

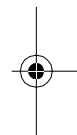
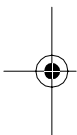


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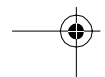
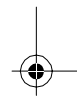
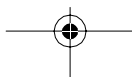
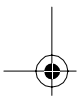
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# Model 66

**Hi-Fi Stereo VCR**  
**with Four-Head Double Azimuth**



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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Read instructions** — All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the appliance is operated.
2. **Retain Instructions** — The safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.
3. **Heed Warnings** — All warnings on the appliance and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.
4. **Follow Instructions** — All operating and use instructions should be followed.
5. **Cleaning** — Unplug the VCR from the wall outlet before cleaning it. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
6. **Attachments** — Do not use attachments not recommended by the VCR manufacturer as they may cause hazards.
7. **Water and Moisture** — Do not use this VCR near water — for example, near a bath tub, wash bowl, kitchen sink, or laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool.
8. **Accessories** — Do not place this VCR on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The VCR may fall, causing serious injury to someone and serious damage to the appliance. Use only with a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table recommended by the manufacturer or sold with the VCR. Any mounting of the appliance should follow the manufacturer's instructions and should use a mounting accessory recommended by the manufacturer. An appliance and cart combination should be moved with care.

Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause an appliance and cart combination to overturn.

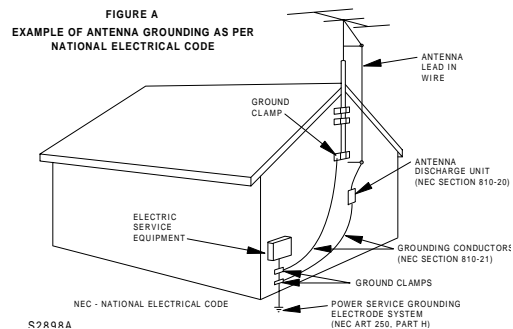


9. **Ventilation** — Slots and openings in the cabinet and the back or bottom are provided for ventilation and to ensure reliable operation of the VCR and to protect it from overheating. These openings must not be blocked or covered. The openings should never be blocked by placing the VCR on a bed, sofa, rug, or other similar surface.

This VCR should never be placed near or over a radiator or heat register. This VCR should not be placed in a built-in installation such as a bookcase or rack unless proper ventilation is provided or the manufacturer's instructions have been adhered to.

10. **Power Sources** — This VCR should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supplied to your home, consult your appliance dealer or local power company. For VCRs intended to operate from battery power or other sources, refer to the operating instructions.
11. **Grounding and Polarization** — This VCR is equipped with a polarized alternating-current line plug (a plug having one blade wider than the other). This plug will fit into the power outlet only one way. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet, try reversing the plug. If the plug should still fail to fit, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug.
12. **Power-Cord Protection** — Power-supply cords should be routed so they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the appliance.
13. **Outdoor Antenna Grounding** — If an outside antenna or cable system is connected to the VCR, be sure the antenna or cable system is grounded so as to provide some protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges.

Section 810 of the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA No. 70-1984, provides information with respect to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna discharge unit, size of grounding conductors, location of antenna-discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode.



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14. **Lightning** — For added protection for this VCR receiver during a lightning storm, or when it is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the antenna or cable system. This will prevent damage to the VCR due to lightning and power-line surges.
15. **Power Lines** — An outside antenna system should not be located in the vicinity of overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can fall into such power lines or circuits. When installing an outside antenna system, extreme care should be taken to keep from touching such power lines or circuits as contact with them might be fatal.
16. **Overloading** — Do not overload wall outlets and extension cords as this can result in a risk of fire or electric shock.
17. **Object and Liquid Entry** — Never push objects of any kind into this VCR through openings as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind on the VCR.
18. **Servicing** — Do not attempt to service this VCR yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
19. **Damage Requiring Service** — Unplug this VCR from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:
  - When the power-supply cord or plug is damaged or frayed.
  - If liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the VCR.
  - If the VCR has been exposed to rain or water.
  - If the VCR does not operate normally by following the operating instructions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions, as improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the VCR to its normal operation.
  - If the VCR has been dropped or the cabinet has been damaged.
  - When the VCR exhibits a distinct change in performance — this indicates a need for service.
20. **Replacement Parts** — When replacement parts are required, be sure the service technician has used replacement parts, specified by the manufacturer, that have the same characteristics as the original part. Unauthorized substitutions may result in fire, electric shock, injury to persons or other hazards.

21. **Safety Check** — Upon completion of any service or repairs to this VCR, ask the service technician to perform routine safety checks to determine that the VCR is in proper operating condition.
22. **Heat** — This VCR product should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other products (including amplifiers) that produce heat.

**Note to the cable TV system installer:**

This reminder is to call the CATV system installer's attention to Section 820-40 of the National Electrical Code, which provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building, as close to the point of cable entry as practical.

**Warning:** To reduce the risk of fire or shock hazard, do not expose this product to rain or moisture.

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



This symbol is intended to alert you to the presence of uninsulated dangerous voltage within the product's enclosure that might be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock. Do not open the product's case.



This symbol is intended to inform you that important operating and maintenance instructions are included in the literature accompanying this product.

## FEATURES

Your Optimus Model 66 Hi-Fi Stereo VCR offers some of the most advanced features available in home video cassette recorders.

The VCR Plus+™ Easy Taping feature lets you easily set the VCR to record programs without tedious programming, and the Commercial Advance™ and Movie Advance™ features let you quickly skip over commercials and previews recorded on tapes. The VCR's full-function universal remote control and on-screen programming make the VCR easy to use.

Your VCR offers all these features:

### RECORDING/PLAYBACK

**26-Micron Record/Play Head** — enhances picture quality at the SLP (Super Long Play) playback speed.

**Four Double-Azimuth Video Heads** — provide superior picture quality and special effects compared with standard single-azimuth four-head VCRs.

**AI (Artificial Intelligence) Video Noise Reduction System** — reduces the "noise" on the screen when playing back a worn or partially damaged tape.

**Commercial Advance** — automatically detects and skips over most commercials when you play back a tape.

**Movie Advance** — lets you go directly to the start of a movie or select which preview to view on a purchased or rented tape.

**Auto Tracking System** — automatically adjusts tracking when you start playback.

**Auto Repeat Playback** — automatically rewinds the tape for repeat playback when the tape plays to the end.

**Time Stamp** — the VCR displays useful recording information (such as date, start time, and channel) during the first 7 seconds of tape play.

**Easy-to-Use Immediate Recording** — lets you start recording immediately and have it stop after a length of time you select.

**VCR Plus+ Timer Recording** — lets you set the VCR to automatically record programs by using the PlusCode™ numbers published in most television program schedules. Your VCR automatically selects the channel to record, so you don't have to manually select it.

**1-Month, 8-Event Digital Timer** — lets you program the VCR to make up to eight unattended recordings (daily, weekly, or one-time).

**Automatic Playback/Rewind/Eject** — automatically plays, rewinds, then ejects a tape.

**Fast-Response System** — positions the tape next to the playback/record head for immediate playback or recording.

**Real-Time Counter with Zero Back** — displays the actual length of time a tape plays or records, and allows you to mark and return to a location on the tape.

### TUNING

**179-Channel, Digital-PLL, Cable-Compatible Tuner** — lets you tune to up to 68 VHF and UHF channels, and up to 125 cable channels.

**Tuner Memory Programming** — automatically stores all the active channels in your area into memory.

**Channel Caption** — lets you assign call letters to a channel so the call letters appear on the TV screen with the channel number when you select the channel.

## TAPE CONTROL

**Index Search** — lets you quickly locate the beginning of a specific recording. Also, you can have the VCR play the first 10 seconds of each recording so you can locate the one you want.

**Program Index** — lets you select and search for a specific program after timer recording.

**Fast-Forward/Rewind with Visual Search**

**Freeze-Frame/Frame Advance/Slow-Motion**

**Automatic Rewind**

## OTHER FEATURES

**Cable Box/Satellite Receiver Control** — lets you set the VCR so it sends signals to many brands of cable box or direct-to-home satellite receivers and automatically selects the channel you want to record, to avoid complicated setup and programming of both devices.

**Universal Remote Control** — lets you control your VCR, as well as TVs, cable boxes, and direct-to-home satellite systems produced by other manufacturers.

**Multichannel Television Sound (MTS)** — decodes stereo broadcasts for listening or recording. This VCR can also receive and record special audio programs (SAP) that accompany some MTS broadcasts.

**Front and Rear Audio/Video Input Jacks** — let you quickly connect an audio/video device, such as a camcorder, to the VCR without disconnecting other devices.

**Trilingual On-Screen Programming** — provides helpful instructions on the TV screen for setting the clock and timers. You can select English, French, or Spanish instructions.

**Memory Sentinel** — protects clock settings, tuner programming information, and timer memory settings in case of a power loss. The VCR holds the current time for 1 minute, and tuner programming information and timer memory settings are kept for up to 24 hours.

**Automatic/Manual Clock Setting** — lets you set the VCR to automatically update its clock using EDS (Extended Data Service) signals sent by some TV stations. You can also manually set the clock.

**Note:** EDS is provided by some broadcasters and includes various types of information, including the current time. If no broadcasters in your area transmit EDS signals, you must manually set the clock.

**Automatic DST (Daylight Saving Time) Adjustment** — lets you set the VCR to automatically adjust the displayed time for Daylight Saving Time.

**Alert Tone** — the VCR alerts you whenever you enter invalid information or do an incomplete operation. You can turn the alert tone on or off.

**VCR Lock** — lets you set the VCR to help prevent young children from operating it.

**Note:** Your VCR's remote control requires two AA batteries (not included) for operation.

We recommend you record the VCR's model and serial numbers here. This information is on the VCR's back panel.

**Model:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Serial Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

### SUPPLIED ACCESSORIES

Be sure to remove the remote control and 75-ohm coaxial cable before you store the packing material.

Depending upon your audio/video system set-up, you might need additional cables or adapters (available at your local RadioShack store). Read "Installation" on Page 9 to determine your specific needs.

### MOISTURE CONDENSATION

Condensation inside the VCR can cause tape jams or video head damage. When you move the VCR from a cold area to a warmer one, let it sit for about 2 hours before you plug it in and begin operation. This allows any moisture inside the VCR to completely evaporate.

### USING THIS MANUAL

This manual has these major sections:

**Installation** — shows you how to connect the VCR to your audio/video system and a camcorder. It also explains how to set up your VCR so you can use it with a cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver.

**VCR Setup** — includes procedures for setting the output channel switch, preparing and using the remote control, setting the on-screen programming language, setting the channels your VCR can tune, and setting the clock.

**Operation** — explains how to watch TV using the TV's or VCR's tuner, load and play a video tape, fast-forward and rewind a tape, use the special playback, display, and search features, use the real-time counter and the zero search function, and set the tracking manually.

**Special Functions** — describes what appears on the VCR's display and the TV screen, how to use the VCR's Commercial Advance and Movie Advance features, use index search, and use repeat play.

**Recording** — describes the different recording methods.

**Additional Information** — includes a troubleshooting section, care and maintenance procedures, and the VCR's specifications.

We recommend you thoroughly read at least "Installation" on Page 9 and "VCR Setup" on Page 13, to be sure you correctly install and set up your VCR.

When reading through this manual, keep the following in mind:

- Some buttons on the remote control also appear on the VCR. You can use either button to operate the same functions. Some procedures use only the VCR's buttons, or only the remote control's.
- Some buttons are labeled differently on the VCR and on the remote control. Since you use the remote control most often to change settings and functions, this manual refers only to the remote control's labels. Unless otherwise noted, however, you can use either the remote control's or the VCR's buttons at any time.
- All buttons, switches, and jacks on the VCR and all buttons on the remote control are shown in **BOLD UPPERCASE** letters in this manual.
- Information that appears on the TV screen is shown in this typeface: **PLAY**
- Information that appears on the VCR's display is shown in this typeface: **VCR**
- The VCR displays menus and options on the TV you connect it to, and other information (such as tape motion indicators, the real-time counter, etc.) on its display.

If a menu disappears before you finish entering information, simply locate the step where you first pressed **MENU/ACTION** on the remote control, then begin again at that step.



# INSTALLATION

## BASIC CONNECTIONS

Refer to the illustration on Page 10 for these connections.

**Note:** Some connections shown in this section might require additional supplies, available from your local RadioShack store.

### **b** Connect the VCR to your TV for playback. You can connect (choose one):

- Your VCR's **VHF/UHF OUT TO TV** jack to your TV's antenna jack, using a 75-ohm coaxial cable

**Caution:** Never connect the VCR's **VHF/UHF OUT TO TV** jack to a terminal that has an antenna already connected. Doing so can interfere with other receivers.

- Your VCR's **VHF/UHF OUT TO TV** jack to your TV's separate VHF/UHF antenna jacks, using a 75-ohm coaxial cable and a VHF/UHF splitter/combiner
- Your VCR's **R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO OUT** jacks to your TV's audio/video jacks, using a stereo audio/video cable

**Note:** For the best quality recordings, use high-quality A/V cables to make these connections.

### **À** Connect a signal source to the VCR for recording. You can connect (choose one):

- An outside antenna, using a 75-ohm coaxial cable, to the VCR's **IN FROM ANT.** jack
- An outside antenna, using 300-ohm lead-in wire and a 300-to-75 ohm transformer, to the VCR's **IN FROM ANT.** jack
- Your CATV (cable) source, using the 75-ohm coaxial cable directly from the cable company, to the VCR's **IN FROM ANT.** jack

**Caution:** Some state laws restrict direct connections to cable wires (connections that do not go through a cable box). Check the laws in your area before you make connections.

- A cable converter box to the VCR's **IN FROM ANT.** jack

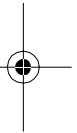
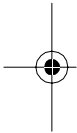
**Note:** There are many cable TV systems in use. If you subscribe to cable TV service and cannot record cable TV programs, contact your local cable TV service provider. Most cable TV service providers offer connection help.

**Ã** You can also connect an optional video source, such as a camcorder, another VCR, or a direct-to-home satellite system to your VCR using A/V cables. Simply connect it as shown.

### Connection Notes:

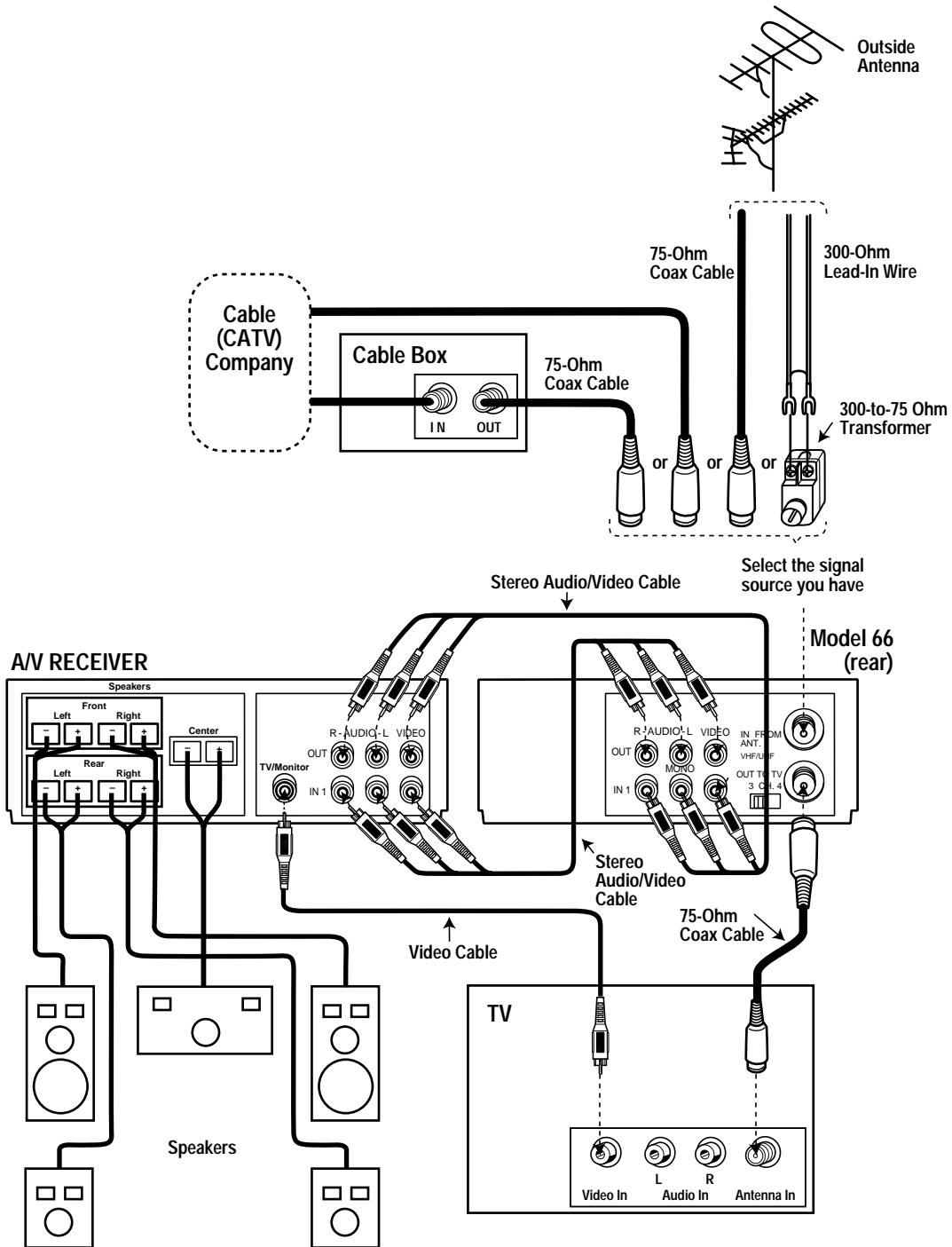
- You can connect three video sources directly to your VCR. To do so, you connect one source to the **R-AUDIO-L IN 1/VIDEO IN 1** jacks on the back of the VCR using A/V cables, another source to the **IN FROM ANT.** jack using a 75-ohm coaxial cable, and another source to the **AV2 VIDEO IN/L-AUDIO IN-R** jacks on the front of the VCR (see "Camcorder Connections" on Page 12). If the source's audio is monaural, connect its audio output to the left audio input jack only.
- You can connect additional 75-ohm coaxial sources to your system using a high-isolation A/B switch to switch between the sources.
- You can connect one 75-ohm coaxial source to more than one device using a video splitter.

Because of the complexity of the variations possible when using additional video accessories, such as video signal switches, splitters, and combiners, we do not attempt to show such configurations in this manual.



# HOME THEATER CONNECTIONS

Refer to this illustration to connect your VCR to a home theater system.

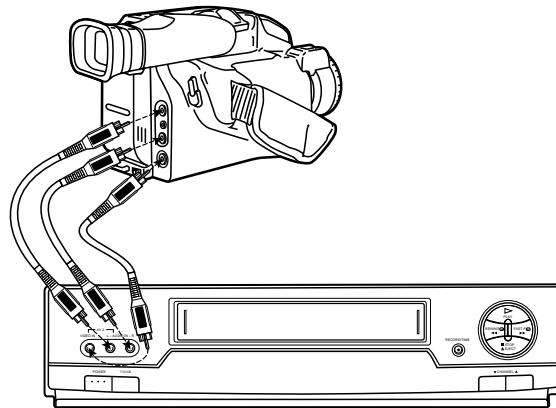


## CAMCORDER CONNECTIONS

Your VCR has jacks on its front panel that let you easily connect a camcorder or other video source. You can also connect a camcorder to the **R-AUDIO-L IN 1/VIDEO IN 1** jacks on the back of the VCR.

**Note:** Although you can connect your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver to the jacks on the VCR's front panel, the VCR's remote control function will not work if you do. See "Positioning the VCR and Cable Box or Satellite Receiver" on Page 14 for more information.

The VCR needs a stereo audio/video cable for this connection. Your audio/video cable (not supplied) must have plugs that fit the VCR's jacks and the camcorder's jacks for this connection.



1. Insert the plugs at one end of the cable into the **AV 2 L-AUDIO IN-R** and **AV VIDEO IN** jacks on the front panel. If the camcorder's audio is monaural, connect the audio cable to the **L-AUDIO IN** jack only.
2. Insert the plugs at the other end of the cable into the **AUDIO/VIDEO OUT** jacks on your camcorder or other video source. Be sure to connect **VIDEO** to **VIDEO** and **AUDIO** to **AUDIO** (use the plug's color codes as a guide).

## CONNECTING POWER

To power the VCR, plug its power cord into a standard AC outlet. **--:--** appears on the display.

**Note:** The VCR prompts you to select a language, connection type, and output channel, then starts to search for a channel that has an Extended Data Service (EDS) signal (see "Initial Set Up" on Page 14) when:

- You plug in the VCR for the first time, then press **POWER** to turn it on.
- You unplug the VCR and reconnect it (within 24 hours) then press **POWER** to turn it on.
- There is a power failure (of less than 24 hours) then you press **POWER** to turn on the VCR.
- You reset the VCR's memory (see "Resetting the VCR's Memory" on Page 25).

# VCR SETUP

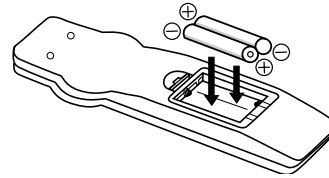
## SETTING THE VCR'S OUTPUT CHANNEL SWITCH

If you connected the VCR's **VHF/UHF OUT TO TV** terminal to a TV or another VCR, set **3-CH-4** on the back of the VCR to **3** or **4**, whichever is not an active channel in your area.

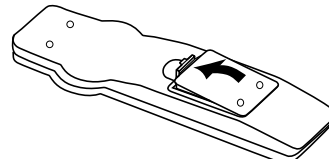
When VCR appears, the VCR sends the signal from the video source connected to its **IN FROM ANT.** jack or **R-AUDIO-L IN 1/VIDEO IN 1** or **AV2** terminals to the TV on the channel you selected.

**Note:** Setting **3-CH-4** has no effect on the TV when the VCR is off or if you connected a TV with separate audio/video input jacks to the VCR's **R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO IN** jacks.

- Put fresh batteries in the compartment as indicated by the polarity symbols (+ and -) marked inside.



- Replace the cover.



**Note:** When the remote control stops working or operates poorly, replace both batteries.

### Cautions:

- Never leave dead or weak batteries in the remote control. Batteries can leak chemicals that can damage your remote control.
- Dispose of dead batteries promptly and properly; do not bury or burn them.

## REMOTE CONTROL

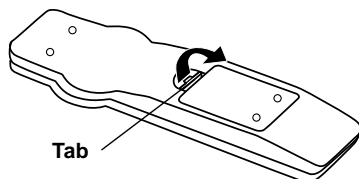
### Installing Batteries

The remote control requires two AA batteries (not supplied). For the longest operation and best performance, we recommend alkaline batteries (such as RadioShack Cat. No. 23-557).

### Cautions:

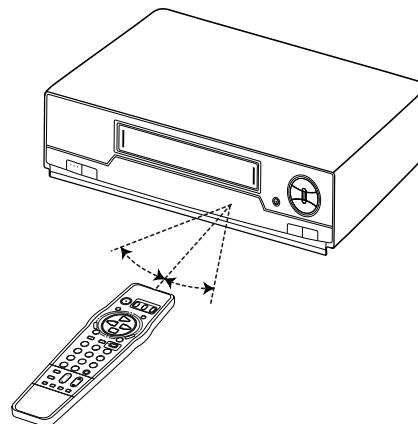
- Use only fresh batteries of the required size and recommended type.
- Do not mix old and new batteries, different types of batteries (standard, alkaline, or rechargeable), or rechargeable batteries of different capacities.

- Press the tab on the battery compartment cover and lift off the cover in the direction of the arrow.



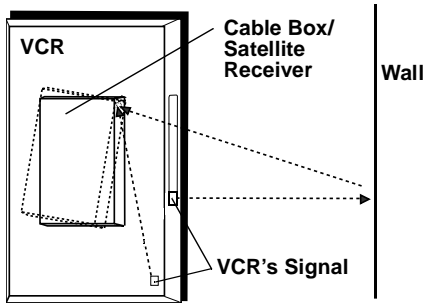
### Using the Remote Control

To use the remote control, aim it at the front of the VCR and press the desired function buttons.



## POSITIONING THE VCR AND CABLE BOX OR SATELLITE RECEIVER

Your VCR is designed to send remote control signals for many types of cable boxes or direct-to-home satellite receivers. To transmit these signals, the VCR bounces the signals off of the wall facing it to the cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver. Your VCR also has a built-in infrared transmitter on its top, letting it send the signal directly to the cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver.



To help the VCR's signal reach your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver, place the VCR and your equipment near each other. You might also have to adjust the position of your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver as shown above.

**Note:** If the VCR faces a wall or other surface that is too far away or is covered with signal absorbing material (such as a curtain), the signal from the VCR might not reach the cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver.

## INITIAL SET UP

### Setting the On-Screen Language/ Connection Type/Remote Code/ Clock

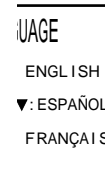
When you first plug in the VCR and turn it on, when you turn it on after power was interrupted for longer than 24 hours, or when you reset the

VCR's memory, the VCR prompts you to select a language, then scans for active channels in your area and stores them.

In many areas, the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) station broadcasts an electronic data signal (EDS) with its regular broadcast. This signal can automatically set your VCR's clock to the correct time. If a station in your area has EDS signals, the VCR automatically sets the clock.

**Note:** The VCR is preset to automatically set the clock, but you can change this setting. If no stations in your area broadcast EDS signals, see "Manually Setting the Clock" on Page 19.

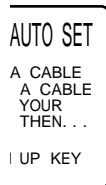
1. Press **POWER** to turn on the VCR.
2. Turn on your TV and set it to the same channel as the VCR's **3-CH-4** switch, or select its line input if you connected the VCR to the TV's audio/video input jacks. Then press **TV/VCR** so VCR appears. You see:



3. Select a language by pressing **CH s** (to select English), **CH t** (to select Spanish), or **TV/VCR** (to select French).
4. At this screen, repeatedly press **▲** (marked above **PLAY** on the remote control) or **▼** (marked below **STOP** on the remote control) to highlight a connection type, then press **▶** (marked to the right of **FAST-F** on the remote control) to select it.



- If you connected a cable box or a direct-to-home satellite receiver to the VCR then connected the VCR to a TV, select **CABLE/DSS BOX ► VCR ► TV**.
  - If you connected the VCR to a cable box or a direct-to-home satellite receiver then connected the cable box/direct-to-home satellite receiver to a TV, select **VCR ► CABLE/DSS BOX ► TV**.
  - If you connected the VCR directly to a TV, select **VCR ► TV**.
5. If you selected **VCR ► CABLE/DSS ► TV** or **VCR ► TV**, you see:



Proceed to "Alternate Setup" on Page 18.

If you selected **CABLE/DSS BOX ► VCR ► TV**, you see:



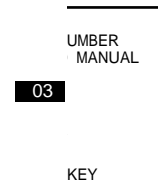
Repeatedly press ▲ or ▼ to select your cable box's or direct-to-home satellite receiver's output channel number, then press ►.

**Notes:**

- If you selected **VCR ► CABLE/DSS ► TV** and your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver is not connected or is connected incorrectly, **CABLE BOX CONTROL IS NOT AVAILABLE** briefly appears
- The output channel number for most cable boxes and direct-to-home satellite receivers is usually 3 or 4. Check the

owner's manual for your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver if you are not sure what the output channel number is.

- If you are using the audio/video jack connections to your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver, repeatedly press ▲ or ▼ to select **VIDEO OUT** as the output channel.



6. At this screen, repeatedly press or hold down ▲ or ▼ to enter the remote control code number for your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver by referring to the following chart, then press ►. This will let you use your VCR to tune your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver.

**Note:** If your cable box does not have a remote control or you do not want your VCR to control your cable box/direct-to-home satellite receiver, repeatedly press (or hold down) ▲ or ▼ to select **NO REMOTE** instead, then proceed directly to "Alternate Setup" on Page 18.

CABLE BOX BRAND	CODE
Archer	01, 05, 06, 44, 63
Cabletenna	01, 44, 63
Cableview	04, 30, 42, 44, 52, 63
Century	44, 51, 59, 75
Citizen	04, 30, 42, 44, 52, 63
Components	32, 39, 42, 44
Curtis	08, 09, 53, 61
Diamond	01, 44, 63
Eagle	13, 20, 22, 26, 40, 58, 62
Eastern	28

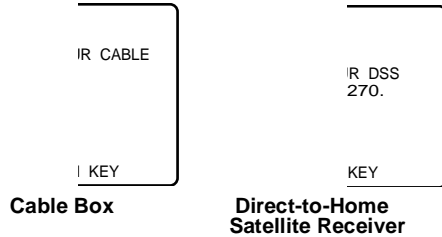
CABLE BOX BRAND	CODE
GC Brand	04, 30, 42, 44, 52, 63
Gemini	04
General Electric	01, 57
General Instrument	01, 02, 03, 04, 34, 55, 65, 67, 68 83
Hamlin	14, 15, 28, 41, 102, 103, 104
Hitachi	31, 79
Jasco	04
Jerrold	01, 02, 03, 04, 34, 55, 65, 67, 68,83
Macom	31
Magnavox	26
Matsushita	16, 17
Novavision	08, 09, 53, 61
Movietime	32, 39, 42, 44
NEC	32, 38, 40
NSC	32, 38, 40
Oak	11, 46, 101
Oak Sigma	11, 46, 101
Panasonic	16, 17
Philips	07, 13, 20, 23, 24, 50
Pioneer	05, 06
Pulsar	04, 30, 42, 44, 52, 63
Quest	05, 06
RadioShack	44, 51, 59, 75
RCA	16, 17
Realistic	44, 51, 59, 75
Regal	14, 15, 28, 41, 102, 103, 104
Regency	28
Rembrandt	01, 29, 32, 39, 42, 44, 63
Samsung	05, 06, 32, 40, 42
Scientific Atlanta	08, 09, 53, 61
Sheritech	27

CABLE BOX BRAND	CODE
Signal	26
SL Marx	06, 32, 40, 42,43, 44, 52, 63
Sprucer	16, 17
Standard	32, 39, 42, 44
Stargate	04, 06, 30, 32, 40, 42, 44, 52, 63
Sylvania	19
Teknika	74
Telecaption	77
Televue	06, 32, 40, 42
Texscan	18, 19
Tocom	01, 33, 34, 42, 66
Toshiba	36
Unika	01, 44, 63
Universal	42, 43, 44, 52, 63
Viewstar	13, 20, 22, 26, 40, 58, 62
Videoway	07, 23, 50
Vid Tech	64
Vidtek	36, 64
Zenith	07, 23, 50

SATELLITE RECEIVER BRAND	CODE
Hitachi	93
Hughes	93
Magnavox 1	94
Magnavox 2	95
Panasonic	96
RCA	97
Sony	98, 105
Toshiba	92
Uniden 1	94
Uniden 2	95

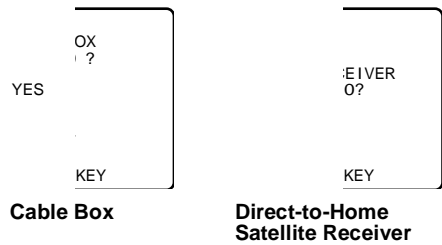


7. At this screen (depending on your setup), set your cable box to channel 02 or direct-to-home satellite receiver to channel 270. Then press **▶**.



**NOW TRANSMITTING** appears, and the VCR sends a test signal to your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver.

8. After sending the test signal, the VCR displays either of the following.



Check your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver. If it is tuned to Channel 9 (cable box) or Channel 200 (direct-to-home satellite receiver), this means the VCR is successfully controlling your equipment. Press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **YES** then press **▶**. *If you connected a direct-to-home satellite receiver, proceed now to "Alternate Setup" on Page 18.*

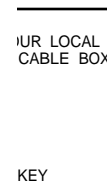
If your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver does not tune to the specified channel, press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **NO**, then press **▶** and start over at Step 6. Try entering a different code assigned to your brand and repositioning the VCR and/or the equipment.

If it still does not tune to the specified channels, this means the VCR cannot be set to automatically turn on and tune your particular equipment to the correct channel

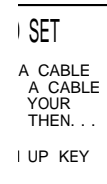
when it begins a timer or VCR Plus+ recording you set — you will need to do that manually (see "Recording" on Page 38). Press **MENU/ACTION** and proceed to "Alternate Setup" on Page 18.

**Note:** "Using the VCR's Remote Control with Your TV and Cable Box or Satellite Receiver" on Page 22 shows you how to use the remote control to operate your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver.

9. At this screen, press **▲** or **▼** to select your local PBS channel. Then press **▶**.



10. At this screen, set your cable box to the local PBS station, then press **CH s**.



After you press **CH s**, **CLOCK AUTO SET PROCEEDING** appears.

It can take up to 10 minutes for the VCR to set the clock using the EDS signal. If the VCR finds a signal, it automatically sets its clock to the correct time and **AUTO CLOCK SET COMPLETED** appears.

If the VCR does not detect a signal within this time, **AUTO CLOCK SET INCOMPLETE** appears. There is probably not an EDS signal available in your area. Press **MENU/ACTION**, then see "Manually Setting the Clock" on Page 19 to set the clock.

**Note:** Using this setup method does not store any channel in the VCR's memory. Instead, you select channels using the cable box. See "Using the VCR's Remote Control with Your TV and Cable Box or Satellite Receiver" on Page 22 for how to use the VCR's remote control to change the channels on the cable box.

## Alternate Setup

Follow the steps in this section if:

- You selected **VCR►CABLE/DSS►TV** or **VCR►TV** in Step 4 on Page 14
- You selected **NO REMOTE** in Step 6 on Page 15
- You use a direct-to-home satellite receiver and selected **YES** in Step 8 on Page 17

If the VCR *did not control* your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver in Step 8 on Page 17, follow Steps 1–4 in "Reprogramming Tuner Memory" on Page 20 first, then follow the steps in this section.

1. Be sure your TV shows this screen. If not, follow Steps 1–4 in "Setting the On-Screen Language/Connection Type/Remote Code/Clock" on Page 14.



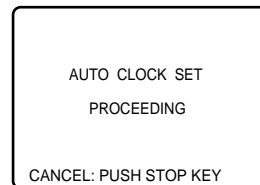
AUTO SET  
A CABLE  
A CABLE  
YOUR  
THEN. . .  
I UP KEY

2. Set your cable box to the local PBS station, then press **CH s**. Or if you do not have a cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver, simply press **CH s**.

After you press **CH s**, **CH AUTO SET PROCEEDING** and the current channel number appear on the TV screen as the VCR scans through the channels and memorizes all active channels in your area.

**Note:** If you have already set the channels and just want to manually set the clock, press **MENU/ACTION** to skip tuner programming. Then see "Manually Setting the Clock" on Page 19.

3. When the VCR finishes scanning and storing channels, it searches for an EDS signal and shows:



AUTO CLOCK SET  
PROCEEDING  
CANCEL: PUSH STOP KEY

It can take up to 10 minutes for the VCR to set the clock using the EDS signal. If the VCR finds a signal, it automatically sets its clock to the correct time and date, then the time and date, current channel setting, and **AUTO CLOCK SET COMPLETED** appear. Afterwards, the VCR resets the clock by the received EDS signal the first time you turn it off during a day. If the VCR does not detect a signal within this time, **AUTO CLOCK SET INCOMPLETE** appears. There is probably not an EDS signal available in your area. Press **MENU/ACTION**, then see "Manually Setting the Clock" on Page 19 to set the clock.

### Notes:

- Your VCR protects tuner programming for up to 24 hours in case a power failure occurs or if the power cord becomes unplugged. After about 24 hours without power, the VCR loses the programming.
- If you have not connected the VCR to an antenna, cable box, direct-to-home satellite receiver, or other signal source through the **IN FROM ANT.** jack, the VCR does not store any channel in memory.

Instead, you see:

NO CH FOUND  
PLEASE CHECK ANTENNA  
CABLE CONNECTION THEN  
PUSH VCR CH UP KEY AGAIN

K -----  
CK SET  
.  
KEY

## Manually Setting the Clock

Follow these steps to manually set the clock if EDS is not available in your area, if you do not want the VCR to search for an EDS signal, or if you skipped tuner programming.

### Notes:

- The clock must be accurately set for proper automatic timer recording. We suggest you refer to a radio station or time/temperature service for the correct time.
- If you do not press a button within 5 minutes in Steps 2–9, the clock is not set. Start again from Step 1.

1. Press **MENU/ACTION** to display the main menu.

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RE  
IEL  
E: ENGLISH  
KEY

**Note:** To exit the programming mode at any time, press **MENU/ACTION**.

2. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **SET CLOCK**, then press **▶**.
3. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **MANUAL**, then press **▶**.

4. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select the correct month, then press **▶**.

K -----  
--:--  
DST: ON  
-----  
KEY

5. Repeat Step 4 to select the correct date, year, and hour, then press **▶**.

6. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select a minute that is 1 or 2 minutes after the current time, then press **▶**. (For example, if it is 42 minutes past the hour right now, enter 43 minutes.) This gives you time to complete this procedure before starting the clock.

**Note:** Your VCR uses a 12-hour clock. Be sure you correctly set AM or PM.

7. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to set **DST** (daylight saving time) to **ON** or **OFF**.

When you set **DST** to **ON**, the VCR automatically adds 1 hour on the first Sunday in April, and subtracts 1 hour on the last Sunday in October.

8. Press **▶**. **SET COMPLETED** appears.

K -----  
12:00PM  
DST: ON  
-----  
KEY

9. Review the information you entered.

If the information is not correct, move the cursor to the incorrect entry by repeatedly pressing **◀** (marked to the left of **REW** on the remote control) or **▶**, then enter the correct information.

When the information is correct and the time reaches the minute you set in Step 6, press **MENU/ACTION** twice. The time you set appears and the clock starts running.

**Note:** Seconds begin counting from 00 when you press **MENU/ACTION** the second time.

### Adding/Erasing Channels

If you followed the steps listed in "Alternate Setup" on Page 18, we recommend you check the channels the VCR automatically stored. It might have stored distant, weak channels that you normally would not watch, or it might have missed channels you want to store.

If the tuner stores a channel that you do not want, repeatedly press (or hold down) **CH** s or **t** or use the remote control's number buttons to tune to that channel, then press **ADD/DLT**. **CHANNEL nn DELETED** appears, and the unwanted channel is erased from the tuner's memory.

To add a channel, enter the desired channel number using the remote control's number buttons. Then press **ADD/DLT**. **CHANNEL nn ADDED** appears, and the channel is added to memory.

### Reprogramming Tuner Memory

If you followed the steps listed in "Alternate Setup" on Page 18, you might want to reprogram the VCR's tuner memory if you later move or change from an antenna connection to a cable TV connection.

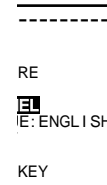
**Note:** You can also quickly erase all settings, including the time, local channels, and programmed events, then reprogram the tuner's memory. See "Resetting the VCR's Memory" on Page 25.

Follow these steps to reprogram the tuner.

1. Press **MENU/ACTION** to display the main menu.

**Note:** To exit the programming mode during Steps 2–5, press **MENU/ACTION** twice.

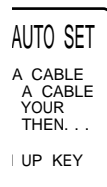
2. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **SET UP CHANNEL**, then press **▶**.



3. If necessary, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **ANTENNA**.



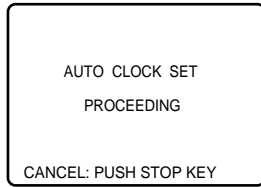
4. Press **▶** again to select the antenna source (**TV** or **CABLE**).
5. Press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **AUTO SET**, then press **▶**. You see:



6. Set your cable box to the local PBS station, then press **CH** s. (If you do not have a cable box, simply press **CH** s.)

After you press **CH**s, **CH AUTO SET PROCEEDING** and the current channel number appear on the TV screen as the VCR scans through the channels and memorizes all active channels in your area.

- When the VCR finishes scanning and storing channels, it searches for an EDS signal and shows:



It can take up to 10 minutes for the VCR to set the clock using the EDS signal. If the VCR finds a signal, it automatically sets its clock to the correct time, and **AUTO CLOCK SET COMPLETED** appears.

If the VCR does not detect a signal within this time, **AUTO CLOCK SET INCOMPLETE** appears. There is probably not an EDS signal available in your area. Press **MENU/ACTION**, then see "Manually Setting the Clock" on Page 19 to set the clock.

### Turning On Auto Clock Set

If you turned off the auto clock set feature and manually set the VCR's clock, then find that EDS is available in your area, you can turn the auto clock set feature back on. This ensures that the VCR automatically sets itself to the correct time after a power failure of less than 24 hours.

Follow these steps to turn on auto clock set.

- Press **MENU/ACTION** to display the main menu.
- Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **SET CLOCK**, then press **▶**.
- If necessary, press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **AUTO CLOCK SET**, then press **▶**.
- Press **CH s**. The VCR searches for an EDS signal and, if it finds one, automatically sets its clock to the correct time. If the VCR does not find an EDS signal, follow the steps under "Manually Setting the Clock" on Page 19.

### Setting the Cable Box

When you change the connections to your VCR (for example, when you subscribe to a cable company's service), follow these steps to change the antenna system settings.

- Press **MENU/ACTION** to display the main menu.
- Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **SET UP CHANNEL**, then press **▶**. You see:



- Be sure **CABLE** appears next to **ANTENNA**. If not, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **ANTENNA**, then press **▶** to select **CABLE**.
- Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **CABLE/DSS BOX SET UP** and press **▶**. You see:



- If necessary, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** on the remote control to highlight **CABLE/DSS BOX▶VCR▶TV**. Then press **▶**.

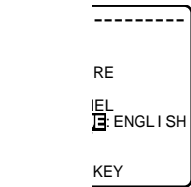
The display prompts you to select the cable box's output channel number. Repeatedly press **CH s** or **t** to select the number, then press **▶**.

- Follow Steps 5–8 under "Setting the On-Screen Language/Connection Type/Remote Code/Clock" on Page 14.
- When you finish, press **MENU/ACTION** twice.

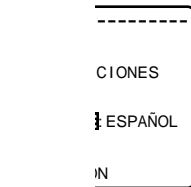
## Changing the On-Screen Language

Follow these steps to change the on-screen programming language.

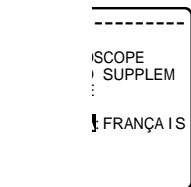
1. Press **MENU/ACTION** to display the main menu.
2. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight the fifth menu selection, then press **▶**. (The title of the fifth menu selection differs depending on the language currently selected.)



English



Español



Français

3. Repeatedly press **▶** until the desired language appears next to the fifth item.
4. When you finish, press **MENU/ACTION**.

## USING THE VCR'S REMOTE CONTROL WITH YOUR TV AND CABLE BOX OR SATELLITE RECEIVER

In addition to controlling your VCR, the remote control can operate the basic functions of your TV and cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver.

*If you followed the steps listed in "Setting the On-Screen Language/Connection Type/Remote Code/Clock" on Page 14 and the VCR successfully tuned the channel you specified in Step 8, that means the remote control is already programmed to control your equipment. Skip to the paragraph after Step 3 in this section to learn how to use the remote control to operate your equipment.*

*If you followed the steps listed in "Setting the On-Screen Language/Connection Type/Remote Code/Clock" on Page 14 and the VCR did not tune the channel you specified in Step 8, follow these steps to program the remote control with the correct manufacturer's code(s) for, and to learn how to use the remote to operate, your equipment.*

**Note:** Some brands have more than one code listed in the charts. If a code does not work with your TV, cable box, or direct-to-home satellite receiver, try another. The listed codes might not work with all models from the listed manufacturers.

1. Find the code for your TV and cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver in the following charts.

TV BRAND	CODE
Fisher	10
GE	03
Goldstar	15, 16, 17
Hitachi	12
JVC	11
Magnavox	05

TV BRAND	CODE
Mitsubishi	07, 13
Panasonic	01, 02
Quasar	01, 02
RadioShack	01, 02, 15, 16, 17
RCA	03
Realistic	01, 02, 15, 16, 17
Samsung	14
Sanyo	10
Sharp	06, 07
Sony	08
Sylvania	05
Toshiba	09
Zenith	04

CABLE BOX BRAND	CODE
Archer	01, 29, 44, 88, 91
Cableview	04, 30, 42, 44, 52, 63, 85, 88
Citizen	04, 30, 42, 44, 52, 63, 85, 88
Curtis	08, 09, 56, 61, 87, 90
Diamond	01, 29, 44, 88, 91
Drake	37, 67, 71
Eagle	13, 20, 22, 26, 40, 58, 62, 98
Eastern	28
GC Brand	04, 30, 42, 44, 52, 63, 85, 88
Gemini Regal	04, 85
General Electric	57
General Instrument	01, 02, 03, 04, 34, 55, 83, 85, 91, 93, 95
Hamlin	14, 15, 28, 41, 97, 100, 102
Hitachi	31, 79
Jerrold	01, 02, 03, 04, 34, 55, 83, 85, 91, 93, 95

CABLE BOX BRAND	CODE
Macom	31, 79
Magnavox	25, 26
Matsushita	16, 17, 101
Movietime	29, 32, 38, 39, 40, 42, 44, 88
NSC	32, 38, 40
Oak	10, 11, 46, 99
Optimus	44, 88
Panasonic	16, 17, 101
Philips	13, 20, 23, 24, 96
Pioneer	05, 06, 78
Pulsar	04, 30, 42, 44, 52, 63, 85, 88
RadioShack	44, 88
RCA	16, 17, 101
Realistic	44, 51, 88
Regal	14, 41
Regency	28
Rembrandt	29, 32, 39, 42, 44, 88
Salora	68, 72
Samsung	32, 40, 42, 78, 94
Scientific Atlanta	08, 09, 56, 61, 87, 90
Sheritech	27
SL Marx	32, 40, 42, 78, 94
Sprucer	16, 17, 101
Stargate	04, 30, 32, 40, 42, 44, 52, 63, 78, 85, 88, 94
Sylvania	19
Teknika	74
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Televue	32, 40, 42, 78, 94
Texscan	18, 19
Tocom	01, 33, 34, 42, 48, 49, 91
Toshiba	36
Uniden Satellite	65, 69
Unika	01, 29, 44, 88, 91

CABLE BOX BRAND	CODE
Universal	42, 43, 44, 52, 63, 88
Viewstar	13, 20, 22, 26, 40, 58, 62, 98
Videoway	07, 23, 50
Vid Tech	64
Vidter	64
Zenith	07, 23, 50

SATELLITE RECEIVER BRAND	CODE
Hitachi/Hughes	104
Magnavox/Uniden 1	105
Magnavox/Uniden 2	106
Panasonic	109
RCA	108
Sony	107
Toshiba	103

2. While holding down **TV**, enter the code number for your TV using the number buttons. Or, while holding down **DSS/CABLE** enter the code number for your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver.

Precede a single-digit code number with a 0 — for example, 01, 02, and so on. To enter a three-digit number, press **100**, then enter the second and third digits in the code number.

3. Try operating your TV and cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver using the VCR's remote control. First press **TV** or **DSS/CABLE**, then try pressing **POWER**, **INPUT**, **CH** s or t, and **VOL +/-** for TV operation; or **POWER** and **CH** s or t for cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver operation.

If the device does not function, repeat Step 2 and try other codes for the manufacturer. If it still does not function, you must use the original remote control supplied with your TV and cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver.

To use the remote control, press the button for the device you want to control—**TV**, **DSS/CABLE**, or **VCR**. Then press the desired function button.

#### Notes:

- The codes you programmed might be erased if you remove the batteries from the remote control (to replace them, for example). If this happens, re-enter the codes after you replace the batteries.
- Some TVs, cable boxes, and direct-to-home satellite receivers might require that you manually turn on the power for that device.
- Your TV, cable box, or direct-to-home satellite receiver might have functions that the VCR's remote control will not operate.
- You can use the number buttons to select a channel number on your TV and cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver. However, some TVs and cable boxes or direct-to-home satellite receivers might require that you press **DISP/ENT** after entering the channel number.
- **VOL +/-** works to adjust the TV volume in any operation mode (VCR, TV, or CATV).
- When you press **TV** or **DSS/CABLE** then press **MENU/ACTION** or **PROG**, **NOW TV/CABLE/DSS MODE PLEASE PUSH VCR KEY ON REMOTE** appears, and **TV** or **CABLE** flash for about 5 seconds then disappear. Press **VCR** to set the remote control to VCR operation mode.



## RESETTING THE VCR'S MEMORY

You can erase all settings (including the time, local channels, and programmed events) at any time. Eject any loaded tape, then hold down **PLAY** and **CHANNEL s** on the VCR for about 5 seconds until it turns itself off. All settings are cleared.

The next time you turn on the VCR, it performs its initial setup sequence. See "Setting the On-Screen Language/Connection Type/Remote Code/Clock" on Page 14.

## TURNING THE ERROR BEEP ON/OFF

Your VCR is preset to sound a beep through your TV when you enter invalid or incomplete information. However, you can turn the beep off or on at any time.

Follow these steps to turn off the beep.

1. Press **MENU/ACTION** to display the main menu.
2. If necessary, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **SET UP VCR**, then press **FAST-F**.
3. Repeatedly press **PLAY** or **STOP** to highlight **BEEPER**. Then press **FAST-F** to select **OFF**.

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CR -----
: ON
: ON
ACK: ON

KEY
  
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4. Press **MENU/ACTION** twice to exit.

To turn the beep on again, repeat these steps and select **ON** in Step 3.

# OPERATION

## WATCHING TV

### Using the TV's Tuner

To watch a broadcast using the TV's tuner, turn off the VCR or repeatedly press **TV/VCR** until VCR disappears.

**Note:** If you are using a TV/monitor connected to the VCR's **R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO OUT** jacks, be sure to set the TV/monitor to its TV mode.

The antenna or cable signals pass through the VCR unaffected, as if the antenna or cable were connected directly to the TV. Use the TV as you normally would.

### Using the VCR's Tuner

Your VCR can receive up to 68 VHF and UHF channels, and up to 125 cable channels. The VCR displays the channels as 1–125.

#### Notes:

- Channels 2–13 are the same for VHF and cable TV, and cable companies usually number them as they appear on the display.
- Since cable companies sometimes designate cable channels with letters or letter-number combinations, a channel number you see on the VCR's display might differ from the channel number displayed on your cable box. You might need to experiment to determine the proper cable channel designations for your cable system. For more information, contact your local cable company.
- Two cable channels are designated for audio only.

1. Turn on the TV and set it to the same channel as the VCR's **3-CH-4** switch.

**Note:** If you are using a TV/monitor connected to the VCR's **R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO OUT** jacks, set the TV/monitor to its video mode.

2. Repeatedly press **TV/VCR** until VCR appears.
3. To manually select a channel, you can press **CH s** or **t** to have the tuner automatically advance to the next channel stored in the tuner's memory.

**Note:** If you press **CH s** when the tuner is at the highest programmed channel or **CH t** when the tuner is at the lowest programmed channel, the VCR enters the audio/video mode and **LINE1** or **LINE2** appears on the TV (see "Selecting the Signal to Record" on Page 39). Continue to press **CH s** or **t** until the highest or lowest programmed channel appears.

Or, to directly select a channel, press the number buttons on the remote control for the desired channel.

#### Notes:

- Precede a single-digit number with a 0 — for example, 01, 02, and so on.
- To enter a three-digit number, press **100**, then enter the second and third digits in the channel number.
- If you want to receive MTS stereo or SAP broadcasts, see "Receiving/Recording Stereo/SAP Broadcasts" on Page 39.

## Channel Caption

You can assign call letters (such as ABC or CBS) to a channel so the call letters appear with the channel number on the TV when you select the channel. You can select from the VCR's 24 preset call letter combinations and create up to 10 call letter combinations of your own.

Follow these steps to assign any of the VCR's 24 preset call letter combinations to stations in your area.

1. Press **MENU/ACTION** to display the main menu.
2. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **SET UP CHANNEL**, then press **▶**. You see:

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NNEL ----
|
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|
|
KEY
    
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3. If necessary, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **CHANNEL CAPTION**, then press **▶**.
4. If necessary, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **PRESET CAPTION**, then press **▶**. You see:

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TION ----
S  --
IN --
PN --
O  --
|
|
KEY
    
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5. Press **▶**. The cursor moves to the dashes to the right of **ABC**.
  6. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to change the channel number. When the correct channel number for the ABC station in your area appears, press **▶**. The cursor moves to the next preset caption in sequence.
- Note:** Only the channel numbers stored in VCR tuner memory appear.
7. Press **▶**. The cursor moves to the dashes to the right of the selected preset caption. Or, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select another caption.
  8. Repeat Steps 6 and 7 for each preset caption you want to assign.

9. Review the entered information. If any number is not correct, repeatedly press **▲**, **▼**, **▶**, or **◀** to highlight the wrong entry. Use **▲** or **▼** to change the number, or **ADD/DLT** to delete the number.
10. Press **MENU/ACTION** four times to exit.

Follow these steps to manually create and assign up to 10 of your own call letter combinations.

1. Follow Steps 1–3 of the previous section.
2. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **MANUAL CAPTION**, then press **▶**. You see:

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TION ----
APTION
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|
|
KEY
    
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3. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select the channel number, then press **▶**. The cursor moves to the dashes to the right of the channel number.
- Note:** Channels already assigned with preset call letters or deleted from the VCR's memory do not appear as you press **▲** or **▼**.
4. Repeatedly press (or hold down) **▲** or **▼** to display the first character of the station's name. Then press **▶** to set the character.

The characters change in the following order.

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→A→B→C-----Z→BLANK→→&←
          9←-----2←1←0←/←!←
    
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Repeat this step to enter other characters (up to a total of four).

**Note:** To correct an error, press **▶** or **◀** to move the cursor to the right or left, then enter the correct character. To clear the call letters, press **ADD/DLT**.

5. Repeatedly press **◀** to highlight a channel number, then repeat Steps 3 and 4 to create more call letter combinations (up to 10).
6. When you finish, press **MENU/ACTION** four times to exit.

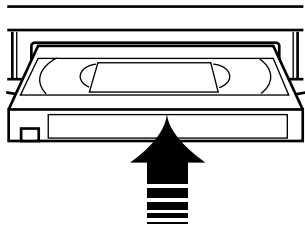
## VIEWING A VIDEO TAPE

### Loading a Video Tape

1. Turn on the TV and set it to the same channel as the VCR's **3-CH-4** switch.

**Note:** If you are using a TV/monitor that is connected to the VCR's **R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO OUT** jacks, set the TV/monitor to its video mode.

2. Hold the cassette with the main label facing up and the spine facing out from the VCR. Then insert the cassette into the VCR's compartment and gently push the center of its spine until the VCR draws it in.



The VCR automatically turns on. If the erase-protection tab has been removed from the cassette, playback automatically begins (see "Erase Protection" on Page 38).

**Caution:** Never insert anything except a VHS video cassette into the cassette compartment. Anything else might damage the VCR.

### Playing a Video Tape

1. Load a video tape.
2. If playback does not automatically begin, press **PLAY**. The VCR plays the tape.

**Note:** During playback, the VCR automatically adjusts tracking, but you can manually adjust it if necessary (see "Tracking" on Page 30).

3. To choose the type of audio you want to hear during playback, press **SAP/HiFi** until an arrow appears next to the desired audio mode indicator (**HiFi** or **NORMAL**) on the TV screen.

**Note:** If you play a tape recorded on a standard VCR, the VCR plays the standard audio track, regardless of the audio output setting.

4. To stop playback before the end of the tape, press **STOP**.
5. To eject the tape, press **STOP EJECT** on the VCR.

#### Notes:

- If the tape reaches the end before you press **STOP** or **STOP EJECT** on the VCR, the VCR automatically stops the tape and completely rewinds it. If the erase-protection tab has been removed, the VCR then ejects the cassette.
- When the VCR is off, you can press **STOP EJECT** on the VCR to eject a tape. The VCR turns on, ejects the tape, then turns itself back off.

## TAPE MOTION CONTROLS

### Fast-Forward/Rewind and Visual Search

While a tape is stopped, press **FAST-F** to advance the tape quickly or **REW** to rewind it. You cannot see the picture or hear sound when you use fast-forward or rewind, but you can use the counter to locate a specific section of tape.

**Note:** If you press **POWER** while a tape is rewinding, **REWIND ▶ POWER OFF** appears. The VCR automatically turns itself off when rewinding is complete.

To use visual search so you can see the picture, be sure VCR appears, then begin tape playback. Press **FAST-F** to search forward or **REW** to search in reverse. Press **PLAY** to return to normal playback.

During visual search, the sound is muted and the picture quality is lower than during normal playback. The search picture is best with tapes recorded at the SP or SLP speed (see "Recording Speeds/Tape Selection" on Page 38).

### Freeze-Frame/Frame Advance

Freeze-frame lets you pause the tape to view a single frame. Press **PAUSE** during playback to freeze the picture. Press **PAUSE** again or **PLAY** to return to normal playback.

During freeze-frame, picture quality is lower than during normal playback. The picture quality is best with recordings made at the SP or SLP speed (see "Recording Speeds/Tape Selection" on Page 38).

#### Notes:

- If you leave the VCR in the freeze-frame mode for 3 minutes, the VCR stops playing the tape to protect the video heads.
- To reduce or eliminate jitter in the freeze-frame picture, hold down **CH s** or **t** until the picture is clear.

During freeze-frame, you can advance the picture one frame at a time by repeatedly pressing **SLOW**. This feature works best with video cassettes recorded at the SP or SLP speed. Press **PAUSE** or **PLAY** to return to normal playback.

### Slow Motion

To start slow motion playback, while a tape is playing, press **SLOW**. Press **SLOW** again or **PLAY** to return to normal playback. During slow motion, the sound is muted and the picture

quality is lower than during normal playback. Slow motion picture quality is best with tapes recorded at the SP or SLP speed.

#### Notes:

- If you leave the VCR in the slow-motion mode for 3 minutes, the VCR stops playing the tape to protect the video heads.
- If the slow-motion picture is poor, hold down **CH s** or **t** until the picture improves.

## REAL-TIME COUNTER

### Using the Counter

Your VCR's counter shows how long a tape has been running. To see the counter on the TV screen, press **DISP/ENT** on the remote control.

The counter resets to **0:00:00** each time you put in a tape. To manually reset the counter, press **COUNTER RESET**.

**Note:** The real-time counter might stop if you fast-forward or rewind through a blank section on the tape. This is normal.

### Using the Zero Search Function

You can reset the counter to **0:00:00** at any position on the tape and then return to that position. This lets you quickly return to a selected place on the tape later.

Follow these steps to use the zero search function.

1. Press **COUNTER RESET** at the location you want to return to later. The counter resets to **0:00:00**.

2. When you want to return to the selected location, stop the tape, then press **C/A SKIP/ZERO**. The tape rewinds or fast-forwards and automatically stops when it reaches **0:00:00**.

**Notes:**

- If you press **REW** to rewind the tape past **0:00:00**, the time appears with a minus (-) sign.
- The counter does not work with blank tapes or blank portions of partially recorded tapes.

## TRACKING

The auto tracking system automatically adjusts tracking when you start playback.

When different parts of the tape are recorded at different speeds, the VCR automatically re-adjusts the tracking at the beginning of each recording.

If you need to manually adjust tracking, hold down **CH s** or **t**. To return to automatic tracking, press **CH s** and **t** on the VCR at the same time or turn the power off then back on.

**Notes:**

- You might need to slightly readjust tracking for each tape you play.
- If the sound of a recording made on another VHS Hi-Fi VCR is poor (and **Hi-Fi** does not appear), you might be able to improve it by adjusting the tracking. **Hi-Fi** appears when the tracking is correctly adjusted.

## VCR LOCK

You can lock all of the VCR's buttons except **CH s** or **t**, **MENU/ACTION**, **PROG**, **TV/VCR**, **COUNTER RESET**, **ADD/HLT**, **POWER**, and **STOP EJECT**. This is handy, for example, if you want to keep children from changing the VCR's timer settings.

**Note:** With the lock set, previously set timer recordings still record and you can insert or eject a tape.

To lock the VCR, eject a cassette if loaded, then hold down **RECORD/TIME** on the VCR until **VCR LOCK ACTIVATED** appears. To unlock the VCR, hold down **RECORD/TIME** on the VCR until **VCR LOCK OFF** appears.

**Note:** If the clock is set, the VCR cancels the lock automatically after about 24 hours.

# SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

## SPECIAL DISPLAYS

### Blue Screen Display

The VCR displays a blue screen on the TV when you select the VCR mode, play unrecorded portions of a tape, or when you tune to a weak TV station. However, you can turn the blue screen display feature on or off.

#### Notes:

- You cannot record the blue screen on a tape in the VCR.
- If you tune to a weak TV station, the VCR mutes the sound when it displays the blue screen.
- The blue screen also appears if you set the VCR to the audio/video mode when the **R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO IN 1** jacks are not receiving any signals. You cannot turn off the blue screen in this case.

Follow these steps to turn the blue screen feature on or off.

1. Press **MENU/ACTION** to display the main menu.
2. If necessary, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **SET UP VCR**. Then press **▶**.

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KEY
  
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3. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** so **NOISY CH BLUE BACK** is highlighted. Then press **▶** to select **ON** or **OFF**.

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CR -----
: ON
: ON
ACK: ON
KEY
  
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4. Press **MENU/ACTION** twice to exit.

### On-Screen Display

To view your VCR's current operating mode and other information about your VCR, press **DISP/ENT** (display/enter). You see the current audio mode the VCR is set to (**STEREO**, **SAP**, or **MONO**), the current function, time, channel, counter, and tape speed. Press **DISP/ENT** again to clear the display.

#### Notes:

- The current audio mode automatically disappears after about 5 seconds.
- You also see the remaining recording time while a timed recording is in progress (see "Immediate Recording" on Page 39).

### Function Indicators

When you press a function button (such as **STOP**), the selected function's indicator (such as **STOP**) appears on the TV screen for about 4 seconds. When you change the channel, the new channel number (and call letters, if you set them) appear on the TV screen for about 3 seconds.

**Note:** If you play back a poor quality or damaged tape, the function indicator might not appear.

## SKIPPING COMMERCIALS

Your VCR's Commercial Advance™ feature lets you quickly skip over commercials recorded onto a tape while you view it, without having to continually press **FAST-F** or **C/A SKIP/ZERO**.

During recording, Commercial Advance stores in memory the locations of the beginnings and endings of commercials. After recording is over, the VCR replays the tape and marks the beginnings/endings on the tape itself.

Then, when you play back the recording, you can set the VCR so it detects and skips over the marked commercials automatically *or* only when you press a key.

### Notes:

- The recording must be at least 15 minutes long for Commercial Advance to work.
- The effectiveness of Commercial Advance varies with the different methods stations use to broadcast commercials. It is possible that Commercial Advance might not work with every broadcast you watch.
- Commercial Advance might skip part of a program if there are frequent dark and quiet scenes.
- Commercial Advance does not erase commercials from the tape; it simply marks them.

### Turning Commercial Advance Marking On/Off

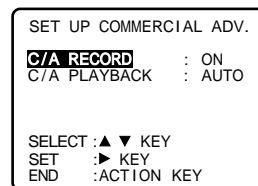
Follow these steps to have the VCR automatically memorize the beginnings and endings of commercials while it records a program, so it can mark the tape later.

1. Press **MENU/ACTION** to display the main menu.
2. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **SET UP FEATURE**, then press **▶**.

3. If necessary, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **SET UP COMMERCIAL ADV.**



4. Press **▶**. You see:



5. If necessary, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **C/A RECORD**, then press **▶** to select **ON** or **OFF**.
6. When you finish, press **MENU/ACTION** twice.

If you selected **ON**, the VCR asks if you want it to mark commercials when you stop recording or turn the VCR off.

- If you want the VCR to mark commercials when you stop recording, press **1**.
- If you want the VCR to mark commercials when you turn it off, press **2**.

### Notes:

- It takes several minutes for the VCR to mark the recording.
- The VCR marks commercials in a timer recording after the recording stops (see "Automatic Timer Recording" on Page 43).
- If the interval between two timer recordings is not long enough to allow commercial marking, the VCR waits until after the next timer recording.



- The VCR can store up to eight timer recording settings and 45 commercial locations in memory at one time. When the memory becomes full, the remaining commercials are not marked.
- The Commercial Advance feature setting returns to **OFF** if there is a power failure.
- If you rewind the tape and start another recording before power is turned off, commercials might not be correctly marked.

### Selecting a Commercial Advance Tape Playback Option

Follow these steps to select how the VCR operates when you play any marked tape.

1. Press **MENU/ACTION** to display the main menu.
2. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **SET UP FEATURE**, then press **▶**.
3. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **SET UP COMMERCIAL ADV.**, then press **▶**.
4. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **C/A PLAYBACK**, then press **▶** to select **AUTO** or **MANUAL**.

**AUTO** — The VCR automatically skips marked commercial blocks.

**MANUAL** — The VCR skips commercials only when you press **C/A SKIP/ZERO** during playback.

5. When you finish, press **MENU/ACTION** twice to exit.

### Questions and Answers about Commercial Advance

Question	Answer
How fast does the VCR advance through commercials?	The VCR advances through 3 minutes of commercials in about 8 to 12 seconds if the tape speed is SLP (see "Recording Speeds/Tape Selection" on Page 38). If it is SP, it takes about 25 to 35 seconds.
Are commercials still recorded on the tape?	Yes.
Does Commercial Advance work at all recording speeds?	Yes.
Does Commercial Advance still work if I mark the tape and remove it from the VCR, then play it back later?	Yes.
Can I play a Commercial Advance marked tape in another VCR?	Yes, but commercials will only be skipped if the other VCR also has Commercial Advance.
Can I mark a recording that was made on another VCR?	No.

## SKIPPING/SELECTING PREVIEWS

Your VCR's Movie Advance™ feature lets you skip the previews at the beginning of many purchased or rented movies, or select a specific preview to watch.

**Note:** Movie Advance works only with tapes recorded in the SP speed that have the erase-protection tab removed.

1. Load a tape. When the VCR automatically starts playback, press **STOP**.
2. Press **INDEX/M/A SKIP**. You see:

ODE  
  
I/A SKIP

3. Repeatedly press ▲ or ▼ to highlight **MOVIE ADVANCE**, then press ►.
4. Repeatedly press ▲ or ▼ to select **GO TO START OF MOVIE** or **GO TO PREVIEW**.

NCE  
ODE  
F MOVIE  
I/A SKIP

**GO TO START OF MOVIE** — The VCR automatically skips any previews at the beginning of the tape and advances to the start of the movie. **SEARCHING FOR START OF MOVIE** appears. When the VCR finds the beginning of the movie, **THE MOVIE IS READY. PUSH PLAY TO START** appears.

**GO TO PREVIEW** — The VCR searches for and plays the first preview. If it does not find a preview, the VCR starts normal playback. To skip to the next preview, press **INDEX/M/A SKIP**.

5. When you finish, press ►.

## USING INDEX SEARCH

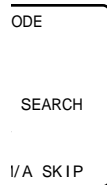
Your VCR has the VHS Index Search System. Each time you start recording, the VCR automatically marks the tape with an index mark at that location. You can locate the recording(s) you don't want to watch by either entering the number of index marks or by scanning. The VCR searches forward or backward from the current location.

### Notes:

- Since the VCR does not display the index marks, we recommend you list the recordings on each tape in order on the tape's box, to make it easier to locate a particular recording on the tape.
- Index search might not function properly when two or more index marks are close to each other.
- If you do not press any button within 10 seconds after you select **INDEX SEARCH**, the VCR cancels index search.
- If you activate the direct access index search at a tape position very close to an index mark, the VCR might not count that mark. See "Direct Access Index Search" on Page 35.
- Recording over an index mark erases that index mark.

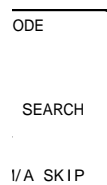
## Direct Access Index Search

1. Press **INDEX/M/A SKIP**. You see:



### Notes:

- **PROGRAM INDEX SEARCH** appears only when there is timer recording on the program index list. See "Automatic Timer Recording" on Page 43.
  - This screen appears only if the video cassette you use has the erase-protection tab in place.
  - **MOVIE ADVANCE** appears only when the tape has its erase-protection tab removed.
  - **SELECT SEARCH MODE** does not appear when there is no timer-recorded program in the program index list. **INDEX** appears on the top of the screen instead. Skip to Step 4.
2. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **INDEX SEARCH**. You see:



3. Press **▶**. **INDEX** appears.
4. Use the number keys to enter the number of index marks you want to skip.

For example, if the tape is at the second recording (index mark 2) and you want to watch the seventh recording (at index mark 7), enter **5** to skip past index marks 3 through 6. Or, if the tape is at index mark 9 and you want to watch the recording at index mark 3, enter **7** to skip backward past index marks 9 through 4.

5. Then press **▶** to skip forward to that index mark or **◀** to skip backward. When the tape reaches the selected index mark, the VCR starts normal playback.

## Index Scan

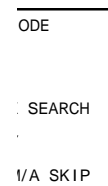
1. Press **INDEX/M/A SKIP** while the VCR is stopped or playing a tape. **SELECT SEARCH MODE** appears.
2. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **INDEX SEARCH**, then press **▶**. **INDEX** appears.
3. Press **▶** or **◀** to start the scan. **AUTO INDEX SEARCH** appears and the VCR starts to fast-forward or rewind. As the tape passes an index mark, the VCR plays at normal speed for 10 seconds, then resumes fast-forwarding or rewinding.
4. When you see the recording you want, press **PLAY**. Normal playback starts.

## Program Index Search (Timer Recording only)

The program index search looks for a timer-recorded program in a program index list, then searches for a program you specify.

The VCR automatically adds recorded programs to the program index list. However, when you eject the tape or press any function button such as **REW** or **PLAY** then record a new program using normal recording, any previous program is erased from the list.

1. Press **INDEX/M/A SKIP**. You see:



2. Press ▲ or ▼ to highlight **PROGRAM INDEX SEARCH**, then press ►. You see:

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DEX
EGORY CH
ORTS ABCD
VIE NBC
MEDY CBC
SIC NBC

/A SKIP
    
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3. Repeatedly press ▲ or ▼ to select the program you want, then press ► to start the search.

When the tape reaches the selected program, the VCR starts normal playback.

## REPEAT PLAY

Follow these steps to have the VCR automatically rewind and repeat playback of a tape (from the beginning to the end of the recording), instead of having the tape automatically rewind and eject.

**Note:** Portions of a tape that have been recorded once then erased are not considered blank.

1. While the tape is stopped, press **MENU/ACTION** to display the main menu.
2. Repeatedly press ▲ or ▼ to highlight **SET UP VCR**, then press ►. The VCR highlights **REPEAT PLAY**.
3. Press ►. **ON** appears.

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CR -----
: ON
: ON
ACK: ON

KEY
    
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4. Press **MENU/ACTION** twice.
5. Press **PLAY** to start repeat playback. **REP** appears.

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E: ENGLISH

KEY
    
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The VCR repeats playback from the beginning to the end of the tape, or to the first unrecorded portion that is at least 30 seconds long. **AUTO REPEAT** appears while the VCR rewinds the tape to the beginning.

Once you select the repeat play mode, it remains on even after you turn off the VCR.

To turn off repeat play, repeat these steps and select **OFF** in Step 3.

## TIME STAMP

Your VCR is preset to automatically mark the tape at the beginning of each recording with this information:

- Date
- Start time
- Scheduled stop time (for timer recording only)
- Channel number
- Station name (if channel caption is set) — (see “Channel Caption” on Page 26)
- Category (for timer recording only)

Then, when you play the tape from the beginning, the information appears on the TV screen for about 7 seconds, then disappears.

Follow these steps to turn the time stamp display feature on or off.

1. Press **MENU/ACTION** to display the main menu.
2. Repeatedly press ▲ or ▼ to highlight **SET UP FEATURE**, then press ►.

3. If necessary press ▲ or ▼ to highlight **TIME STAMP**, then press ► to select **ON** or **OFF**.

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TIME STAMP ---
OFF
DUAL ADV.
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KEY
```

**Note:** The VCR still records time stamp information even if you select **OFF** (to turn off the display feature) in Step 3.

4. Press **MENU/ACTION** twice to exit.

## RECORDING

There are four ways to record using your VCR:

- Immediate recording — to record a broadcast as you watch it or record one program on the VCR while you watch another on the TV.
- VCR Plus+ recording — to record a broadcast using the VCR Plus+ feature.
- Automatic timer recording — to record a broadcast at a time you set.
- Dubbing — to record from another tape or video source.

### Notes:

- Your VCR automatically records the audio signal and adjusts the sound level while it records.
- The video cassette you use for recording must have the erase-protection tab in place. If the tab is removed, the cassette automatically ejects if you try to record on it (see "Erase Protection").

## RECORDING SPEEDS/TAPE SELECTION

This VCR can record at three speeds: SP (standard play), LP (long play), and SLP (super long play).

SP is the fastest recording speed and results in the highest quality picture. LP and SLP record more slowly and use less tape, but the picture quality is not as high as a recording made at the SP speed.

The quality of tape you use greatly affects record/playback quality and the life of the VCR. Use only video cassettes that display the official **VHS** logo. High-grade tape has a better oxide coating that helps prevent dirty video heads and gives the best results.

Although T-160 video cassettes offer the longest recording time, they contain thinner tape that is more likely to jam. We suggest you use T-120 or shorter length tape.

This table shows the maximum recording times for different-length tapes at the various recording speeds.

TAPE LENGTH	SP	LP	SLP
T-60	1 hour (60 min.)	2 hours (120 min.)	3 hours (180 min.)
T-120	2 hours (120 min.)	4 hours (240 min.)	6 hours (360 min.)
T-160	2 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> hours (160 min.)	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> hours (320 min.)	8 hours (480 min.)

## ERASE PROTECTION

Video cassettes have an erase-protection tab to prevent accidental erasure of a tape. To prevent recording, break off the tab using a screwdriver. The cassette automatically ejects if you try to record on the tape.



If you want to record on a video cassette that does not have the tab, put a piece of heavy plastic tape over the erase-protection tab hole.



## SELECTING THE SIGNAL TO RECORD

You can select the signal to record — from the **IN FROM ANT.** jack or an audio/video source — in either of these ways.

- Repeatedly press **INPUT** until the desired input source appears — **LINE 1** or **LINE 2** for an audio/video source, or a channel number for broadcast signals.

Select **LINE 1** for recording signals from the back **R-AUDIO-L IN 1/VIDEO IN 1** jacks, or **LINE 2** for recording signals from the front **AV2** jacks.

- Repeatedly press **CH s** or **t** to set the VCR to the desired broadcast channel or to one channel higher than the highest channel number (or one channel lower than the lowest channel number) for an audio/video source.

## RECEIVING/RECORDING STEREO/SAP BROADCASTS

The VCR has three channels for audio recording — two (left and right) stereo channels on the Hi-Fi track, and one monaural channel on the standard track.

Press **DISP/ENT** to display the audio programs available on the broadcast you are currently tuned to. **STEREO**, **SAP**, and **MONO** appear on the TV screen, and **STEREO** and/or **SAP** might appear on the VCR's display. On the TV screen, (( appears on the left of **STEREO** and/or **SAP** when available. For example, if a station broadcasts mono (monaural) and SAP signals, ((( **SAP** appears on the TV screen and **SAP** appears on the VCR's display.

The arrow to the right of the audio mode display indicates the current audio mode. To select the audio mode when the broadcast has a stereo or SAP signal, repeatedly press **SAP/Hi-Fi** until the arrow mark points to the desired mode.

## IMMEDIATE RECORDING

### Recording a Program as You Watch It

Follow these steps to record a program as you watch it. If you know how long the program is, you can set how long the VCR records so it stops recording automatically.

**Note:** If you are watching the program on a TV/monitor that is connected to the VCR's **R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO OUT** jacks, set the TV/monitor to its video mode and skip Steps 2 and 3.

1. Turn on the VCR and the TV.
2. Set the TV's tuner to the same channel as **3-CH-4** on the back of the VCR.
3. Press **TV/VCR** until VCR appears.
4. Load a blank cassette, or one that you want to record over, into the VCR.
5. Repeatedly press **SPEED** on the remote control until the desired recording speed (**SP**, **LP**, or **SLP**) appears.
6. Select the signal to record (see "Selecting the Signal to Record").
7. Set the audio recording mode to the desired setting. See "Receiving/Recording Stereo/SAP Broadcasts."
8. Press **REC/TIME**. The VCR starts to record.
 

**Note:** To record without a set recording length, skip Step 9.
9. Press **REC/TIME** again. The recording length appears on the TV screen. Repeatedly press **REC/TIME** to advance the timer to the desired recording length. The recording length advances in 30-minute increments up to 2 hours, then in 1-hour increments up to 4 hours.

#### Notes:

- To ensure that you record the entire program, set the recording length to longer than the program length.

- To display the remaining recording time, press **DISP/ENT** during a timed recording.
  - To temporarily stop the tape during a recording, press **PAUSE**. Press **PAUSE** again to resume recording. If you leave the VCR paused for about 5 minutes, the VCR automatically stops.
  - If the cassette's erase protection tab has been removed, the VCR ejects the cassette and **CHECK CASSETTE RECORD TAB** appears. Use another cassette, or place a piece of heavy plastic tape over the erase-protection tab hole.
10. Press **STOP** to stop recording at any time before it automatically stops.

### Recording One Program on the VCR While You Watch Another on the TV

1. Follow Steps 1–9 of "Recording a Program as You Watch It" on Page 39.
2. Repeatedly press **TV/VCR** until VCR disappears.
 

**Note:** If you are watching the program on a TV/monitor that is connected to the VCR's **R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO OUT** jacks, set the TV/monitor to its TV mode.
3. Set the TV tuner to the channel you want to watch.
4. Press **STOP** to stop recording at any time before it automatically stops.

## RECORDING WITH VCR PLUS+

The VCR's VCR Plus+™ Easy Taping feature lets you easily record TV programs by using the PlusCodes shown in most TV program listings.

### Setting the VCR Plus+ Guide Channels

Most television guides contain a list of two-digit numbers called guide channels or VCR Plus+ channel numbers. Each broadcast/cable TV channel is assigned one of these numbers.

#### Notes:

- Before you can record using VCR Plus+, you must first set the VCR's guide channels so your VCR can recognize the PlusCodes published in your television guide.
- You can find a guide channel listing for your area in the TV section of most Sunday newspapers and other TV listings. In some listings, the guide channel numbers are listed next to the station's call letters.
- You only need to set the VCR Plus+ guide channels once. The channels stay in memory even if the VCR's power is interrupted for an extended period of time.
- Before you start, be sure you have completed all connections, set the clock, set the on-screen programming language, selected the input signal, and programmed all the channels available in your area.

Follow these steps to set the guide channels.

1. Using the list of guide channels in your television guide as a reference, write down the following information about each station in your area:
  - Station name/call letters
  - Guide channel number for the station
  - Channel number you select on the TV, cable box, or VCR to tune the station



2. For each station, compare the station's guide channel number with the number you select on the TV, cable box, or VCR to tune to the station. If the numbers match, cross that station off of the list.
3. If a tape is playing, press **STOP**.
4. Press **MENU/ACTION** to display the main menu.
5. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **SET UP CHANNEL**, then press **▶**.
6. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **VCR Plus+ CH SET UP**, then press **▶**.

You see this screen if you selected a cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver as your input source.

```

SET UP
BLE CH
  --
  --
KEY
  
```

You see this screen if you selected an external antenna as your input source.

```

SET UP
TV CH
  --
  --
KEY
  
```

7. Press **▲** or **▼** to highlight the guide channel you want to set, then press **▶**. The cursor moves to the right of the guide channel you selected.
8. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select a **CABLE CH** or **TV CH** number. Then press **◀** to set the number.
9. Repeat Steps 7 and 8 for each remaining channel number.

If the channel number is not correct, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** then **▶** to select the correct number. Then press **▲** or **▼**

to change the number or **ADD/HLT** to delete it.

10. When you finish, press **MENU/ACTION** three times to exit.

## Timer Recording with VCR Plus+

Most television guides list a 1- to 8-digit number called a PlusCode™ next to many of the listed programs. You can use these PlusCodes to easily program your VCR to record broadcasts.

You can set the VCR to record as many as eight broadcasts, including any timer programs you want to set up (see "Automatic Timer Recording" on Page 43).

You can set the VCR to record at any time on a specific day, at the same time each week, or the same time Monday through Friday.

Before you start, be sure you have set the VCR Plus+ guide channels for your area (see "Setting the VCR Plus+ Guide Channels" on Page 40).

**Note:** The VCR can record only one broadcast at a time. If you schedule recording of broadcasts on different channels that start at the same time, the VCR records the lowest timer number. For more information about timer numbers, see "Setting a Timer" on Page 44.

1. Turn on the TV and set it to the same channel as the VCR's **3-CH-4** switch.

**Note:** If you are using a TV/monitor that is connected to the VCR's **R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO OUT** jacks, set it to its video mode.

2. Insert a blank cassette, or one that you want to record over, into the VCR. The VCR turns on.
3. Repeatedly press **TV/VCR** until **VCR** appears.

4. Press **PROG**. You see:



**Note:** If the clock is not set, **PLEASE SET CLOCK BEFORE PROGRAMMING** appears, then the clock-setting screen appears. Set the clock as described in "Manually Setting the Clock" on Page 19, then continue with Step 5.

5. If necessary, press **▲** or **▼** to highlight **VCR Plus+ PROGRAM**, then press **▶**.
6. Find the PlusCode in your television guide for the broadcast you want to record, then use the number keys on the remote control to enter the PlusCode.
- Note:** If you make a mistake while entering a PlusCode, repeatedly press **◀** to delete the PlusCode number, then re-enter the correct PlusCode number.
7. Press **PROG**.
8. Press **1**, **2**, or **3** on the remote control to select the desired program mode (**ONE TIME**, **DAILY (MON-FRI)**, or **WEEKLY**). You see the recording time and date corresponding to the PlusCode you entered.



**Notes:**

- **INVALID ENTRY** flashes under the PlusCode on the TV screen if you enter an invalid PlusCode, or if the PlusCode and program mode do not match (for example, if you enter the PlusCode for a Saturday broadcast and select the

DAILY (Monday-Friday) program mode).

- To erase a VCR Plus+ program, press **ADD/DLT**.
9. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select a pre-set program category that you see when you view the program index — **DRAMA**, **MUSIC**, **COMEDY**, **MOVIE**, **SPORTS**, or **N/A** (not applicable). Then press **▶**.
10. If you want to change the displayed tape speed, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** on the remote control until the speed you want (**SP**, **LP**, or **SLP**) flashes.
11. Repeat Steps 4–10 for each PlusCode you want to enter.
12. Press **PROG** twice. **TURN VCR OFF FOR TIMER RECORDING** appears on the TV screen. (If you connected a cable box to the VCR, **AND LEAVE CABLE BOX POWER ON** also appears).
13. Press **POWER** to turn off the VCR's power. **TIMER** appears.

**Important:**

- Be sure that the VCR displays **TIMER** when you turn it off. If it does not appear, check your programming.
- If you set the VCR to record a CATV program through a cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver, be sure to leave the cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver turned on before the timer program starts.
- If the VCR is not set to select channels on your cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver, be sure to leave the cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver turned on and set it to the channel you want to record.
- The VCR only records with VCR Plus+ when the VCR is off at the recording start time.

## Checking/Changing VCR Plus+ Programs

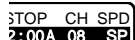
1. Turn on the TV and set it to the same channel as **3-CH-4** on the back of the VCR.

**Note:** If you are using a TV/monitor that is connected to the VCR's **R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO OUT** jacks, set the TV/monitor to its video mode.

2. Turn on the VCR and repeatedly press **TV/VCR** until **VCR** appears.
3. Press **PROG**. You see:



4. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select **TIMER PROGRAM**, then press **▶**. The first four timer settings appear.



5. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select the setting you want to change, then press **▶**.
6. Follow Steps 8–13 under “Timer Recording with VCR Plus+” on Page 41 to correct the selected setting.
7. When you finish, press **PROG** again, then turn off the VCR.

## AUTOMATIC TIMER RECORDING

The VCR's automatic timer lets you program it to select an input source, start recording from that source at a time you set, then stop recording at a time you set. You can set up to eight timers to record any combination of weekly, daily, or one-time events.

You can set the VCR to record at any time on a specific day within a 1-month period, at the same time Monday through Friday (**DAILY**), or at the same time on the same day every week (**WEEKLY**).

### Notes:

- The VCR can record only one broadcast at a time. If you set the VCR's timer to record broadcasts on different channels that start at the same time, the VCR only records the broadcast that has the lowest timer number (see “Checking/Changing Timers” on Page 45).
- If two timer settings overlap, the one that starts first has priority. The VCR begins recording the second broadcast after the set time for the first broadcast is over.
- The VCR must be off at the start time you set for it to begin an automatic timer recording.
- If there is a power failure of more than 1 minute during a timer recording, the recording does not resume after power is restored.
- If there is a power failure of more than 1 minute before a start time, the VCR loses the clock setting and therefore does not start automatic timer recording. However, if you have an EDS channel in your area and set the VCR to automatically set the clock from the EDS signal, the clock is reset within 10 minutes after power is restored, and the VCR records at the set time(s).

## Setting a Timer

**Note:** If you use a TV/monitor that is connected to the VCR's **R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO OUT** jacks, set the TV/monitor to its video mode and skip Steps 2 and 3.

1. Turn on the VCR and the TV.
2. Set the TV to the same channel as **3-CH-4** on the back of the VCR.
3. Repeatedly press **TV/VCR** until **VCR** appears.
4. Set the audio recording mode to the desired setting. See "Receiving/Recording Stereo/SAP Broadcasts" on Page 39.
5. Load a blank cassette, or one that you want to record over, into the VCR.
6. Press **PROG**. You see:

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:AM -----
GRAM
M
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Y
    
```

7. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select **TIMER PROGRAM**, then press **▶**. The current settings for up to the first four broadcasts appear.

```

DEX
EGORY CH
ORTS ABCD
VIE NBC
MEDY CBC
SIC NBC

/A SKIP
    
```

**Note:** If the clock is not set, **PLEASE SET CLOCK BEFORE PROGRAMMING** appears, then the clock setting screen appears. Set the clock as described in "Manually Setting the Clock" on Page 19, then continue with Step 8.

8. Repeatedly press (or hold down) **▲** or **▼** to select an empty timer number, then press **▶**. You see.

```

VRT STOP CH
-- -- --
I/A ----- SLP
RT DATE
▼ KEY
KEY
:OG KEY
    
```

9. Repeatedly press (or hold down) **▲** or **▼** to select the date when you want to record.

*To record a broadcast at the same time on the same day every week, press either button until **WEEKLY** flashes and the desired day of the week appears.*

```

VRT STOP CH
-- -- --
I/A ----- SLP
RT DATE
▼ KEY
KEY
:OG KEY
    
```

*To record a broadcast at the same time Monday through Friday, press either button until **DAILY** flashes and **MON-FRI** appears.*

```

VRT STOP CH
-- -- --
I/A ----- SLP
RT DATE
▼ KEY
KEY
:OG KEY
    
```

*To record a broadcast at a set time today, press either button until today's date flashes and **TODAY** appears.*

```

VRT STOP CH
-- -- --
I/A ----- SLP
RT DATE
▼ KEY
KEY
:OG KEY
    
```

*To record a broadcast at a specific time and date, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select the specific date.*

Press **▶** to store your selection.

10. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select the start hour. When the correct hour appears, press **▶**. Then repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select the minute and press **▶**.
11. Repeat Step 9 to set the stop time.
12. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select the channel. Then press **▶**.

To record from a source connected to the **R-AUDIO-L IN 1/VIDEO IN 1** or **AV2** jacks, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** until **LINE1** or **LINE2** appears. Then press **▶**.


13. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select a pre-set program category that you see when you view the program index — **DRAMA**, **MUSIC**, **COMEDY**, **MOVIE**, **SPORTS**, or **N/A** (not applicable). Then press **▶**.
14. Repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select the tape speed (**SP**, **LP**, or **SLP**). Then press **▶**.
15. Double-check all the set information.

- If the information is correct, press **PROG**.
- If an entry is not correct, repeatedly press **▶** or **◀** to move the cursor to the incorrect entry, enter the correct information, then press **PROG**.

The timer settings appear on the TV screen. To enter another setting, repeatedly press **▲** or **▼** to select another timer number and repeat Steps 7–13.

16. Press **PROG** again. **TURN VCR OFF FOR TIMER RECORDING** briefly appears.
17. Press **POWER** to turn off the VCR. **TIMER** appears.

#### Notes:

- Be sure that **TIMER** appears when you turn the VCR off. If it does not appear, check your entries.
- If you load a cassette with its erase-protection tab removed and set the VCR's timer, the VCR ejects the cassette and **TIMER** and  flash. See "Playing a Video Tape" on Page 28.
- If you set up the VCR to record a broadcast through a cable box or direct-to-home satellite receiver, be sure to leave it turned on and tuned to the desired station before the broadcast starts.
- You can manually turn on and operate the VCR before the set times, but the VCR starts an automatic timer recording only if the power is off at the set start time.

#### Monitoring an Automatic Timer Recording

1. Turn on the TV and set it to the same channel as **3-CH-4** on the back of the VCR.

**Note:** If you are using a TV/monitor that is connected to the VCR's **R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO OUT** jacks, set the TV/monitor to its video mode.

2. Press **TV/VCR** until VCR appears.

#### Checking/Changing Timers

1. Turn on the TV and set it to the same channel as **3-CH-4** on the back of the VCR.

**Note:** If you are using a TV/monitor that is connected to the VCR's **R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO OUT** jacks, set the TV/monitor to its video mode.

2. Turn on the VCR and repeatedly press **TV/VCR** until VCR appears.
3. Press **PROG**. You see the set program menu.

4. Repeatedly press ▲ or ▼ to select **TIMER PROGRAM**, then press ►. The first four timer settings appear.

**ALL ADD**

5. Repeatedly press ▲ or ▼ to select the setting you want to change, then press ►.
6. Follow Steps 8–13 under “Setting a Timer” on Page 44 to correct the selected setting.
7. When you finish, press **PROG** again, then turn off the VCR.

### Clearing a Timer

*If the timer recording has not yet started:*

1. Turn on the TV and set it to the same channel as **3-CH-4** on the back of the VCR.

**Note:** If you are using a TV/monitor that is connected to the VCR’s **R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO OUT** jacks, set the TV/monitor to its video mode.

2. Turn on the VCR and repeatedly press **TV/VCR** until VCR appears.
3. Press **PROG**. You see the set program menu.
4. Repeatedly press ▲ or ▼ to select **TIMER PROGRAM**, then press ►. The first four timer settings appear.
5. Repeatedly press ▲ or ▼ to select the setting you want to clear, then press **ADD/ DLT**.
6. When you finish clearing the timer, press **PROG**.

Turn off the VCR if you still have at least one timer setting entered.

*If a timer recording is in progress:*

1. Press **POWER** to stop timer recording. **TO CANCEL TIMER REC PUSH POWER**

**THEN STOP KEY** appears if you are watching the signal from the VCR.

2. Within 10 seconds, press **POWER** then press ▼. **TIMER** disappears.

### DUBBING

The process of recording from one audio/video device to another is called dubbing.

An audio/video device where a signal originates is called the dubbing source. You can use another VCR, camcorder, satellite receiver, or other device with A/V outputs as the dubbing source, connect the dubbing source and the VCR, then use your VCR to record the signal from the dubbing source. Or, you can use this VCR as the dubbing source for another VCR. See “Installation” on Page 9 for the various possible connections.

**Note:** Always use video-quality shielded cables with phono-type connectors to connect the device to the VCR. Do not use standard audio patch cords.

**Important:** Most material performed in public, such as concerts, plays, and movies, or distributed on prerecorded video tapes is copyrighted. The unauthorized recording or duplication of copyrighted material is a violation of the copyright laws of most countries and such duplication may result in fines, imprisonment, or both. Note, however, that in the United States, it is not a violation of U.S. copyright laws for a consumer to record a broadcast television program for private (in-home) viewing.

To dub a tape, start playback on the dubbing source first (see that device’s instructions) then start recording on the recording VCR.

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## AUDIO-ONLY RECORDING

Because of the superior quality of VHS Hi-Fi audio recordings, you might want to use your VCR as an audio-only recorder. You can also make live recordings by connecting a pre-amplifier or mixer to the VCR's **R-AUDIO-L IN 1** or **AV 2 L-AUDIO IN-R** jacks. Simply select the line input and record as usual.

**Caution:** Do not directly connect a microphone to the VCR.

**Note:** For the best audio fidelity, we recommend you use high-quality video tape (such as Cat. No. 44-465) to make audio-only recordings.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### TROUBLESHOOTING

If you follow the instructions in this manual and still have trouble operating your VCR, look in this chart for the problem description and its solution. If your VCR still does not work properly, contact your local RadioShack store.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE SOLUTION
No power.	The power cord is not connected. Plug the power cord into an AC outlet.
Timer recording did not work, or a broadcast was recorded at the wrong time.	The power is on. Turn off the power.
	The timer is not set or is set incorrectly. Check the timer settings.
VCR Plus+ recording did not work, or a broadcast was recorded at the wrong time or on the wrong channel.	The power is on. Turn off the power.
	VCR Plus+ is not set or is set incorrectly. Check the VCR Plus+ settings.
	The guide channels are not set correctly. Check the guide channel settings.
Cannot record.	The erase-protection tab is missing. Place a piece of tape over the tab hole.
Picture is poor on playback.	The TV is not set to the proper channel. Set the TV to the same channel as <b>3-CH-4</b> on the back of the VCR.
	The TV's fine tuning is not set correctly. Fine tune your TV.
	Audio/video connections are incorrect. Check all connections.
The playback picture is distorted.	The video heads are dirty. See "Cleaning the Video Heads" on Page 51.
	The VCR might not have adjusted tracking correctly. You might need to manually adjust tracking (see "Tracking" on Page 30).
No picture on playback.	The TV is not set to the proper channel. Set the TV to the same channel as <b>3-CH-4</b> on the back of the VCR., or to its audio/video input if you connected it to the VCR's <b>R-AUDIO-L/VIDEO OUT</b> jacks.
	Audio/video connections are incorrect. Check all connections.
Remote control buttons do not work when the power is on and a cassette is loaded.	Something is blocking the path from the remote control to the VCR.



PROBLEM	POSSIBLE SOLUTION
Remote control buttons do not work when the power is on and a cassette is loaded <i>(continued)</i>	Bright light is shining on the VCR's remote control sensor window. Block the light source, get closer to the VCR, or change the VCR's location.
	The remote control might be set for another device's operation. Try pressing <b>VCR</b> .
	The remote control's batteries might be weak. Replace the batteries.
Cannot see broadcast TV programs using the VCR's tuner.	<b>TV/VCR</b> is not set correctly. Repeatedly press <b>TV/VCR</b> until VCR appears.
	Audio/video connections are incorrect. Check all connections.
Cannot record from the input jacks.	Connections are incorrect. Check all connections.
	<b>INPUT</b> is not set correctly. Select <b>LINE 1</b> or <b>LINE 2</b> .
No stereo sound for a stereo recording.	You have not connected the VCR's <b>R-AUDIO-L OUT</b> jacks to a stereo system or stereo TV. Connect the jacks to a stereo output.
	The audio out setting is not correctly set. Set it to <b>Hi-Fi</b> (see "Receiving/Recording Stereo/SAP Broadcasts" on Page 39).
	The VCR might not have adjusted tracking correctly. You might need to manually adjust tracking (see "Tracking" on Page 30).

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Your Optimus Model 66 Hi-Fi Stereo VCR is an example of superior design and craftsmanship. The following suggestions will help you care for your VCR so you can enjoy it for years.



Keep the VCR dry. If it gets wet, wipe it dry immediately. Liquids might contain minerals that can corrode the electronic circuits.



Use and store the VCR only in normal temperature environments. Temperature extremes can shorten the life of electronic devices and distort or melt plastic parts.



Keep the VCR away from dust and dirt, which can cause premature wear of parts.



Handle the VCR gently and carefully. Dropping it can damage circuit boards and cases and can cause the VCR to work improperly.



Use only fresh batteries of the required size and recommended type in the remote control. Batteries can leak chemicals that damage your VCR remote control's electronic parts.



Wipe the VCR with a damp cloth occasionally to keep it looking new. Do not use harsh chemicals, cleaning solvents, or strong detergents to clean the VCR.

Modifying or tampering with the VCR's internal components can cause a malfunction and invalidate your VCR's warranty and void your FCC authorization to operate it. If your VCR is not performing as it should, take it to your local RadioShack store for assistance.

## Servicing Your VCR

There are no user-serviceable parts inside your VCR. If you encounter a problem that you cannot correct using this manual and its troubleshooting guide, take the VCR to your local RadioShack store for assistance.

## Cleaning the Video Heads

When video head cleaning becomes necessary, the following message appears on the TV screen while playing back a recorded tape.

Video head cleaning kits are available from your local RadioShack store. Clean the heads only when the VCR displays the message shown above. Be sure to use the "dry" type cleaning cassette.

Serious problems require cleaning by a trained technician. For more head cleaning information, contact your local RadioShack store.

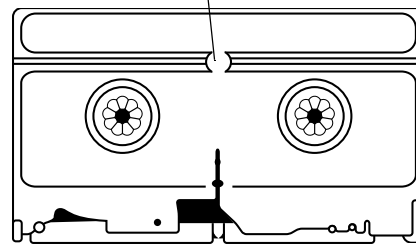
## Storing Your Video Cassettes

Unless you are making an automatic timer recording, eject and store the cassette before you turn off the VCR. This helps protect the cassette and the VCR's internal mechanisms.

Place your video cassettes in their protective boxes and store them in a cool, dry, dust-free environment. Store the cassettes on end, not on their sides, to prevent improper settling of the cassette's spools.

**Note:** Tape can become wound too tightly around the cassette's spools after many playings. This can make the cassette load improperly and automatically eject when you insert it. On most cassettes there is a brake-release plunger on the bottom center of the cassette. Use the tip of a pen or pencil to press the plunger. This loosens the tape.

Brake-Release Plunger



## SPECIFICATIONS

Television System .....	NTSC Standard Color Signal
Recording System .....	Four-Head Double Azimuth
Tape Width .....	1/2 Inch
Tape Speed:	
SP .....	1.31 Inch/second (33.35 mm/s)
LP .....	0.65 Inch/second (16.67 mm/s)
SLP .....	0.43 Inch/second (11.12 mm/s)
Tuner Channels:	
VHF .....	2-13
UHF .....	14-69
CATV .....	1-125
RF Converter .....	Built-in VHF Converter
Converter Output .....	Channel 3 or 4
Terminals:	
Antenna Input .....	VHF/UHF: F Type
Antenna Output .....	VHF/UHF: F Type
Video Input/Output .....	Phono Connector
Audio Input/Output .....	Phono Connector
Video Output Level .....	1.0 V
Video Output Impedance .....	75 $\Omega$
Audio Output Level .....	-10 dBV
Audio Output Impedance .....	1 k $\Omega$
Video Input Level .....	0.5-1.5 V
Video Input Impedance .....	75 k $\Omega$
Audio Input Level .....	-10 dBV
Audio Input Impedance .....	50 k $\Omega$
Video S/N Ratio (weighted):	
SP .....	43 dB
SLP .....	41 dB
Audio S/N Ratio, Regular Audio (weighted):	
SP .....	42 dB
SLP .....	40 dB
Hi-Fi Audio (Dynamic Range):	
SP .....	More than 70 dB
LP .....	More than 70 dB
SLP .....	More than 70 dB

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Frequency Response, Regular Audio

SP .....	100 Hz–5 kHz
SLP .....	100 Hz–5 kHz
Hi-Fi Audio In All Modes .....	20 Hz–20 kHz

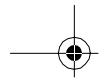
Power Requirement ..... 120 V, 60 Hz

Power Consumption ..... 23 Watts

Dimensions (HWD) .....  $3\frac{5}{8} \times 14\frac{15}{16} \times 11\frac{13}{16}$  Inches ( $9.3 \times 38 \times 30$  cm)

Weight ..... 7 lbs 10 oz (3.5 kg)

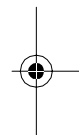
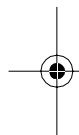
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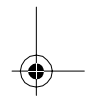
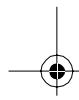
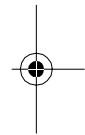


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