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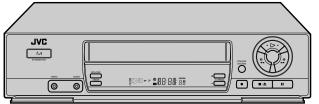


The default setting of On-Screen Display language for this recorder is RUSSIAN.

VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER

HR-J458EE HR-J258EE HR-J255EE





The recorder illustrations appearing in this instruction manual are of the HR-J458EE.



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ENGLISH

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Safety Precautions

The rating plate and the safety caution are on the rear of the unit.

WARNING: DANGEROUS VOLTAGE INSIDE

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

MOISTURE.

CAUTION

When you are not using the recorder for a long period of time, it is recommended that you disconnect the power cord from the mains outlet.

■ Dangerous voltage inside. Refer internal servicing to qualified service personnel. To prevent electric shock or fire hazard, remove the power cord from the mains outlet prior to connecting or disconnecting any signal lead or aerial.

ATTENTION

- 1. This recorder can also receive SECAM colour television signals for recording and playback.
- 2. Recordings made of SECAM television signals produce monochrome pictures if played back on another video recorder of SECAM standard, or do not produce normal colour pictures if played back on another video recorder of PAL standard.
- 3.SECAM prerecorded cassettes or recordings made with a SECAM video recorder produce monochrome pictures when played back with this recorder.

POWER SYSTEM

This set operates on voltage of AC110 – 240 V \sim (Rating), AC90 – 260 V \sim (Operating), 50/60 Hz with automatic switching.

Warning on lithium battery

The battery used in this device may present a fire or chemical burn hazard if mistreated. Do not recharge, disassemble, heat above 100°C or incinerate.

Replace battery with Panasonic (Matsushita Electric), Sanyo, Sony or Maxell CR2025; use of another battery may present a risk of fire or explosion.

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

VHS HE

- Only cassettes marked "VHS" can be used with this videorecorder.
- HQ VHS is compatible with existing VHS equipment.

IMPORTANT

- Please read the various precautions on this page before installing or operating the recorder.
- It should be noted that it may be unlawful to re-record pre-recorded tapes, records, or discs without the consent of the owner of copyright in the sound or video recording, broadcast or cable programme and in any literary, dramatic, musical, or artistic work embodied therein.

The STANDBY/ON \oplus /I button does not completely shut off mains power from the unit, but switches operating current on and off. " \oplus " shows electrical power standby and " I " shows ON.

HR-J458EE:

Video tapes recorded with this video recorder in the LP (Long Play) or EP (Extended Play) mode cannot be played back on a single-speed video recorder.

HR-J258/255EE:

LP and EP mode recording and playback are not possible with this video recorder.

Failure to heed the following precautions may result in damage to the recorder, remote control or video cassette.

- 1. DO NOT place the recorder . . .
 - ... in an environment prone to extreme temperatures or humidity.
 - ... in direct sunlight.
 - ... in a dusty environment.
 - ... in an environment where strong magnetic fields are generated.
 - ... on a surface that is unstable or subject to vibration.
- 2. **DO NOT** block the recorder's ventilation openings.
- 3. <u>DO NOT</u> place heavy objects on the recorder or remote control.
- 4. <u>DO NOT</u> place anything which might spill on top of the recorder or remote control.
- 5. AVOID violent shocks to the recorder during transport.

MOISTURE CONDENSATION

Moisture in the air will condense on the recorder when you move it from a cold place to a warm place, or under extremely humid conditions—just as water droplets form in the surface of a glass filled with cold liquid. Moisture condensation on the head drum will cause damage to the tape. In conditions where condensation may occur, keep the recorder turned on for a few hours to let the moisture dry.

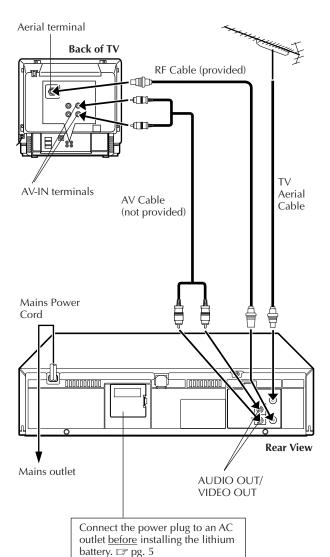
ABOUT HEAD CLEANING

Accumulation of dirt and other particles on the video heads may cause the playback picture to become blurred or interrupted. Be sure to contact your nearest JVC dealer if such troubles occur.

Auto Head Cleaner

A built-in head cleaner automatically cleans the video heads and head drum whenever a tape is loaded or unloaded to reduce head clogging.

Basic Connections



It's essential that your video recorder be properly connected. Follow these steps carefully. THESE STEPS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ANY VIDEO OPERATION CAN BE PERFORMED.

CHECK CONTENTS

Make sure the package contains all of the accessories listed in "Specifications" (pg. 38).

SITUATE RECORDER

Place the recorder on a stable, horizontal surface.

CONNECT RECORDER TO

The connection method you use depends on the type of TV you have.

RF CONNECTION

- To Connect To A TV With NO AV Input Terminals . . .
 - **a** Disconnect the TV aerial cable from the TV.
 - **b** Connect the TV aerial cable to the ANT. IN jack on the rear panel of the recorder.
 - c– Connect the provided RF cable between the RF OUT jack on the rear panel of the recorder and the TV's aerial terminal.

AV CONNECTION

- To Connect To A TV With AV Input Terminals . . .
 - a– Connect the aerial, recorder and TV as per "RF CONNECTION".
 - **b** Connect an optional AV cable between the AUDIO OUT and VIDEO OUT connectors on the rear panel of the recorder and the TV's AV-IN terminals .

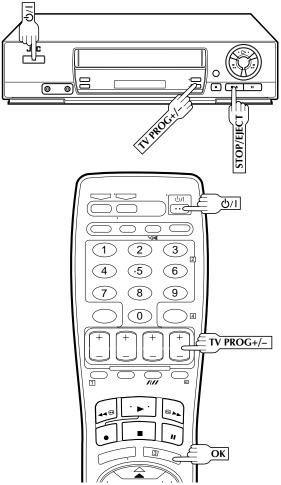
CONNECT RECORDER TO MAINS

Plug the end of the mains power cord into a mains outlet.

ATTENTION

Video Channel Set

Video Channel (RF Output Channel) is the channel on which your TV receives picture and sound signals from the video recorder through the RF cable.



If you have connected the video recorder to your TV via the provided RF cable only (RF connection) – Go to "With RF Connection" below.

If you have connected the video recorder to your TV via both the provided RF cable and an AV cable (AV connection) – Go to "With AV Connection" on next page.

With RF Connection

IMPORTANT:

Before performing the following steps, make sure the recorder's power is off and there is no cassette inserted in the recorder.

ACCESS VIDEO CHANNEL SET MODE

Hold down **STOP/EJECT** on the recorder until the display panel shows the following.



SELECT TV SYSTEM

Press **TV PROG** + or – to set appropriate TV system that matches the system of TV being used (refer to the table below).



Major Countries

TV System

Austria, Denmark, Finland,
Holland, Italy, Norway, Spain,
Switzerland, Sweden,
Germany, Egypt

China, Mongolia, Rumania,

D/K

Hungary, Poland, Russia

Hong Kong I

Bulgaria, Czech Rep., Slovakia,

TEST SIGNAL

The channel on which the screen to the left appear clearly in step 3 is your Video Channel.

To view picture signals from the video recorder, set your TV to the Video Channel.

SET VIDEO CHANNEL

Set your TV to UHF channel 36.

- If the two vertical white bars appear clearly on the screen as shown in the illustration ("TEST SIGNAL" on page 4), press **OK** and then go to step **4**.
- If the two vertical white bars do not appear clearly, press OK and then TV PROG + or – to set the video recorder to a vacant channel between 28 and 60 which is not occupied by any local station in your area.

(Ex.) If channel 50 is available in your area



Then set your TV to UHF channel 50 and check if the two vertical white bars appear clearly on the screen; if so, go to step **4**. If not, re-set the video recorder to another vacant channel and try again.

NOTES:

- If you set the video recorder to a channel which is occupied by a local station or has neighbouring channels that are occupied by local stations, the picture reception quality will be affected and some interference noise will appear on the TV screen. Be sure to select a vacant channel which has no broadcast on neighbouring channels.
- If you cannot obtain the two vertical white bars clearly with any channel between 28 and 60, consult your JVC dealer.

EXIT VIDEO CHANNEL SET MODE

Press 0/1 to finish the setting.

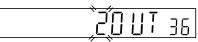
With AV Connection

IMPORTANT:

Before performing the following steps, make sure the recorder's power is off and there is no cassette inserted in the recorder.

ACCESS VIDEO CHANNEL SET MODE

Hold down **STOP/EJECT** on the recorder until the display panel shows the following.



SET VIDEO CHANNEL

Press **OK**, then press **TV PROG** – until the display panel shows the following.



Now the video channel is set to off (- -).

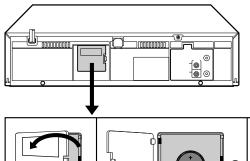
EXIT VIDEO CHANNEL SET MODE

Press U/I to finish the setting.

To view picture signals from the video recorder, set your TV to its AV mode.

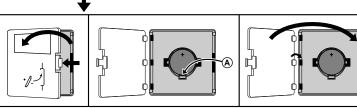
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Be sure to connect the power plug to an AC outlet first before installing the lithium battery; otherwise, the battery's service life will be drastically shortened.



Installing/Removing the lithium battery

- Make sure that the power plug is connected to an AC outlet and turn off the VCR power.
- 2 Open the battery cover while pressing the release tab as illustrated.
- Insert a lithium battery with the plus (+) side up and push it in.
 - To remove the lithium battery, press the latch (A) downward using a pointed non-metallic object, then pull out the lithium battery.
- 4 Close the battery cover until it clicks in place.

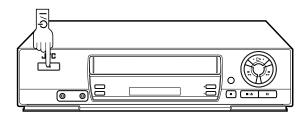


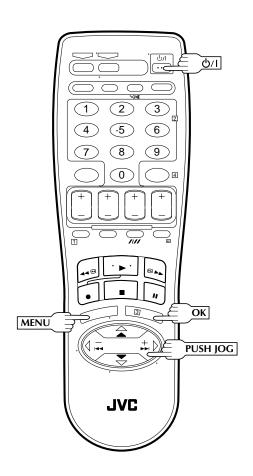
Auto Set Up

Auto Channel Set

Before starting, make sure of the following:

- The TV aerial cable should be connected to the recorder.
- The recorder's mains power cord should be connected to a mains outlet. □ pg. 3
- The "Video Channel Set" procedure should be done first and the TV should be set to its AV mode (with AV connection ₱ pg. 5) or video channel (with RF connection ₱ pg. 4).





The Auto Set Up function simplifies installation by guiding you through the procedures of setting the language, clock and tuner channels — simply follow the on-screen menus that appear when the θ/I button is first pressed to power on the recorder after you plug the mains power cord into a mains outlet.

IMPORTANT

- Don't press any buttons on the recorder or remote that are not directly related to the step you are performing while Auto Set Up is in progress.
- If you perform Auto Set Up successfully during installation, there's no need to separately perform the Language Select, Clock Set or Channel Set procedures, but if adjustments become necessary they can be performed as follows:
 - To change the selected language ☐ pg. 9
 - To reset or adjust the time F pg. 9
 - To add/delete channels manually © pg. 27
 - To reset the tuner after moving to a different location

 □ pg. 26

PERFORM AUTO SET UP

Press り/1.

• The Language Select screen appears.

SELECT LANGUAGE

Press **PUSH JOG** △∇ to place the pointer next to your desired language (English or Russian), then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** ▷.

• The Clock Set screen appears.

SET TIME

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to set the time, then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** \triangleright .

 Press and hold either button to delay or advance the time by 30 minutes.

1		CLOCK SET	
	0:00 //	YEAR 98	
	[▲/▼] → ([MENU] : E		

SET DATE

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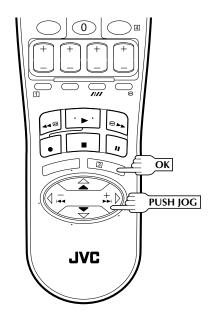
Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to set the date, then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** \triangleright .

 Press and hold either button to change the date by 15 days.

SET YEAR

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to set the year, then press **MENU**.

Major Countries	TV System
Austria, Denmark, Finland,Holland, Italy, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Germany, Egypt	B/G
China, Mongolia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Czech Rep., Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, Russia	D/K
Hong Kong	I



SELECT TV SYSTEM

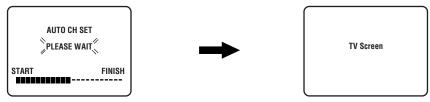
Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to place the pointer next to the appropriate TV system (refer to the table on the left).

START AUTO CHANNEL SET

Press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** ▷.

- The Auto Set Up function scans all the channels that are receivable by your recorder. It then automatically assigns each receivable channels to the TV PROG buttons. It skips non-receivable channels.
- As Auto Set Up progresses, the "■" mark on the screen moves from left to right. (See below.)

DO NOT press any button on the recorder or remote control while Auto Set Up is in progress.



During Auto Set Up

"PLEASE WAIT" blinks on the screen and "Auto" blinks on the front display panel.

When Auto Set Up is completed, the lowest position number will appear on the front display panel.

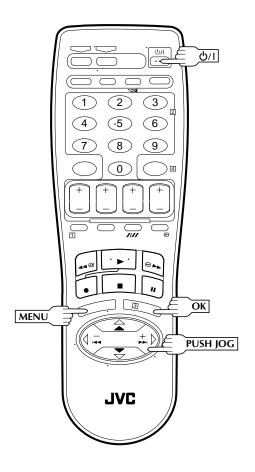
NOTES:

- If you perform Auto Set Up when the aerial cable is not connected properly, "SCAN COMPLETED -NO SIGNAL-" appears on the screen. When this happens, make sure of the aerial connection and press **OK**; Auto Set Up will take place again.
- If there is a power cut, or if you press U/I or MENU while Auto Set Up is in progress, Auto Set Up will be interrupted; be sure to turn off the recorder power once and try again.
- If you want to set the tuner manually such as to add or skip channels, to swap channel positions, or to fine-tune channels, graps, 27–29.
- If no sound accompanies the picture on some channels that have been stored by Auto Set Up, the TV system setting for those channels may be incorrect. Select the appropriate TV system for those channels.

 "TV System Selection When you see the picture but hear no audio" on page 29.

On-Screen Displays

Turn on the TV and select the VIDEO channel (or AV mode).



You can choose whether or not to have various operational indicators appear on screen, by setting this function ON or OFF.

1

TURN ON THE RECORDER

Press U/I.

ACCESS MAIN MENU SCREEN

Press **MENU**.

2

ACCESS FUNCTION SET SCREEN

Place the pointer next to "FUNCTION SET" by pressing **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$, then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** \triangleright .

ENABLE/DISABLE ON-SCREEN DISPLAY

4

The default setting is "ON", so if you want onscreen displays, leave the setting as it is and go to step 5. If you don't want the displays to appear, press **PUSH JOG** △▽ to place the pointer next to "O.S.D." and press **OK** or

FUNCTION SET

AUTO TIMER OFF

☐ 0.S.D. ON

B.E.S.T. ON

AUTO SP→LP TIMER OFF

[△/▼] → ⓒ

[MENU] : EXIT

PUSH JOG ▷ to set to "OFF".

 ■ "AUTO SP→LP TIMER" appears only with the HR-J458EE.

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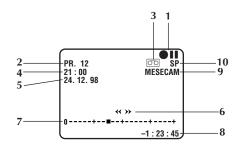
RETURN TO NORMAL

Press **MENU**.

NOTES:

- When you use this recorder as the player for editing, be sure to set "O.S.D." to "OFF" before starting.
- During playback, the operation mode indicators may be disturbed depending on the type of tape being used.

The superimposed indication on the TV screen tells you what the recorder is doing.



- **1–** Operation mode indicators
- 2- Channel position number/Aux. indicator (F-1)
- 3- Cassette İoaded mark
- 4- Clock display
- 5- Current day/month/year
- **6** Tape direction
- 7– Tape position indicator (pg. 13)
- 8- Counter display
- 9– Colour system indicator (F) pg. 24)
- 10- Tape speed SP/LP/EP (HR-J458EE only)

Select Language

Turn on the TV and select the VIDEO channel (or AV mode).

TURN ON THE RECORDER

Press Ф/I.

ACCESS MAIN MENU SCREEN

Press MENU.

ACCESS INITIAL SET SCREEN

Press **PUSH JOG** △∇ to place the pointer next to "INITIAL SET", then press OK or PUSH JOG ▷.

MAIN MENU

FUNCTION SET TUNER SET

[MENU] : EXIT

ACCESS LANGUAGE SELECT **SCREEN**

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to place the pointer next to "LANGUAGE", then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** \triangleright .

SELECT LANGUAGE

Place the pointer next to the language of your choice (English or Russian) by pressing **PUSH JOG** △∇, then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** ▷.

RETURN TO NORMAL SCREEN

Press **MENU**.

Clock Set

Turn on the TV and select the VIDEO channel (or AV mode).

TURN THE RECORDER ON

Press U/I.

ACCESS MAIN MENU SCREEN

Press MENU.

ACCESS INITIAL SET SCREEN

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to place the pointer next to "INITIAL SET", then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** ▷.

ACCESS CLOCK SET SCREEN

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to place the pointer next to "CLOCK SET", then press OK or PUSH JOG ▷ . The Clock Set screen appears.

INITIAL SET PCLOCK SET LANGUAGE

[▲/▼] → ©K [MENU] : EXIT

CLOCK SET DATE 01.01 YEAR 0: 00 [▲/▼] → ©K [MENU] : EXIT

SET TIME

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to set the time, then press **OK** or PUSH JOG ▷.

• Press and hold either button to delay or advance the time by 30 minutes.

SET DATE

Press **PUSH JOG** △▽ to set the date, then press **OK** or PUSH JOG ▷.

• Press and hold either button to change the date by 15 days.

SET YEAR

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to set the year.

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START CLOCK OPERATION

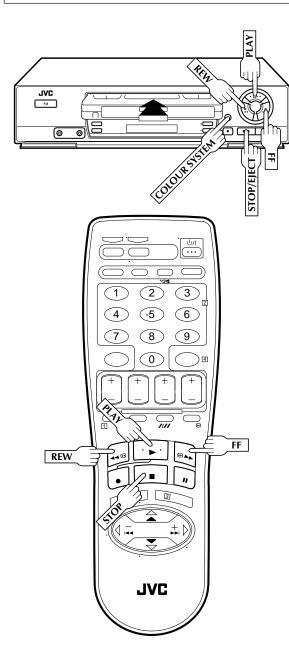
Press MENU.

NOTE:

If the year digits are automatically cleared, it is possible that you have input 29th February for a non-leap year. Input the correct data.

Basic Playback

Turn on the TV and select the VIDEO channel (or AV mode).



The easiest, most basic operation possible with your video recorder is tape playback. Already-recorded signals on a video tape are read by your video recorder and displayed on your TV just like a TV programme.

LOAD A CASSETTE

Make sure the window side is up, the rear label side is facing you and the arrow on the front of the cassette is point toward the recorder. Don't apply too much pressure when inserting.

- The recorder power comes on automatically and the counter is reset to 0:00:00.
- Select the appropriate colour system by pressing the **COLOUR SYSTEM** button. (pg. 24)
- If the record safety tab has been removed, playback begins automatically. (F) pg. 14)

FIND PROGRAMME START POINT

If the tape is advanced past the start point, press **REW**. To go forward, press **FF**.

START PLAYBACK

Press **PLAY**. "BEST" appears blinking in the recorder's display panel during automatic tracking. (127 pg. 16)

STOP PLAYBACK

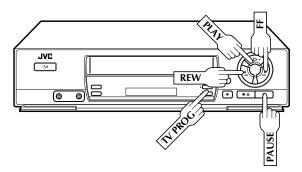
Press **STOP** on the remote or **STOP/EJECT** on the recorder's front panel. Then press **STOP/EJECT** to remove the cassette.

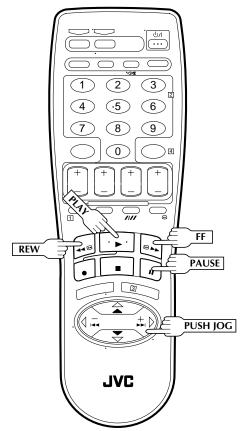
Usable cassettes



- Compact VHS camcorder recordings can be played on this video recorder. Simply place the recorded cassette into a VHS Cassette Adapter and it can be used just like any full-sized VHS cassette.
- This video recorder can record on regular VHS and Super VHS cassettes. However, it will record and play back regular VHS signals only. It is not possible to play back a recorded Super VHS tape.

Playback Features





ATTENTION

In the search, still, slow-motion or frame-by-frame playback mode,

- the picture will be distorted.
- the noise bars will appear.
- there will be a loss of colour with an LP-recorded tape (HR-J458EE only).

Variable-Speed Search

1

ACTIVATE VARIABLE-SPEED SEARCH

During playback, press **PUSH JOG** \triangleleft or \triangleright .

- The more times you press, the faster the playback picture moves.
- To decrease speed, press the button for the opposite direction.

To resume normal playback, press PLAY.

Still Picture/Frame-By-Frame Playback

1

PAUSE DURING PLAYBACK

Press **PAUSE.** If there is vertical jitter, use the **TV PROG** buttons to correct the picture.

ACTIVATE FRAME-BY-FRAME PLAYBACK

2

Press PAUSE.

OR

Press **PUSH JOG** \triangleleft or \triangleright .

To resume normal playback, press PLAY.

Slow Motion



ACTIVATE SLOW-MOTION PLAYBACK

1

During still picture, press and hold **PAUSE** for 2 seconds, then release. Press and release again to return to still picture.

OR

During still picture, press and hold **PUSH JOG** \triangleleft or \triangleright . Release to return to still picture.

To resume normal playback, press PLAY.

High-Speed Search



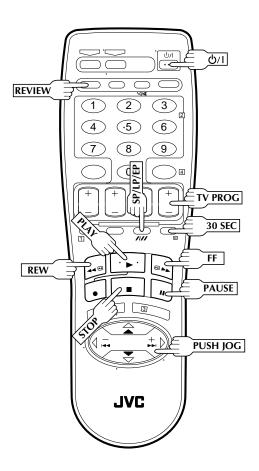
ACTIVATE HIGH-SPEED SEARCH

During playback or still, press **FF** for forward highspeed search, or **REW** for reverse high-speed search.

To resume normal playback, press PLAY.

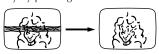
NOTE:

For short searches, press and hold **FF** or **REW** for over 2 seconds during playback or still picture. When released, normal playback resumes.



Manual Tracking

Your video recorder is equipped with automatic tracking control. During playback, you can override this and adjust the tracking manually by pressing the **TV PROG** buttons.



OVERRIDE AUTOMATIC TRACKING

Press //// (SP/LP/EP) on the remote to engage manual tracking.

ADJUST TRACKING MANUALLY

Press TV PROG + or – to adjust tracking.

RETURN TO AUTOMATIC TRACKING

Press //// (SP/LP/EP) on the remote to re-engage automatic tracking.

NOTE:

When a new tape is inserted, the recorder enters the automatic tracking mode automatically.

Repeat Playback

Your video recorder can automatically play back the whole tape 50 times repeatedly.



START PLAYBACK
Press PLAY.

ACTIVATE REPEAT PLAYBACK

Press **PLAY** and hold for over 5 seconds, then release.

- The Play indicator (>) on the display panel blinks slowly.
- The tape plays 50 times automatically, and then stops.

STOP PLAYBACK

Press **STOP** at any time to stop playback.

NOTE:

Pressing PLAY, REW, FF or PAUSE also stops Repeat Playback.

Index Search

Your recorder automatically marks index codes at the beginning of each recording. This function gives you quick access to any one of 9 index codes in either direction.



NOTE:

Before starting, make sure the recorder is in the Stop mode.

Tape Position Indicator

For Automatic Power Off After Tape Rewind . . .

... press **REW**, then press $\bigcirc/1$ within 2 seconds.

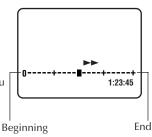
Next Function Memory

the tape is fully rewound. Before starting, make sure the

You can set your recorder's power to go off automatically after

The tape position indicator appears on screen when, from the Stop mode, you press FF, REW or perform an Index Search. The position of "■" in relation to "0" (beginning) or "+" (end) shows you where you are on the tape. "O.S.D." (፲፰ pg. 8) must be set to "ON", or the indicator

recorder is in the Stop mode.



NOTE:

will not appear.

Depending on the type of tape used, there may be times when the indication is not correct.

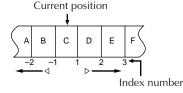
ACTIVATE INDEX SEARCH

Press **PUSH JOG** or ▷ on the remote control. "I or "▶► 1" is displayed on screen and search begins in the corresponding direction.

To access index codes 2 through 9, press PUSH JOG

 ⊲ or ▷ repeatedly until the correct index number is
 displayed.

Ex.: To locate the beginning of B from the current position, press **PUSH JOG** < twice. To locate the beginning of D from the current position, press **PUSH JOG** > once.



 When the specified index code is located, playback begins automatically.

Skip Search

SKIP OVER UNWANTED SECTIONS

Press **30 SEC** 1 to 4 times during playback. Each press initiates a 30-second period of fast-motion playback. Normal playback resumes automatically.

Instant ReView

Simply by pressing a single button, the recorder power comes on, rewinds, and begins playback of the last timer-recorded programme. If you have several programmes recorded, you can easily access any of them.

NOTE:

Before starting, make sure that the recorder is off and that the Timer mode is disengaged.

NOTE:

To return to normal playback during a Skip Search, press PLAY.

ACTIVATE INSTANT REVIEW

Press **REVIEW**. The recorder power comes on and the recorder searches for the index code indicating the start of the last timer-recorded programme. Once it's found, playback begins automatically.

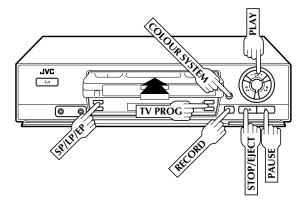
• The front display panel tells you how many programmes have been recorded. If you have, for example, 3 programmes, "REVIEW" and "3" appear and blink. To watch the first of the 3 programmes, press **REVIEW** three times. The recorder searches and begins playback automatically. You can access a programme as far as 9 index codes away from the current tape position.

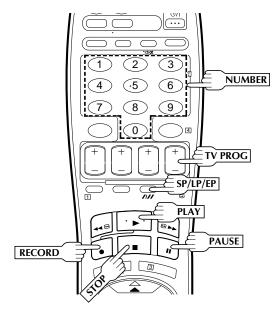
NOTE:

Instant ReView is not possible while the recorder is in the Timer mode.

Basic Recording

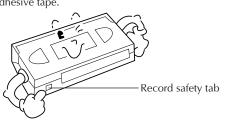
Turn on the TV and select the VIDEO channel (or AV mode).





Accidental erasure prevention

 To prevent accidental recording on a recorded cassette, remove its safety tab. To record on it later, cover the hole with adhesive tape.



TV signals being received by the recorder's built-in tuner can be recorded onto a video tape. You can "capture" a TV programme using your video recorder.

LOAD A CASSETTE

Insert a cassette with the record safety tab intact.

- The counter is reset to 0:00:00 and the recorder power comes on automatically.
- Select the appropriate colour system by pressing the COLOUR SYSTEM button. (Fig. 24)

CHOOSE A PROGRAMME

Press TV PROG +/- or the NUMBER keys to select the channel you wish to record.

SET TAPE SPEED (HR-J458EE ONLY)

Press /// (SP/LP/EP). Check the SP/LP/EP indicator on the recorder display panel to confirm the selected tape speed.

START RECORDING

Press and hold **RECORD** and **PLAY** on the remote control, or press **RECORD** on the recorder.

With HR-I458EE:

B.E.S.T. takes place at the beginning of both the first SP and the first LP (or EP) recording after inserting the cassette (pp. 16).

With HR-J258/255EE:

B.E.S.T. takes place at the beginning of the first recording after inserting the cassette (pp. 16).

PAUSE/RESUME RECORDING

Press PAUSE. Press PLAY to resume recording.

STOP RECORDING

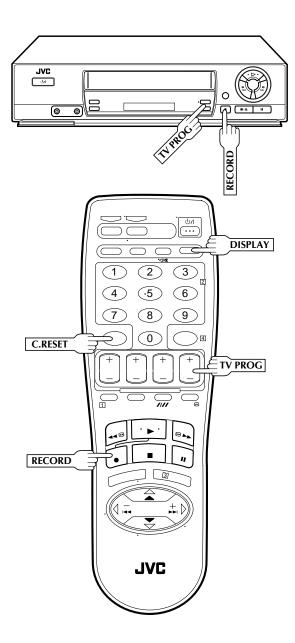
Press **STOP** on the remote control or **STOP/EJECT** on the recorder. Then press **STOP/EJECT** to remove the cassette.

Recording Resume Function

If there is a power outage during recording (or Instant Timer Recording or timer recording), the recording will resume automatically when power is restored to the recorder unless the recorder's memory backup has expired.

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Recording Features



Record One Programme While Watching Another

SELECT CHANNEL TO WATCH

Once recording is in progress, all you need to do is to set the channel controls on the TV for the station you wish to view.

 The programme selected with the TV's channel controls appears on the TV screen while the one selected with the TV PROG buttons is recorded on the tape.

Elapsed Recording Time Indication

You can check the exact time of a recording.

1

SET COUNTER DISPLAY

Press **DISPLAY** until a counter reading appears on the dispay panel.

RESET COUNTER

Press C. RESET before starting recording or playback.

- The counter is reset to "0:00:00" and shows the exact elapsed time as the tape runs.
- The HR-J258/255EE owners can use the COUNTER RESET button on the recorder's front panel as well.

Instant Timer Recording (ITR)

This easy method lets you record for from 30 minutes to 6 hours (selectable in 30-min. increments), and shuts the recorder off after recording is finished.

1

START RECORDING

Press RECORD on the recorder.

2

ENGAGE ITR MODE

Press **RECORD** again. "O" blinks and 0:30 appears on the front display panel.

SET RECORDING DURATION

If you want to record for more than 30 minutes, process

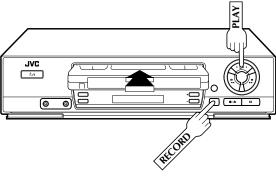
If you want to record for more than 30 minutes, press **RECORD** to extend the time. Each press extends recording time by 30 minutes.

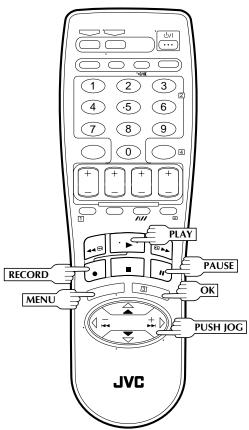
NOTE:

You can only perform ITR using the **RECORD** button on the recorder's front panel.

B.E.S.T. Picture System

Turn on the TV and select the VIDEO channel (or AV mode).





The B.E.S.T. (Biconditional Equalised Signal Tracking) system checks the condition of the tape in use during recording and playback, and compensates to provide the highest-possible recording and playback pictures. The default setting for both recording and playback is "ON".

Preparation

1

LOAD A CASSETTE

Insert a cassette with the record safety tab intact.

• The recorder power comes on automatically.

ACCESS MAIN MENU SCREEN

Press MENU.

2

ACCESS FUNCTION SET SCREEN

Place the pointer next to "FUNCTION SET" by pressing PUSH JOG △▽, then press OK or PUSH JOG ▷ .

MAIN MENU

FUNCTION SET
TUNER SET
INITIAL SET

[▲/▼] → ○K [MENU] : EXIT

1

SELECT MODE

Place the pointer next to "B.E.S.T." by pressing **PUSH JOG** △∇, then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** ▷ to set to "ON" or "OFF".

 "AUTO SP→LP TIMER" appears only with the HR-J458EE. FUNCTION SET

AUTO TIMER OFF

0.S.D. ON

B.E.S.T. ON

AUTO SP→LP TIMER OFF

[▲/▼] →

[MENU]: EXIT

RETURN TO NORMAL SCREEN

Press **MENU**.

5

Recording

START RECORDING

Press and hold **RECORD** and press **PLAY** on the remote, or press **RECORD** on the recorder.

DURING B.E.S.T.



• The recorder spends approximately 7 seconds assessing the condition of the tape, then begins recording.

NOTES:

• With HR-J458EE:

The B.E.S.T. system works for both SP and LP (or EP) modes only after a tape has been inserted and the Record mode is first initiated. It does not work during recording.

With HR-J258/255EE:

The B.E.S.T. system works only after a tape has been inserted and the Record mode is first initiated. It does not work during recording.

- In the case of timer recording, the B.E.S.T. system works before recording is initiated.
- Once the cassette is ejected, the B.E.S.T. data is cancelled. The next time the cassette is used for recording, B.E.S.T. is reperformed.
- Pressing the recorder's RECORD button while "BEST" is displayed does not start Instant Timer Recording (C pg. 15).

ATTENTION

Since the B.E.S.T. system works before recording actually starts, there is a delay of approximately 7 seconds after **RECORD** and **PLAY** on the remote are pressed, or **RECORD** on the recorder is pressed. To make sure you record the desired scene or programme in its entirety, first perform the following steps:

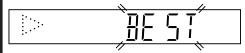
- 1) Press and hold **PAUSE** and press **RECORD** to engage the RECORD PAUSE mode.
 - The recorder then automatically checks the condition of the tape and, after approximately 7 seconds, reenters RECORD PAUSE.
- 2) Press PLAY to start recording.
 - If you want to bypass the B.E.S.T. system and begin recording immediately, set "B.E.S.T." to "OFF" in step 4 on page 16.

Playback

The recorder assesses the quality of the tape once you initiate playback.

START PLAYBACK

Press **PLAY**.



- The recorder adjusts the playback picture quality based on the quality of the tape in use.
- B.E.S.T. is active during Auto Tracking. "BEST" appears blinking on the recorder's display panel.

NOTES:

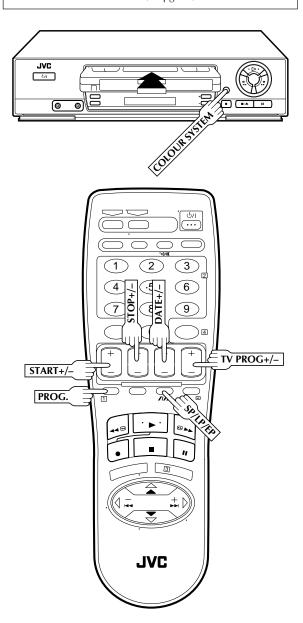
- When watching a tape recorded with "B.E.S.T." set to "ON", it is recommended that you leave B.E.S.T. on during playback as well.
- When watching a rental tape or one recorded on another video recorder, or when using this recorder as the player for editing, set B.E.S.T. to your preference by performing steps 1 through 5 on page 16.
- "BEST" only appears at the beginning of automatic tracking. Even though it doesn't appear after that, the B.E.S.T. function is operative.

Express Timer Programming

Remember, the clock must be set before you can programme the timer (pg. 9).

Before performing the following steps:

- Insert a cassette with the safety tab in place. The recorder will come on automatically.
- Turn on the TV and select the VIDEO channel (or AV mode).
- Select the appropriate colour system by pressing the COLOUR SYSTEM button. (□ pg. 24)

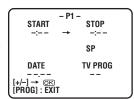


ACCESS TIMER PROGRAMMING SCREEN

Press **PROG.**.

(If you're just starting out, "P1" appears.).

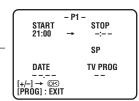
• "SP" appears only with the HR-J458EE.



ENTER PROGRAMME START TIME

Press **START** +/– to enter the time you want recording to start.

 Press and hold START +/- to move in 30minute increments, or press and release repeatedly to move 1 minute at a time.



ENTER PROGRAMME STOP

Press **STOP** +/– to enter the time you want recording to stop.

 Press and hold STOP +/- to move in 30-minute increments, or press and release repeatedly to move 1 minute at a time.

ENTER PROGRAMME DATE

Press **DATE** +/-. (The current date appears on screen. The date you enter appears in its place.)

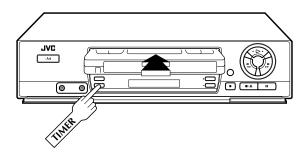
ENTER CHANNEL POSITION

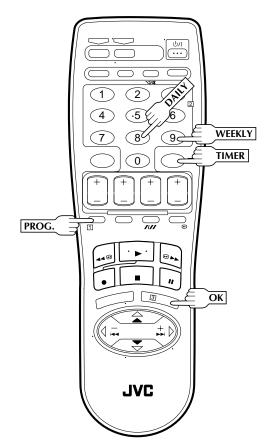
Press TV PROG +/-.

START 21:00	– P1 ·	STOP 22:00	
		SP	
DATE 25.12 [+/-] → ©⊠ [PROG] : EXI	Г	TV PROG 1	_

SET TAPE SPEED (HR-J458EE ONLY)

Press //// (SP/LP/EP) to set the tape speed.





RETURN TO NORMAL SCREEN

After confirming all information is correct, press **PROG.** or **OK**. "PROGRAM COMPLETED" appears on the screen for about 5 seconds, then normal screen appears.

• Repeat steps 1 – 7 for each additional programme.

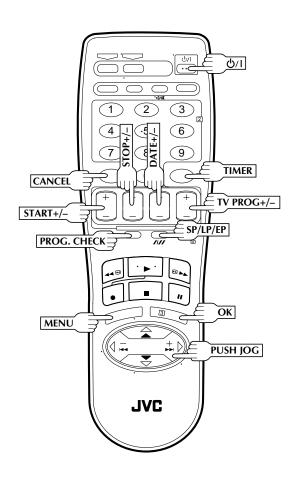
ENGAGE RECORDER'S TIMER MODE

• To disengage the timer, press **TIMER** again.

To Timer-Record Weekly Or Daily Serials anytime during steps 2 through 7, press WEEKLY (NUMBER key "9") for weekly serials or DAILY (NUMBER key "8") for daily serials (Monday–Friday). Either "WEEKLY" or "DAILY" appears on the screen. Pressing the button again makes the corresponding indication disappear.

NOTE:

You can programme this recorder to timer-record as many as 8 programmes. If you try to programme the recorder to record a ninth, "PROGRAM FULL" appears on screen. To record the extra programme, you must first cancel any unnecessary programmes (pg. 20).



Check, Cancel And Replace Programmes

1

DISENGAGE TIMER MODE

Press **TIMER**, then press ७/۱.

ACCESS PROGRAM CHECK SCREEN

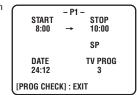
Press PROG. CHECK.

PR 1	START 8:00	STOP 10:00	CH 3	DATE 24.12
2	10:00	10:45	2	25.12
3	11:30	13:00	1	25.12
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
[[PH	OG CHE	CK] : NE	ΧI	

ACCESS PROGRAM SCREEN

Press **PROG. CHECK** again to check more information. Each time you press **PROG. CHECK**, the next programme's information

appears.



To cancel or replace a programme...

4

CANCEL OR REPLACE A PROGRAMME

Press CANCEL to cancel a programme. To replace a programme, press the appropriate button: START+/-, STOP+/-, DATE+/-, TV PROG+/-, SP/LP/EP (////).

RETURN TO NORMAL SCREEN

5

Press **PROG. CHECK** as many times as necessary. If there are still some programmes remaining, go on to step **6**.

RETURN TO TIMER MODE

6

Press**TIMER**.

Auto SP→LP Timer (HR-J458EE only)

If, when timer-recording in SP mode, there is not enough tape to record the entire programme, the recorder automatically switches to LP mode to allow complete recording.

For Example . . .

Recording a PAL-broadcast programme of 210 minutes in length onto a 180-minute tape

Approximately 150 minutes

Approximately 60 minutes

SP mode

LP mode

Total 210 minutes

Make sure you set "AUTO SP—LP TIMER" to "ON" at the Function Set screen before the timer-recording starts.

1

7

2

ACCESS MAIN MENU SCREEN

Press MENU.

ACCESS FUNCTION SET SCREEN

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to place the pointer next to "FUNCTION SET", then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** \triangleright .

SELECT MODE

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to place the pointer next to "AUTO SP \rightarrow LP TIMER", then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** \triangleright to select "ON".

FUNCTION SET

AUTO TIMER OFF
O.S.D. ON
B.E.S.T. ON

GAUTO SP→LP TIMER ON

[▲/▼] → ©K [MENU] : EXIT

RETURN TO NORMAL SCREEN

Press MENU.

NOTES:

- If you have programmed the recorder to timer-record 2 or more programmes, the second programme and those thereafter may not fit on the tape if you set "AUTO SP→LP TIMER" to "ON". In this case, make sure the mode is not engaged, then set the tape speed manually during timer programming.
- In order to ensure that the recording fits on the tape, this feature may leave a slight non-recorded section at the end of the tape
- There may be some noise and sound disturbance at the point on the tape where the recorder switches from SP to LP (or EP) mode.
- The Auto SP→LP Timer feature is not available during ITR (Instant Timer Recording), and the feature will not work properly with any tapes longer than E-180 or with some tapes of shorter lengths.

Auto Timer

When the Auto Timer is set to ON, the timer is automatically engaged when the recorder power is turned off and automatically disengaged when the recorder is powered back on.

1

ACCESS MAIN MENU SCREEN

Press MENU.

ACCESS FUNCTION SET SCREEN

Press **PUSH JOG** △∇ to place the pointer next to "FUNCTION SET", then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** ▷.

MAIN MENU

☐ FUNCTION SET
TUNER SET
INITIAL SET

[▲/▼] → ©
[MENU]: EXIT

SELECT MODE

Press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** ▷ to select either "ON" or "OFF".

• "AUTO SP→LP TIMER" appears only with the HR-J458EE.

FUNCTION SET

☐ AUTO TIMER OFF

O.S.D. ON

B.E.S.T. ON

AUTO SP→LP TIMER OFF

[△/▼] → □□□

[MENU]: EXIT

RETURN TO NORMAL SCREEN

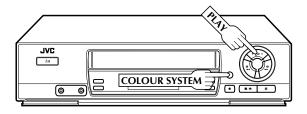
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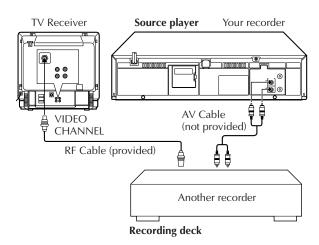
Press MENU.

NOTE:

For safety, when Auto timer is set to "OFF", all other recorder functions are disabled while the Timer mode is engaged. To disengage the timer, press **TIMER**.

Edit To Another Video Recorder





You can use your video recorder as the source player and another video recorder as the recording deck.

1

MAKE CONNECTIONS

Connect the player's AUDIO/VIDEO OUT connectors to the recorder's AUDIO/VIDEO IN connectors.

SET RECORDING DECK'S INPUT MODE

Set the recording deck's external input mode.

2

START SOURCE PLAYER

Press PLAY on the source player.

1

START RECORDING DECK

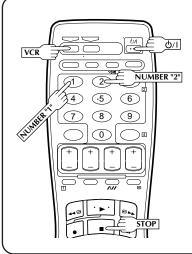
Engage its Record mode.

NOTES:

- All necessary cables can be obtained from your dealer.
- NTSC tapes being played back in the NTSC → PAL mode (© p. 25) cannot be dubbed to another recorder.
- When you dub an NTSC tape using your recorder as the playback deck, select NTSC 3.58 (or NTSC 4.43) with the **COLOUR SYSTEM** button. (□ p. 24)
- If you do not want to record the superimposed indication on the editied tape, be sure to set "O.S.D." to "OFF" before you start editing (pg. 8).

IMPORTANT

- To edit, both the player and the recorder must be of the same colour system. Press your recorder's COLOUR SYSTEM button to select the appropriate colour system.
- For more information on multi-system compatibility,
 g pg. 24.



Remote A/B Code Switching

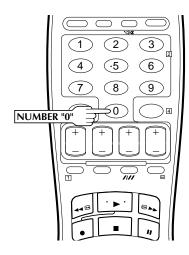
The remote control is capable of controlling two JVC video recorders independently; one set to respond to the remote control's A code control signals and another set to respond to B code control signals. The remote control is preset to send A code signals because your video recorder is initially set to respond to A code signals. You can easily modify your video recorder to respond to B code signals.

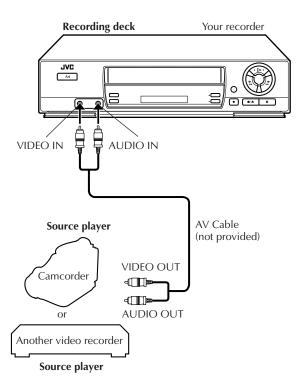
- 1 Unplug the mains power cord from the mains outlet.
- 2 While holding down VCR on the remote control, press the NUMBER key "2" and then press STOP.
- 3 Plug the mains power cord back into the mains outlet.
- Press ७/I on the remote control. The recorder will now only respond to B code signals.

NOTE:

To set the recorder back to respond to A code signals, repeat the same procedure as shown above except pressing **NUMBER** key "1" instead of "2" in step **2**.

Edit From A Camcorder Or Another Video Recorder





You can use a camcorder or another video recorder as the source player and your video recorder as the recording deck.

Connect the AUDIO/VIDEO OUT connectors on the camcorder or another video recorder to the front panel AUDIO/VIDEO input connectors on the recording deck.

SET RECORDER'S INPUT

Press NUMBER key "0" so that "F-1" appears on the display panel.

START SOURCE PLAYER

Engage its Play mode.

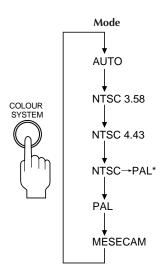
START RECORDING DECK

Engage its Record mode.

IMPORTANT

- To edit, both the player and the recorder must be of the same colour system. Press your recorder's COLOUR **SYSTEM** button to select the appropriate colour system.
- PAL, SECAM and NTSC camcorders can be used as a player for editing.
- For more information on multi-system compatibility, © pg. 24.

Setting Of The Colour System Select Buttons



* "NTSC→PAL" appears during playback only.

Use the **COLOUR SYSTEM** button on the front panel to select the colour system. Pressing this button changes the mode as illustrated on the left. The On-Screen display will show which mode is selected.

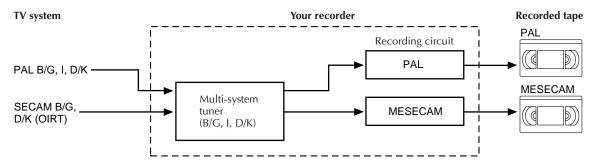
Mode Display	Description
AUTO	Usually set to this mode. This mode automatically detects PAL, NTSC, SECAM or MESECAM and adjusts to the colour system being recorded or played back. When it does not perform properly, set the colour system manually.
MANUAL	For recording, there is a choice of 4 selectable modes; PAL/MESECAM/NTSC 3.58/NTSC4.43. Select the mode that matches the colour signal being received. For playback, there is an additional mode which allows NTSC tapes to be played back and viewed on PAL TVs.

NOTES:

- In the AUTO mode, NTSC signals will be automatically recorded as NTSC 3.58.
- In the AUTO mode, NTSC tapes will be played back as NTSC 3.58.
- SECAM signals will always be recorded as MESECAM. Select the AUTO or the MESECAM mode when recording SECAM signals.
- When playing back a SECAM tape, select the AUTO or the MESECAM mode. The playback picture will always be monochrome.
- In the NTSC4.43 mode, with some TVs, on-screen displays (Program screen etc.) may roll up or down and there may be a loss of colour. When this happens, select the AUTO mode.

Off-Air Recording

The built-in multi-system tuner is capable of receiving PAL B/G, I and D/K, and SECAM B/G and D/K broadcasts.

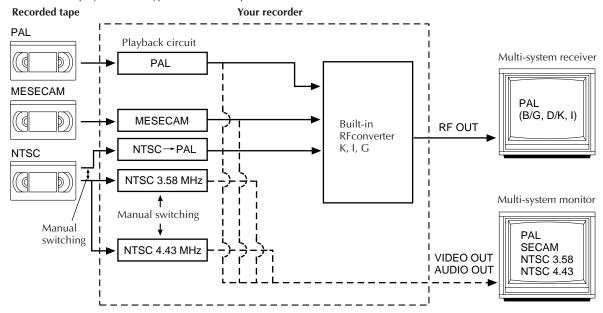


NOTE:

This model does not operate in BRAZIL (PAL-M) or ARGENTINA (PAL-N).

Playback

This recorder can play back all 3 types of recorded tape.



NOTES:

When viewing NTSC tapes on a PAL TV set:

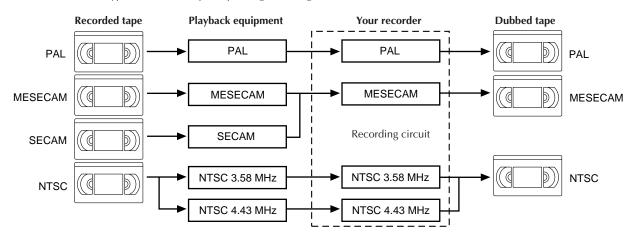
- The picture may shrink vertically with black bars appearing at the top and bottom of the screen. This is not a malfunction on the part of the video recorder nor the TV.
- The picture may roll up or down. This can be corrected using the V-HOLD control found on some TVs. (This cannot be corrected if the TV does not have a V-HOLD control.)
- During search, still, or frame-by-frame playback, the picture will be distorted, and there may be a loss of colour.

ATTENTION:

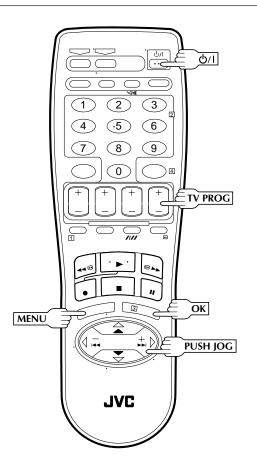
When this recorder is connected to a multi-system TV, the audio signal may not be heard or may be noisy if the colour system select switch of the TV is adjusted to the AUTO position. In such a case, set the TV's colour system select switch to the appropriate position which corresponds to the TV system you have selected at the TV System Select screen.

Tape-To-Tape Editing

There are 4 different types of recorded tape, depending on the signal recorded.



Turn on the TV and select the VIDEO channel (or AV mode).



IMPORTANT

Perform the following steps only if auto channel set has not been set correctly by Auto Set Up function (pg. 6) or if you have moved to a different area or if a new station starts broadcasting in your area.

Your recorder needs to memorise all necessary stations in channel positions in order to record TV programmes. Auto Channel Set automatically assigns all receivable stations in your area so that you can call them up with the TV PROG buttons without going through any vacant channels.

Auto Channel Set

Press U/I.

TURN ON THE RECORDER

ACCESS MAIN MENU SCREEN

Press MENU.

ACCESS TUNER SET SCREEN

Press **PUSH IOG** △▽ to place the pointer next to "TUNER SET", then press OK or PUSH JOG ▷.

MAIN MENU FUNCTION SET **INITIAL SET** [▲/▼] → ⊙K [MENU] : EXIT

SELECT AUTO CH SET MODE

Press **PUSH IOG** △▽ to place the pointer next to "AUTO CH SET", then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** ▷.

TUNER SET CH EDIT [▲/▼] → ⊙⊠ [MENU] : EXIT

SELECT TV SYSTEM

Press **PUSH JOG** △▽ to place the pointer next to the appropriate TV system, then press **OK** or **PUSH** JOG ▷.

 Auto Channel Set will start.

TV SYSTEM SELECT ₽ B/G [▲/▼] → ©K [MENU] : EXIT



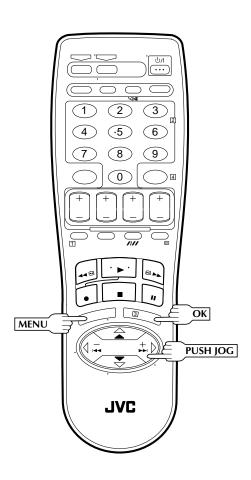
FRQ 229 237 355 CH 07 08 09 10 FRQ 150 165 SYS BG BG 195 205 RG BG 213 221 BG BG 11 12 374 384 /▼] → [CANCEL] : /▼] → : EDIT [CANCEL] : DELETE [MENU] : EXIT

RETURN TO NORMAL **SCREEN**

Press MENU.

IMPORTANT

Since your video recorder memorizes all detected stations even if the reception condition is poor, some of those stored stations may produce a noisy picture. To delete those stations, "Delete A Channel" on page 28.



Manual Channel Set

Store channels that were not stored during Auto Set Up (137 pg. 6) or Auto Channel Set (137 pg. 26).

ACCESS TUNER SET SCREEN

Perform steps 1 - 3 of "Auto Channel Set" on page 26.

ACCESS CHANNEL LIST

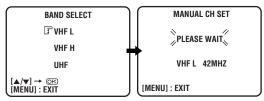
Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to place the pointer next to "CH EDIT", then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** \triangleright .

SELECT POSITION

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to place the pointer next to an open channel position, then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** \triangleright .

SELECT BAND

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to place the pointer next to the band of your choice, then press **OK** to initiate Manual Channel Set.



SET DESIRED STATION

The screen to the right appears when a station is detected.

If you do not want to store the detected station... Press PUSH JOG △∇ to place the pointer next to "CONTINUE", then press OK or PUSH JOG ▷. S STORE
CONTINUE

[△/▼] → ©©
[MENU]: EXIT

Channel search will resume.

If you want to store the detected station... Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to place the pointer next to "STORE", then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** \triangleright . The Channel List appears again.

- The blueback screen and the TV picture currently being broadcast appear alternately for 8 seconds each.
- If you want to store another channel, repeat steps 3-5.
- When channel search completes for that band, the Band Select screen appears again. To set channels for other bands, select another band and start Manual Channel Set again (step 4 and 5).
- For fine tuning adjustment, see "Fine-Tuning Channels" on page 29.

RETURN TO NORMAL SCREEN

Press **MENU**.

Delete A Channel



ACCESS	TUNER SET
SCREEN	
Perform stens 1 _	3 of "Auto Channel Set

 ${\bf 3}$ of "Auto Channel Set" on page 26.

ACCESS CHANNEL

Press **PUSH JOG** △∇ to place the pointer next to "CH EDIT", then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** ▷.

SELECT CHANNEL

Press **PUSH JOG** △▽ to until the channel you want to delete begins blinking.

CH	FRQ	SYS	CH	FRQ	SYS	
.01	150	BG (07	229	BG	
02	165	BG 📉	80	237	BG	
03	195	BG	09	355	BG	
04	205	BG	10	365	BG	
05	213	BG	11	374	BG	
06	221	BG	12	384	BG	
		[CANC		ELETE		
[▲/▼] → ©K : EDIT						
[MENU] : EXIT						

DELETE CHANNEL

Press CANCEL.

- To re-store it, simply press < □.
- Repeat steps 3 − 4 as necessary.

CH 01 02 03 04 05 06	FRQ 165 195 205 213 221	BG BG BG BG BG BG	CH 07 08 09 10 11	FRQ 229 237 355 365 374 384	SYS BG BG BG BG BG
	▼] → :NU] :	[∢] : A EXIT	DD		

RETURN TO NORMAL **SCREEN**

Press MENU.

Swap Channel Positions

Example: To swap CH03 and CH09.

ACCESS TUNER SET **SCREEN**

Perform steps 1 - 3 of "Auto Channel Set" on page 26.

ACCESS CHANNEL LIST

Press **PUSH JOG** △∇ to place the pointer next to "CH EDIT", then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** ▷.

SELECT POSITION (e.g. 03)

Press **PUSH JOG** △▽ until the section of CH "03" begins blinking, then press OK or PUSH JOG >.

• Only "03" will blink.

	CH 01 02 03 04 05 06	FRQ 150 165 195 205 213	SYS BG BG BG BG BG	CH 07 08 09 10 11	FRQ 229 237 355 365 374 384	SYS BG BG BG BG BG
J						
1						
	05					
	06	221	BG	12	384	BG
	[0-	9]: IN	PUT C	Н		
	(OK)	: FINE	TUNI	NG		
	[ME	NU]:	EXIT			
	· ·	-				

SELECT POSITION (e.g. 09)

Press **NUMBER** keys to input "0" and "9".

- The two selected channels will be swapped.
- To cancel the channel swapping, press PUSH JOG ◁ .

CH	FRQ	SYS	CH	FRQ	SYS		
01	150	BG	07	229	BG		
02	165	BG	∞08∠	237	BG		
03	355	BG	091	195	BG		
04	205	BG	~10 `	365	BG		
05	213	BG	11	374	BG		
06	221	BG	12	384	BG		
[∢]	: CANC	EL					
OK : OK							
[MENU] : EXIT							

STORE NEW POSITIONS

Press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** ▷.

• Repeat steps 3 − 5 as necessary.

RETURN TO NORMAL **SCREEN**

Press MENU.

Fine-Tuning Channels

ACCESS TUNER SET SCREEN

Perform steps $\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{3}$ of "Auto Channel Set" on page 26.

ACCESS CHANNEL LIST

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to place the pointer next to "CH EDIT", then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** \triangleright .

SELECT CHANNEL TO FINE-TUNE

Press **PUSH JOG** △∇ until the channel you want to tune begins blinking, then press **OK** twice.

 The "FRQ" number for that channel starts blinking.

CH	FRQ.	SYS	CH	FRQ	SYS
01	150	BG	07	229	BG
02	~165 `	BG	08	237	BG
03	195	BG	09	355	BG
04	205	BG	10	365	BG
05	213	BG	11	374	BG
06	221	BG	12	384	BG
[▲/	▼]:F	INE TU	NING		
OK)	: SEL	ECT SY	STEM		
[ME	NU]:	EXIT			

PERFORM TUNING

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ until the picture becomes clearer, then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** \triangleright .

• Repeat steps 3 and 4 as necessary.

RETURN TO NORMAL SCREEN

Press MENU.

TV System Selection – When you see the picture but hear no audio

ACCESS TUNER SET SCREEN

Perform steps 1 - 3 of "Auto Channel Set" on page 26.

ACCESS CHANNEL LIST

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to place the pointer next to "CH EDIT", then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** \triangleright .

SELECT CHANNEL

Press **PUSH JOG** △∇ until the channel you want to change its TV system begins blinking, then press **OK** three times.

• The "SYS" display for that channel starts blinking.

ı	CH	FRQ.	SYS	CH	FRQ	SYS
	01	150	BG	07	229	BG
	02	165	BG~	08	237	BG
	03	195	BG	09	355	BG
	04	205	BG	10	365	BG
	05	213	BĞ	11	374	BĞ
	06	221	BG	12	384	BG
	[A/	▼ 1:S	ELECT	SYSTE	M	
		: OK				
	IME	NU1:	FXIT			
	(

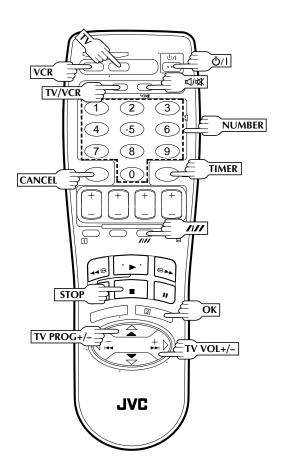
SELECT TV SYSTEM

Press **PUSH JOG** $\triangle \nabla$ to select the appropriate TV system (BG \rightarrow DK \rightarrow I). Then press **OK** or **PUSH JOG** \triangleright .

• Repeat steps 3 and 4 as necessary.

RETURN TO NORMAL SCREEN

Press MENU.



TV Multi-brand Remote Control

Your remote control can operate the basic functions of your TV set. In addition to JVC TVs, other manufacturer's TVs can also be controlled.

Before you start . . .

• Turn on the TV using its remote control.

SET TV BRAND CODE

Refer to the chart below. While holding down **TV** on the recorder's remote control, enter your TV's brand code using the **NUMBER** keys, then press **STOP**. Check if the TV's power goes off as it should. If it does, try other operations (**ST** step **2**)

- Once you have set the remote control to operate the TV, you don't have to repeat this step until you replace your remote control's battteries.
- SAMSUNG has two codes. If the TV does not function with one code, try entering another.

OPERATE TV

First, press TV to set the remote control to TV mode, then press the corresponding button: 也/I, TV PROG +/-, TV/VCR, TV VOL +/- (Volume), 点/域 (Muting), NUMBER keys.

• For some brands of TV, you must press **OK** after having pressed the **NUMBER** keys.

IMPORTANT

Although the provided remote control unit is compatible with JVC televisions, as well as many other models, <u>it may not work</u> with your TV, or in some instances, may have limited function capability.

ATTENTION

The remote control can operate not only the video recorder but also some of your TV's functions.

- To operate your video recorder, first press the VCR button to set the remote control to the Video mode.
- To operate your TV, first press the **TV** button to set the remote control to the TV mode.

Control Your TV Using Additional Buttons

Use the **NUMBER** keys, and the **////** button, **CANCEL** button or **TIMER** button to select the TV's channel.

- With televisions under Code 01, 02, 03, 05, 07, 15 or 22, the //// button corresponds to the 1-digit/2-digit entry switching button (often labelled –/– –) of your TV's remote control
- With televisions under Code 01, 08, 18 or 19, the CANCEL button corresponds to the 10 + button, and the TIMER button corresponds to the 20 + button of your TV's remote control.

NOTE:

The way these buttons are used is determined by your TV. Use these buttons as instructed for your TV's remote control.

TV BRAND NAME	CODE
JVC	01, 16
PANASONIC	02
SONY	03
SHARP	04
TOSHIBA	05
MITSUBISHI	06
HITACHI	07
SANYO	08
FUNAI	09
AIWA	10
DAEWOO	11
SAMSUNG	12, 16
LG/GOLDSTAR	13
THOMSON	14
FERGUSON	15
PHILIPS	16
GRUNDIG	17
ITT	18
MIVER	19
FINLUX	20
NOKIA	21
NEC	22

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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PLATBACK	RECORDING	
 Q. What happens if the end of the tape is reached during playback or search? A. The tape is automatically rewound to the beginning. Q. Can the video recorder indefinitely remain in the still mode? A. No. It stops automatically after 5 minutes to protect the heads. Q. During search, slow, still and frame-by-frame playback, I can't hear any audio. What's the problem? A. This is normal. Q. When returning from multi-speed search to normal playback, the picture is disturbed. Should I be concerned about this? 	 Q. When I pause and then resume a recording, the end of the recording before the pause is overlapped by the beginning of the continuation of recording. Why does this happen? A. This is normal. It reduces distortion at the pause and resume points. Q. Can the video recorder indefinitely remain in the Record-Pause mode? A. No. The video recorder goes to its Stop mode automatically after 5 minutes to protect the heads. Q. What happens if the tape runs out during recording? A. The video recorder automatically rewinds it to the beginning. TIMER RECORDING 	
 A. No, it is normal. Q. Noise bars appear during multi-speed search. What's the problem? A. This is normal. 	 Q. "O" and "O" remain lit on the display panel. Is there a problem? A. No. This is a normal condition for a timer recording in progress. 	
Q. Other than preventing further recording, what effect does removing the Record Safety tab have? A. It disables marking of index codes.	 Q. Can I program the timer while I'm watching a tape or a TV broadcast? A. You won't see the picture as it is replaced by the onscreen menu, but the audio from the program or tape you're viewing can be heard. 	
Q. Sometimes, during Index Search, the video recorder can't find the programme I want to see. Why not? A. There may be index codes too close together.	Q. Is it possible to timer-record a TV programme broadcast in 2000? A. Yes, it is possible.	

ATTENTION:

This recorder contains microcomputers. External electronic noise or interference could cause malfunctioning. In such cases, switch the recorder off and unplug the mains power cord. Then plug it in again and turn the recorder on. Take out the cassette. After checking the cassette, operate the unit as usual.

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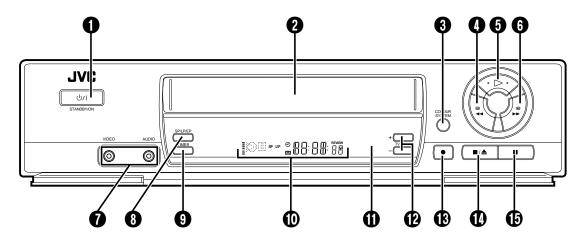
Before requesting service for a problem, use this chart and see if you can repair the trouble yourself. Small problems are often easily corrected, and this can save you the trouble of sending your video recorder off for repair.

POWER				
SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION		
No power is applied to the recorder.	The mains power cord is disconnected.	Connect the mains power cord.		
The clock is functioning properly, but the recorder cannot be powered.	● "⊕" is displayed on the display panel with Auto Timer set to "OFF".	Press the TIMER button to turn the "②" indicator off.		
3. The remote control won't function.	 The batteries are discharged. The remote control is set to the wrong operating mode. 	Replace the dead batteries with new ones. Press the appropriate button (TV or VCR) depending on the unit you want to operate. (IF pg. 30)		
TAPE TRANSPORT				
SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION		
The tape does not run during recording.	• """ is displayed on the display panel.	Press PLAY to turn the "" indicator off.		
The tape will not rewind or fast- forward.	 The tape is already fully rewound or fast-forwarded. 	Check the cassette.		
PLAYBACK				
SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION		
 The playback picture does not appear while the tape is running. 	 If you're using the RF OUT connection the TV receiver's channel selector is not set to the VIDEO channel. the recorder's VIDEO channel has not been correctly set. If you're using the AV connection, the TV receiver is not set to the AV mode. 	If you are using the RF OUT connection set the TV receiver to the VIDEO channel. (F) pg. 4) Perform "Video Channel Set" (F) pg. 4) If you are using the AV connection, set the TV to its AV mode.		
Noise appears during visual search.	• This is normal.			
Noise appears during normal playback.	 The automatic tracking mode is engaged. 	Try manual tracking. (🖙 pg. 12)		
Noise appears during slow-motion playback.	 The automatic tracking mode is engaged. 	Try manual tracking. (🖙 pg. 12)		
Noise appears during still playback.		Press TV PROG + or – a few times to remove the noise bars from the screen.		
The playback picture is blurred or interrupted while TV broadcasts are clear.	• The video heads may be dirty.	Consult your JVC dealer.		
7. Playback picture has a loss of colour.	 The wrong colour system is selected for the tape being played back. The wrong colour system was selected during recording. 	Select the correct colour system by pressing the COLOUR SYSTEM button. (pp. 24) Once recorded, the signal cannot be corrected. Be sure to choose the correct setting before recording.		
8. No sound accompanies the playback picture.	 The TV system you have selected at the TV System Select screen is incorrect. 	Set it to the correct position for the TV broadcast system used in your area. (F) pg. 29.)		

RECORDING				
SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION		
Recording cannot be started.	 There is no cassette loaded, or the cassette loaded has had its Record Safety tab removed. 	Insert a cassette, or using adhesive tape, reseal the slot where the tab was removed.		
2. TV broadcasts cannot be recorded.	 "F-1" has been selected as the input mode. 	Set to the desired channel.		
3. Tape-to-tape editing is not possible.	 The source (another video recorder, camcorder) has not been properly connected. All necessary power switches have not been turned on. The input mode is not correct. 	Confirm that the source is properly connected. Confirm that all units' power switches are turned on. Set the input mode to "F-1".		
Camcorder recording is not possible.	The camcorder has not been properly connected.The input mode is not correct.	Confirm that the camcorder is properly connected. Set the input mode to "F-1".		
TIMER RECORDING				
SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION		
1. Timer recording won't work.	 The clock and/or the timer have 	Re-perform the clock and/or timer		
	been set incorrectly. The timer is not engaged.	settings. Press TIMER and confirm that "②" is displayed on the display panel.		
On-screen timer programming is not possible.	been set incorrectly.	settings. Press TIMER and confirm that "⊕" is		
On-screen timer programming is	been set incorrectly. The timer is not engaged.	settings. Press TIMER and confirm that "①" is displayed on the display panel. Timer programming can't be performed while a timer recording is		
On-screen timer programming is not possible. 3. "⊕" and "◯◯" on the display	 been set incorrectly. The timer is not engaged. Timer recording is in progress. The timer is engaged but there's no 	settings. Press TIMER and confirm that "O" is displayed on the display panel. Timer programming can't be performed while a timer recording is in progress. Wait until it finishes. Load a cassette with the Record Safety tab intact, or cover the hole		
 On-screen timer programming is not possible. "②" and "⑤" on the display panel won't stop blinking. The cassette is automatically ejected, and "②" and "⑤" on the 	 been set incorrectly. The timer is not engaged. Timer recording is in progress. The timer is engaged but there's no cassette loaded. The loaded cassette has had its 	settings. Press TIMER and confirm that "O" is displayed on the display panel. Timer programming can't be performed while a timer recording is in progress. Wait until it finishes. Load a cassette with the Record Safety tab intact, or cover the hole using adhesive tape. Remove the cassette and cover the hole with adhesive tape, or insert a cassette with the Record Safety tab		

OTHER PROBLEMS				
SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION		
Whistling or howling is heard from the TV during camcorder record- ing.	The camcorder's microphone is too close to the TV.The TV's volume is too high.	Position the camcorder so its microphone is away from the TV. Turn the TV's volume down.		
When scanning channels, some of them are skipped over.	 Those channels have been designated to be skipped. 	If you need the skipped channels, restore them (F pg. 27).		
3. The channel cannot be changed.	Recording is in progress.	Press PAUSE to pause the recording, change channels, then press PLAY to resume recording.		
 Channel settings that were made manually seem to have changed or disappeared. 	 After the manual settings were made, Auto Channel Set was performed. 	Perform manual setting again.		
5. No channels are stored in the recorder's memory.	The TV aerial cable was not connected to the recorder when Auto Set Up was performed.	Connect the TV aerial cable to the recorder properly and turn off the recorder power once, then turn the recorder power back on again. The recorder will try Auto Set Up again (LF pg. 6).		
6. ":" is displayed on the front display panel after a power outage.	The lithium battery is exhausted.	Replace the lithium battery with a new one. (pg. 5)		

FRONT VIEW

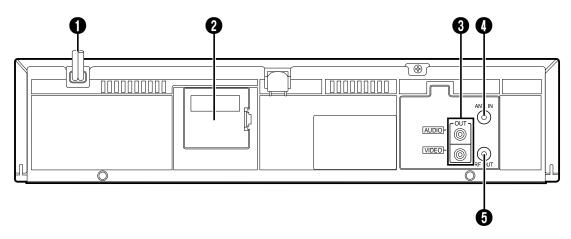


- 1 STANDBY/ON ७/I Button ☞ pg. 5
- 2 Cassette Loading Slot
- 3 COLOUR SYSTEM Button ☞ pg. 24
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- **6** PLAY Button 🖙 pg. 10
- 6 Fast Forward Button pg. 10, 11
- **7** VIDEO/AUDIO Input Connectors

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- ③ SP/LP/EP Button ☞ pg. 14 (HR-J458EE) COUNTER RESET Button ☞ pg. 15 (HR-J258/255EE)

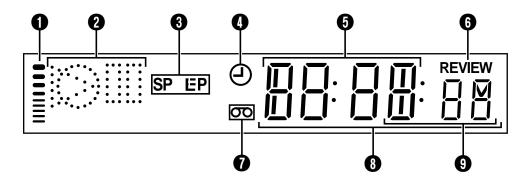
- **9** TIMER Button ☞ pg. 19
- Display Panel pg. 36
- f) Infrared Beam Receiving Windowf) TV PROG +/− Buttons pg. 14
- ® RECORD Button © pg. 14
- **1** STOP/EJECT Button **□** pg. 10
- PAUSE Button
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REAR VIEW



- **1** Mains Power Cord **□** pg. 3
- 2 Lithium Battery Compartment 🖙 pg. 5
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DISPLAY PANEL



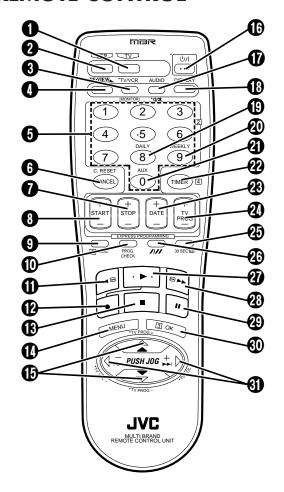
- **1** B.E.S.T. Picture System Display ☞ pg. 17
- **2** Symbolic Mode Indicators

PLAY:		STILL: SLOW:	
VARIABLE SHUTTLE SEARCH:		RECORD:	0
SHOTTLE SEARCH.		RECORD PAUSE:	

- **3** Tape Speed Indicators ☐ pg. 14
- "Timer" Indicator

 pg. 19
- **5** Channel Display Clock Display
- 6 Instant REVIEW Indicator ☞ pg. 13
- **1** "Cassette Loaded" Mark
- 8 Counter Display
- Mode Display (F-1)

REMOTE CONTROL



Buttons with a small dot on the left side of the name can also be used to operate your TV $\square P$ g 30.

- TV Button 🖙 pg. 30
- 2 VCR Button pg. 30
- **3** TV/VCR Button ☐ pg. 30
- REVIEW Button
 pg. 13
- **⑤** NUMBER Keys □ pg. 14
- 6 CANCEL Button ☐ pg. 20
- Counter [C.] RESET Button @ pg. 15
- **7** STOP +/− Button 🖙 pg. 18
- **8** START +/− Button 🖙 pg. 18
- 9 PROG Button 🖙 pg. 18
- 10 PROG. CHECK Button @ pg. 20
- 10 Rewind [REW] Button Fig. 10
- Record Button □ pg. 14
- **13** Stop Button □ pg. 10
- MENU Button pg. 8
- **(b)** PUSH JOG △∇ Button 🖙 pg. 6 TV PROG +/– 🖙 pg. 30
- **⑥** STANDBY/ON U/I Button □ pg. 5
- **⑥** 【/【 (TV Muting) Button □ pg. 30
- B DISPLAY Button
 pg. 15
- 19 DAILY Button 🖙 pg. 19
- WEEKLY Button pg. 19
- **②** AUX Button □ pg. 23
- 2 TIMER Button grapp. 19
- DATE +/− Button
 pg. 18
- **②** TV PROG +/− Button 🖙 pg. 14, 18
- **②** 30 SEC Button □ pg. 13
- Tracking Button ☐ pg. 12 SP/LP/EP Button ☐ pg. 14
- Play Button pg. 10
- Pause Button pg. 11
- **30** OK Button □ pg. 4
- PUSH JOG ▷ Button ☐ pg. 11, 13 TV VOL +/-Button ☐ pg. 30

How To Use

The remote control can operate most of your video recorder's functions, as well as basic functions of TV sets of JVC and other brands. \square pg. 30.

- Point the remote control toward the sensor window.
- The maximum operating distance of the remote control is about 8 m.

NOTES:

- When inserting the batteries, be sure to insert in the correct directions as indicated under the battery cover.
- If the remote control doesn't work properly, remove its batteries, wait a short time, replace the batteries and then try again.

ATTENTION

The remote control can operate not only the video recorder but also some of your TV's functions.

- To operate your video recorder, first press the **VCR** button to set the remote control to the Video mode.
- To operate your TV, first press the **TV** button to set the remote control to the TV mode (F) pg. 30).

38_{EN} SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

Power requirement

Rating : AC $110 - 240 \text{ V} \sim$, 50/60 Hz Operating : AC $90 - 260 \text{ V} \sim$, 50/60 Hz

: 18 W

Power consumption

Temperature

Operating : 5°C to 40°C Storage : -20°C to 60°C Operating position : Horizontal only Dimensions (WxHxD) : 400 x 94 x 277 mm

Weight : 3.4 kg Format : VHS standard

Maximum recording time

(SP)

: 240 min. with E-240 video cassette (PAL/MESECAM): 160 min. with T-160 video cassette (NTSC)

(LP) [J458EE only] : 480 min. with E-240 video

cassette (PAL/MESECAM)

(EP) [J458EE only] : 480 min. with T-160 video

cassette (NTSC)

VIDEO/AUDIO

Signal system : PAL-type colour signal and

CCIR monochrome signal,625 lines 50 fields : NTSC colour and EIA monochrome signals, 525 lines/60 fields

Recording system : DA-4 (Double Azimuth)

head helical scan system

[J458EE]

: Rotary two-head helical scan

system [J258/255EE]

Signal-to-noise ratio : 45 dB

Horizontal resolution : 250 lines (PAL/MESECAM)

: 220 lines (NTSC)

Frequency range : 70 Hz to 10,000 Hz Input/Output : RCA connectors

(IN x 1, OUT x 1)

TUNER/TIMER

TV channel storage

capacity : 99 positions (+AUX position)

Tuning system : Frequency synthesized tuner Channel coverage : VHF (Low) 42 – 175 MHz

: VHF (Low) 42 – 175 MHz (High)175 – 470 MHz UHF 470 – 870 MHz

: UHF channels (Adjustable

E28 – E60)

Memory backup time : Approx. 6 months

Estimated figure based on supplied fresh battery; actual performance may differ.

ACCESSORIES

Aerial output

Provided accessories : RF cable,

Infrared remote control unit, "R6/UM-3" battery x 2, Lithium battery CR2025

Specifications shown are for SP mode unless otherwise specified.

Design and specifications subject to change without notice.

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