR	Sets colors stored in Memory 2. See [MEMORY1 COLOR] for description and settings.
MEMORY2 REVISION	Corrects colors in Memory 2. See [MEMORY1 REVISION] for description and settings.

ヷ゚ **Tips**

• Setting both memories to the same setting doubles the color correction effect.
• The settings of [COLOR CORRECTION] will be retained even if the power is turned off. However, if you want to correct colors that may change according to time of the day, weather, location, etc., it is recommended that you set [COLOR CORRECTION] again prior to recording.
• If you change the white balance value or the settings of [WB SHIFT], [SATURATION] or [COLOR PHASE] of the picture profile, the settings of [PHASE RANGE] and [PHASE] of the selected memory will change. When you change the white balance value or the settings of the above picture profile items after you have set [PHASE RANGE] and [PHASE], check the settings of [COLOR CORRECTION] prior to recording.
• During the automatic white balance adjustment, the white balance value automatically varies according to the lighting conditions of your recording environment. Manual white balance adjustment is recommended when you use [COLOR CORRECTION].

WB SHIFT

To set items for the white balance shift.
Items you can adjust differ depending on the filter type.

Item	Description and settings
[FILTER TYPE]	Selects a color filter type for the white balance shift. 　　[LB-CC]　　　: Film type (color conversion and correction) 　　[R-B]　　　　: Video type (correction of R and B levels)
[LB[COLOR TEMP]]	Sets a color temperature offset value. 　　−9 (bluish) to +9 (reddish)
[CC[MG/GR]]	Sets a color correct offset value. 　　−9 (greenish) to +9 (magentish)
[R GAIN]	Sets an R level. 　　−9 (low R level) to +9 (high R level)
[B GAIN]	Sets a B level. 　　−9 (low B level) to +9 (high B level)

DETAIL

To set items for the detail.

Item	Description and settings
[LEVEL]	Sets the detail level. 　　−7 to +7
[MANUAL SET]	[ON/OFF]　　　　: Turns on and off the manual detail adjustment. 　　　　　　　　　　Set to [ON] to enable the manual detail adjustment 　　　　　　　　　　(automatic optimization will not be performed). [V/H BALANCE] : Sets the vertical (V) and horizontal (H) balance of 　　　　　　　　　DETAIL. 　　　　　　　　　−2 (off to the vertical (V) side) to +2 (off to the 　　　　　　　　　horizontal (H) side) [B/W BALANCE]: Selects the balance of the lower DETAIL (B) and 　　　　　　　　　the upper DETAIL (W). 　　　　　　　　　TYPE1 (off to the lower DETAIL (B) side) to 　　　　　　　　　TYPE5 (off to the upper DETAIL (W) side) [LIMIT]　　　　 : Sets the limit level of DETAIL. 　　　　　　　　　0 (Low limit level: likely to be limited) to 7 (High 　　　　　　　　　limit level: not likely to be limited) [CRISPENING]　: Sets the crispening level. 　　　　　　　　　0 (shallow crispening level) to 7 (deep crispening 　　　　　　　　　level) [HI-LIGHT DETAIL] 　　　　　　　　 : Sets the DETAIL level in the high intensity areas. 　　　　　　　　　0 to 4

Recording

COPY

To copy the settings of the picture profile to another picture profile number.

RESET

To reset the picture profile to the default setting.

To copy the picture profile setting to another picture profile number

① Press the MENU button.

② Select ▐█ (CAMERA SET) → [PICTURE PROFILE] → the desired picture profile number using the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, then press the button again.

③ Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, then select [SETTING] → [COPY].

④ Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, select the picture profile number of the destination, then press the button again.

⑤ Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, then select [YES] → [⤺ RETURN] → [OK].

To reset the picture profile settings

You can reset the picture profile settings by each picture profile number. You cannot reset all picture profile settings at once.

① Press the MENU button.

② Select ▐█ (CAMERA SET) → [PICTURE PROFILE] → the desired picture profile number using the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, then press the button again.

③ Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, then select [SETTING] → [RESET] → [YES] → [⤺ RETURN] → [OK].

Setting time data

The camcorder records movies accompanied by time data, such as time code and user bit.

Setting the time code

① Press the MENU button, press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button and select 00:00 (TC/UB SET) → [TC PRESET], then press the button again.

② Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, select [PRESET], then press the button again.

③ Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, select the first two digits, then press the button again. You can set the time code within the following range.
[60i models]
00:00:00:00 to 23:59:59:29
•When setting 24p, you can set the last 2 time code digits of the frames in multiples of 4, between 0 and 23.
[50i models]
00:00:00:00 to 23:59:59:24

④ Set other digits by repeating step ③.

⑤ Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, select [OK], then press the button again.

To reset the time code

Select [RESET] in step ② of "Setting the time code" to reset the time code (00:00:00:00).

To reset the time code using the Wireless Remote Commander

You can reset the time code (00:00:00:00) also by pressing the TC RESET button on the Wireless Remote Commander.

Setting the user bits

① Press the MENU button, press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button and select 00:00 (TC/UB SET) → [UB PRESET], then press the button again.

② Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, select [PRESET], then press the button again.

③ Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, select the first two digits, then press the button again.

④ Set other digits by repeating step ③.

⑤ Press the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button, select [OK], then press the button again.

To reset the user bits

Select [RESET] in step ② of "Setting the user bits" to reset the user bits (00 00 00 00).

Recording with the Slow & Quick Motion function

By recording with a frame rate that is different from the playback frame rate, you can record images to be played back as slow motion or quick motion images. The images recorded with the Slow & Quick Motion function will appear smoother than slow or fast-forward playback of images recorded at normal speed. You can use Slow & Quick Motion function with AVCHD.

Playback speed

The playback speeds based on the recording format and frame rate setting are as follows.

60i models

FRAME RATE	REC FORMAT		
	1080/24p	1080/30p	1080/60p
60	40% slow	50% slow	100% (standard)
30	80% slow	100% (standard)	200% quick
15	160% quick	200% quick	400% quick
8	300% quick	375% quick	750% quick
4	600% quick	750% quick	1500% quick
2	1200% quick	1500% quick	3000% quick
1	2400% quick	3000% quick	6000% quick

50i models

FRAME RATE	REC FORMAT	
	1080/25p	1080/50p
50	50% slow	100% (standard)
25	100% (standard)	200% quick
12	208% quick	417% quick
6	417% quick	833% quick
3	833% quick	1667% quick
2	1250% quick	2500% quick
1	2500% quick	5000% quick
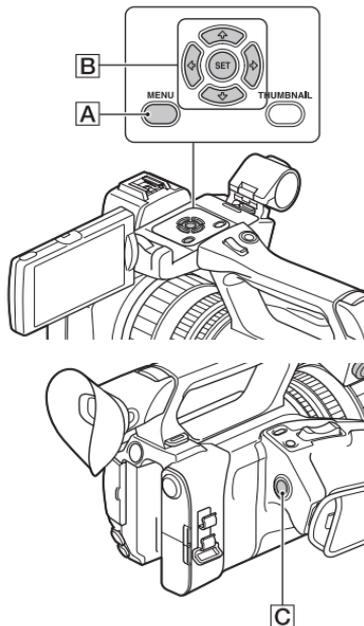
Notes

• For details about the recording media that can used to record with Slow & Quick Motion, see page 26.

• When recording with the Quick Motion recording function, your camcorder may continue recording for some time (approximately 30 seconds at most) after you

press the button to stop recording. Do not operate your camcorder while the [REC] indicator is flashing on the screen, and wait till it turns to [STBY].

- After you press the button to stop recording, your camcorder continues recording till it completes writing of the minimum unit of data (0.5 seconds of replay time).

Preparation

You must set the recording format and frame rate.

① Press the MENU button Ⓐ.

② Select 🎥 (CAMERA SET) → [S&Q MOTION] → [REC FORMAT] with the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button Ⓑ.

③ Select a recording format.
Setting values

60i	50i
1080/60p PS	1080/50p PS
1080/30p FX	1080/25p FX
1080/30p FH	1080/25p FH
1080/24p FX	–
1080/24p FH	–

④ Select [FRAME RATE] with the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button Ⓑ, and set the desired frame rate.

60i	50i
60fps	50fps
30fps	25fps
15fps	12fps
8fps	6fps
4fps	3fps
2fps	2fps
1fps	1fps

⑤ Select [↩ RETURN].

Recording in Slow & Quick Motion mode

① Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button Ⓑ to select 🎥 (CAMERA SET) → [S&Q MOTION] → [EXECUTE], or assign [S&Q MOTION] to an ASSIGN button and then press the ASSIGN button.

② Press the START/STOP button Ⓒ.
Slow & Quick Motion recording starts.

To stop Slow & Quick Motion recording

Press the START/STOP button Ⓒ.

To change the frame rate setting

Hold the ASSIGN button down for about 1 second, than change the value with the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button Ⓑ.
Holding the ASSIGN button down again for about 1 second restores the previous setting.

To cancel Slow & Quick Motion recording

Press the ASSIGN button or the MENU button Ⓐ during standby.

❹ Notes

- When you are recording with a slow frame rate, the camcorder may continue recording for a few more seconds after you press the START/STOP button to stop recording.
- You cannot change the frame rate during Slow & Quick Motion recording. To change the frame rate, stop current Slow & Quick Motion recording.
- The time code is recorded in [REC RUN] mode during Slow & Quick Motion recording (p. 89).
- Slow & Quick Motion mode is automatically canceled when the camcorder is turned off, but the frame rate setting is retained.
- You cannot record sound during Slow & Quick Motion recording.
- You cannot use the Slow & Quick Motion function for the simultaneous recording.

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• You cannot use the Slow & Quick Motion function with XAVC S HD or DV.
• You cannot use the Slow & Quick Motion function when FULL AUTO is turned on.

Reviewing the most recently recorded scene (Last Scene Review)

You can review the most recently recorded scene on the LCD screen.
[LAST SCENE REVIEW] is assigned to the ASSIGN4/LAST SCENE button (p. 58).

ASSIGN4/LAST SCENE button
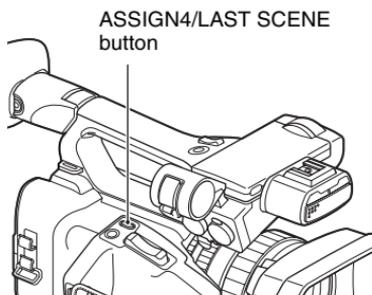
After you stop recording, press the ASSIGN4/LAST SCENE button.

The camcorder plays from the start to the end of the most recently recorded scene, then returns to standby mode.

To stop reviewing the last scene

Press the ASSIGN4/LAST SCENE button during playback. The camcorder returns to standby mode.

☉ Note

• If you edit the movie or remove the recording media after you stop recording, the Last Scene Review function may not work correctly.

Assigning functions to the ASSIGN buttons

Some functions can be assigned to the ASSIGN buttons.
You can assign a single function to each of the ASSIGN1 to 5 buttons.
See "Menu items" (p. 74) on the function of each item.

Default function of each ASSIGN button
• ASSIGN1: WB SET (p. 41)
• ASSIGN2: STATUS CHECK (p. 64)
• ASSIGN3: LOW LUX (p. 46)
• ASSIGN4: LAST SCENE REVIEW (p. 57)
• ASSIGN5: FOCUS MAGNIFIER (p. 33)

Functions you can assign to the ASSIGN buttons
• – (no function)
• LOW LUX (p. 46)
• FOCUS MAGNIFIER (p. 33)
• LAST SCENE REVIEW (p. 57)
• WHT BAL (p. 41)
• WB PRESET (p. 77)
• WB SET (p. 41)
• AE SHIFT (p. 78)
• D. EXTENDER (p. 78)
• STEADYSHOT (p. 78)
• S&Q MOTION (p. 55)
• AUTO MODE SET (p. 45)
• SCENE SELECTION SET (p. 45)
• NIGHTSHOT (p. 46)
• IRIS PUSH AUTO (p. 38)
• FACE DETECTION (p. 34)
• COLOR BAR (p. 80)
• PICTURE PROFILE (p. 47)
• VOLUME (p. 82)
• HISTOGRAM (p. 84)
• ZEBRA (p. 85)
• PEAKING (p. 85)
• MARKER (p. 85)
• CAMERA DATA DISPLAY (p. 86)
• AUDIO LEVEL DISPLAY (p. 87)
• DATA CODE (p. 87)
• TC/UB DISPLAY (p. 88)
• STATUS CHECK (p. 64)
• REC LAMP (p. 91)
• THUMBNAIL (p. 60)
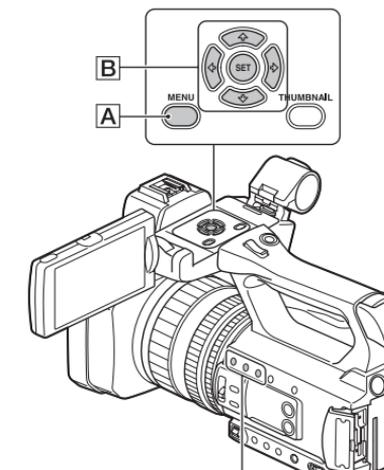
ASSIGN1 to 3
buttons
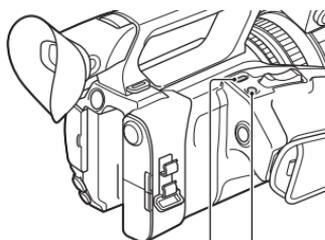
ASSIGN4 button
ASSIGN5 button

1 Press the MENU button Ⓐ.

2 Select ⊞ (OTHERS) → [ASSIGN BUTTON] with the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button Ⓑ.
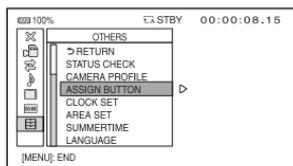
3 Press the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button Ⓑ, select the ASSIGN button that you want to set, then press the button again.

4 Press the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button Ⓑ, select the function that you want to assign, then press the button again.

5 Press the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button Ⓑ, select [OK], then press the button again.

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THUMBNAIL button
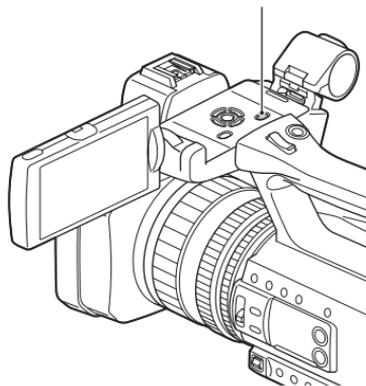
Playing back movies

1 **Open the LCD panel.**
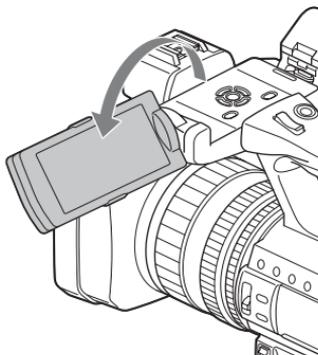
2 Press the THUMBNAIL button.

The thumbnail screen appears after a few seconds.

Recording media —————— Playback mode

Previous ——————

—————— Thumbnail (movie)

Next ——————

Current movie data ——————
(p. 61)
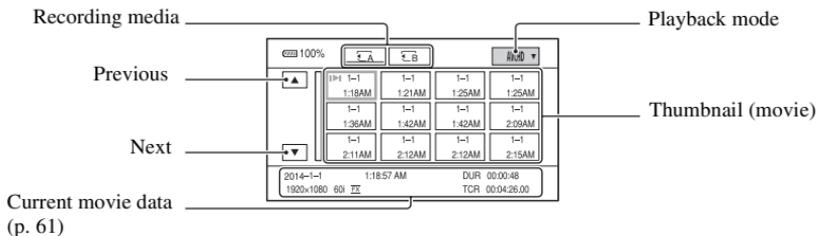
• You can turn on or off the date and time display on the thumbnails by pressing the DISPLAY button.

3 Play back movies.

① Select the recording media you want to play using the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button, then press the SET button
   ⌶ A : Memory card A
   ⌶ B : Memory card B

② Select the playback mode using the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET buttons.

Playback mode
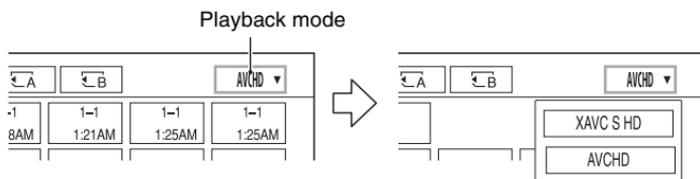
③ Select the thumbnail you want to play using the ▲/▼/◀/▶ buttons, and press the SET button. Selecting the thumbnail will show information about the movie in the lower part of the LCD screen.
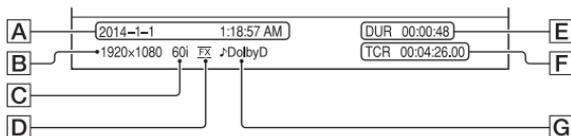
A Date and time of recording started
B Resolution
C Frame rate
D Recording mode
E Duration

F Time code of recording started

Time code will not be displayed correctly when you play back recording media with no time code, or recording media with time code that your camcorder does not support.

G DOLBY DIGITAL recording

Displayed when audio is recorded in Dolby Digital format.

• ▶| appears with the movie that has been most recently played back or recorded. Selecting it will continue playback from the previous time.

Your camcorder starts playing the selected movie.

Stop — ——— Next

Previous — ——— Slow/Fast forward

Slow/Fast reverse — ——— Play/Pause
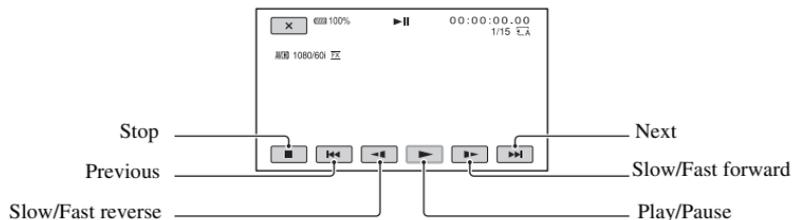
Note

• Movie files recorded in DV mode can only be played back when the camcorder is set to DV mode.

Tips

• When playback from the selected movie reaches the last movie, the screen returns to the thumbnail screen.
• Select ◄|/|► during pause to play back movies slowly.
• The playback speed increases based on the number of times that you select ⊲⊲/⊳⊳ .
• In DV mode, SCAN/SLOW buttons are disabled.
• In DV mode, fast forward and fast reverse during playback are 5 times faster than normal playback speed.
• When you play back a DV file recorded with a camcorder other than this camcorder, the F value may not be displayed correctly.

To adjust the volume

Press the MENU button and select ♪ (AUDIO SET) → [VOLUME] to adjust the volume.

To return to the recording mode

Press the THUMBNAIL button.

On playing back movies

• Movies recorded using this camcorder may not be played back normally on devices other than this camcorder. Also, movies recorded on other devices may not play back properly on this camcorder.
• DV movies recorded on SD memory cards cannot be played on A/V devices of other manufacturers.

Changing/checking the settings in your camcorder
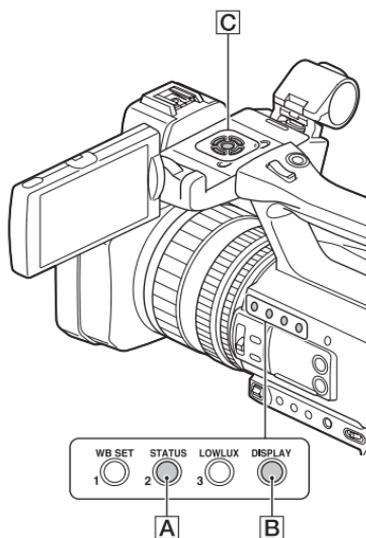
Changing the screen display

You can display information such as time code, etc., on the image.

Press the DISPLAY button B.

The screen indicators turn on (displayed) ←→ off (not displayed) each time you press the button. In recording mode, the screen changes in the order, detailed display → simple display → no display with each press of the button.

☀ Tip

• You can display the screen indicators during playback on a TV by setting [DISPLAY OUTPUT] to [ALL OUTPUT] (p. 88).

Displaying recording data (Data code)

You can display information, including date, time and camera data automatically stored during recording on the screen during playback.

Select ▦ (DISPLAY SET) → DATA CODE and choose the data that you want to display, or press the ASSIGN button to which the DATA CODE function is assigned, during playback or pause.

The screen changes in the order, date and time display → camera data display → no display with each press of the button.
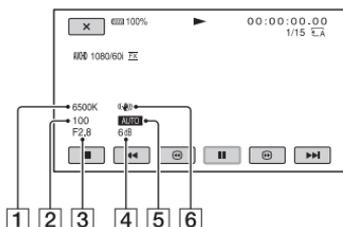
1 White balance
   PWB will appear during the playback of movies recorded with [MANU WB TEMP].

2 Shutter speed

3 Iris

4 Gain

5 Exposure
   AUTO appears during playback of the movie recorded with the iris, gain, and shutter speed automatically adjusted.
   MANUAL appears during playback of the movie recorded with the iris, gain, and shutter speed manually adjusted.

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6 Camera shake correction (Steady Shot)

❄ **Note**
• When you play back the memory card on other devices, the camera data may be displayed incorrectly. Confirm the correct camera data on your camcorder.

Checking the settings in your camcorder (Status check)

You can check the settings of the following items.
– Audio setup (p. 82)
– Output signal setup (p. 81)
– Functions assigned to the ASSIGN buttons (p. 58)
– Camera setup (p. 77)
– Record button setup (p. 31)
– Recording media information
– Battery Info

• Record button setup
You can check the record button setting.

```
🔋100%              ⛀ STBY    00:00:00.00
REC BUTTON SET                          5/7
  REC BUTTON
      MEMORY CARD A
      MEMORY CARD B
  HANDLE REC BUTTON
      MEMORY CARD A
      MEMORY CARD B
```
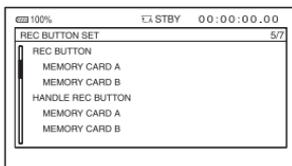
• Recording media information
You can check the estimated used and free spaces.

```
🔋100%              ⛀ STBY    00:00:00.00
MEDIA INFO                              6/7
  ⛀A  Used space:23126MB   Free space:7810MB
      0%━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 100%
  ⛀B  Used space:-----MB    Free space:-----MB
      0%━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 100%
```
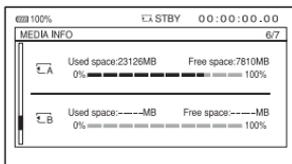
• Battery Info
You can check the remaining capacity of the attached battery.

```
🔋100%              ⛀ STBY    00:00:00.00
BATTERY INFO                            7/7
                           ℹ️ InfoLITHIUM
  REMAINING BATTERY:    100%
  0%            50%            100%
```
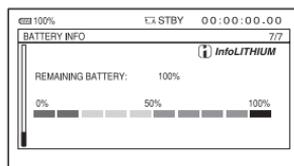
[STATUS CHECK] is assigned to the ASSIGN2/STATUS button Ⓐ (p. 58).

1 Press the ASSIGN2/STATUS button Ⓐ.

```
🔋100%              ⛀ STBY    00:00:00.00
AUDIO                                   1/7
           -∞ -40  -30   -20  -10   0
  CH1     ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮----▮-------------
  CH2     ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮----▮-------------
                                    ♪LPCM
  INPUT1 ── CH1
  INPUT2 ── CH2
  INPUT1  +48V off / ▮▮▮ / 0dB /
  INPUT2  +48V off / ▮▮▮ / 0dB /
```
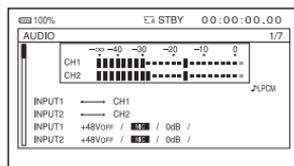
2 Press the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button Ⓒ to display the items.

Switches in the order AUDIO → OUTPUT → ASSIGN → CAMERA → REC BUTTON SET → MEDIA INFO → BATTERY INFO.

Setup items are displayed according to the settings of the camcorder when it is turned on.

To hide the display

Press the ASSIGN2/STATUS button Ⓐ.

Connecting to a monitor or a TV

Playback image quality depends on the type of monitor or TV, or the jacks used to make the connection.

Monitor/TV

Video cable (sold separately)
To video input jack

Audio cable (sold separately)
To audio input jack

HDMI cable (sold separately)
To HDMI input jack

Signal flow
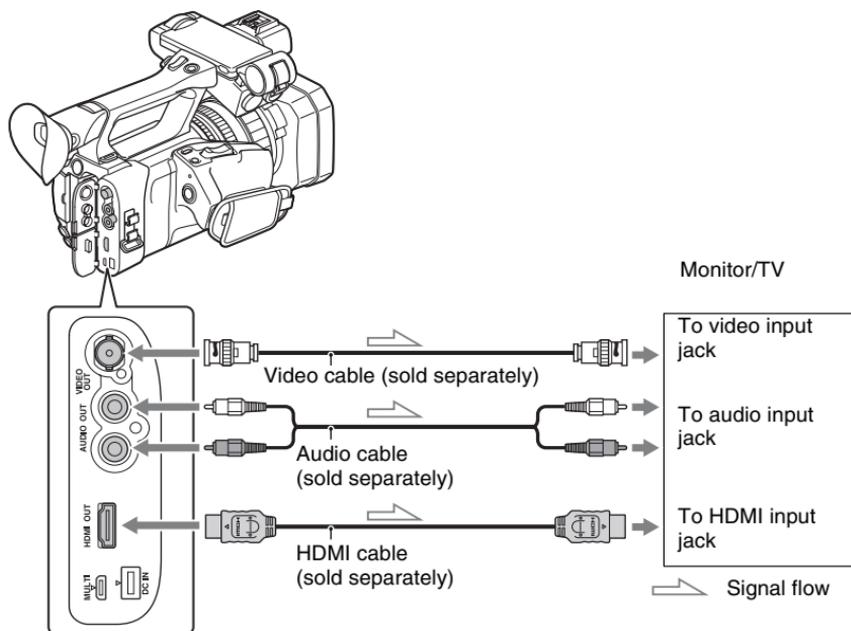
🔌 **Notes**
- Video signals cannot be output from HDMI OUT and VIDEO OUT jacks simultaneously.
- The output resolution of VIDEO OUT is 480i for 60i models, and 576i for 50i models.

Output resolution

The output resolution varies depending on the recording mode and [HDMI] setting.
60i models

| HD/DV | [HDMI] setting | Output resolution | |
		HDMI OUT	VIDEO OUT
HD	1080p/480i	1080p*	480i
	720p/480i	720p	480i
	1080i/480i	1080i	480i
	480p	480p	480i
	480i	480i	480i
DV	1080p/480i	480i	480i
	720p/480i	480i	480i
	1080i/480i	480i	480i
	480p	480p	480i
	480i	480i	480i

50i models

| HD/DV | [HDMI] setting | Output resolution | |
		HDMI OUT	VIDEO OUT
HD	1080p/576i	1080p*	576i
	720p/576i	720p	576i
	1080i/576i	1080i	576i
	576p	576p	576i
	576i	576i	576i
DV	1080p/576i	576i	576i
	720p/576i	576i	576i
	1080i/576i	576i	576i
	576p	576p	576i
	576i	576i	576i

* For movies recorded with the frame rate in [REC FORMAT] set to 24p, the output resolution varies depending on the [24p OUTPUT] setting in [VIDEO OUT], as shown below.

| Output resolution | |
24p OUTPUT	HDMI OUT
24p	1080/24p
60p	1080/60p

❻ Notes

• It is recommended that you use an authorized cable with HDMI logo or a Sony HDMI cable.

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- Images are not output from the HDMI OUT jack of your camcorder, if copyright protection signals are recorded in the movies.
- Images and sounds may not be reproduced correctly on some monitors or TVs.
- Do not connect the output jacks of the camcorder with the output jacks of the monitor or TV. A malfunction may be caused.
- If the frame rate in [REC FORMAT] is set to 24p or 30p ([60i] models) or 25p ([50i] models), the output signal is converted to interlaced or progressive through pull-down conversion.
- If you display the edit screen while outputting signals to a monitor or TV, the menu may not be displayed correctly.
- This camcorder is not compatible with "BRAVIA" sync.

ῷ Tip

- HDMI (High-Definition Multimedia Interface) is an interface for transferring uncompressed digital audio and video signals between a TV and a connected device. By connecting a cable from the camcorder's HDMI OUT jack to your TV, you can enjoy high image quality video and digital audio.

Protecting movies (Protect)

Protect movies to avoid deleting them by mistake.

1 Press the MENU button when the thumbnail screen is displayed.

2 Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, then select ▭ (EDIT) → [PROTECT].

3 Select the movie to be protected.

✔ is displayed on the selected images.
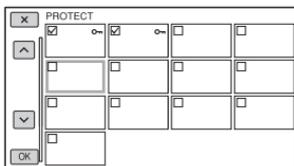
• Press and hold the thumbnail to preview the image. Touch ☒ to return to the previous screen.
• You can select up to 100 images at one time.

4 Select ⟦OK⟧ → ⟦OK⟧ → ⟦OK⟧.

To undo the protection

Select a movie marked with ✔ in step **3**. ✔ disappears.

⚠ Note

• You cannot protect DV images.

Dividing a movie

You can divide a movie at a designated point.

1 Press the MENU button while playing back movies.

2 Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, then select ▭ (EDIT) → [DIVIDE].

3 Select ❚❚ at the point where you want to divide.

After you select the point with ❚❚, make fine adjustment with these buttons.

Returns to the beginning of the selected movie.

4 Select ⟦OK⟧ → ⟦OK⟧.

⚠ Notes

• You cannot restore movies once they are divided.
• Do not remove the battery pack, the AC Adaptor or the recording media that contains the movies from your camcorder during the operation. It may damage the recording media.
• A slight time difference may occur between the point where you touch ❚❚ and the actual dividing point, as your camcorder selects the dividing point based in about half-second increments.
• Movies recorded in DV or XAVC S HD cannot be divided.

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Deleting movies

You can free media space by deleting movies from recording media.

❸ **Notes**

- You cannot restore images once they are deleted.
- Do not remove the battery pack, the AC Adaptor or the recording media from your camcorder during the operation. It may damage the recording media.
- You cannot delete protected movies. Undo the protection of the movies before you try to delete them (p. 68).
- Save important movies beforehand.

ϔ **Tip**

- To delete all data recorded on the recording media and recover all the recordable space of the media, format the media (p. 70).

1 Press the MENU button when the thumbnail screen is displayed.

2 Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, then select ▣ (EDIT) → [DELETE].

3 Select a move to delete.

✔ is displayed on the selected images.
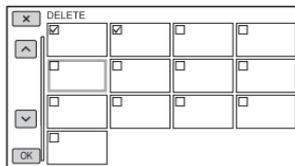
- Press and hold the thumbnail to preview the image. Touch ☒ to return to the previous screen.
- You can select up to 100 images at one time.
- ⊶ appears at the upper right corner on the thumbnail of protected images.
- No checkbox appears on the thumbnail of protected images.

4 Select ☐OK☐ → ☐OK☐ → ☐OK☐.

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Formatting recording media

Formatting deletes data from the recording media to recover recordable free space.

🔱 **Notes**
- Connect your camcorder to the wall outlet (wall socket) using the supplied AC Adaptor to prevent your camcorder from running out of power during the operation.
- To avoid the loss of important images, you should save them before formatting recording media.
- Protected movies are also deleted.

1 Press the MENU button.

2 Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, then select ⊞ (OTHERS) → [MEDIA FORMAT].

3 Select the recording media to be formatted.

4 Select OK → OK.

🔱 **Notes**
- While [Executing...] is displayed, do not turn off the camcorder, do not operate any buttons on the camcorder, disconnect the AC Adaptor, or remove the recording media from your camcorder. (The access lamp is lit or flashing while formatting recording media.)

Deleting all data from the memory card completely

If a memory card is used repeatedly, garbage data accumulate which may prevent the image data from being written at the fixed speed. In this case, recording may stop suddenly.
If this happens, empty the memory card to avoid the writing error. Emptying the memory card can erase more data than ordinary formatting.

🔱 **Notes**
- If you perform this operation, all stored data are deleted. To avoid the loss of important images, you should save them before formatting the recording media.
- You cannot perform this operation unless you connect the AC Adaptor to the wall outlet (wall socket).
- Disconnect all cables except the AC Adaptor. Do not disconnect the AC Adaptor during the operation.
- Do not apply any vibrations or shocks to your camcorder during this operation.

1 Connect your camcorder to the wall outlet (wall socket) using the AC Adaptor (supplied) (p. 21).

2 Press the MENU button.

3 Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button, then select ⊞ (OTHERS) → [MEDIA FORMAT].

4 Select the recording media to be formatted.

The format screen appears.

5 Select [Empty] → OK.

⚙ Notes

- It may take from several minutes to several hours to empty recording media, depending on the capacity. You can check the actual time required on the LCD screen.
- If you stop the operation while [Executing...] is displayed, be sure to complete the operation by performing [MEDIA FORMAT] or emptying before you use the recording media next time.

✧ Tip

- To prevent a data write error from occurring on the recording media, empty the media data from the camcorder before you start recording.
  By deleting all data using the [Empty] operation instead of the ordinary [MEDIA FORMAT] operation, you can minimize potential media write errors that might occur when recording.

Repairing the image database file

This function checks the database information and the consistency of movies on the recording media, and repairs any inconsistencies found.

⚙ Note

- Connect your camcorder to the wall outlet (wall socket) using the supplied AC Adaptor to prevent your camcorder from running out of power during the operation.

1 Press the MENU button.

2 Press the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button to select ⊞ (OTHERS) → [REPAIR IMAGE DB FILE].

3 Select the recording media you want to check the database file.

4 Select OK.

The database file check starts. Select OK and quit the database file check if no inconsistency is found.

5 Select OK → OK.

⚙ Note

- If you stop the operation while "Repairing the image database file." is displayed, be sure to complete the operation as described above before you use the recording media next time.

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Operating the menu

You can change various settings or make detailed adjustments using the menu items displayed on the LCD screen.

MENU button
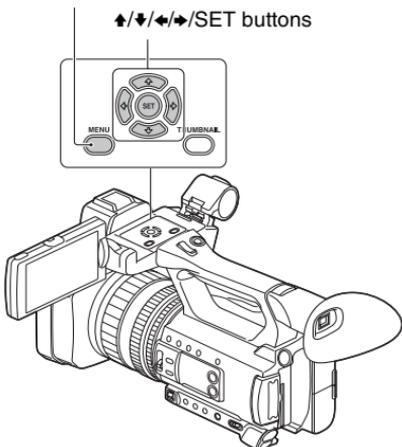
▲/▼/◀/▶/SET buttons

1 Press the MENU button.

The menu screen appears.
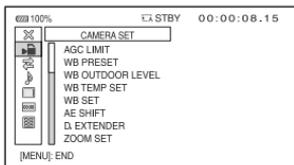
2 Press the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button, select the desired menu icon, then press the button again.

CAMERA SET (p. 77)

REC/OUT SET (p. 80)

AUDIO SET (p. 82)

DISPLAY SET (p. 84)

TC/UB SET (p. 88)

OTHERS (p. 90)

EDIT (p. 77)
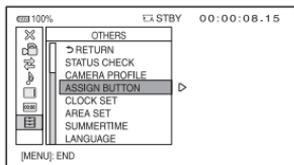
3 Press the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button, select the item that you want to set, then press the button again.
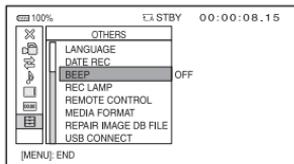
4 Press the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button, select the desired setting, then press the button again.
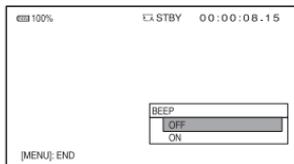
5 Press the MENU button to hide the menu screen.

To return to the previous screen, select
[↰ RETURN].

⊘ **Notes**

• The available menu items vary depending on the
  context of your camcorder during recording or
  playback.
• Items and setting values not available due to
  other settings, are grayed out.

Menu items

The function and setting value of each menu item are as follows. The default settings are marked with ▶.

🎥📷 (CAMERA SET)   (p. 77)

AGC LIMIT	▶OFF, 24dB to 0dB
WB PRESET	▶OUTDOOR, INDOOR, MANU WB TEMP
WB OUTDOOR LEVEL	−7 to +7 (▶0)
WB TEMP SET	2300K to 15000K (▶6500K)
WB SET	
AE SHIFT	ON/OFF ▶OFF, ON LEVEL −2.0EV to +2.0EV (▶0EV)
D. EXTENDER	▶OFF, ON
ZOOM SET	ZOOM TYPE ▶OPTICAL ZOOM ONLY, ON[CLEAR IMAGE ZOOM], ON[DIGITAL ZOOM] HANDLE ZOOM ZOOM OPERATION ▶ON, OFF ZOOM SPEED 1 to 8 (▶3)
🎬STEADYSHOT	▶STANDARD, ACTIVE, OFF
CONVERSION LENS	▶OFF, WIDE CONVERSION
S&Q MOTION	[AVCHD] REC FORMAT 60i models: 1080/60p PS, 1080/30p FX, 1080/30p FH, ▶1080/24p FX, 1080/24p FH 50i models: 1080/50p PS, ▶1080/25p FX, 1080/25p FH FRAME RATE 1 to 60fps (▶60fps)

AUTO MODE SET	▶AUTO, INTELLIGENT AUTO, SCENE SELECTION
SCENE SELECTION SET	NIGHT SCENE, SUNRISE & SUNSET, FIREWORKS, LANDSCAPE, ▶PORTRAIT, SPOTLIGHT, BEACH
AUTO BACK LIGHT	▶OFF, ON
FACE DETECTION	▶OFF, ON
VIDEO LIGHT	▶POWER LINK, REC LINK, REC LINK+STBY, AUTO
NIGHTSHOT LIGHT	▶ON, OFF
COLOR BAR	ON/OFF ▶OFF, ON TONE ▶OFF, ON
PICTURE PROFILE	See page 47.

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⇄ (REC/OUT SET)　　(p. 80)

REC SET	FILE FORMAT
	XAVC S HD,
	►AVCHD
	REC FORMAT
	XAVC S HD
	60i models:
	1080/60p 50Mbps,
	1080/30p 50Mbps,
	1080/24p 50Mbps,
	50i models:
	1080/50p 50Mbps,
	1080/25p 50Mbps,
	AVCHD
	60i models:
	1080/60p PS,
	►1080/60i FX,
	1080/60i FH,
	1080/60i HQ,
	1080/60i LP,
	1080/30p FX,
	1080/30p FH,
	1080/24p FX,
	1080/24p FH,
	720/60p FX,
	720/60p FH,
	720/60p HQ
	50i models:
	1080/50p PS,
	►1080/50i FX,
	1080/50i FH,
	1080/50i HQ,
	1080/50i LP,
	1080/25p FX,
	1080/25p FH,
	720/50p FX,
	720/50p FH,
	720/50p HQ
	SIMUL/RELAY REC
	►OFF,
	SIMULTANEOUS
	REC, RELAY REC

	REC BUTTON
	SETTING
	►REC BUTTON:
	🔲A 🔲B , HANDLE
	REC BUTTON:
	🔲A 🔲B /REC
	BUTTON: 🔲A ,
	HANDLE REC
	BUTTON: 🔲B /REC
	BUTTON: 🔲B ,
	HANDLE REC
	BUTTON: 🔲A
	DV MODE
	[DV] WIDE REC
	ON, ►OFF
	CANCEL DV MODE
VIDEO OUT	HDMI
	60i models:
	1080p/480i, 720p/
	480i, ►1080i/480i,
	480p, 480i
	50i models:
	1080p/576i, 720p/
	576i, ►1080i/576i,
	576p, 576i
	24p OUTPUT [1]
	24p, ►60p
	DOWN CONVERT
	TYPE
	►SQUEEZE,
	LETTER BOX(16:9),
	EDGE CROP
	[DV] WIDE CONVERT
	►SQUEEZE,
	LETTER BOX(16:9),
	EDGE CROP
	HDMI TC OUTPUT
	►OFF, ON
	HDMI REC CONTROL
	►OFF, ON

🎵 (AUDIO SET)　　(p. 82)

VOLUME	
AVCHD AUDIO	►LINEAR PCM,
FORMAT	DOLBY DIGITAL
AUDIO LIMIT	►OFF, ON

INT MIC SET	INT MIC SENS ▶NORMAL, HIGH INT MIC WIND ▶OFF, ON
XLR SET	INPUT CH SELECT INPUT1/INPUT1, ▶INPUT1/INPUT2 XLR AGC LINK ▶SEPARATE, LINKED INPUT1 TRIM −18dB to +12dB (▶0dB) INPUT1 WIND ▶OFF, ON INPUT2 TRIM −18dB to +12dB (▶0dB) INPUT2 WIND ▶OFF, ON

▢ (DISPLAY SET)   (p. 84)

HISTOGRAM	▶OFF, ON, ON[ZEBRA POINT]
ZEBRA	ON/OFF ▶OFF, ON LEVEL 70 to 100, 100+ (▶70)
PEAKING	ON/OFF ▶OFF, ON COLOR ▶WHITE, RED, YELLOW LEVEL HIGH, ▶MIDDLE, LOW

MARKER	ON/OFF ▶OFF, ON CENTER ▶ON, OFF ASPECT ▶OFF, 4:3, 13:9, 14:9, 15:9, 1.66:1, 1.85:1, 2.35:1 SAFETY ZONE ▶OFF, 80%, 90% GUIDEFRAME ▶OFF, ON
FOCUS MAG RATIO	×4.0, ×8.0, ▶×4.0/×8.0
CAMERA DATA DISPLAY	OFF, ▶ON
AUDIO LEVEL DISPLAY	▶ON, OFF
ZOOM DISPLAY	▶BAR, NUMBER
FOCUS DISPLAY	▶METER, FEET
SHUTTER DISPLAY	▶SECOND, DEGREE
DATA CODE	▶OFF, DATE/TIME, CAMERA DATA
LCD BRIGHT	▶NORMAL, BRIGHT
VF BRIGHT	▶NORMAL, BRIGHT
DISPLAY OUTPUT	▶LCD PANEL, ALL OUTPUT

☿ Tips
- You can display [DATA CODE] by pressing the MENU button when the playback screen is displayed.
- [LCD BRIGHT] is available only when using a battery pack. It is grayed out when using the AC Adaptor.

00:00 (TC/UB SET)   (p. 88)

TC/UB DISPLAY	▶TC, U-BIT
TC PRESET	PRESET, RESET
UB PRESET	PRESET, RESET
TC FORMAT*1	▶DF, NDF
TC RUN	▶REC RUN, FREE RUN
TC MAKE	▶PRESET, REGENERATE
UB TIME REC	▶OFF, ON

▦ (OTHERS) (p. 90)

STATUS CHECK	
CAMERA PROFILE	MEMORY CARD A, MEMORY CARD B
ASSIGN BUTTON	ASSIGN1, ASSIGN2, ASSIGN3, ASSIGN4, ASSIGN5
CLOCK SET	
AREA SET	
SUMMERTIME	▶OFF, ON
LANGUAGE	
DATE REC	▶OFF, ON
BEEP	▶OFF, ON
REC LAMP	▶ON, OFF
REMOTE CONTROL	▶ON, OFF
MEDIA FORMAT	MEMORY CARD A, MEMORY CARD B
REPAIR IMAGE DB FILE	MEMORY CARD A, MEMORY CARD B
USB CONNECT	
USB LUN SET	▶MULTI, SINGLE
OPERATION TIME	
VERSION DISPLAY	
INITIALIZE	

▣ (EDIT)

PROTECT
DIVIDE
DELETE

*1 Available on 60i models only.

☆ Tip
• You can display the [EDIT] menu by pressing the MENU button when the THUMBNAIL or playback screen is displayed.

▶▤ (CAMERA SET) menu

Settings to adjust your camcorder to the recording conditions (▥ STEADYSHOT, etc.)

The default settings are marked with ▶.
See page 72 for details on selecting menu items.

Press the MENU button → select ▶▤ (CAMERA SET) with the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button.

AGC LIMIT

You can select the upper limit for the Auto Gain Control (AGC).

▶OFF, 24dB to 0dB (3dB increments)

◑ Note
• This function is not effective while you adjust the gain manually.

WB PRESET

You can use the preset white balance. For more details, see page 41.

WB OUTDOOR LEVEL

You can set an offset value to adjust the outdoor white balance when you set [WB PRESET] to [OUTDOOR].

–7 to ▶0 to +7 (bluish to normal to reddish)

WB TEMP SET

You can set the color temperature when you set [WB PRESET] to [MANU WB TEMP].

2300K to ▶6500K to 15000K (100K increments)

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WB SET

See page 41.

AE SHIFT

■ ON/OFF

▶ **OFF**

Does not use the AE SHIFT function.

ON

Uses the AE SHIFT function. The selected value (–2.0EV for example) appears on the LCD screen.

■ LEVEL

You can adjust the brightness with the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button.

**–2.0EV to ▶0EV to +2.0EV
(dark to standard to bright)**

🔆 **Note**

• This function is not effective while you adjust the iris, shutter speed, gain all manually.

🔆 **Tip**

• You can assign [ON/OFF] to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).

D. EXTENDER

You can use 2× magnification when recording.

▶ **OFF**

Does not use the magnification function.

ON (DIG.EXT)

Uses the magnification function.

🔆 **Tip**

You can assign [ON/OFF] to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).

ZOOM SET

■ ZOOM TYPE

▶ **OPTICAL ZOOM ONLY**

Uses only optical zoom.
You can zoom up to 12×.

ON[CLEAR IMAGE ZOOM]

You can use the clear image zoom in addition to the optical zoom.
You can zoom up to 24×, which includes 12× optical zoom.

ON[DIGITAL ZOOM]

You can use the digital zoom in addition to the optical zoom and clear image zoom.
You can zoom up to 192× but the image quality deteriorates within the range where $_D$Q is displayed.

🔆 **Tips**

• Clear image zoom maintains an image quality that is close to the original.
• The face detection function will not be effective while using the digital zoom.

■ HANDLE ZOOM

ZOOM OPERATION

▶ **ON**

Turns handle zoom on.

OFF

Turns handle zoom off.

ZOOM SPEED

Zoom speed (1 to ▶3 to 8)

▦ STEADYSHOT

You can set the camera shake reduction when shooting.

▶ **STANDARD («⬛»)**

Uses Steady Shot when shooting under relatively stable conditions.

ACTIVE (((⑆)))

Uses Steady Shot with more powerful effect.

OFF (((⑆)))

Does not use SteadyShot.
This setting is recommended when you use a tripod.

⏻ Note

• When [ACTIVE] is selected, the angle of view shifts 1.08 times toward the telephoto side.

ᄬ Tip

• You can assign this function to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).

CONVERSION LENS

Set when using a conversion lens (sold separately) that is supported by the camcorder.
This optimizes the steady shot correction and focusing for the conversion lens.

▶**OFF**

Not using a conversion lens.

WIDE CONVERSION

Using a wide conversion lens.

S&Q MOTION

See page 55.

AUTO MODE SET

See page 45.

SCENE SELECTION SET

See page 45.

AUTO BACK LIGHT

You can automatically correct for backlighting.

▶**OFF**

Does not correct for backlighting.

ON

Automatically corrects for backlighting.

FACE DETECTION

See page 34.

VIDEO LIGHT

This sets the lighting method for a video light (sold separately) attached to the multi-interface shoe.

▶**POWER LINK ㅋᄐ**

Video light turns on/off when the camcorder power is turned on/off.

REC LINK ㅋᄐ_REC

Video light turns on/off when the camcorder starts/stops recording.

REC LINK+STBY ㅋᄐ_STBY

Video light turns on or switches to standby when the camcorder starts/stops recording.

AUTO ㅋᄐ_AUTO

Light turns on/off automatically.

NIGHTSHOT LIGHT

You can record clear images with NIGHTSHOT (p. 46), which uses an infrared light when shooting.

▶**ON**

Emits infrared light.

OFF

Does not emit infrared light.

⏻ Notes

• Make sure that your finger does not cover the infrared light emitter (p. 6) when shooting.
• The light is effective up to a distance of approximately 3 meters.

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COLOR BAR

◼ ON/OFF

▶ OFF

Does not display color bars.

ON

Displays color bars on the LCD screen, records them on recording media, and outputs audio tone signals.
This function helps you to adjust colors when you view movies recorded with your camcorder on a TV or a monitor.

⊘ Notes

• This function is automatically set to [OFF] when you switch the format, perform the function by the MENU button, or turn off the camcorder.
• The [COLOR BAR] setting cannot be changed during recording or during Focus Magnifier operation.

◼ TONE

▶ OFF

Does not output audio tone signals.

ON

Outputs audio tone signals (1 kHz: full bit, –20dB (when [60i] is selected), –18dB (when [50i] is selected)).
Set [ON/OFF] to [ON], too.

ʘ́ Tips

• You can assign [ON/OFF] to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).
• If you record color bars with [TONE] set to [OFF], the camcorder records sound from the microphone.

PICTURE PROFILE

See page 47.

⇄ (REC/OUT SET) menu

Recording settings, input and output settings (REC SET/VIDEO OUT, etc.)

The default settings are marked with ▶.
See page 72 for details on selecting menu items.

Press the MENU button → select ⇄ (REC/OUT SET) with the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button.

REC SET

◼ REC FORMAT
See page 36.

◼ SIMUL/RELAY REC
See page 31.

◼ REC BUTTON SET
See page 31.

◼ DV MODE
See page 37.

◼ [DV] WIDE REC

You can set the aspect ratio when recording in DV.

▶ OFF (4:3)

Records in 4:3.

ON

Records in 16:9.

⊘ Note

• When recording at a setting other than DV, the aspect ratio is fixed to 16:9, and the 4:3 aspect ratio is not available.

◼ CANCEL DV MODE
See page 37.

VIDEO OUT

■ HDMI

You can select the resolution of the output signal from the HDMI jacks.

60i models:

> **1080p/480i**

> **720p/480i**

> ▶**1080i/480i**

> **480p**

> **480i**

50i models:

> **1080p/576i**

> **720p/576i**

> ▶**1080i/576i**

> **576p**

> **576i**

☀ Tip

• See page 66 for the output resolution of the signal for each type of connection cable.

■ 24p OUTPUT (60i models)

You can set the output format when the frame rate in [REC FORMAT] is set to 24p.

> **24p**

> Outputs in 24p.

> ▶**60p**

> Outputs in 60p.

❹ Note

• This function is available only when HDMI is 1080p/480i.

■ DOWN CONVERT TYPE

You can select a down convert type when you down-covert video signal.

Use this function for outputting movies recorded in 16:9.

> ▶**SQUEEZE**

> Outputs a horizontally compressed image while maintaining its original height.

> **LETTER BOX(16:9)**

> Outputs a vertically compressed image while maintaining its original aspect ratio.

> **EDGE CROP**

> Outputs the central portion of the original image by cropping its right and left edges.

■ [DV] WIDE CONVERT

You can select a down convert type when you down-covert video signal.

Use this function for outputting DV movies recorded with [[DV] WIDE REC] set to [ON].

> ▶**SQUEEZE**

> Outputs a horizontally compressed image while maintaining its original height.

> **LETTER BOX(16:9)**

> Outputs a vertically compressed image while maintaining its original aspect ratio.

> **EDGE CROP**

> Outputs the central portion of the original image by cropping its right and left edges.

❹ Notes

• When you view a movie recorded in DV with [[DV] WIDE REC] set to [ON] on a standard 4:3 TV, images may appear horizontally compressed while maintaining its original height. In such a case, select [LETTER BOX(16:9)] or [EDGE CROP].

• If you change the setting from [SQUEEZE] to another option, or from another option to [SQUEEZE], the screen will go out momentarily, and the image and sound will be intermittent.

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(REC/OUT SET) menu (Continued)

■ **HDMI TC OUTPUT**

You can set whether to output time code to other professional-use devices, using HDMI.

▶ **OFF**

Does not overlap the time code information on HDMI output signal.

ON

Overlaps the time code information on HDMI output signal*. The data is transmitted as digital data, not as a projected image, and the connected device identifies the time data by referencing the transmitted digital data.

* If the frame rate is 24p, 2-3 pulldown is performed and the converted information is automatically added and transmitted.

■ **HDMI REC CONTROL**

When the camcorder is connected to an external recorder, you can set whether the external recorder automatically starts/stops recording based on the camcorder's operations.

▶ **OFF**

Does not record to an external recorder automatically based on the camcorder's operations.

ON

Records to an external recorder automatically based on the camcorder's operations.

♪ (AUDIO SET) menu

Settings for the audio recording (AVCHD AUDIO FORMAT, etc.)

The default settings are marked with ▶.
See page 72 for details on selecting menu items.

Press the MENU button → select ♪ (AUDIO SET) with the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button.

VOLUME

You can adjust the volume.

☀ **Tip**
• You can assign this function to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).

AVCHD AUDIO FORMAT

You can set the audio format for AVCHD recording.

▶ **LINEAR PCM (♪LPCM)**
Records in LPCM format.

DOLBY DIGITAL (♪DolbyD)
Records in Dolby Digital format.

✪ **Note**
• The above setting can be switched only when the recording format is AVCHD.

AUDIO LIMIT

Sets the sound distortion prevention function for CH-1/CH-2.

▶ **OFF**

Disables the sound distortion prevention function.

ON

Activates the sound distortion prevention function.

✪ **Note**
• Available only when the AUTO/MAN (CH-1/CH-2) switch is set to "MAN."

INT MIC SET

■ INT MIC SENS

You can set the audio recording sensitivity of the internal microphone.

▶ NORMAL

Sensitivity generally used for professional-use devices.

HIGH

Sensitivity generally used for consumer-use devices.

■ INT MIC WIND

You can attenuate low tone input sound in the internal microphone to reduce wind noise.

▶ OFF

Disables wind noise reduction.

ON (⎜⊏⊐)

Enables wind noise reduction.

XLR SET

■ INPUT CH SELECT

Selects the signals for recording to CH-1 and CH-2 (p. 42).

INPUT1/INPUT1

Records the input on INPUT1 signal to both CH-1 and CH-2.

▶ INPUT1/INPUT2

Records the INPUT1 signal to CH-1, and the INPUT2 signal to CH-2.

■ XLR AGC LINK

Links/unlinks the AGC (Auto Gain Control) of CH-1 and CH-2 when using an external microphone.

▶ SEPARATE

Unlinks AGC (CH-1 and CH-2 are recorded with separate AGC).

LINKED (♪A↓])

Links AGC (CH-1 and CH-2 are recorded with linked AGC, like stereo).
A⎡ appears on the status check screen.

◆ Note

• Available when the same source (LINE/MIC/ MIC+48V) is selected on both INPUT1 and INPUT2 switches, and the AUTO/MAN switches for both CH-1 and CH-2 are set to "AUTO" (p. 42).

■ INPUT1 TRIM

Adjusts the input signal level when recording the signal from the INPUT1 jack.

−18dB, −12dB, −6dB, ▶0dB, +6dB, +12dB

◆ Note

• This setting is disabled when the INPUT1 switch is set to "LINE."

■ INPUT1 WIND

▶ OFF

Disables the wind noise reduction function for the INPUT1 jack.

ON

Activates the wind noise reduction function for the INPUT1 jack.
⎜⊏⊐ appears on the status check screen.

◆ Note

• This setting is disabled when the INPUT1 switch is set to "LINE."

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■ **INPUT2 TRIM**

■ **INPUT2 WIND**

See the description for the corresponding functions for INPUT1.

☆ Tips

• If the recording level is set to "AUTO" and INPUT TRIM is set to [0dB], a –48 dBu input will be recorded at the reference recording level (–48 dBu corresponds to 0 dB level).
For example, if a microphone with –30 dB sensitivity (0 dB = 1 V/Pa at 1 kHz) is connected and a 1 kHz 74 dB SPL sound pressure level is input (microphone output is –48 dBu), set INPUT TRIM to [0dB].
If using a microphone with –36 dB sensitivity, setting INPUT TRIM to [+6dB] will compensate for the difference in sensitivity from a microphone with –30 dB sensitivity.

• The INPUT TRIM function adjusts the input level of external microphones. For microphones with high sensitivity or to record high-level audio, adjust in the negative direction. For microphones with low sensitivity or to record low-level audio, adjust in the positive direction.

• Distortion of high-volume audio may occur in the input stage or the recording stage. To counter distortion of the input stage, adjust the level using the INPUT TRIM function. To counter distortion in the recording stage, reduce the overall level manually.

• If the INPUT TRIM is adjusted in the negative direction too far, the audio level from the microphone may become too small, adversely affecting the S/N ratio.

• Test the effect of using [XLR SET] beforehand to suit the microphone used and the sound field to record.

▣ (DISPLAY SET) menu

Display settings (MARKER/DISPLAY OUTPUT, etc.)

The default settings are marked with ▶.
See page 72 for details on selecting menu items.

Press the MENU button → select ▣ (DISPLAY SET) with the ▲/▼/◄/►/SET button.

HISTOGRAM

The histogram displays the luminance distribution that shows how many pixels of a particular brightness exist in the image.

▶ **OFF**

Does not display the histogram.

ON

Displays a histogram.

A line appears at the 100% position, and the color of the zone above the line changes.
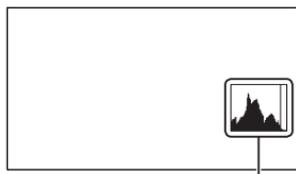
Histogram

ON[ZEBRA POINT]

The histogram shows the point where the zebra pattern appears. A line is displayed at the brightness level set with [ZEBRA].

☆ Tip

• You can assign this function to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).

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ZEBRA

You can display a zebra pattern as a guide for adjusting brightness.

■ ON/OFF

▶ OFF

Does not display the zebra pattern.

ON (▨ and level)

The zebra pattern is not recorded with the image.

■ LEVEL

You can select the brightness level.

▶ 70 to 100, or 100+

☼ Tips

- The zebra pattern is a stripe pattern that appears in areas of brightness equal to or exceeding the brightness level you have set.
- You can assign [ON/OFF] to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).

PEAKING

■ ON/OFF

▶ OFF

Does not display the peaking.

ON (PEAKING)

You can display an image on the LCD screen with its outlines enhanced.

This function helps you to adjust the focus.

■ COLOR

You can select the peaking color.

▶ WHITE, RED, YELLOW

■ LEVEL

You can select the peaking sensitivity.

HIGH, ▶ MIDDLE, LOW

⊘ Note

- The enhanced outlines will not be recorded on the recording media.

☼ Tips

- You can focus more easily using this function in combination with the expanded focus function (p. 33).
- You can assign [ON/OFF] to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).

MARKER

■ ON/OFF

▶ OFF

Does not display markers.

ON

Displays markers.

Markers are not recorded on the recording media.

■ CENTER

▶ ON

Displays a marker at the center of the LCD screen.

OFF

Does not display a center maker.

■ ASPECT

▶ OFF

Does not display the aspect ratio.

4:3, 13:9, 14:9, 15:9, 1.66:1, 1.85:1, 2.35:1

Displays markers at boundaries of display area defined by the aspect ratio.

■ **SAFETY ZONE**

▶**OFF**

Does not display the safety zone.

80%, 90%

If you select either one, you can display markers at boundaries of display area that regular home TVs can display.

■ **GUIDEFRAME**

▶**OFF**

Does not display the guideframe.

ON

Displays the guideframe.

You can check the horizontal and vertical aspect of a subject.

❻ **Notes**

• Only the time code is output to an external device via external output jacks when [MARKER] is set to [ON], even if [DISPLAY OUTPUT] is set to [ALL OUTPUT].
• You cannot display markers during [FOCUS MAGNIFIER].
• You cannot output markers on an external device.

✫ **Tips**

• You can display all types of markers at the same time.
• You can obtain a balanced composition by positioning the subject at the cross points of the guideframe marker.
• You can assign [ON/OFF] to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).

FOCUS MAG RATIO

You can set the magnification of expanded focus.

×4.0

×8.0

▶**×4.0/×8.0**

The setting changes in the order [×4.0] → [×8.0] → [OFF] with each press of the ASSIGN5/FOCUS MAG button.

CAMERA DATA DISPLAY

OFF

Does not display the iris, gain and shutter speed settings.

▶**ON**

Constantly displays the iris, gain and shutter speed settings on the LCD screen.

Iris value   Shutter speed value

Gain value
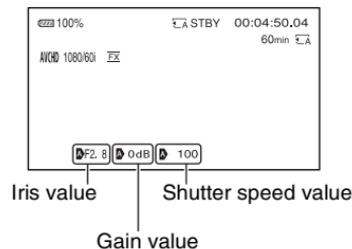
✫ **Tips**

• The settings appear on the LCD screen during the manual adjustment regardless of the settings of this function.
• ▲ indicates that the settings are automatically adjusted values.
• The displayed settings are different from the settings that will be displayed when you press the ASSIGN button to which [DATA CODE] is assigned (p. 63).
• You can assign this function to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).

AUDIO LEVEL DISPLAY

▶ **ON**

Displays the audio level meters on the LCD screen.
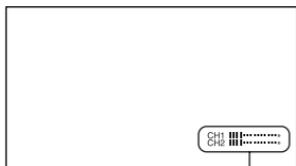
Audio level meters

OFF

Does not display the audio level meters.

✨ Tip

• You can assign this function to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).

ZOOM DISPLAY

▶ **BAR**

Displays a bar that indicates the zoom position.

NUMBER

Displays a number that indicates the zoom position.

FOCUS DISPLAY

▶ **METER**

Displays the focal length in meters.

FEET

Displays the focal length in feet.

SHUTTER DISPLAY

▶ **SECOND**

Displays the shutter display in seconds.

DEGREE

Displays the shutter display in degrees.

The shutter speed equal to the period that your camcorder reads image data from the image sensor is defined as 360 degrees. The degree is calculated based on this definition and displayed.
60i models:

– With a frame rate of 60 selected in [REC FORMAT], when the shutter speed is 1/60, the shutter angle is 360 degrees.
– With a frame rate of 30 selected in [REC FORMAT], when the shutter speed is 1/30, the shutter angle is 360 degrees.
– With a frame rate of 24 selected in [REC FORMAT], when the shutter speed is 1/24, the shutter angle is 360 degrees.

50i models:

– With a frame rate of 50 selected in [REC FORMAT], when the shutter speed is 1/50, the shutter angle is 360 degrees.
– With a frame rate of 25 selected in [REC FORMAT], when the shutter speed is 1/25, the shutter angle is 360 degrees.

See page 36 for details on the [REC FORMAT] setting.

⚠ Note

• When you press the ASSIGN button to which [DATA CODE] is assigned, the shutter speed is displayed in seconds regardless of this setting.

✨ Tip

• If the shutter speed is more than 360 degrees, it is displayed as an integral multiple of 360 degrees (360 × 2, etc.).

DATA CODE

You can select the information that is displayed during playback.

▶ **OFF**

No information is displayed.

(DISPLAY SET) menu (Continued)

DATE/TIME

The date and time are displayed.

CAMERA DATA

Camera data is displayed.

☼ Tip

• You can assign this function to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).

LCD BRIGHT

You can adjust the brightness of the LCD screen. Changes in the LCD brightness are not affect the brightness of recording images.

▶ **NORMAL**

BRIGHT

VF BRIGHT

You can adjust the brightness of the viewfinder. Changes in the LCD brightness are not affect the brightness of recording images.

▶ **NORMAL**

BRIGHT

DISPLAY OUTPUT

You can select where to output the display information, such as time code.

▶ **LCD PANEL**

Outputs the information to the LCD screen.

ALL OUTPUT

Outputs information to the HDMI OUT and VIDEO OUT jacks, and the LCD screen. Zebra, peaking and the frame on the face are also output.

◑ Note

• Only the time code, zebra, peaking and the frame on the face are output when [MARKER] is set to [ON] and a marker is displayed on the LCD screen.

▦ (TC/UB SET) menu

Time code settings (TC PRESET/UB PRESET/TC FORMAT, etc.)

The default settings are marked with ▶.
See page 72 for details on selecting menu items.

Press the MENU button → select ▦ (TC/UB SET) with the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button.

TC/UB DISPLAY

You can select whether to display the time code or the user bit code.

▶ **TC**

Displays the time code.

U-BIT

Displays the user bit code.

☼ Tip

• You can assign this function to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).

TC PRESET

See page 54.

UB PRESET

See page 54.

TC FORMAT

You can select the time code recording method on 60i models. The time code is fixed to [NDF] for 50i models.

▶ **DF**

Records the time code in drop frame.

NDF

Records the time code in non-drop frame.

◑ Note

• The time code is also fixed to [NDF] for 60i models when the frame rate is set to 24 in [REC FORMAT].

⌵ Tip

Drop frame

Time code is based on 30 frames per second; however, gaps in the actual time occur during extended periods of recording as the actual frame frequency of NTSC image signal is 29.97 frames per second. Drop frame corrects this gap to make time code and actual time equal. In drop frame, the first 2 frame numbers are removed every minute except in every tenth minute. Time code without this correction is called non-drop frame.

TC RUN

You can select how the time code advances.

▶ REC RUN

Advances the time code only during recording.

Select this setting to record the time code sequentially from the last time code of the previous recording.

FREE RUN

Advances the time code regardless of operation of your camcorder.

⚙ Note

- Even if the time code advances in the [REC RUN] mode, the time code may not be recorded sequentially in the following cases:
  – When the recording format is changed.
  – When the recording media is removed.

TC MAKE

▶ PRESET

Records the newly set time code on the recording media.

REGENERATE

Reads the last time code of the previous recording from the recording media and records the new time code consecutively from the last time code during the backspace editing.

The time code runs in [REC RUN] mode regardless of the setting of [TC RUN].

UB TIME REC

▶ OFF

Does not save the actual time in the user bit code.

ON

Saves the actual time in the user bit code.

⚙ Note

- The last 2 digits are fixed to 00 when it is set to [ON].

🗄 (OTHERS) menu

Settings while recording or other basic settings (AREA SET/BEEP, etc.)

The default settings are marked with ▶.
See page 72 for details on selecting menu items.

Press the MENU button → select 🗄 (OTHERS) with the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button.

STATUS CHECK

See page 64.

CAMERA PROFILE

You can save up to 99 camera profile settings in a memory card and recall them at any time for easy setup.
In addition, if you should require multiple camcorders with the same settings, you can load the desired settings to all cameras via the memory card.

♨ Notes
- Camera profiles for 50i models and 60i models are not compatible.
- The file may not be shown properly if the file name is changed on the computer, or the power turned off during generation.
- Formatting the memory card also deletes saved camera profiles.

♨ Tip
- Items that can be saved include setting values for menus, picture profiles, buttons, etc. You can save these setting values all together in the camera profile.

■ LOAD
Load the camera profile, and execute the settings.

① Select the camera profile to be loaded with the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button.

② Select [YES] on the confirmation screen.
The camcorder restarts, and the loaded camera profile becomes effective.

♨ Note
- A camera profile saved on a camcorder with different model name, or edited on a computer cannot be loaded.

■ SAVE
You can save the camera profile.

① Select [NEW FILE] or an existing profile name with the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button.

② Select [YES] on the confirmation screen.
The camera profile is saved.

♨ Tips
- When you select [NEW FILE], the profile is named [01] (when saving for the first time).
- If you select an existing camera profile, the current setting values are overwritten.
- You cannot use a computer to edit saved settings.

■ DELETE
You can delete the saved camera profile.

① Select the camera profile to be deleted with the ▲/▼/◀/▶/SET button.

② Select [YES] on the confirmation screen.

ASSIGN BUTTON

See page 58.

CLOCK SET

See page 22.

AREA SET

You can adjust the time difference without stopping the clock. When you use your camcorder abroad, you can adjust the clock to the local time.

SUMMERTIME

You can change this setting without stopping the clock. Set to [ON] to move the time forward 1 hour.

▶ **OFF**

Does not set summer time.

ON

Sets summer time.

LANGUAGE

You can select the language to be used on the LCD screen.

DATE REC

▶ **OFF**

Does not superimpose the date and time on images.

ON

Superimposes the date and time on images.

☼ Tips

• You can set this item only when the interlace scanning system is selected.
• When zebra or peaking is activated, the date and time characters are affected by the signal, but properly recorded on images.

BEEP

▶ **OFF**

Cancels the melody.

ON

Activates a melody when you start/stop recording, or when you are warned with warning indicators, etc.

REC LAMP

▶ **ON**

Turns on the recording lamp.

OFF

Turns off the recording lamp.

☼ Tip

• You can assign this function to an ASSIGN button (p. 58).

REMOTE CONTROL

▶ **ON**

Enables the supplied Wireless Remote Commander (p. 12).

OFF

Disables the supplied Wireless Remote Commander to prevent misoperation by the remote control of another device.

MEDIA FORMAT

See page 70.

REPAIR IMAGE DB FILE

See page 71.

USB CONNECT

Select this item when [USB CONNECT] does not appear on the LCD screen by connecting the camcorder to another device with the USB cable.

USB LUN SET

You can improve compatibility with external devices by limiting the functions of the USB connection.

▶ **MULTI**

Set to [MULTI] in normal conditions.

Using the Menu

SINGLE

Set to [SINGLE] if you are unable to connect using the [MULTI] setting.

OPERATION TIME

Displays the total hours of operation in 10-hour increments.

VERSION DISPLAY

Displays the current version of your camcorder. Be sure to check for firmware updates.

⚙ Note

• To perform an update, use the AC Adaptor.

INITIALIZE

You can reset all settings, including the clock setting, to their default values.

⚙ Note

• The picture profile settings are not reset.

Troubleshooting

If you run into any problems using your camcorder, follow the flow chart below.

① Check your camcorder, referring to the items on pages 93 to 99.

② Disconnect the power source, reconnect the power source after about 1 minute and turn on your camcorder.

③ Select ▣ (OTHERS) → INITIALIZE.
This operation will reset the date, time and area settings.

④ Consult your Sony dealer or local authorized Sony service facility.

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Power sources/LCD screen/Wireless Remote Commander

The power does not turn on or abruptly turns off.

- Attach a charged battery pack to the camcorder (p. 19).
- Use the AC Adaptor to connect the camcorder to a wall outlet (wall socket) (p. 19).

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

- Disconnect the power source (battery or AC Adaptor), then reconnect it after about 1 minute.
- Select ▣ (OTHERS) → INITIALIZE.

The camcorder gets warm.

- Camera body may get warm with use – this is normal.

The remaining battery indicator does not indicate the correct figure.

- Ambient temperature is too high or too low, or the battery pack has not been charged enough. This is not a malfunction.
- Fully charge the battery again. If the problem persists, the battery may be worn-out. Replace with a new battery (p. 19, 108).
- The indicated figure may not be correct in certain circumstances. For example, when you open or close the LCD screen, it takes about 1 minute to display the correct remaining battery.

The battery pack discharges too quickly.

- Ambient temperature is too high or too low, or the battery pack has not been charged enough. This is not a malfunction.
- Fully charge the battery again. If the problem persists, the battery may be worn-out. Replace with a new battery (p. 19, 108).

The image on the viewfinder is not clear.

- Move the viewfinder lens adjustment lever until the image appears clearly (p. 24).

The supplied Wireless Remote Commander does not function.

- Set [REMOTE CONTROL] to [ON] (p. 91).
- Remove any obstructions between the Wireless Remote Commander and the remote sensor of the camcorder.
- Keep strong light sources, such as sunlight or overhead lighting, away from the remote sensor, otherwise the Wireless Remote Commander may not function properly.
- Change the battery. Insert a fresh battery the +/– terminals aligned correctly (p. 12).

Another video device malfunctions when you use the supplied Wireless Remote Commander.

- Select a commander mode other than DVD2 for your video device.
- Cover the sensor of your video device with black paper.

The camcorder does not operate normally when a device is connected to the REMOTE jack.

- The speed in response to commands from the Wireless Remote Commander may be slow.
- The camcorder settings may not be restored if a cable is connected to the REMOTE jack of the camcorder and the device on the other end of the cable is disconnected. Disconnect the cable from the REMOTE jack of the camcorder first.

Memory cards

The camcorder does not operate with the memory card inserted.

- The memory card was formatted on a computer. Format it on this camcorder (p. 70).

The data file name is incorrect, or flashing.

- The file is damaged.
- The file format is not supported on your camcorder (p. 107).

The recording media indicator is flashing.

- Something wrong happened to recording media. Stop recording of all recording media, and repair the database file.

Images on the recording media cannot be deleted.

- You can select no more than 100 images to be deleted on the edit screen.
- The images are protected. Unprotect the images (p. 68).

Recording

The recording does not start when you press the START/STOP button.

- The playback screen is displayed. Finish playback operation (p. 62).
- There is no empty space on the recording media. Replace the recording media with a new one or format the recording media (p. 70). Delete unnecessary images (p. 69).
- Total number of movie scenes exceeds the recordable capacity of your camcorder (p. 104). Delete unnecessary images (p. 69).
- The temperature of your camcorder is extremely high. Turn off your camcorder and leave it for a while in a cool place.
- The temperature of your camcorder is extremely low. Turn off your camcorder and leave it for a while in a warm place.
- Something wrong happened to recording media. Stop recording of all recording media, and repair the database file.

The handle zoom does not work.

- Set [HANDLE ZOOM] > [ZOOM OPERATION] to ON (p. 78).

The access lamp remains lit even after recording was stopped.

- Your camcorder is recording the scene you have just shot on the memory card.

The imaging field looks different.

- The imaging field may look different depending on the condition of your camcorder. This is not a malfunction.

The actual recording time for movies is less than the estimated recording time of the recording media.

- Depending on the recording conditions, the time available for recording may be shorter, for example when recording a fast moving object, for example (p. 103).

The camcorder does not keep the setting changes.

- Some menu items return to the default setting when the power is turned off.
- The [FOCUS MAGNIFIER] setting is not stored.
- The battery pack or AC Adaptor was disconnected while the power was turned on. Before disconnecting the battery pack or AC Adaptor, turn off the power and make sure that the access lamp is turned off.

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There is a time difference between the point when the START/STOP button is pressed and the point that the recording movie actually starts or stops.

- On your camcorder, there may be a slight time difference between the point where you press the START/STOP button and the actual point that recording movie starts/stops. This is not a malfunction.

The aspect ratio (16:9 (wide)/4:3) cannot be changed.

- When recording at a setting other than DV, the aspect ratio of the movie cannot be changed.

Automatic focus does not function.

- Set the focus to "AUTO" to enable the automatic focus function (p. 33).
- Adjust the focus manually if the automatic focus does not work properly (p. 33).

Menu items are grayed out or do not work.

- You cannot select grayed out display items in the current recording/playback situation.
- There are some functions you cannot activate simultaneously. The following list shows examples of unworkable combinations of functions and menu items.

Cannot use (menu disabled)	Situation
[ON/OFF] of [AE SHIFT]	All of iris, gain and shutter speed are set manually.
[ZEBRA], [PEAKING]	[COLOR BAR] is set to [ON].
[ON/OFF] of [MARKER]	[FOCUS MAGNIFIER] is set to [ON].
[TC PRESET]	[TC MAKE] is set to [REGENERATE].
[COLOR BAR]	Movies are being recorded. [FOCUS MAGNIFIER] is set to [ON].

Iris, gain, shutter speed, or white balance cannot be adjusted manually.

- Press the FULL AUTO button to set auto mode off.

Tiny spots in white, red, blue, or green appear on the LCD screen.

- This phenomenon appears when using a slow shutter speed (p. 39). This is not a malfunction.

The subjects passing by the frame very fast appear crooked.

- This is called focal plane phenomenon. This is not a malfunction. Because of the way that the image device (CMOS sensor) reads out image signals, the subjects passing by the frame rapidly might appear crooked depending on the recording conditions.

Horizontal stripes appear on the image.

- This occurs when recording pictures under a fluorescent lamp, sodium lamp, or mercury lamp. This is not a malfunction. This can be improved by changing the shutter speed (p. 39).

Black bands appear when you record a TV screen or computer screen.

- Adjust the shutter speed (p. 39).

Fine patterns flicker, diagonal lines look jagged.

- Adjust [DETAIL] to the negative side (p. 53).

The time code is not recorded in sequence.

- The time code may not be recorded sequentially if you change the settings of [REC FORMAT].

Image color is not correct.

- Cancel NIGHTSHOT (p. 46).

The image is not visible because the screen is too bright.

- Press the FULL AUTO button to set auto mode on.
- Cancel NIGHTSHOT (p. 46).

Playback

Also refer to "Memory cards" (p. 94).

The desired images cannot be found.

Images cannot be played back.

- Select the recording media and image quality of the image you want to play back on the thumbnail screen (p. 60).
- Image data cannot be played back if you have modified file names or folders, or have edited the data on a computer. This is not a malfunction.
- Images recorded on other devices may not be played back, or displayed in incorrect size. This is not a malfunction.
- Display the thumbnail screen, select the thumbnail you want to play using the ↑/↓/←/→buttons, and press the SET button (p. 61).

The data file name is incorrect, or flashing.

- The file is damaged.
- The file format is not supported on your camcorder (p. 107).
- Only the file name is displayed, if the folder structure does not conform to the universal standard.

No sound or only a low sound is heard.

- Turn up the volume (p. 62).

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"---" is displayed on the LCD screen.

- Bars will be displayed for the camera data of the movies recorded with [COLOR BAR] set to [ON].

Multi ch appears on the LCD screen.

- Multi ch appears when you play back movies recorded with 5.1ch surround sound. 5.1ch surround sound is down-mixed to 2ch stereo and played back on your camcorder.

Connecting to TV

Neither image nor sound is played back on the TV connected with the HDMI cable.

- Images are not output from the HDMI OUT jack, if copyright protection signals are recorded in the images.
- Signals are not output from the HDMI OUT jack when the USB jack is connected.

Neither image nor sound is played back on the TV, projector, or AV amplifier connected with the HDMI cable.

- If you cannot view images or hear sound on the TV, projector, or AV amplifier connected with the HDMI cable, try disconnecting and connecting the HDMI cable, or turn on your camcorder again.

The image appears distorted on the 4:3 TV.

- This happens when viewing a movie recorded in the 16:9 (wide) mode on a 4:3 TV. Select ⇄ (REC/OUT SET) → [VIDEO OUT] → [DOWN CONVERT TYPE] and set the appropriate down conversion type (p. 81).

Black zone appears at top and bottom of a 4:3 TV screen.

- This happens when viewing a movie recorded in the 16:9 (wide) mode on a 4:3 TV. This is not a malfunction.

Copying/Editing/Connecting to other devices

Time code and other information appear on the display of the connected device.

- Set [DISPLAY OUTPUT] to [LCD PANEL] (p. 88).

Sound cannot be added to the recording media after recording.

- You cannot add sound to the recording media after recording on your camcorder.

Copy cannot be done correctly using the HDMI cable.

- You cannot copy movies using the HDMI cable.

Connecting to a computer

The computer does not recognize the camcorder.

- Disconnect the cable from the computer, then connect it again securely.
- Disconnect the cable from your computer and camcorder. Reboot your computer, and connect your computer and camcorder following the steps in the correct order.

Movies cannot be viewed or copied to the computer.

- Disconnect the cable from the computer, then connect it again.
- You need to install "Catalyst Browse" to copy movies from your camcorder to your computer.

Troubleshooting

Warning indicators and messages

Self-diagnosis display/Warning indicators

When an error occurs, a warning indicator appears on the LCD screen or in the viewfinder.
You can fix some problems associated with the symptoms yourself. If the problem persists even after you have tried 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. Use an "InfoLITHIUM" battery pack (p. 108).

C:06:□□

• The battery pack is too hot. Replace the battery pack, or remove the battery pack and put it in a cool place.

C:13:□□

• Remove the recording media. After installing them again, operate your camcorder.

C:32:□□

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

E:□□□□

• Try steps ② to ④ on page 93.

⏚ (Battery level warning)

• The battery pack is nearly used up.
• Depending on the operation, environment, or battery conditions, the indicator may flash, even if around 10% is displayed as the battery remaining figure.

⚠🔋 (Warning indicators pertaining to battery pack temperature)

• The battery pack is too hot. Replace the battery pack, or remove the battery pack and put it in a cool place.

🔅 (Warning indicator pertaining to the video light)

• The battery level is too low.

⏚ 🗂A 🗂B (Warning indicators pertaining to memory cards)

Slow flashing

• Free space for recording images are running out. For the type of memory cards you can use with your camcorder, see page 26.
• No memory card is inserted (p. 26).

Fast flashing

• There is not enough free space for recording images. Delete unnecessary images (p. 69), or format the memory card (p. 70) after you save the images to your computer or another device.
• The image database file may be damaged (p. 71).

🗂A 🗂B (Warning indicators pertaining to memory card formatting)*

• The memory card is damaged.
• The memory card is not formatted correctly (p. 70).

🗂A 🗂B (Warning indicators pertaining to incompatible memory cards)*

• Incompatible memory card is inserted (p. 26).

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⊑A o⊐ ⊑B o⊐ (Warning indicators pertaining to the write-protect of the memory card)*

- The write-protect switch is set to lock position on the memory card.
- Access to the memory card was restricted on another device.

* When [BEEP] is set to [ON] (p. 91), you hear a melody when the warning indicators appear on the LCD screen.

Description of warning messages

If a warning message is displayed, follow the instructions.

Memory cards

Inconsistencies found in image database file. Do you want to repair the image database file? Inconsistencies found in image database file. Cannot record or play HD movies. Do you want to repair the image database file?

- You cannot record or play back movies because no movie management information exists. Select [OK] to repair.

Inconsistencies found in the image database file. Back up and recover. Recover, then import using the included PC software.

- Inconsistencies occur in the image database file because movie management information is damaged. If you select [OK], the management file is repaired after backing up the movie. The backed up movies cannot be recognized.
  If you connect to a computer on which "Catalyst Browse" is installed, you can copy the backed up movies.

However, the loading of all moves is not guaranteed.

Buffer overflow. Writing to the media was not completed in time.

- You have performed recording and erasing operations repeatedly, or a memory card that has been formatted by other device is used. Back up the data to another device (such as a computer HDD), and then [Empty] the memory card on the camcorder (p. 70).
- The size of the inserted memory card is not sufficient for copying the movie(s). Use a memory card recommended for your camcorder (p. 26).

Recovering data.

- Your camcorder tries to recover data automatically if the data writing was not performed properly.

Cannot recover data.

- Writing data onto the media of the camcorder has failed. Attempts were made to recover the data, but they were unsuccessful.

⊑A ⊑B Reinsert the memory card.

- Reinsert the memory card a few times. If even then the indicator flashes, the memory card could be damaged. Try with another memory card.

⊑A ⊑B Cannot recognize this memory card. Format and use again.

- Format the memory card using the camcorder (p. 70). Note that if you format the memory card, all the recorded movies and photos are deleted.

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This memory card may not be able to record or play movies.

- Use a memory card recommended for your camcorder (p. 26).

This memory card may not be able to record or play images correctly.

- Use a memory card recommended for your camcorder (p. 26).
- Contact your Sony dealer.

Do not eject the memory card during writing. Data may be damaged.

- Reinsert the memory card, and follow the instructions on the LCD screen.

Other

Maximum number of images already selected.

- You can select only 100 images at one time for:
  – Deleting movies/photos
  – Protecting movies/photos, or releasing the protection

Protected file. Cannot delete.

- An attempt was made to delete protected data. Release the protection of the data.

Recording time of movies

Estimated time of recording and playback with each battery pack

Approximate time available when you use a fully charged battery pack.

Recording time

(Unit: minute)

Battery pack	Continuous recording time	Typical recording time
NP-F770	360	180
NP-F970	540	270

✪ Notes

- Recording format
  AVCHD FX mode
- Using the internal microphone with [VF BRIGHT] set to [NORMAL]
- Using a memory card
- Typical recording time shows the time when you repeat recording start/stop, turning on/off, and so on.
- Both recording and playback time will be shorter when you use your camcorder in low temperatures. It is recommended that you use the camcorder from 10 °C to 30 °C (50 °F to 86 °F).
- The recording and playback time will be shorter depending on the conditions under which you use your camcorder.

Playing time

(Unit: minute)

Battery pack	
NP-F770	445

Estimated recording time of movies

XAVC S HD

(Unit: minute)

	1080
64GB	155
	(155)

AVCHD

■ When [AVCHD AUDIO FORMAT] is set to [LINEAR PCM]

(Unit: minute)

	PS	FX	FH	HQ	LP
16GB	70	80	110	185	295
	(70)	(80)	(110)	(145)	(250)
32GB	145	170	225	375	590
	(145)	(170)	(225)	(290)	(510)
64GB	290	340	450	750	1190
	(290)	(340)	(450)	(590)	(1025)

■ When [AVCHD AUDIO FORMAT] is set to [DOLBY DIGITAL]

(Unit: minute)

	PS	FX	FH	HQ	LP
16GB	75	90	120	215	380
	(75)	(90)	(120)	(165)	(310)
32GB	150	180	245	440	770
	(150)	(180)	(245)	(330)	(630)
64GB	305	360	495	880	1545
	(305)	(360)	(495)	(665)	(1260)

DV

(Unit: minute)

	HQ
16GB	70 (70)
32GB	140 (140)
64GB	280 (280)

• When using Sony memory cards.

🕭 **Notes**

• The recording time may vary depending on the recording conditions, subjects, and [REC SET] (p. 80).
• The number in ( ) is the minimum recordable time.

💡 **Tips**

• The maximum number of movie scenes that can be recorded is 600 in XAVC S HD, 3,999 in AVCHD, and 9,999 in DV.
• The maximum continuous recording time for movies in XAVC S HD is approximately 13 hours. (Files are split after approximately 6 hours).
  When recording in AVCHD and DV, the maximum continuous recording time is approximately 13 hours.
• Your camcorder uses the VBR (Variable Bit Rate) format to automatically adjust image quality to suit the recording scene. This technology causes fluctuations in the recording time of the media. Movies containing quickly moving and complex images are recorded at a higher bit-rate, and this reduces the overall recording time.
• Bit-rate (movie + audio, etc.), number of pixels, and aspect ratio of each recording mode of movies are as follows.
  – XAVC S HD
    50Mbps 1920 × 1080/16:9
  – AVCHD
    PS: max. 28 Mbps 1,920 × 1,080/16:9
    FX: max. 24 Mbps 1,920 × 1,080/16:9, 1,280 × 720/16:9
    FH: approx. 17 Mbps (ave.) 1,920 × 1,080/16:9, 1,280 × 720/16:9
    HQ: approx. 9 Mbps (ave.) 1,440 × 1,080/16:9, 1,280 × 720/16:9
    LP: approx. 5 Mbps (ave.) 1,440 × 1,080/16:9
  – DV
    60i models: Approx. 25 Mbps (ave.) 720 × 480/16:9, 4:3
    50i models: 720 × 576/16:9, 4:3

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Using your camcorder abroad

Power supply

You can use your camcorder in any country/region using the AC Adaptor supplied with your camcorder within the AC 100V to 240V, 50Hz/60Hz range.

Viewing on TV

The following shows which countries and regions use 60i and 50i models.

Countries and regions using 60i models
Bahama Islands, Barbados, Bermuda, Bolivia, Canada, Central America, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guam, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Micronesia, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Surinam, Taiwan, Trinidad and Tobago, the U.S.A., Venezuela, etc.
Countries and regions using 50i models
Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, French Guiana, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Kuwait, Malaysia, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Vietnam, etc.

Simple setting of the clock by time difference

When you are abroad, you can easily adjust the clock to the local time by setting the time difference. Select [AREA SET], then set the time difference (p. 90).

File/folder structure on the recording media

The file/folder structure is shown below. You do not usually need to acknowledge the file/folder structure, when recording/playing back movies and still images on the camcorder.

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[AVF_INFO] ──────────── AVIN0001.INP
                         AVIN0001.INT          1
                         AVIN0001.BNP

[AVCHD]*
[PRIVATE] ── [AVCHD]**                         2

[M4ROOT]*
[PRIVATE] ── [M4ROOT]**  [CLIP] ──── C0001.MP4
                                     C0001M01.XML
                                     C0002.MP4
                                     C0002M01.XML
                                     ⋮                3
                         [THMBNL] ── C0001T01.JPG
                                     C0002T01.JPG

                         [GENERAL]
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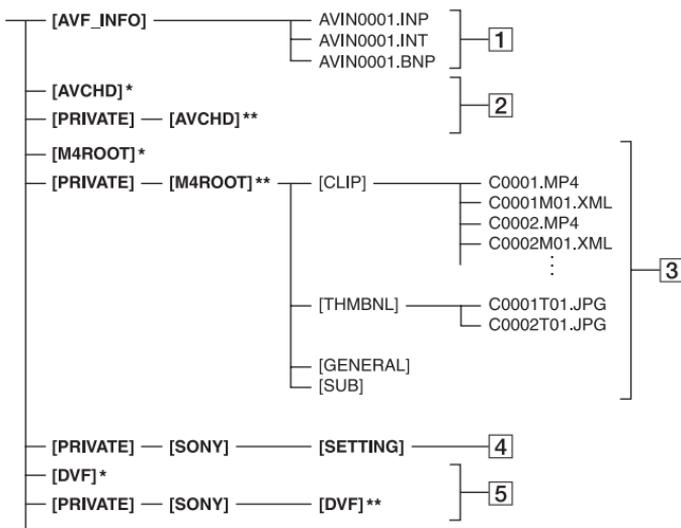
* "Memory Stick PRO Duo"
** SD memory card, SDHC memory card, SDXC memory card

1 Image management files

When you delete the files, you cannot record/play back the images correctly.
The files are defaulted as hidden files and not usually displayed.

2 AVCHD movie management information folder

This folder contains recording data of AVCHD movies. Do not try to open this folder or access the contents of this folder from a computer. Doing so might damage image files, or prevent image files from being played back.

3 XAVC S HD movie management information folder

This folder contains recording data of XAVC S HD movie files.
The file numbers go up automatically.

4 Camera profiles

Stores camera profile data.

5 DV movie management information folder

This folder contains recording data of DV movie. Do not try to open this folder or access the contents of this folder from a computer. Doing so might damage image files, or prevent image files from being played back.

- Do not modify the files or folders on the camcorder from the computer. Doing so might damage image files, or prevent image files from being played back.
- Sony accepts no responsibility for the results of operation using data copied from a PC to a memory card.
- When you delete image files, follow the steps on page 69. Do not delete the image files on the camcorder directly from the computer.
- Do not format the recording media in the camcorder using a computer. The camcorder may not operate correctly.
- Do not copy the files on the recording media from a computer. Operation is not guaranteed, if you perform this operation.
- Use "Catalyst Browse" application software to import data from the recording media to a computer.

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About the XAVC S format

Recording and playback on the camcorder

Based on the XAVC S format, your camcorder records with HD (high definition) high image quality.
This uses a Long-GOP video compression format for recording.
Video signal*: MPEG-4AVC/H.264
60i models:
1920×1080/60p, 1920×1080/30p, 1920×1080/24p
50i models:
1920×1080/50p, 1920×1080/25p
Audio signal: LPCM 2 ch
Recording media: Memory card

* The camcorder is not able to play back data that is recorded in XAVC S format using settings other than those described above.

About the AVCHD format

Recording and playback on the camcorder

Based on the AVCHD format, your camcorder records with the HD (high definition) image quality.

Video signal*: MPEG-4AVC/H.264
60i models:
1920×1080/60p, 1920×1080/60i, 1920×1080/30p, 1920×1080/24p, 1440×1080/60i, 1280×720/60p
50i models:
1920×1080/50p, 1920×1080/50i, 1920×1080/25p, 1440×1080/50i, 1280×720/50p
Audio signal: Dolby Digital 2ch, LPCM 2 ch
Recording media: memory card (sold separately)

* Data recorded in AVCHD format other than the above mentioned cannot be played back on your camcorder.
• Because the AVCHD format uses a data compression system, images may be distorted in scenes where the image, angle, or brightness changes drastically. This is not a malfunction.

About memory cards

• A memory card formatted on a computer does not have guaranteed compatibility with your camcorder.
• Data read/write speed may vary depending on the combination of the memory card and memory card compliant product you use.
• Damaged or lost image data will not be compensated for, and may occur in the following cases:
  – If you eject the memory card, turn the power off on your camcorder, or remove the battery pack for replacement while your camcorder is reading or writing image files on the memory card (while the access lamp is lit or flashing).
  – If you use the memory card near electric fields, magnetic fields, or other sources of electromagnetic noise.
• It is recommended to make a back-up of important data on the hard disk of a computer.
• Do not attach a label or the like on memory card.
• Do not touch, or allow metallic objects to come into contact with the terminals.
• Do not bend, drop or apply strong force to the memory card.
• Do not disassemble or modify the memory card.
• Do not let the memory card get wet.
• Be careful to keep memory card out of the reach of small children. There is danger that a child might swallow it.
• Do not insert anything other than the compliant size of memory card into the memory card slot. Doing so may cause a malfunction.
• Do not use or keep the memory card in the following locations:
  – Places subject to extremely high temperature, such as a car parked outside in the summer
  – Places under direct sunlight
  – Places with extremely high humidity or subject to corrosive gases

Additional Information

On image data compatibility

- Image data files recorded on a memory card by your camcorder conform to the "Design rule for Camera File system" universal standard established by the JEITA (Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association).
- If you cannot use the memory card that has been used with another device, format it with your camcorder (p. 70). Note that formatting erases all information on the memory card.
- You may not be able to play back images with your camcorder:
  – When playing back image data modified on your computer.
  – When playing back image data recorded with other devices.

About "Memory Stick" media

Types of "Memory Stick" media	Recording/ Playback
"Memory Stick Duo" (with MagicGate)	–
"Memory Stick PRO Duo" (Mark2)	Yes
"Memory Stick PRO-HG Duo"	Yes

- This product supports parallel data transfer. However, the transfer speed may differ, depending on the type of media you use.
- This product cannot record or play data that uses "MagicGate" technology. "MagicGate" is a copyright protection technology that records and transfers the contents in an encrypted format.

About the "InfoLITHIUM" battery pack

Your camcorder operates only with an "InfoLITHIUM" L series battery pack of a large capacity, such as NP-F770 or NP-F970 (sold separately). "InfoLITHIUM" L series battery packs have the *InfoLITHIUM* **L** mark.

What is an "InfoLITHIUM" battery pack?

An "InfoLITHIUM" battery pack is a lithium-ion battery pack that has functions for communicating information related to operating conditions between your camcorder and a supplied AC Adaptor. The "InfoLITHIUM" battery pack displays the remaining battery time in % according to the operating situations of your camcorder.

To use the battery pack effectively

- Battery pack performance decreases when the ambient temperature is 10 °C (50 °F) or below, and the length of time you can use the battery pack becomes shorter. In that case, do one of the following to use the battery pack for a longer time.
  – Put the battery pack in a pocket to warm it up, and install it in your camcorder right before you start taking shots.
- Make sure to turn off the camcorder when you are not recording or playing back. The battery pack is also consumed when your camcorder is in recording standby or playback pause.
- Have spare battery packs ready for 2 or 3 times the expected recording time, and make trial recordings before making the actual recording.
- Do not expose the battery pack to water. The battery pack is not water resistant.

About the remaining battery indicator

- Check the level with the following indicators and % displayed on the LCD screen.

Battery remaining indicator	%
🔋 (full)	81% to 100%
🔋	51% to 80%
🔋	21% to 50%
🔋	1% to 20%
🔋 (empty)	–

• The displayed level may not be correct under certain circumstances.
• When the power goes off even though the remaining battery percent indicator indicates that the battery pack has enough power to operate, charge the battery pack fully again. Remaining battery percent will be indicated correctly. Note, however, that the battery indication will not be restored if it is used in high temperatures for a long time, or if left in a fully charged state, or when the battery pack is frequently used. Use the remaining battery percent indication as a rough guide only.

About storage of the battery pack

• If the battery pack is not used for a long time, fully charge the battery pack and use it up on your camcorder once a year to maintain proper function. To store the battery pack, remove it from your camcorder and put it in a dry, cool place.
• To discharge the battery pack on your camcorder completely, leave your camcorder in recording standby until the power goes off.

About battery life

• Battery capacity decreases over time and through repeated use. If decreased usage time between charges becomes significant, it is probably time to replace it with a new one.
• Each battery's life is governed by storage, operating and environmental conditions.

About charging the battery pack

• Be sure to charge the battery pack before you start using your camcorder.
• Use the AC Adaptor (supplied) to charge the designated batteries only. If you charge other types of batteries, those batteries may leak, heat up, burst, or give an electric shock, resulting in burns or injury.

• Remove the charged battery from the AC Adaptor.
• The CHG lamp of the supplied AC Adaptor flashes in 2 patterns as follows:
  Fast-flashing...Turns on and off rapidly at about 0.15-second intervals.
  Slow-flashing...Turns on and off alternately for about 1.5 seconds, and turns off completely for about 1.5 seconds. The lamp repeats this sequence.
• If the CHG lamp is fast-flashing, remove the battery that is being charged, and then re-attach the same battery again firmly. If the CHG lamp continues fast-flashing, the cause could be that the battery is damaged, or the battery is not a designated type. Check the battery to confirm whether it is a designated type or not. If it is a designated type, remove the battery first, and then attach a brand-new battery or another known-to-be-good battery to see if the AC Adaptor is working correctly. If the AC Adaptor is working correctly, the cause could be that the battery is damaged.
• If the CHG lamp is slow-flashing, the AC Adaptor is in standby mode and charging is suspended. When the ambient temperature is out of the appropriate temperature range for charging, the AC Adaptor suspends charging automatically and enters standby mode. When the ambient temperature returns to an appropriate temperature, the AC Adaptor restarts charging and the CHG lamp lights up.
• We recommend charging the battery pack in an ambient temperature of from 10 °C to 30 °C (50 °F to 86 °F) until the charge lamp of the camcorder turns off. If you charge the battery pack outside of this temperature range, you may not be able to charge it efficiently.

Additional Information

About handling of your camcorder

On use and care

- Do not use or store the camcorder and accessories in the following locations.
  - Anywhere extremely hot or cold.
    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, the camcorder may malfunction. Sometimes this malfunction cannot be repaired.
  - Near windows or outdoors, where the LCD screen, the viewfinder, or the lens may be exposed to direct sunlight.
    This damages the inside of the viewfinder or the LCD screen.
  - Anywhere very humid.
- Operate your camcorder on 7.2 V (battery pack) or 8.4 V DC (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.
- Do not use a deformed or damaged battery pack.
- Keep the ON/STANDBY switch set to the standby position 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 lead.
- Do not damage the power cord (mains lead) such as by placing anything heavy on it.
- Keep metal contacts clean.
- Keep the Wireless Remote Commander and button-type battery out of children's reach. If the battery is accidentally swallowed, consult a doctor immediately.
- 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

- Turn on the camcorder and record and play back images about once a month to keep it in an optimum state for a long time.
- Use up the battery pack completely before storing it.

Moisture condensation

If your camcorder is brought directly from a cold place to a warm place, moisture may condense inside your camcorder and cause a malfunction of your camcorder.

■ If moisture condensation has occurred

Leave your camcorder for about 1 hour without turning it on.

■ Note on moisture condensation

Moisture may condense when you bring your camcorder from a cold place into a warm place (or vice versa) or when you use your camcorder in a humid place as shown below.

- When you bring your camcorder from a ski slope into a place warmed up by a heating device.
- When you bring your camcorder from an air conditioned car or room into a hot place outside.
- When you use your camcorder after a squall or a shower.
- When you use your camcorder in a hot and humid place.

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■ **How to avoid moisture condensation**

When you bring your camcorder from a cold place into a warm place, put your camcorder in a plastic bag and seal it tightly. Remove the bag when the air temperature inside the plastic bag has reached the ambient temperature (after about 1 hour).

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**

The LCD screen is covered with a coating. The coating may be peeled off by scratching or rubbing. Maintain the LCD screen as follows.

• Wipe fingerprints or hand cream off the LCD screen as soon as possible, as they may cause the coating to peel off.
• If you rub the LCD screen hard, even with a tissue, the coating may be damaged.
• Before wiping the LCD screen, blow dust or sand off with a dust blower, etc.
• Wipe dirt off the LCD screen with a clean, soft cloth, such as an eye glass cleaning cloth, etc.

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 prevent damage to the finish.
  – Using chemicals such as thinner, benzine, alcohol, chemical cloths, repellent, insecticide and sunscreen.
  – Handling with above substances on your hands.
  – Leaving the casing in contact with rubber or vinyl objects for a long period of time.

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, and 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.

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 ON/STANDBY switch is set to STANDBY. 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, with the AC Adaptor not connected or battery pack not attached. 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.

■ **Charging procedure**

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

Note on disposal/transfer of the memory card

Even if you delete data in the memory card or format the memory card on your camcorder or a computer, you may not delete data from the memory card completely. When you give the memory card to somebody, it is recommended that you delete data completely using data

deletion software on a computer. Also, when you dispose of the memory card, it is recommended that you destroy the actual body of the memory card.
Operation is not guaranteed when using a card adaptor.

Specifications

General

Power requirements

8.4 V DC (using AC Adaptor)

7.2 V DC (using battery pack)

Power consumption

While recording AVCHD using viewfinder:

Approx. 5.2 W

While recording AVCHD using LCD screen:

Approx. 5.4 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

171.3 mm × 187.8 mm × 371.3 mm

(6 3/4 in. × 7 1/2 in. × 14 5/8 in.)

(Including projecting parts, lens hood, large eyecup, and battery (NP-F770).

Excluding the grip belt.) (width / height / depth)

Mass

Approx. 1.8 kg (3 lb. 15 oz.) (body only)

Approx. 2.1 kg (4 lb. 10 oz.) (Including lens hood, eyecup, and battery (NP-F770))

System

Video signal

60i models:

NTSC color, EIA standards

HDTV 1080/60i, 1080/60p, 720/60p

50i models:

PAL color, CCIR standards

HDTV 1080/50i, 1080/50p, 720/50p

Video recording system

XAVC S HD: MPEG-4 AVC/H.264 4:2:0 Long profile

AVCHD: MPEG-4 AVC/H.264 AVCHD 2.0 format compatible

SD image quality: DV standard compatible

Audio recording system

XAVC S HD: Linear PCM 2ch, 16-bit, 48 kHz

AVCHD: Linear PCM 2ch, 16-bit, 48 kHz/Dolby Digital 2ch, 16-bit, 48 kHz

DV: Linear PCM 2ch, 16-bit, 48 kHz

Recording media

Memory Stick PRO Duo™ and SD card

Camera

Imaging device

1.0-inch type ExmorR CMOS sensor

Total picture elements: Approx. 20,900,000 pixels

Effective picture elements (16:9 mode): Approx. 14,200,000 pixels

Effective picture elements (4:3 mode): Approx. 10,600,000 pixels

Color temperature

Preset (Indoor: 3200K, Outdoor: 5600K ± 7 steps, Color temperature set range: 2300K to 15000K), One-push A, B, Auto selectable

Minimum illumination

60i: 7.5 lux (1/60 shutter speed, auto iris/gain)

50i: 7.5 lux (1/50 shutter speed, auto iris/gain)

60i: 1.7 lux (LOW LUX mode: On)

50i: 1.7 lux (LOW LUX mode: On)

Shutter speed

60i models:

1/8 sec. to 1/10,000 sec. (1/6 sec. to 1/10,000 sec. when shooting 24p)

50i models:

1/6 sec. to 1/10,000 sec.

Slow & Quick Motion

1080p, frame rate selectable

Gain

–3, 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33 dB, AGC

Gamma curve
　Selectable
Built-in ND filter
　CLEAR: Off
　1: $^{1}/_{4}$ND
　2: $^{1}/_{16}$ND
　3: $^{1}/_{64}$ND

Lens

Lens mount
　Fixed
Zoom ratio
　12× (optical), servo
Focal Length
　f=9.3 mm to 111.6 mm
　(equivalent to f=29.0 mm to 348.0 mm
　on 35 mm lens (16:9))
　(equivalent to f=35.5 mm to 426.0 mm
　on 35 mm lens (4:3))
Iris
　F2.8 to F4.5 (auto/manual selectable)
Focus
　Auto/manual selectable
　10 mm to ∞ (Wide)
　1000 mm to ∞ (Tele)
Image stabilizer
　On/Off selectable, shift lens
Filter diameter
　M62 mm

Input/output connectors

VIDEO OUT jack
　BNC type (1), Composite
　1.0 Vp-p, 75 Ω
AUDIO OUT jacks
　Pin jacks
HDMI OUT jack
　Type A (1)
USB jack
　Multi/Micro USB jack (1)
⌒ (headphones) jack
　Stereo mini jack (φ3.5 mm) (1)

INPUT1/INPUT2 jacks
　XLR-type 3-pin (female) (2), line/mic/
　mic +48 V selectable
DC input
　DC IN jack
Remote jack
　Stereo mini jack (φ2.5 mm) (1)
Multi Interface Shoe (1)

Screen

LCD screen
　8.8 cm (3.5 type)
　Approx. 1.56M dots.
Viewfinder
　0.6 cm (0.24 type)
　Approx. 1.56M dots.

Internal microphone

　Omni-directional stereo electret
　condenser microphone

AC Adaptor (AC-L100C)

Power requirements
　100 V to 240 V AC, 50 Hz/60 Hz
Power consumption
　18 W
Output voltage
　8.4 V DC*
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 mm × 29 mm × 81 mm
　(1 15/16 in. × 1 3/16 in. × 3 1/4 in.)
　(width / height / depth) excluding the
　projecting parts
Mass (body only)
　Approx. 180 g (6.3 oz.)

* See the label for other specifications.

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Rechargeable battery pack (NP-F770)

Maximum output voltage
   8.4 V DC
Output voltage
   7.2 V DC
Maximum charging voltage
   8.4 V DC
Maximum charging current
   3.0 A
Capacity
   Typical: 31.7 Wh (4,400 mAh)
   Minimum: 30.0 Wh (4,200 mAh)
Type
   Li-ion

DC battery charger (BC-L1)

Input rating
   8.4 V DC
Output rating
   8.4 V DC, 1.7 A
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. 72 mm × 20.5 mm × 96.5 mm
   (2 7/8 in. × 13/16 in. × 3 7/8 in.)
   (width / height / depth)
Mass
   Approx. 60 g (2.1 oz)

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