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DVD 27

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Typographical Conventions

In order to help you use this manual with the remote control, front-panel controls and rear-panel connections, certain conventions have been used.

EXAMPLE – (bold type) indicates a specific remote control or front-panel button or indicator, or rear-panel connection jack

EXAMPLE – (OCR type) refers to a message that is visible on the front-panel information display or in the on-screen display.

1 – (number in a square) refers to a specific front-panel control

1 – (number in an oval) refers to a button or indicator on the remote control

1 – (number in a circle) refers to a rear-panel connection

A – (letter in a square) refers to an indicator in the front-panel information display

A – (letter in a circle) refers to a type of cable connection between the DVD player and another component

A – (letter in an oval) refers to a section of an on-screen display

For Canadian model

This class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.
For models having a power cord with a polarized plug: CAUTION: To prevent electric shock, match wide blade of plug to wide slot, fully insert.

Modèle pour les Canadiens

Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.
Sur les modèles dont la fiche est polarisée: ATTENTION: Pour éviter les chocs électriques, introduire la lame la plus large de la fiche dans la borne correspondante de la prise et pousser jusqu'au fond.

Thank you for choosing the Harman Kardon® DVD 27. The DVD 27 is a state-of-the-art DVD player that combines the best of music, movies and still-image reproduction in one, compact, slim-line product. Along with playback of conventional DVD and CD-Audio discs, the DVD 27 lets you enjoy files recorded on a computer's optical drive in the MP3 or Windows Media® formats, CD-R/RW discs, DVD-R/RW and DVD+R/RW discs and VCD programs, as well as still images recorded in the JPEG format.

Regardless of a disc's format, the DVD 27's video and audio playback is of the highest quality, thanks to pixel-by-pixel video processing, true 3/2 pull-down reconstruction of film-based programming, and precision video output DACs with simultaneous playback as a Y/Pr/Pb progressive scan component signal and composite and S-video. Thus, no matter what type of video display used, you will see images that are the closest thing to the original film or performance this side of your local theater. To further fine-tune the video output, a built-in test pattern may be used in conjunction with either the controls on your display, or the video output adjustments on the DVD 27.

In keeping with its 50-year tradition as a leader in audio technology, Harman Kardon has loaded the DVD 27 with cutting-edge features. In addition to both optical and coaxial digital outputs for Dolby® Digital, DTS® or PCM recordings, the analog outputs for down-mixed stereo or DVD-Audio playback use audiophile-grade digital-to-analog converters for crystal-clear outputs.

The DVD 27's exclusive graphical interface makes it easy to get started, simplifying setup and configuration adjustments. During playback, the on-screen menus allow a wide range of program options. Additional menu options provide a full range of parental control features to control which discs may be viewed by younger members of the household, as well as a complete status screen which provides the technical details on the disc being played.

DVD players are the fastest growing consumer electronics products ever brought to market, so this may be the first DVD player you own, or a replacement for an early-generation machine. In either case, while some of the DVD 27's features and options resemble those of a CD player or your first DVD player, there are likely to be a number of functions that you are unfamiliar with. To ensure that you are able to take advantage of all the power and flexibility the DVD 27 has to offer, we encourage you to take a few minutes to review this manual before installing the DVD 27. That small investment of time will pay major dividends in the enjoyment you will receive by being able to use all the capabilities of your new DVD player.

If you have additional questions about this product, its installation or its operation that are not answered in this manual, please contact your dealer or installer, as he/she is your best source of local information. Support is also available through our Web site located at www.harmankardon.com.

- Plays a wide range of formats, including DVD Video discs, CD Audio discs, CD-R/RW, DVD+R/RW, DVD-R/RW, MP3, Windows Media® Audio, JPEG still images and VCD discs
- High-quality video reproduction with pixel-by-pixel processing, progressive scan output and 3/2 pull-down reconstruction
- Simultaneous component and composite video outputs
- Dolby® Digital and DTS® data signal output through both optical and coaxial digital audio connections
- Audiophile-grade output DACs for the finest audio reproduction
- Easy-to-use on-screen navigation system
- Extensive programming capability
- Parental lock controls prevent unauthorized viewing of restricted movies
- Multiple options for language, soundtrack and subtitle selection
- Multiple-angle capabilities with specially encoded DVD discs
- Backlit, ergonomically designed remote control

NOTE: This player is designed and manufactured for compatibility with Region Management Information that is encoded on most DVD discs. This player is designed only for playback of discs with Region Code 1, or for discs that do not contain Region Code information. If there is any other Region Code on a disc, that disc will not play on the DVD 27.



SAFETY INFORMATION

Verify Line Voltage Before Use

Your DVD 27 has been designed for use with 110–240-volt AC current and the plug is specifically designed for 120-volt applications. Connection to a line voltage other than that for which it is intended can create a safety and fire hazard and may damage the unit.

If you have any questions about the voltage requirements for your specific model, or about the line voltage in your area, contact your selling dealer before plugging the unit into a wall outlet.

Do Not Use Extension Cords

We do not recommend that extension cords be used with this product. As with all electrical devices, do not run power cords under rugs or carpets or place heavy objects on them. Damaged power cords should be replaced immediately by an authorized service center with cords meeting factory specifications.

Handle the AC Power Cord Gently

When disconnecting the power cord from an AC outlet, always pull the plug; never pull the cord. If you do not intend to use the unit for any considerable length of time, disconnect the plug from the AC outlet.

Do Not Open the Cabinet

There are no user-serviceable components inside this product. Opening the cabinet may present a shock hazard, and any modification to the product will void your guarantee. If water or any metal object such as a paper clip, wire or staple accidentally falls inside the unit, disconnect it from the AC power source immediately, and consult an authorized service center.

Installation Location

- To ensure proper operation, and to avoid the potential for safety hazards, place the unit on a firm and level surface. When placing the unit on a shelf, be certain that the shelf and any mounting hardware can support the weight of the product.
- Make certain that proper space is provided both above and below the unit for ventilation. If this product will be installed in a cabinet or other enclosed area, make certain that there is sufficient air movement within the cabinet. The unit should be placed on its own shelf, not directly on top of another component.
- Do not place the unit on a carpeted surface.
- Avoid moist or humid locations.
- Avoid installation in extremely hot or cold locations, or an area that is exposed to direct sunlight or heating equipment.
- Do not obstruct the ventilation slots on the top of the unit, or place objects directly over them.

Some surface finishes may be particularly sensitive to absorbing permanent marks from the rubber feet on the bottom of your component. This may be due to a variety of factors beyond Harman Kardon's control, including the nature of the finish, cleaning materials used, and normal heat and vibration caused by the use of the product, or other factors. Although every effort has been made to select high-quality materials for your component, we recommend that caution be exercised in choosing an installation location for the component and in normal maintenance practices, as your warranty will not cover this type of damage to furniture.

Cleaning

When the unit gets dirty, wipe it with a clean, soft, dry cloth. If necessary, wipe it with a soft cloth dampened with mild soapy water, then a fresh cloth with clean water. Wipe immediately with a dry cloth. NEVER use benzene, aerosol cleaners, thinner, alcohol or any volatile cleaning agent. Do not use abrasive cleaners, as they may damage the finish of metal parts. Avoid spraying insecticide near the unit.

Unpacking

The carton and shipping materials used to protect your new receiver during shipment were specially designed to cushion it from shock and vibration. We suggest that you save the carton and packing materials for use in shipping if you move, or should the unit ever need repair.

To minimize the size of the carton in storage, you may wish to flatten it. This is done by carefully slitting the tape seams on the bottom, and collapsing the carton down to a more two-dimensional appearance. Other cardboard inserts may be stored in the same manner. Packing materials that cannot be collapsed should be saved along with the carton in a plastic bag.

If you do not wish to save the packaging materials, please note that the carton and other sections of the shipping protection are recyclable. Please respect the environment and discard those materials at a local recycling center.

Remove Front-Panel Protective Film

In order to protect the lens covering the front panel of your new DVD 27, it is shipped from the factory covered by a protective plastic film. Before using the unit, remove this film by grabbing one corner and gently peeling back the plastic sheet. Note that the film must be removed for proper operation of the remote control.

Moving the Unit

Before moving the unit, be certain to disconnect any interconnection cords with other components, and

make certain that you disconnect the unit from the AC outlet.

IMPORTANT NOTE: To avoid damage to the DVD 27 that may not be covered by the warranty, be certain that the disc is removed from the unit before it is moved. Once the DVD 27 is installed, a disc may be left in the unit when it is turned off, but the unit should NEVER be moved with a disc left in the disc tray.

Important Information for the User

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. The limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio-frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communication. However, there is no guarantee that harmful interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

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

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

NOTE: Changes or modifications may cause this unit to fail to comply with Part 15 of the FCC Rules and may void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

CAUTION: The DVD 27 uses a laser system. To prevent direct exposure to the laser beam, do not open the cabinet enclosure or defeat any of the safety mechanisms provided for your protection. DO NOT STARE INTO THE LASER BEAM. To ensure proper use of this product, please read this Owner's Manual carefully and retain it for future use. Should the unit require maintenance or repair, please contact your local Harman Kardon service center. Refer servicing to qualified personnel only.

Disc Formats Supported by This Player

The DVD 27 can play the following types of pre-recorded discs:



DVD	CD
3" (8cm) disc	3" (8cm) disc
5" (12cm) disc	5" (12cm) disc

The DVD 27 will also play most recordable discs, but we cannot guarantee complete playback compatibility of CD- or DVD-recordable discs due to the wide variation in recorders and blank discs.



CD-RW	CD-R	VCD
5" (12cm) disc	3" (8cm) disc	5" (12cm) disc
	5" (12cm) disc	5" (12cm) disc

- The DVD 27 is compatible with most discs recorded with files encoded using MP3 or Windows Media 8, as well as JPEG still images, including Kodak® Picture CDs. However, variations in the encoder or codec used and the bit rate of the encoding may affect the capability of the DVD 27 to play back a specific disc. As a result, we cannot guarantee complete compatibility with all encoders and versions of the codecs.
- Although the DVD 27 is not compatible with DVD-Audio discs, most DVD-A discs also contain a copy of the program material recorded in the standard Dolby Digital, DTS, MPEG or linear PCM formats. The DVD will play back those portions of the disc, regardless of the format of the rest of the disc.
- Playback of CD-R or CD-RW discs created on a computer requires proper formatting and finalization of the disc for audio playback. Some computers and/or software programs may not be capable of creating compatible discs.

DVD-Video Disc Compatibility:

- 8cm (3") or 12cm (5") discs
- Single-sided or double-sided discs
- Single-layer or dual-layer discs
- Dolby Digital, DTS, MPEG or Linear PCM digital audio tracks
- MPEG-2 digital video
- Discs are generally divided into one or more titles, which may be further subdivided into chapters.

Audio CD Compatibility

- 8cm (3") or 12cm (5") discs
- Linear PCM digital audio
- Audio CDs are divided into tracks

CD-R/RW Compatibility

- 12cm (5") discs
- Linear PCM, MP3 (32kbps – 320kbps) or Windows Media WMA (64kbps – 320kbps) digital audio
- May contain JPEG still images (up to 5 megapixels, file size up to 5Mb, limit of approximately 250 files per disc).
- Linear PCM discs are generally divided into tracks like an audio CD. MP3, WMA and JPEG discs (or discs that contain more than one of these formats) are divided into files, which may be organized into folders, depending on how the disc was created.

VCD Compatibility

- 12cm (5") discs
- Linear PCM, MP1 (MPEG-1, Layer 1), MP3 (MPEG-1, Layer 3) digital audio
- MPEG-1 digital video
- May contain JPEG still images (Video CD Version 2.0).
- Some discs may contain menus and chapters, while other discs simply contain tracks. Version 2.0 discs may offer interactive playback control (PBC).

The DVD 27 will NOT play the following:

- DVD discs with a Region Code other than 1 or 0
- DVD-ROM data discs
- DVD-RAM discs
- SACD™ discs
- CD-I discs
- CD-G discs
- SVCD discs
- Kodak Photo CD™ discs (Kodak Picture CD discs, which are available to consumers, may be viewed using the DVD 27).
- Discs intended for use in video game consoles

NOTE: Due to differences in the formatting of certain discs, it is possible that some discs may include features that are not compatible with the DVD 27. Similarly, although the DVD 27 is capable of a wide range of features, not all discs include every capability of the DVD system. For example, although the DVD 27 is compatible with multi-angle discs, that feature is only possible when the disc is specially encoded for multiple-angle play. In addition, the DVD 27 is capable of playing back both Dolby Digital and DTS soundtracks, but the number and types of tracks available will vary from disc to disc.

To make certain that a specific feature or soundtrack option is available, please check the options noted on the disc jacket.

- Playback of DTS audio discs requires connection to a processor or receiver with a DTS decoder and the correct setting of the Digital Output in the Audio Submenu to "Bitstream" (see page 19).
- Playback capability for CD- or DVD-recordable discs may vary due to variations in the quality of the disc and the recorder used to create the disc.
- The DVD 27 is compatible with most discs recorded with files encoded using MP3 or Windows Media 8, as well as JPEG still images. However, note that variations in the encoder or codec used and the bit rate of the encoding may affect the DVD 27's ability to play back a specific disc. As a result, we cannot guarantee complete compatibility with all encoders and versions of the codecs. For best results, we recommend that MP3 files be encoded at bit rates ranging between 32kbps and 320kbps. WMA files should be encoded at bit rates between 64kbps and 320kbps. Although the DVD 27 is capable of playing some WMA 9 files, not all features of version 9 are supported. JPEG files should contain no more than 5 megapixels, and the file size should be no larger than 5Mb.

Packing List

- 1 Harman Kardon DVD 27 DVD player
- 1 Remote control
- 2 AAA batteries
- 1 AV cable for stereo analog audio and composite video
- 1 S-video cable
- 1 1/8" Remote input/output cable
- 1 Owner's manual

DVD TERMINOLOGY

Since the DVD players share some of the characteristics and technology of CD players, many of the terms and operational concepts used in a DVD player are similar to what you may be familiar with from CD players and changers, or older video disc formats such as Laser Disc. However, if this is your first DVD player, some of the terms used to describe the features of a DVD player may be unfamiliar. The following explanations should solve some of the mysteries of DVD, and help you to enjoy all the power and flexibility of the DVD format and the DVD 27.

Aspect Ratio: This is a description of the width of a video image in relation to its height. A conventional video screen is four units wide for every three units of height, making it almost square. Newer wide-aspect-ratio video displays are 16 units wide for every nine units of height, making them more like the screen in a movie theater. The program material on a DVD may be recorded in either format and, in addition, you may configure the DVD 27 to play back in either format, depending on the features recorded on a disc.

Chapter: DVD programs are divided into chapters and titles. Chapters are the subsections programmed into a single title on a disc. Chapters may be compared to the individual tracks on an audio CD. Press the **Disc Menu Button** **26** to see a listing of the chapters on a disc.

Component Video: This form of video signal eliminates many of the artifacts of traditional composite video signals by splitting the signal into a separate luminance channel (the "Y" signal channel) and two color-difference signals (the Pr and Pb signal channels). With a component video connection, you will see greater picture resolution and eliminate many picture imperfections such as the moiré patterns often seen on check-patterned cloth. However, in order to benefit from component video, you must have a video display with Y/Pr/Pb component video inputs. Do not connect the component video outputs of the DVD 27 to the standard composite or S-video inputs of a TV or recorder.

JPEG Files: JPEG stands for the Joint Photographic Experts Group, which developed a standard for compressing still images, such as photographs. JPEG files may be created on a personal computer by importing images from a digital camera, or scanning printed photographs. These files may be burned onto a compact disc. The DVD 27 is among the few DVD players that are capable of recognizing JPEG files and enabling you to view them on your video screen.

MP3 Files: MP3 is an audio compression format that was developed by the Motion Picture Experts Group as an adjunct to the MPEG-1 video compression format. A number of encoding software programs are available for transferring CDs and other audio programs into the MP3 format. The main benefit of MP3 is that it reduces the size of audio files considerably, depending on the amount of compression selected during the encoding process, enabling you to store many more songs on one compact disc than in the standard audio CD format. The DVD 27 is capable of playing MP3 files using its advanced graphic interface. See page 30 for more information on MP3 files.

Multiple Angle: DVDs have the capability to show up to four different views of the same scene in a program. When a disc is encoded with multiple-angle information, pressing the **Angle Button** **13** will enable you to switch between these different views. Note that, at present, few discs take advantage of this capability and, when they do, the multiple-angle technology may only be present for short periods of time within the disc. Producers will usually insert some sort of icon or graphic in the picture to alert you to the availability of multiple-angle scenes.

Progressive Scan: Progressive scan playback takes the original video signal on the disc and formats it as a high-scan-rate output with twice the scan lines of conventional video images. Progressive scan outputs must be connected to "digital-ready" or high-definition video displays, regardless of the technology of the specific display (e.g., conventional direct-view television, front or rear projector, plasma display panel or LCD). In some cases, the displays may have special inputs for use with high-scan-rate inputs, and in others you may need to make adjustments to the display's setup menus to make certain that the inputs used are configured for an "HD" signal. Although the progressive scan output uses the component video jacks, it is not compatible with older conventional analog video displays, even when they have component inputs.

Reading: This is a message that you will see when you first press the **Play Button** **3** **22**. It refers to the fact that the player must first examine the contents of the disc to see whether it is a CD or DVD, and then extract the information about the type of material on the disc, such as languages, aspect ratios, subtitles, number of titles and more. The slight delay while the contents of the disc are read is normal.

Resume: The operation of the **Stop Button** **5** **24** on the DVD 27 works differently from what you are used to on CD players. On a traditional CD player, when you press the Stop button, the unit does just that – it stops playback. On a CD player, when you press the Start button again, the disc starts from the

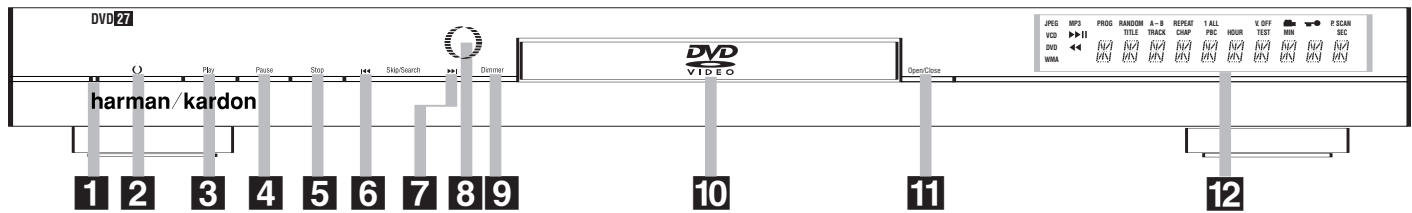
beginning. With the DVD 27, however, you have two options when playing most discs. Pressing the **Stop Button** **5** **24** once will stop the playback, but it actually puts the unit in the Resume mode. This means that you can turn the machine off and, when you press the **Play Button** **3** **22** the next time, the disc will resume playback from the point on the disc where the **Stop Button** **5** **24** was pressed. This is helpful if you are watching a movie and must interrupt your viewing session but wish to pick up where you left off. Pressing the **Stop Button** **5** **24** twice will stop the machine in a traditional manner and, when the disc is played again, it will start from the beginning.

In Resume mode, the Harman Kardon screen will appear, and the **RESUME** message will appear in the **Information Display** **12**. The resume function is not available for WMA files. For DVDs, CDs, MP3 files, JPEG files, and VCDs with PBC (Playback Control) only, the resume function will be retained even after the DVD 27 has been placed in Standby mode by pressing the **Power Off Button** **2** **31**, but not after the unit has been unplugged from AC power.

Title: For a DVD, a title is defined as an entire movie or program. There may be as many chapters within a title as the producers decide to include. Most discs include only one title, but some may have more than one, to give you a "Double Feature" presentation or to include other special features. Press the **Title Button** **29** to see a listing of the titles on a disc. When a disc has only one title, pressing the **Title Button** **29** may show a list of the chapters.

WMA Files: WMA (Windows Media® Audio) is an audio compression format that was developed by the Microsoft® Corporation for use with its Windows Media Player. WMA files can be even smaller in size than MP3 files, while maintaining similar quality. The DVD 27 is among those DVD players capable of playing discs containing WMA files. Note that Windows Media Player uses other file formats; however, the DVD 27 is only capable of playing files that end in the ".wma" extension. See page 5 for more information on WMA file support.

FRONT-PANEL CONTROLS



NOTE: To make it easier to follow the instructions that refer to the controls and connectors in this illustration, a larger copy may be downloaded from the Product Support section for this product at www.harmankardon.com.

- 1** Power Indicator
- 2** Power On/Off (Standby)
- 3** Play
- 4** Pause

- 5** Stop
- 6** Skip/Search Reverse
- 7** Skip/Search Forward
- 8** Remote Sensor

- 9** Display Dimmer
- 10** Disc Drawer
- 11** Open/Close
- 12** Information Display

1 Power Indicator: This indicator lights amber when the unit is connected to an AC power source, but is not turned on. When the unit is on, the indicator lights blue.

2 Power On/Off (Standby): Press the button once to turn the DVD 27 on. Press it again to put the unit in the Standby mode.

3 Play: Press to initiate playback or to resume playback after the **Pause Button 4** **13** has been pressed.

4 Pause: Press this button to momentarily pause playback. To resume playback, press the button again. If a DVD is playing, action will freeze and a still picture will be displayed when the button is pressed.

5 Stop: Press this button once to place the disc in the Resume mode, which means that playback will stop, but as long as the tray is not opened or the disc changed, playback will continue from the same point on the disc when the **Play Button 3** **17** is pressed again. Resume will also work if the unit was turned off. Resume will not operate for WMA files or VCDs that do not have playback control. To stop a disc and have play start from the beginning, press the button twice.

6 Skip/Search Reverse: Press this button once to return to the start of the current chapter for a DVD or track for a CD. Subsequent individual presses will skip backwards through the available chapters or tracks. Press and hold the button to play the disc in the fast reverse mode at the speed indicated in the on-screen display and by the **Playback Mode Indicators L**.

7 Skip/Search Forward: Press this button once to move to the start of the next chapter for a DVD or track for a CD. Subsequent presses will skip forward through the available chapters or tracks. Press and hold the button to play the disc in the Fast Play mode at the speed indicated in the on-screen display and by the **Playback Mode Indicators L**.

8 Remote Sensor: The sensor that receives commands from the remote control is behind the front panel in this area. To ensure proper operation of the player with the remote, it is important that this area not be covered. In the event that the player is enclosed in a cabinet or if the remote sensor is covered, you may extend the remote sensor by connecting an optional, external remote sensor to the **Remote Control Input 2** on the rear panel (see page 12). When optional, external IR "blasters" are used for system control, they should be positioned so that they point at this area.

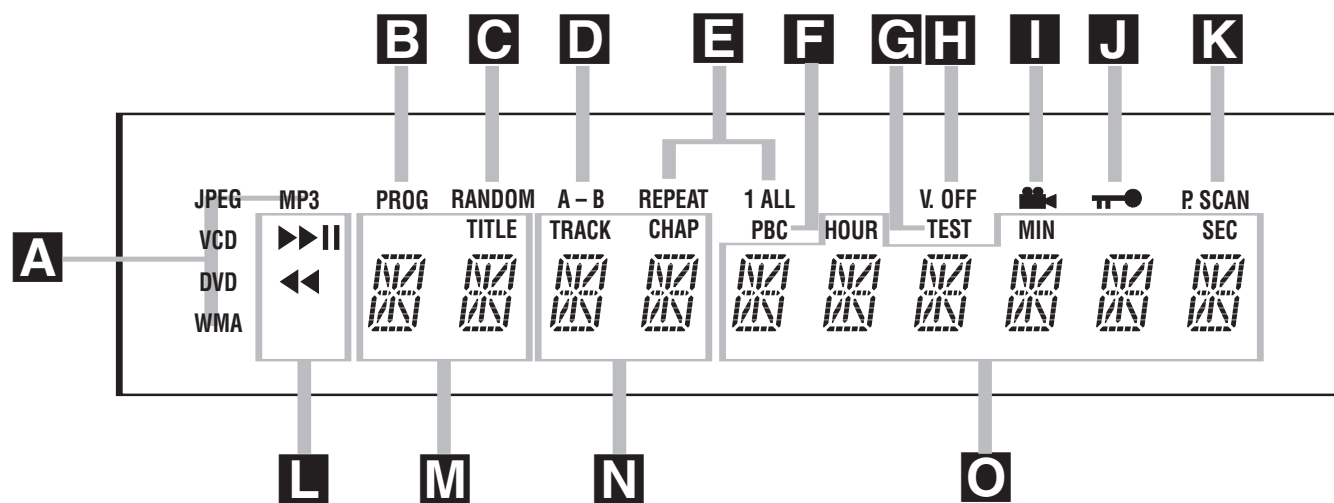
9 Display Dimmer: Press this button to reduce the brightness of the **Information Display 12** by 50% or to turn the display off completely in the following order: **FULL BRIGHTNESS → HALF BRIGHTNESS → OFF → FULL BRIGHTNESS**.

10 Disc Drawer: This drawer is used to hold the discs played in the unit. Be certain to seat all discs carefully within the recess in the drawer. Do not press down on the drawer when it is open, to avoid damage to the player. When the drawer is left open with no activity for 5 minutes, it will automatically close to prevent dust or dirt from entering the component, and to prevent accidental damage. If a disc is present, the DVD 27 will immediately begin playback.

11 Open/Close: Press this button to open or close the disc tray.

12 Information Display: The Information Display provides status information on the player and the disc being played through a series of specific indicators and messages that appear in the display. See page 8 for more information on the display.

FRONT-PANEL INFORMATION DISPLAY



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- A** Disc-Type Indicators
- B** Program Indicator
- C** Random Indicator
- D** A-B Repeat Indicator
- E** Repeat Indicators

- F** VCD Playback Control Indicator
- G** Test Screen Indicator
- H** V-OFF Indicator
- I** Angle Indicator
- J** Parental Lock Indicator

- K** Progressive Scan Indicator
- L** Playback-Mode Indicator
- M** Title Indicators
- N** Chapter/Track Number Indicators
- O** Time Indicators

A Disc Type Indicators: The DVD, CD, VCD, MP3, WMA or JPEG indicator will light to show the type of disc currently being played.

B Program Indicator: This indicator lights when a playlist has been programmed using the menu system (available for CDs only). See page 33 for more information on programming playlists.

C Random Indicator: This indicator lights when the unit is in the Random Play mode.

D A-B Repeat Indicator: This indicator lights when a specific passage for repeat playback has been selected.

E Repeat Indicators: These indicators light when any of the Repeat functions are in use.

F VCD Playback Control Indicator: This indicator lights when the playback control function is turned on for VCDs.

G Test Screen Indicator: This indicator lights when the video test screen has been activated from within the Video submenu.

H V-OFF Indicator: This indicator lights in red when the unit's video output has been turned off by pressing the V-OFF Button **15** on the remote control.

I Angle Indicator: This indicator blinks when alternative viewing angles are available on the DVD currently playing.

J Parental Lock Indicator: This indicator lights in red when the parental-lock system is engaged in order to prevent anyone from changing the rating level without a code.

K Progressive Scan Indicator: This indicator lights when the unit sends out a progressive scan signal.

L Playback-Mode Indicators: These indicators light to show the current playback mode:

▶ Lights when a disc is playing in the normal mode. This indicator will flash when the disc is in Forward Slow Play mode. The on-screen banner display indicates the selected speed (1/2, 1/4, 1/8 or 1/16).

▶▶ When the DVD 27 is in the Fast Search play mode, two of these indicators will light to show that the unit is in a Fast Play mode. The on-screen banner display indicates the selected speed (x2, x4, x8, x20 or x100). Fast Play mode is not available for WMA files.

|| Lights when the disc is paused.

◀◀ Lights when the disc is in the Fast Search Reverse mode. The on-screen banner display indicates the selected speed (x2, x4, x8, x20 or x100). Fast Search Reverse mode is not available for WMA files.

◀ Flashes when the disc is in Reverse Slow Play mode. The on-screen banner display indicates the selected speed (1/2 or 1/4).

M Title Indicators: These two positions in the display will show the current title number when a DVD disc is playing.

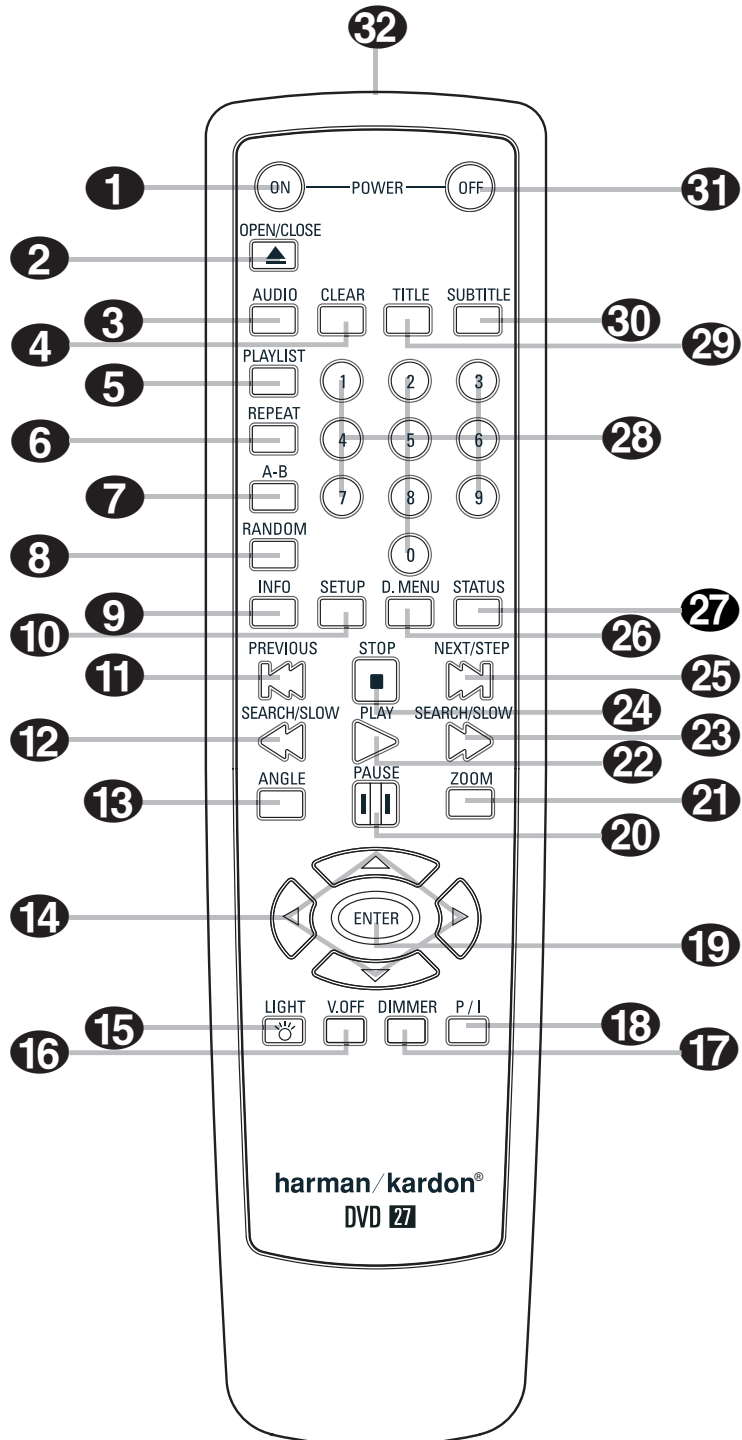
N Chapter/Track Number Indicators: When a DVD disc is playing, these two positions in the display will show the current chapter. When a CD disc is playing they will show the current track number.

O Time Indicators: These positions in the display will show the running time of a disc in play.

NOTE: The indicators **MNO** will also display text messages about the DVD's status, including **LOADING** when a disc is loading, **POWER OFF** when the unit is turned off, and **DISC ERROR** when a disc not compatible with the DVD is put into the play position.

REMOTE CONTROL FUNCTIONS

- 1 Power On
- 2 Open/Close
- 3 Audio Select
- 4 Clear
- 5 Playlist
- 6 Repeat
- 7 A-B Repeat
- 8 Random
- 9 Info
- 10 Setup
- 11 Previous Step/Skip
- 12 Search/Slow Reverse
- 13 Angle
- 14 ▲/▼/◀/▶ Navigation Buttons
- 15 Light
- 16 Video Off
- 17 Dimmer
- 18 Progressive Scan/Interlaced
- 19 Enter
- 20 Pause
- 21 Zoom
- 22 Play
- 23 Search/Slow Forward
- 24 Stop
- 25 Next Step/Skip
- 26 Disc Menu
- 27 Status
- 28 Numeric Keys
- 29 Title
- 30 Subtitle
- 31 Power Off
- 32 IR Emitter



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REMOTE CONTROL FUNCTIONS

1 Power On: Turns on the player when it is in Standby mode (Harman Kardon logo appears on-screen).

2 Open/Close: Press to open or close the disc tray.

3 Audio Select: Press to access various audio languages on a DVD (if the DVD contains multiple audio streams). This button may also allow you to access other audio formats on DVD discs, such as linear PCM or Dolby Digital 5.1 tracks (or other formats), if they've been recorded on the disc.

4 Clear: Press this button to remove on-screen menus or banners from the display screen. Press this button to clear the current play order displayed next to a track while programming a playlist. In Stop mode and with all menus and banners removed from the display, press and hold this button for five seconds to reset all settings to their factory defaults.

5 Playlist: Press this button to access the Playlist on-screen menu, which enables you to change the order in which tracks are played on a CD. (See page 33 for more information on creating and playing playlists.)

6 Repeat: Each press of this button changes the playback mode to repeat a chapter or track or the entire disc. A repeat icon will appear in the upper right corner of the screen indicating the current repeat mode. If the Player Information Screen is active, the changes will be displayed on screen.

7 A-B Repeat: Press this button to enter the starting point of a section on a disc you wish to repeat. The second press enters the end of the selection to be repeated. Once the "A" (start) and "B" (end) points have been entered the player will repeat the selection until the **Play Button 22/3** is pressed or the disc is stopped. If the Player Information Screen is active, the changes will be displayed on screen.

8 Random: Each press of this button starts or stops playback in random order. The Random function is only available when playing CDs, but not when a Playlist is active (the Player Information screen indicates Programmed Order on the Playlist line).

9 Info: Press once to access the Player Information menu for information on the current disc and the playback mode settings. Press again to remove information from screen. See page 17 for more information on the Player Information menu.

10 Setup: Press this button to use the DVD 27's on-screen menu system to adjust the player's configuration settings. Note that the **Info Button 9** must be pressed to access the DVD 27's Player Information menu to obtain detailed disc information, and to configure the playback mode of the disc.

11 Previous Step/Skip: Press this button once to skip back to the beginning of the current chapter on a DVD or track on a CD. Press it again to continue to skip back through the previous chapters or tracks. After first pressing the **Pause Button 20**, press this button to step backwards through a DVD or VCD as a series of still image frames.

12 Search/Slow Reverse: This button initiates fast or slow play in the reverse mode. For fast reverse play, each press of the button when playing DVD or VCD discs changes the speed as indicated by the number appearing in the upper right corner of the screen. For slow reverse play, first press the **Pause Button 20** and each subsequent press of this button will change the slow play speed as indicated by the number appearing in the upper right corner of the screen.

13 Angle: Press this button to change the camera angle on discs programmed for multiple-angle views. When a JPEG is being displayed, pressing the **Angle Button 13** repeatedly causes the on-screen image to rotate clockwise by 90 degrees each press. The current orientation in degrees will be displayed in the upper right corner of the screen.

14 Navigation Buttons: Use to move the cursor in the on-screen menu system.

15 Light: Press to illuminate the buttons on the remote controller.

16 Video Off: Press this button to turn off the video output for improved audio performance when playing discs. Press it again to view the on-screen menus. It is highly recommended that you use this function to prevent "burn-in" of your plasma video display.

17 Dimmer: Press to change the brightness of the front panel display or to turn the display off completely in the following order: **FULL BRIGHTNESS → HALF BRIGHTNESS → OFF → FULL BRIGHTNESS**

18 Progressive Scan/Interlaced Button: Each press of this button selects between the progressive scan and interlaced modes for the **Component Video Outputs 5**.

19 Enter: Press this button to enter a setting in the DVD 27 menu system or to confirm a menu selection choice in a disc's on-screen menu.

20 Pause: Press this button to pause the disc and freeze the picture during DVD or VCD playback, or to pause the playback of a CD. To play a DVD or VCD in the slow, forward or reverse mode, first press this button and then press either the **Search/Slow Forward 23** or **Reverse Button 12**.

21 Zoom: Press this button to zoom in on the image from a DVD, VCD or JPEG image. The image may be expanded by a factor of x2, x3, x4 or x5. Once the on-screen indication of the zoom ratio disappears from the screen you may use the **Navigation Buttons 14** to explore the picture.

22 Play: Press this button to begin the playback of a disc, or to resume normal playback when a disc has been paused or scanned.

23 Search/Slow Forward: This button initiates fast or slow play in the forward mode. For fast forward play, each press of the button when playing DVD or VCD discs changes the speed as indicated by the number appearing in the upper right corner of the screen. For slow forward play, first press the **Pause Button 20** and each subsequent press of this button will change the slow play speed as indicated by the number appearing in the upper right corner of the screen.

24 Stop: When a DVD is playing, press this button once to place the disc in the Resume mode, which means that playback will stop. However, as long as the disc drawer is not opened, playback will continue from the point where the disc was stopped when the **Play Button 22/3** is pressed again, as indicated by the **LAST SCENE** message (for DVDs) or the **RESUME** message (for CDs, MP3 files, JPEG files and VCDs with PBC) in the **Information Display 12**. Resume will not operate for WMA files or VCDs that do not have playback control. Pressing the button twice will stop the disc and play will start from the beginning of the disc when the **Play Button 22/3** is pressed again.

25 Next Step/Skip: Press this button once to advance to the beginning of the next chapter on a DVD or track on a CD. Press it again to continue to advance through the remaining chapters or tracks. After first pressing the **Pause Button 20**, press this button to step through a DVD as a series of still-image frames.

26 Disc Menu: While a DVD is playing, press this button to view the disc's main menu.

27 Status: Press while a disc is playing to view the on-screen status banner display. The first press will display the current title and chapter, the play mode icon and the elapsed time, along with a "temperature bar" display of the time elapsed. You may use the **Navigation Buttons 14** and the **Enter Button 19** to select and change the current title or chapter, or the time display. The Status Banner is only available for DVDs and VCDs when PBC is turned off. Press the button one more time to remove the status displays from the screen. More detailed information about the disc is available by pressing the **Info Button 9**.

28 Numeric Keys: Press these buttons to enter a number.

29 Title: When a DVD is playing, press this button to go back to the main title menu for the disc being played. If you are playing a DVD-Audio disc that contains other formats the DVD 27 is capable of playing, such as linear PCM or Dolby Digital 5.1, pressing this button may enable you to switch playback from one audio format to another.

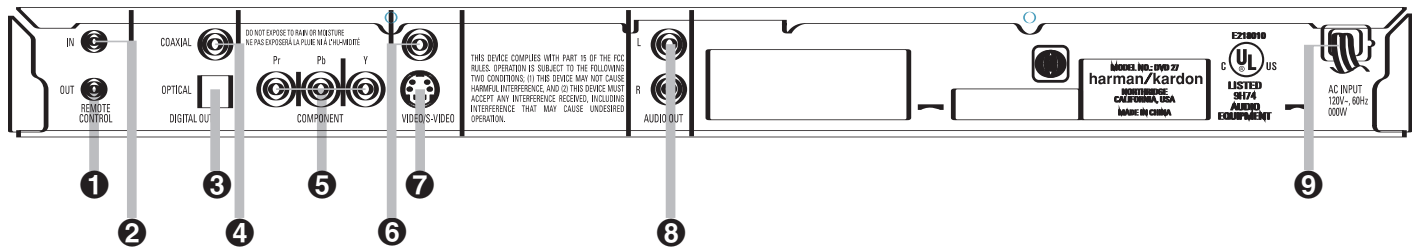
30 Subtitle: When a DVD is playing, press to select a subtitle language or to turn subtitles off.

NOTE: Due to the variations in how DVD discs are authored, the subtitle languages displayed by the DVD 27 may not accurately reflect the actual languages available on the disc. It is recommended that subtitles be selected using the disc's menu.

31 Power Off: Turns off the player to Standby mode.

32 IR Emitter: This small, clear button-like device sends the IR commands from the remote control to the DVD 27. To ensure proper performance of the remote control, be sure to point it toward the unit and do not cover it with your fingers when sending remote commands.

REAR-PANEL CONNECTIONS



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- ➊ Remote Control Output
- ➋ Remote Control Input
- ➌ Optical Digital Audio Output

- ➍ Coaxial Digital Audio Output
- ➎ Component Video Outputs
- ➏ Composite Video Output

- ➐ S-Video Output
- ➑ Analog Audio Outputs
- ➒ AC Power Cord

➊ Remote Control Output: Connect this jack to the infrared (IR) input jack of another compatible remote-controlled product to have the built-in Remote Sensor on the DVD 27 provide IR signals to other compatible products.

➋ Remote Control Input: Connect the output of a remote infrared sensor, or the remote control output of another compatible product, to this jack. This will enable the remote control to operate even when the front-panel Remote Sensor on the DVD 27 is blocked. This jack may also be used with compatible IR remote control-based automation systems.

➌ Optical Digital Audio Output: Connect this jack to the optical digital input of an A/V receiver or surround processor for Dolby Digital, DTS or PCM audio playback.

➍ Coaxial Digital Audio Output: Connect this jack to the coaxial digital input of an A/V receiver or surround processor for Dolby Digital, DTS or PCM audio playback.

➎ Component Video Outputs: These outputs carry the component video signals for connection to display monitors with component video inputs. For standard analog TVs or projectors with inputs marked Y/Pr/Pb or Y/Cr/Cb, connect these outputs to the corresponding inputs. If you have a high-definition television or projector that is compatible with high-scan-rate progressive video (480p or better), connect these jacks to the HD component inputs. If you are using a progressive scan display device, **PROGRESSIVE** must be selected in the Video menu in order to take advantage of the progressive scan circuitry. See the "Scan Type" section on page 20 for more information on progressive scan video.

IMPORTANT: These jacks should NOT be connected to standard composite video inputs.

➏ Composite Video Output: Connect this jack to the video input on a television or video projector, or to a video input on an A/V receiver or processor if you are using that type of device for video input switching.

➐ S-Video Output: Connect this jack to the S-video input on a television or video projector, or to an S-video input on an A/V receiver or processor if you are using that type of device for S-video input switching.

➑ Analog Audio Outputs: Connect these jacks to an audio input on an A/V receiver, surround processor or your television for analog audio playback.

➒ AC Power Cord: Connect this plug to an AC outlet. If the outlet is controlled by a switch, make certain that it is in the ON position.

NOTE: You'll find more details about all audio/video connections under Setup and Connections on the following pages.

NOTES:

- Connect either the **Optical Digital Audio Output** ➌ or the **Coaxial Digital Audio Output** ➍ to a corresponding digital audio input on your receiver or processor, but not both.
- The coaxial digital output should only be connected to a digital input. Even though it is the same RCA-type connector as standard analog audio connections, **DO NOT** connect it to a conventional analog input jack.

SETUP AND CONNECTIONS

- Ensure that the power switch of this unit (and of other equipment to be connected) is set to "Off" before commencing connection. We also strongly recommend that you leave all system components unplugged from AC power until after you have completed the interconnections described in this section.
- Do not block the ventilation holes of any of the equipment and arrange them so that air can circulate freely.
- Read through the instructions before connecting other equipment.
- Ensure that you observe the color-coding when connecting audio and video cables.

VIDEO NOTES:

- While we suggest the use of component video for higher quality pictures, you may also use the standard S-video or composite video connection if your TV does not have component video inputs. The component and S-video outputs are not available simultaneously.
- The composite video output (yellow) combines the complete video signal (composite) and sends it to the TV (or to the A/V receiver) by one cable only. Use this video output when your TV set is equipped with a video input jack only.
- The S (separate) video output connector separates the color (C) and luminance (Y) signals before transmitting them to the TV set in order to achieve a sharper picture. Use the S-video cable when con-

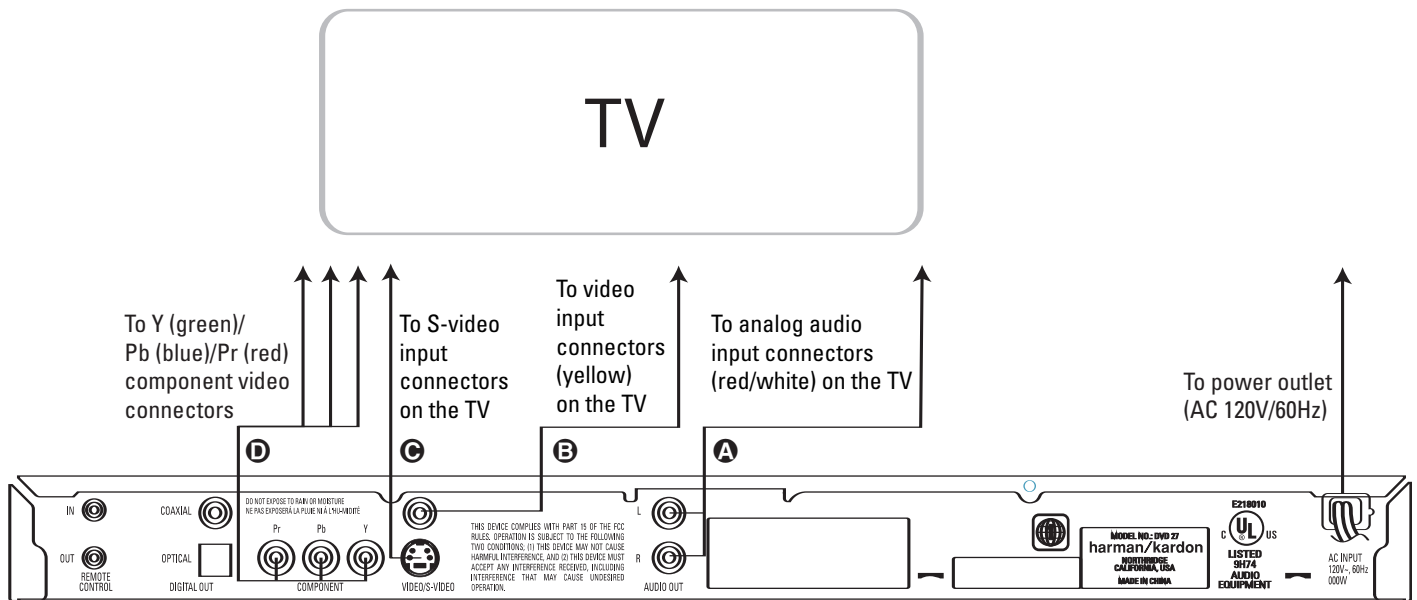
necting the player to a TV equipped with an S-video input for improved picture clarity.

- The component video outputs further separate the color components of the video signal, optimizing the DVD 27's video performance. Component video connections are preferred, when available on your TV or receiver. If you are using a television or video display that is compatible with high-resolution 480P video signals, make sure to use the input jacks on the video display marked "HD Component," if available. Also, make sure to configure the display's input settings for use with "480P" video signals. You will also need to change the scan type in the DVD 27's Video Setup menu from "Interlaced" to "Progressive." See page 20.
- Modern audio/video receivers are capable of connection to several video source devices, such as the DVD 27 and a VCR, cable television set-top box, HDTV tuner or other device. The receiver is equipped with video monitor outputs for connection to your television, projector or plasma display. As you select any input source device, the receiver selects the correct video input and routes it to the correct video monitor output to your television. It is recommended that you connect one of the video outputs from the DVD 27 to the corresponding input on your receiver to simplify operation of your home entertainment system. Refer to the owner's guide for your receiver for more information.
- If your receiver is capable of multiroom operation, it is recommended that you connect both the component and composite video outputs of the DVD 27 to

the receiver. This enables the highest-quality picture (component video) for viewing in the main listening room, while enabling the multiroom system, if it is video-capable, to distribute the composite video signal to the remote zone. Consult the owner's guide for your receiver to determine whether it has video multiroom capability.

Connecting to a TV Only

When using the DVD 27 with a television but no audio receiver or processor, connect it as follows. Make the **Analog Audio Connection (A)** and one of the **Video Connections (Composite Video (B), S-Video (C) or Component Video (D))**. Remember to plug in the power cord.



SETUP AND CONNECTIONS

Connecting to a Receiver/Amplifier With a Dolby Digital or DTS Decoder

One of the major advantages of the DVD format is its ability to use a variety of digital audio formats for the ultimate in sonic performance. However, in order to enjoy the benefits of digital audio, you must use a receiver or processor that has digital audio decoding capabilities and make an optical or coaxial digital audio connection between the DVD 27 and your home theater system. This simple connection is made as shown below with an optional coax or optical cable. Only one of these connections is required, and both should not be made at the same time.

NOTES FOR ANALOG AUDIO:

- If you wish to use the DVD 27 as the input for a multiroom system, the **Analog Audio Outputs 8** should be connected to the standard analog left/right DVD or CD inputs on your digital receiver or processor.
- The connection from the **Analog Audio Outputs 8** to the TV is optional. If you plan on occasionally using your DVD 27 alone, without turning on your complete system, this connection must be made.

- When the audio signal is to be fed to an analog receiver rather than to the TV, connect the **Analog Audio Outputs 8** to any analog audio inputs on your receiver or processor. The DVD 27 will "down-mix" Dolby Digital recordings to Dolby Pro Logic.
- The analog audio connection should also be made if you wish to play high-resolution 96kHz PCM audio discs where your receiver does not support 96kHz processing.

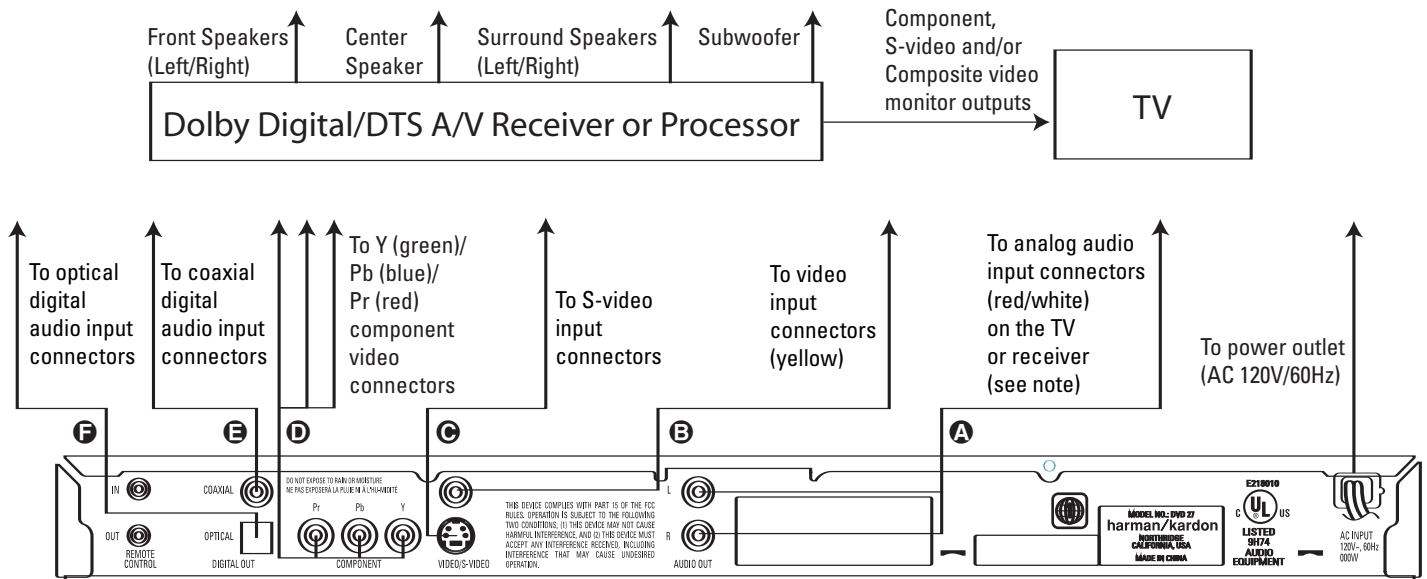
NOTE ON VIDEO: With multiple video sources, your audio/video receiver can be used for selecting the video signal and routing it to the TV. Connect the **Component 5 Composite 6** or **S-Video 7** output of the DVD 27 to the correct video input on your receiver, and the video outputs of the receiver to your TV. For more details, see the manual for your audio/video receiver.

Connecting to a Receiver

When using the DVD 27 with an audio/video receiver or processor, connect it as follows. First, make one of the video connections (**S-video C**, **Composite Video E** or **Component Video D**) to the video input jacks on the A/V receiver, and then connect the receiver's video monitor output to the TV. If you will sometimes use the TV without the audio component, you may optionally make the **Analog Audio Connection A** to the TV.

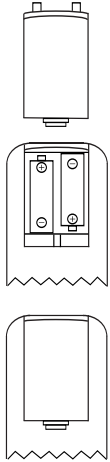
Second, make either the **Optical Digital Audio Connection F** or the **Coaxial Digital Audio Connection E**, to the receiver or processor. If your receiver/processor has multiroom capability, you may also connect the DVD 27's analog audio outputs to the DVD analog audio inputs on the receiver.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Make certain that any device being connected, including the DVD 27, your receiver or processor and your TV or video display, is turned off whenever you make connections between products.



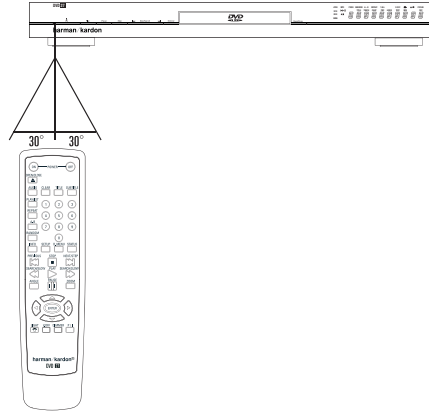
Battery Installation

Insert the two AAA batteries supplied while observing the correct positive (+) and negative (-) polarities.



Remote Control Operation Range

Point the remote control unit from no more than about 20 feet from the remote control sensor and within about 60 degrees of the front of the unit.



Service Life of Batteries

- The batteries normally last for about one year, although this depends on how often the remote control is used.
- If the remote control unit fails to work even when it is operated near the player, replace the batteries.
- Use fresh alkaline AAA batteries.

NOTES:

- Do not attempt to recharge, short-circuit, disassemble or heat batteries; do not throw them into fire.
- Do not drop, step on or otherwise batter the remote control unit. This may damage the parts or lead to a malfunction.
- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Wipe away any leakage inside the remote control unit, and install new batteries.
- If leakage should come into contact with your skin, immediately wash it off thoroughly with water.
- Batteries contain chemical substances and we recommend that you dispose of them properly and in compliance with any local regulations.

- The operating distance may vary according to the brightness and type of lighting in a room.

NOTES:

- Do not point bright lights at the remote control sensor.
- Do not place objects between the remote control unit and the remote control sensor.
- Do not use this remote control unit while simultaneously operating the remote control unit of any other equipment.

DIGITAL AUDIO CONNECTION

Optical Digital Audio Connection Notes

Gently push the cable plug through the built-in shutter that covers the **Optical Digital Audio Output**  and connect the cable firmly so that the configurations of both the cable and the connector match.

Audio Output From the Unit's Optical/Coaxial Digital Audio Output Connector

Disc:	Sound recording format:	Optical/coaxial digital audio output:
DVD	Dolby Digital	Dolby Digital bitstream (2-5.1ch) or PCM (2ch, 48kHz, 16-bit) [†]
	Linear PCM (48/96kHz, 16/20/24-bit)	Linear PCM (2ch) (48/96kHz, 16/20/24-bit)
	DTS	Bitstream or no output ^{††}
	MPEG (2.0)	MPEG bitstream (2ch) or linear PCM (2ch, 48kHz)
VCD	MPEG-1 CD-DA	Linear PCM ^{††}
CD	Linear PCM	Linear PCM (44.1kHz sampling)
	MP3 (MPEG-1 Audio Layer 3)	Linear PCM (44.1–48kHz, depending on source, if digital output format selected as "Bitstream"). (48kHz if digital output format selected as "PCM")
	WMA (Windows Media Audio)	Linear PCM (32–48kHz)

[†] Digital format must be selected as "Bitstream" or "PCM" in Digital Output menu (see "Digital Output" section on page 19).

For Your Reference:

- Dolby Digital is a digital sound compression technique developed by the Dolby Laboratories Licensing Corporation. Supporting 5.1- or 6.1-channel surround sound depending on the specific disc, as well as stereo (2-channel) sound, this technique enables a large quantity of sound data to be efficiently recorded on a disc.
- DTS is another digital audio technology developed by Digital Theater Systems, Inc. It supports 5.1 and 6.1 surround sound, depending on the specific disc, thanks to a sophisticated encoding system. Some receivers and processors also feature Dolby Pro Logic IIx and DTS Neo:6[®] matrix post-processing decoders that may be used with DTS 5.1 discs to derive the surround back channel.
- Linear PCM is a signal-recording format used in CDs. While CDs are recorded in 44.1kHz/16-bit, DVDs are recorded in 48kHz/16-bit up to 96kHz/24-bit.
- If you have a Dolby Pro Logic Surround decoder connected to the DVD 27's analog audio out connectors, thanks to the "Downmix" function of the DVD 27 you will obtain the full benefit of Pro Logic from the same DVD movies that provide full 5.1-channel Dolby Digital soundtracks, as well as from titles encoded with Dolby Surround.
- The DVD 27 is designed to digitally output 96kHz PCM audio with a 96kHz sampling rate. The 96kHz indicator will light in the display. However, some 96kHz DVDs may include copy protection codes that do not permit digital output. For full 96kHz fidelity from these discs, use the analog outputs of the DVD 27. If your surround processor converter does not support 96kHz PCM audio, you must use the DVD 27 analog outputs for full 96kHz fidelity with these discs.
- When connecting a receiver or surround processor with a digital input that does not contain a Dolby Digital or DTS decoder, be sure to select PCM as the initial setting in the Digital Output menu (see page 19). Otherwise, any attempt to play DVDs may cause such a high level of noise that it may be harmful to your ears and damage your speakers.
- CDs can be played as they would in a conventional CD player.

Dolby Digital and DTS

Both Dolby Digital and DTS are audio formats used to record 5.1-channel audio signals onto the digital track of film. Both of these formats provide six separate channels: left, right, center, left surround, right surround and LFE (low-frequency effects).

The latest discs may include the 6.1-channel formats, such as Dolby Digital EX and DTS-ES[®] Discrete or Matrix. These formats add an additional surround back channel behind the listener to create an even more realistic sense of envelopment.

Remember that Dolby Digital or DTS will only play 5.1-channel sound if you've connected the optical or coaxial output of the DVD 27 to a DTS or Dolby Digital receiver or decoder (see page 14) and if the disc was recorded in the Dolby Digital or DTS format.

NOTE: Some first-generation DTS decoders that do not support DVD-DTS interface may not work properly with the DVD/CD player.

System Setup

The final step in the installation of the DVD 27 is to establish the system's configuration. Before proceeding further to make any adjustments, make certain that the DVD 27 is properly connected to a video display and an AC power source. Turn on the DVD 27 by pressing the **Power On/Off Switch 2** and the **Power Indicator 1** will change from amber to blue. You do not need to play a CD or DVD in the unit to make system setup adjustments.

In many cases, you will be able to accept the default settings. Of course, these settings may be changed at any time to reflect changes to the other equipment in your home theater system or to adjust the DVD 27's output or operation to your needs and preferences.

Menus and Navigation

The DVD 27 uses an elegant but simple on-screen menu system for setup and control functions. There are two main menus that are navigated in a similar fashion:

- The **SETUP** menu is used to establish the basic configuration settings for all aspects of the DVD player's operation, including language and display settings, audio settings, video settings and adjustments, parental control and other settings that you may customize. The **SETUP** menu is accessed by pressing the **Setup Button 10**.
- The **PLAYER INFORMATION** menu displays information about the current disc, allowing you to set the playback mode and create a playlist if desired. The **PLAYER INFORMATION** menu will appear on screen automatically for audio-only and JPEG discs, and for VCDs without PBC. For DVDs and VCDs with PBC, it may be accessed by pressing the **Info Button 9**.

The two main menus share a common layout, and are navigated in a similar manner. The menu screen is divided into four main areas:

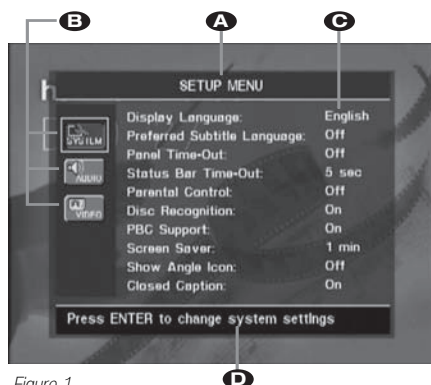


Figure 1

A: Menu Title: The top line identifies which main menu is on screen.

B: The submenus listed in a vertical column at the left side of the screen access the specific groups of settings or controls. The submenu that is at the top of the list will be highlighted. As indicated on the **Instruction Line D**, press the **Enter Button 19** to select that submenu, which will move the cursor to the first **Control Setting C**.

On the Setup Main Menu, the Available Submenus Are:

- The **SYSTEM SETUP** menu, identified by a wrench icon and the word **SYSTEM**, is used to establish the general settings for the player.
- The **AUDIO SETUP** menu, identified by a speaker icon and the word **AUDIO**, is used to establish the settings for the player's audio output.
- The **VIDEO SETUP** menu, identified by a TV icon and the word **VIDEO**, is used to establish the video formatting and configuration settings and to access the video adjustments screen for the picture settings.

On the Player Information Menu, the Available Submenus Are:

- The **PLAYBACK INFO** menu, identified by an "i" icon, includes the disc type and name (if available on the disc), and contains settings to control the playback mode.
- The **PROGRAM** menu, identified by an icon showing musical notes, is used to program a playlist, which lets you play back selected CD tracks in the order you choose. Playlists are only available for audio CDs.
- The **DISC INFO** menu, identified by a disc icon, provides detailed information about the video and audio content on the disc being played.

C Control Settings: The main area of each menu screen shows a list of the control settings available for the current submenu. On the left side of the main area is a listing of the settings available. To the right of each line is the current value for each setting. To adjust a specific setting, press the **Navigation Buttons 14** until the setting for the desired item is highlighted. Next, press the **Enter Button 19** and a dropdown menu will appear that contains the available options for that setting. Press the **Navigation Buttons 14** until the desired option is highlighted, then press the **Enter Button 19** to select that option. See Figure 2 for an example of a dropdown menu.



Figure 2

D Instruction Line: The DVD 27 will display the appropriate instructions in this area to assist you in navigating the menu system and making changes to the various settings.

Within a given menu, adjustments are made using the following steps and commands on the remote control:

- Press the **Navigation Buttons 14** to select an item to be adjusted.
- When the current setting for the item to be adjusted is highlighted, press the **Enter Button 19**.
- Press the **Navigation Buttons 14** to select one of the options shown. When a series of underscore lines (_ _ _) is shown, enter the desired setting using the **Numeric Keys 28**.
- When the desired setting is highlighted or the numeric entry made, press the **Enter Button 19**.
- Press the **Navigation Buttons 14** to select another item for adjustment, if required.
- When all required adjustments on this submenu have been made, press the **Navigation Buttons 14** to move to the **Submenu Selection Area B** and then press the **Navigation Buttons 14** to select another submenu.
- If all adjustments are complete, press the **Setup Button 10** to exit the **SETUP** menu, or press the **Info Button 9** to exit the **PLAYER INFORMATION** menu.

Most DVDs are created to allow setup menus to be displayed while the disc is playing, superimposed over the video playback. However, some discs are authored in a way that does not allow this. If you see the \emptyset icon displayed on the screen after pressing the **Setup Button 10** or the **Info Button 9**, press the **Stop Button 24** and then press the **Setup** or **Info Button 10 9** again.

SYSTEM SETUP

This method of navigation, option selection and adjustment applies to all menus except for the Video Adjustments menu, which uses a different control method due to the need for viewing the on-screen video or the DVD 27's internal test signal while the settings are being made. See page 20 for more information on changing the Video Adjustments.

Setup Menu

The three submenus within the **SETUP** menu are where you establish the basic system settings for the DVD 27. Most of these settings need to be adjusted only once, and in many cases you will find that the system defaults are the correct option for your combination of components. However, it is worth a few minutes to briefly scan through each of the Submenus to confirm that the settings are correct and to familiarize yourself with the available options so that you are aware of the flexibility of the DVD 27.

System Setup Submenu

The **SYSTEM SETUP** submenu is where you establish the control options languages and displays. In most cases, the system default options are sufficient for normal operation, but you may wish to change them to tailor the unit's operation to your preferences.

Access the **SYSTEM SETUP** submenu by pressing the **Setup Button 10** to display the main **SETUP** menu. The System icon should be highlighted. If it isn't, use the **Navigation Buttons 14** to highlight the icon. As indicated on the **Instruction Line D**, press the **Enter Button 19** to access the settings in **SYSTEM SETUP**.

The following adjustments may be made on the **SYSTEM SETUP** menu.

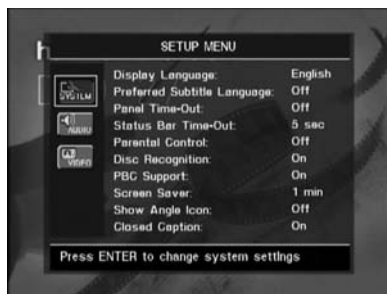


Figure 3

Display Language: This setting selects the language that will be used for the DVD 27's OSD menus and other system messages. The default is English, but you may also select French, Spanish, German or Italian.

Preferred Subtitle Language: This setting selects the language used for the display of subtitles. The default setting is **OFF**, which plays discs without subtitles. To set the player so that subtitles will always play in a specific language when they are available,

select from any of the choices shown in the dropdown menu.

If you do not find your preferred language in the list of options, you may select a preferred language by first pressing the **Navigation Buttons 14** so that **OTHER** is highlighted in the dropdown menu. Press the **Enter Button 19** and then use the **Navigation Buttons 14** to select a subtitle language (see Figure 4). When the desired language is highlighted, press the **Enter Button 19** to set it as the preferred subtitle language.

If you wish to exit this screen without selecting a language, use the **Navigation Buttons 14** until the word **RETURN** at the bottom of the screen is highlighted, and press the **Enter Button 19** to return to the **SYSTEM SETUP** screen.

This procedure selects a preferred subtitle language, but it will only be available when the disc being played contains that language. The list of subtitles available on any given disc is always shown on the disc jacket, usually at the bottom of the back cover. Note that the subtitles may also be switched on or off, or a new language selected during playback using the **Subtitle Button 30**, as described on page 27.

If you have selected a subtitle language and subtitles do not appear on screen, press the **Subtitle Button 30** to display the Subtitle banner. Each press of the **Enter Button 19** will cycle through the subtitle languages available on the disc. If subtitles still do not appear, press the **Disc Menu Button 26** to make sure that subtitling has been selected in the disc's menu system.

NOTE: Due to the variations in how DVD discs are authored, the subtitle languages displayed by the DVD 27 may not accurately reflect the actual languages available on the disc. It is recommended that subtitles be selected using the disc's menu.



Figure 4

Panel Time-Out: This setting allows you to select the length of time the **Front-Panel Display 12** remains illuminated during disc playback (as some people find the front-panel display to be distracting while a movie is playing). You may program the DVD 27 to refresh the front-panel display only when a button is pressed on the remote or front panel, and to turn the display

off again after either five or 20 seconds. When the display is off, the blue **Power Indicator 1** will remain lit to remind you that the unit is turned on. When the Panel Time-Out setting is set to "Off," the display remains lit at all times. This feature is only in effect when a DVD or VCD is playing. However, you may always press the **Dimmer Button 17** to dim the front-panel display either by half or fully.

Status Bar Time-Out: This setting selects the time-out interval for the on-screen Status Bar that appears at the top of your video screen when the **Status Button 27** is pressed while a disc is playing. During DVD playback, the status bar shows the current title and chapter, the elapsed or remaining time in the current chapter or title, a setting to adjust the time display, and a temperature bar for the time display.

You may program the status bar to remain on screen for either five or 20 seconds after the **Status Button 27** is pressed. When **OFF** is selected, the time-out is disabled, and the status bar will remain on the screen until the **Status Button 27** or **Clear Button 4** is pressed.

Parental Control: The DVD 27's password system allows you to restrict viewing of certain materials that may not be suitable for younger members of the household by requiring the viewer to enter a password before viewing those materials. The system is based on rating information encoded in the DVD that classifies materials into eight levels, roughly corresponding to the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) voluntary ratings system:

Level 1: Corresponds to the MPAA's "G" (General Audiences) rating, and is considered suitable for all viewers.

Level 2: Intermediate level between the "PG" and "G" ratings.

Level 3: Corresponds to the MPAA's "PG" (Parental Guidance) rating.

Level 4: Corresponds to the MPAA's "PG-13" (Parental Guidance and 13 years old) rating.

Level 5: Intermediate level between the "R" and "PG-13" ratings.

Level 6: Corresponds to the MPAA's "R" (Restricted) rating.

Level 7: Corresponds to the MPAA's "NC-17" (17 years and older) rating.

Level 8: All DVDs, including adult materials, can be played.

Unlocked: Any DVD may be viewed without entering the password.

The DVD 27 is shipped from the factory with the parental control system unlocked (no password is required to view any DVD), and with the password set

to the four-digit code "1234." To activate the system, use the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons 14** to highlight the Parental Control Setting on the **SYSTEM SETUP** submenu, and press the **Enter Button 19**. Select the "On" setting from the dropdown menu, and the password screen will appear (see Figure 5.) Make sure the dashes on the Password line are highlighted, then enter the password code using the **Numeric Keys 28** and press the **▼ Navigation Button 14**.

If you have entered the password correctly, the current setting of the Rating line will be highlighted. You may press the **Enter Button 19** to display the ratings dropdown menu. Select a new rating using the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons 14** and the **Enter Button 19**.



Figure 5

The first time you use the DVD 27, it is recommended that you scroll down to the Change Password line and press the **Enter Button 19** to display the Change Password screen. Use the **Numeric Keys 28** to enter your new password once at the New Password line, and a second time at the Confirm Password line. The DVD 27 will return to the screen shown in Figure 5, where you may then change the Ratings Setting. Since you had previously entered a valid password, you will not be required to enter a password again before changing the rating. However, once you press the **◀ Navigation Button 14** and return to the **SYSTEM SETUP** submenu, the new password will take effect.

Disc Recognition: This setting controls the Disc Recognition feature. When turned on, it allows you to pause a DVD, remove it from the player, play another disc, and then resume playback of the original disc at a later time from the point at which you paused. When a previously played disc is reinserted in the DVD 27, you will be presented with an on-screen status message asking whether you wish to start playback from the beginning of the disc or resume at the point where you left off. Note that even when the setting is activated, you must pause playback, rather than bring it to a full stop, and the unit must not be turned off between discs. The DVD 27 is capable of storing the information for up to five DVDs at a time.

PBC Support: This setting controls the activation of PBC (Play Back Control) Support for VCD discs. If you plan to play VCD discs, which are a CD-ROM-based format that predates DVD, we recommend that the setting be turned **ON**. However, with PBC enabled, the Repeat Track, Repeat Disc and Random functions will not be available for VCDs.

Screen Saver: The DVD 27 offers a Screen Saver option to protect your TV or video display from damage that may occur if the player is left turned on with the same still image for a period of time, as there is a possibility that the image may be "burned" into some display devices. This is particularly important for plasma displays and some CRT devices. Set Screen Saver to **ON** so that the DVD 27 will run the screen saver when no action has been detected for either one or five minutes. Press a desired command key on the front panel or remote to "wake" the DVD 27 and resume normal operation.

Show Angle Icon: Some DVDs are programmed with multiple-angle capability, allowing you to view the same scene from a different camera angle. Normally, the angle icon will be displayed on screen during those scenes to inform you that you may press the **Angle Button 13** to change to a different view. If you would find the appearance of the icon on-screen distracting, select the Show Angle Icon setting in the System submenu, and set it to **OFF**. The **Angle Indicator 11** will appear in the front-panel display whenever multiple angles are available, regardless of whether the on-screen icon appears.

Closed Caption: This setting enables viewing of closed caption messages, if they have been encoded in the video material. Closed captions are text displays of the program's dialogue, normally hidden from view, that are made available for the hearing-impaired or others. Select the **ON** setting to activate the DVD 27's closed captioning decoder so that these messages may be viewed.

Audio Setup Submenu

This submenu establishes the DVD's configuration for general audio settings, such as preferred language and digital audio settings.

As with all setup menus, press the **Setup Button 10** to activate the main menu screen, and then press the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons 14** until the **AUDIO SETUP** icon is highlighted, and press the **Enter Button 19** again.



Figure 6

The following adjustments are available on the Audio Setup menu:

Preferred Audio Language: This setting is used to select the default language that will be used for program playback. The factory default setting is English, but you may choose French, Spanish, German or Italian by making a selection from the dropdown menu. To select a language other than those shown, select **OTHER** from the dropdown menu and press the **Enter Button 19**. A screen will appear with a list of language choices (see Figure 4). Use the **▲▼◀▶ Navigation Buttons 14** to select a language. When the desired language is highlighted, press the **Enter Button 19** to set it as the preferred audio language. If you wish to exit this screen without selecting a language, use the **▲▼◀▶ Navigation Buttons 14** until the word **RETURN** at the bottom of the screen is highlighted, and press the **Enter Button 19** to return to the **AUDIO SETUP** screen.

This procedure selects a preferred audio program language, but it will only be available when the disc being played contains that language. The list of languages available on any given disc is always shown on the disc jacket, usually at the bottom of the back cover. Note that the audio playback language may also be changed at any time during playback using the **Audio Select Button 3**, as described on page 27, but any changes made will only be effective during playback of that disc.

Digital Output: This setting selects the digital audio data stream that is routed to the **Optical Digital Output 3** or the **Coaxial Digital Output 4**. Two choices are available:

- **Bitstream**, the default setting, outputs the Dolby Digital or DTS signal, as selected from the disc's menu or by using the **Audio Select Button 3**, as explained on page 27. This setting should be used when your receiver or processor is capable of decoding signals in the Dolby Digital or DTS format.
- **PCM** outputs a standard PCM signal for decoding by receivers or processors that are not capable of decoding a Dolby Digital or DTS bitstream. This setting enables two-channel audio playback or matrix decoding where available.

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NOTE: Any changes made to the Digital Output setting during playback will not take effect until after play has been stopped and restarted.

PCM Limit: This setting determines whether the digital audio output of the DVD 27 will be sent to your receiver or processor at its original sampling rate, or whether high-resolution (96kHz or greater) materials will be downsampled to 48kHz. Select the **96kHz** setting if your receiver is capable of resolving digital signals greater than 48kHz and does not require downsampling. If you select the **96kHz** setting when your receiver is not capable of processing signals with a sampling rate greater than 48kHz, then you will not hear any audio when high-resolution materials are played. If you are uncertain of your receiver's capabilities, select the **48kHz** setting to limit the sampling rate to 48kHz.

NOTE: Due to copyright restrictions, the DVD 27 will not output an uncompressed signal in the PCM format from a disc recorded with 96kHz/24-bit resolution, such as some DTS audio CDs. If the Digital Output setting in the **Audio Setup** submenu is set to **PCM**, and the PCM Limit setting is set to **96kHz**, no audio will be outputted, and the message **CGMS MUTE** will appear in the **Main Information Display** **12**. "CGMS" stands for "Copy General Management System." Should this message appear, change the PCM Limit setting to **48kHz** to hear the audio at a lower resolution.

Dynamic Range: This setting allows you to take advantage of the programming present on some Dolby Digital recordings to reduce the volume of louder passages while maintaining intelligibility of quieter passages. This means that you may listen to programs at a level that allows the full impact of a soundtrack to be heard at a volume that is lower than you might otherwise use to avoid disturbing others. The DVD 27 accomplishes this by compressing the audio to a greater or lesser degree, depending on which setting you choose. Three options are available:

- **MINIMUM** does not make any changes to the original playback, and should be used when the volume setting in the listening room may be as loud as you desire.
- **MEDIUM** applies a moderate amount of compression so that louder passages are a little bit quieter.
- **MAXIMUM** applies more compression so that louder passages are much softer.

Feel free to experiment with the settings at any time. Note that if your receiver or processor also allows you to program the dynamic range setting, also known as the "Night Mode," you do not need to make any adjustments on the DVD 27 and should leave the setting at **MINIMUM**.

Video Setup Submenu

This menu establishes the DVD's configuration for video format settings such as aspect ratio and output scan. It also allows access to the Video Adjustments banner (see next section).

As with all setup menus, press the **Setup Button** **10** to activate the main menu screen, and then press the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons** **14** until the **VIDEO SETUP** icon is highlighted, and then press the **Enter Button** **19**.



Figure 7

The following adjustments are available on the Video Setup menu:

Aspect Ratio: This setting selects the aspect ratio of video programming. Your choice should be made according to the shape of your video display and your personal preferences. Two choices are available:

- **16:9:** If you have a widescreen (16:9) display, or a display that has a widescreen mode, choose this setting. With this setting, the DVD 27 will adjust the output for widescreen movies so that they fill the entire screen in the proper aspect ratio. Note, however, that in this setting a disc recorded in the 4:3 aspect ratio will appear in the widescreen as a boxed image in the center, with black columns on the left and right side of the screen. Note that if the widescreen option is chosen and a widescreen movie is played on a conventional 4:3 aspect-ratio set, the image will be distorted due to vertical compression.
- **4:3:** If you have a standard, 4:3 aspect ratio video display, choose this setting. You will see the entire frame of the movie as it is recorded on the disc without any image cutoff at the left and right sides. While this allows widescreen movies to be shown in their entirety, they will occupy a smaller portion of the screen and black "letterbox" bars may appear at the top and bottom of the screen.

Video Output: This setting selects between the **S-Video Output** **7** and **Component Video Outputs** **5**, which are not available simultaneously. If you have connected one of these outputs to your video display and the screen is blank, you will need to temporarily connect the **Composite Video Output**

6 to your TV in order to view the on-screen menus and change this setting.

Scan Type: This setting allows you to select between progressive and interlaced scanning for the **Component Video Outputs** **5** to maximize the image resolution for the type of video display in use. Note that the output at the **S-Video** **7** and **Composite Video** **6** outputs will always be standard-rate video that is compatible with any television set or video display. Two choices are available:

- **Progressive:** Select this option if you have a video display that is compatible with input sources of 480P or greater. Displays labeled as "HDTV Ready," including virtually all large-screen LCD and plasma displays, are compatible with progressive scan.
- **Interlaced:** Select this option when you are using an older video display that has Y/Pr/Pb component inputs, but which is not capable of displaying high scan rate, or "HD" signals.

NOTES:

1. The Scan Type may only be changed when the Video Output setting has been set to Component.
2. If you have connected the DVD 27 to a video display that is not capable of displaying progressive scan video using the **Component (Y/Pr/Pb) Video Outputs** **5**, and you have inadvertently changed the Video Output Setting to Component *and* the Scan Type setting to Progressive, you may reset the scan type to interlaced by pressing the **Progressive Scan/Interlaced Button** **18**. The display will blink, indicating that the scan type has been reset to interlaced mode.

Alternatively, as a last-resort measure, you may completely reset all of the DVD 27's settings, including the scan type, by exiting the on-screen menu system and pressing and holding the **Clear Button** **4** for five seconds. The display will blink, and all settings will return to the factory defaults.

Video Adjustments Banner

This banner menu allows you to adjust the brightness, sharpness and black level of the video signal to compensate for differences between your DVD player and other video sources. You may use either the DVD 27's built-in color bar test signal or a test disc as the standard for the adjustments. To ensure that your system is properly optimized, we strongly recommend that you adjust your video display using the display's own controls before making any changes to the DVD 27's output. Once the display is properly calibrated with all settings on the DVD 27 set to their midpoint, use the controls on this menu to fine-tune the DVD 27's output.

Due to the nature of these settings, the navigation is somewhat different from the DVD 27's other menus

and controls. The banner is accessed from the Video Setup submenu. Press the **Setup Button 10** to display the Setup menu, and then press the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons 14** until the Video Setup submenu icon is highlighted. Press the **Enter Button 19** to access the Video Setup submenu, then scroll down to the Video Adjustment line and press the **Enter Button 19** again. Select **On** to display the Video Adjustments banner. The Setup screen will disappear from view.



Figure 8

To change any of the video adjustments shown, first press the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons 14** so that the parameter's setting bar is highlighted. Use the **► Navigation Button 14** to increase the setting or the **◀ Navigation Button 14** to decrease the setting.

Changes to any of the settings may be made while a test disc is playing, or you may use the internal test signal by pressing the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons 14** until the word **OFF** is highlighted next to the **TEST SCREEN** line. To activate the test signal, press the **Enter Button 19** and note that a special combination test signal, including both color bars and gray scale along with 100% black and white fields, will be displayed behind the video adjustments banner. See the Test Screen section on page 22 for more guidance in making picture adjustments.

To adjust the Brightness setting, use the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons 14** until the area between the “-” and “+” signs is highlighted, then use the **◀▶ Navigation Buttons 14** to increase or decrease the setting.

When adjusting the Black Level setting, only two adjustments are available: either the complete bar will appear, which provides a full “0 to 100” black level setting, or “full”, which complies with standards for video with what is called “setup”; or only a thin line will appear, which represents a “7.5 to 100” black level setting.

To remove the banner from the screen so that only the test screen appears, simply wait a few seconds, and the banner will disappear. Press any button on the remote to restore the banner to view.

When you have finished making your video adjustments, press the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons 14** until the word Done is highlighted, and press the **Enter Button 19**. The DVD 27 will return to the Video Setup submenu.

In order to recall the video adjustments menu, you will need to press the **Setup Button 10** and navigate through the menu system as described above.

When you have finished using the Setup menus, press the **Setup Button 10** to clear the screen. If a DVD is loaded, the splash screen will appear. If any other type of disc is loaded, the Player Information menu will appear. You may now proceed to page 23 to learn the basics of operating the DVD 27.

TEST SCREEN

DVD is one of the highest quality sources ever made available for in-home playback of prerecorded pictures and sound. In order to make certain that your home theater system is fully optimized to take advantage of DVD's superb picture quality, the DVD 27 offers a built-in video test signal that makes it easy to calibrate your TV or video display for proper playback.

Test Screen

With the test screen showing on your video display, the following adjustments may be made:

- The proper color intensity setting on your TV.
- Proper color adjustments using the color bars, which should be (left to right) black, white, yellow, cyan (turquoise), green, magenta, red, blue, black.
- The proper color transition, seen as sharp separation of the bars.
- The performance of the color circuits in your TV (with "Video" signals); bar edges should show no vertical crawling dots.

With the gray scale and the black/white fields below the color bars, the brightness and contrast of your screen can be adjusted.

NOTE: Most of the video adjustments using the DVD 27's test screen should be made using the controls on your video display, with the DVD 27's controls set at their factory default position in the center. If necessary, you may tweak the brightness and sharpness using the controls found in the DVD 27's video adjustments menu.

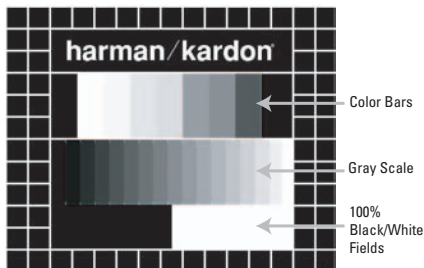


Figure 9

TV Picture Adjustment With Test Screen

Brightness Adjustment:

1. Turn down the color control on your TV until the color bars are visible in black and white.
2. Adjust the contrast on your TV to the lowest level where you still can see all bars within the gray scale in the test picture separately and clearly.
3. Adjust the brightness using the DVD 27 video adjustments control so that the bars in the gray scale are all visible. The bar furthest to the left has to be as black as possible rather than gray, but the next gradation must clearly be distinct from it. All the bars in the gray scale should be gradually

and evenly changing from black to white, going from left to right.

Contrast Adjustment:

1. Adjust the contrast on your TV until you see a bright white bar in the lower right corner of the screen and a deep-dark-black bar to the left. The optimal contrast setting will depend on your preference and the surrounding light in the TV room.
2. If the brightness of the white bar no longer increases when the contrast is turned up or the borders of the white "harman/kardon" letters on top bloom (overflow) into the black areas (drastically decreasing the sharpness of the type), the contrast has been turned up too much. Reduce the contrast until these effects disappear and the video still looks realistic.
3. If you are watching TV with customary surrounding daylight, adjust the contrast so that a normal video picture has about the same look as the surroundings in your room. That way the eye is relaxed when watching the TV picture. This contrast setting may be reduced when the surrounding light is dimmed, thereby usually improving the sharpness of a video significantly.
4. The gray scale in the middle line needs to have the same clear difference between each bar as before the contrast adjustment. If not, go back to "Brightness Adjustment" and repeat Step 3 and then "Contrast Adjustment," making only minor adjustments each time for optimization.

Color Adjustment

1. When the brightness and contrast are set optimally, turn up the color control to the level of your preference. Adjust to the level where the colors look strong but still natural, not overdone. If the color level is too high, depending on the TV, some of the bars will seem wider or the color intensity will not increase while the control is turned up. Then the color control must be reduced again. Ultimately, you also should test the color intensity with a video — e.g., pictures of natural faces, flowers, fruit and vegetables, and other common natural articles for an optimal setting of the color intensity.
2. Use the large white bar below the gray scale to tweak the warmth of the picture. Every viewer has a preference as to how the glow of the picture should be. Some prefer a little colder picture, some a warmer glow. The Tint function on your TV and the white bar can be used to control this. Adjust the Tint to the level where you feel the white color has the tone you prefer.

Sharpness Adjustment

Contrary to intuition, the picture will appear sharper and clearer with the sharpness, or Edges, setting backed off from the maximum setting. Reduce the sharpness setting on your television, and the Edges setting on the DVD 27 video adjustments menu if necessary, to minimize the appearance of any white lines between the bars in the gray scale portion of the test screen.

Convergence and Edge Focus

The crosshatch pattern that surrounds the test screen may be used to evaluate edge focus and convergence in front- or rear-projection video displays. However, the controls used to adjust these parameters are often not user-accessible. In any event, these adjustments are extremely complex, and require proper training and experience to avoid worsening the situation. Therefore, it is recommended that if you are unable to improve the picture using the available controls, contact the video display manufacturer's authorized service representative for assistance.

When all desired setup and configuration entries have been made, use the ▲▼ **Navigation Buttons** 14 until "Done" is highlighted at the bottom of the Video Adjustments submenu. Press the **Enter Button** 19 to select it to return to the on-screen menu system. Then, press the **Setup Button** 10 to remove the menu displays from the screen. The unit will return to normal operation and you are ready to enjoy the finest in DVD or CD playback!

Loading Discs

To load discs in the DVD 27, first turn the DVD 27 on by pressing in the **Power On/Off Switch 2** or **Power On Button 1**. Note that the **Power Indicator 1** will turn amber when the unit is connected to an AC power source. It will turn blue when the **Power On Button 2 1** is pressed.

Next, press the **Open/Close Button 2 11** until the disc tray opens.

Hold the disc by the edge, and gently place it into the disc drawer, making certain that the disc is properly seated in the tray's insert. If the disc is not correctly centered, you may damage both the disc and the player when the drawer closes. When loading discs, please note the following:

- The DVD 27 will play discs with the following logos as well as most DVD-RW or DVD+RW discs and most WMA and JPEG discs, including Kodak Picture CDs, but not Kodak Photo CDs. DO NOT attempt to play another type of disc.



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- The DVD 27 will only display video in the NTSC format. Although the PAL format is generally used in Europe and other regions of the world outside North America, some music or other DVDs are available in PAL format with a Region Code of "0," which means they may be played on any DVD player around the world. The DVD 27 will automatically detect if such a disc is in the PAL format, and make the necessary conversions so that the video may be displayed on an NTSC television. Note that PAL discs bearing a Region Code other than "0" or "1" may not be played on the DVD 27.
- Playback capability for CD-RW, DVD-RW, DVD-R, DVD+RW or DVD+R discs will vary according to the quality of the disc. On some occasions it is possible that these discs may not play on the DVD 27. This does not indicate any problem with the DVD 27.
- The DVD 27 will only play discs that are coded for Region 1 or discs that are open to being played in all regions (Region Code "0"). Discs that contain a Region Code of 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 (as noted by a number inside a world map logo on the disc's cover jacket or case) will not play.
- Both 5-inch (12cm) and 3-inch (8cm) discs may be used.

- When loading CD audio discs, load the discs with the label side up.
- When loading DVD discs with printed labels, load them label side up.
- Some DVD discs are double-sided. The title information for these will be printed on the inner ring of the disc, very close to the center hole. The title for the side you wish to play should be facing up.

After a disc is properly loaded, press the **Open/Close Button 2 11** to close the disc drawer. After the drawer closes, you will see a brief indication of **LOADING** in both the **Main Information Display 12** and in the on-screen display to alert you to the fact that the unit is determining the type of disc (DVD, CD, VCD, JPEG, WMA or MP3) and is reading the data for track, chapter, title and other information about the disc.

Once the disc's data has been read, the type of disc will be displayed by the **Disc-Type Indicator A** and its type will be identified in the upper right corner of the screen. If the disc is a DVD, CD or VCD2.0 disc, it will automatically begin playing. The disc's track timing information and other relevant data will appear in the **Main Information Display 12**.

Any time a control button is pressed, an icon will appear in the upper right corner of the screen to indicate the player's action. These icons include the standard transport modes (play, stop, pause, forward and reverse fast and slow search, track skip), the open/close disc drawer symbol, the repeat and random modes, and the prohibit icon (Ø) if the command action is not available at that time or for that disc. As explained in more detail in other sections of this manual, pressing the **Status Button 27** displays the Status Banner for DVDs, and pressing the **Info Button 9** displays the Player Information menu.

- When a DVD is detected, playback will automatically begin and the screen will show the program or the disc's menu, depending on how the disc has been created.
- If a CD is detected, playback will begin automatically.
- If the disc contains MP3, WMA or JPEG files, or if it is a VCD without playback control, the Player Information display will appear (see Figure 10). To play one of these files, you may need to use the **Navigation Buttons 14** to select a folder and press the **Enter Button 19** to open it. Use the **Navigation Buttons 14** to select a file for playback, and press the **Enter Button 19** to begin play.
- VCD2.0 discs will begin play automatically, similar to a conventional audio CD.



Figure 10

If a disc is already in the drawer when the unit is turned on, it will begin playing. If the disc was stopped using the Resume function, playback will begin from the point where it was stopped. If the disc was stopped by pressing the **Stop Button 5 24** twice, the disc will begin playing from its beginning.

Playback Features for DVD and CD Discs:

- To momentarily pause playback and freeze the current picture frame on a DVD, press the **Pause Button 4 20**. To resume playback after pressing the Pause button, press the **Play Button 3 22**.
- To move forward or backward through the tracks on a CD or the chapters on a DVD, press the **Skip Forward/Reverse Buttons 6 7** on the front panel or the **Previous/Next Buttons 11 25** on the remote.
- To move forward or backward through the DVD or CD disc being played at fast speed, press the **Search Forward/Reverse Buttons 12 23**, or press and hold the front-panel **Skip/Search Buttons 6 7** briefly until fast play begins, and then release them. Once one of these buttons is pressed, the fast search will continue until the **Play Button 3 22** is pressed. Each press of the **Search Forward/Reverse Buttons 6 7 12 23** will cycle to the next speed in the following order: 2x, 4x, 8x, 20x, 100x.

NOTE: Fast search is available when MP3 discs are playing, but not for WMA files.

- When a DVD is playing, you may move forward or backward through the disc in slow motion by first pressing the **Pause Button 4 20** and then pressing the **Search/Slow Forward or Search/Slow Reverse Buttons 6 7 12 23**. Each press of the buttons will cycle the player through one of the four forward slow-play speeds: 1/2x, 1/4x, 1/8x or 1/16x or one of the two reverse slow-play speeds: 1/2x or 1/4x. Press the **Play Button 3 22** to resume normal playback.

Note that there is no audio playback during fast or slow-forward or -reverse play of DVD discs. This is normal for DVD, as A/V receivers and surround processors cannot process the digital audio streams

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during slow modes. Slow-play is not available for CD discs.

- To advance frame by frame while a DVD is playing, first press the **Pause Button** **4** **20**, then press the **Skip/Step (Previous)** **6** **11** or **Skip/Step (Next)** **7** **25** buttons repeatedly. Press the **Pause** **4** **20** or **Play Button** **3** **22** to resume normal play. Frame-by-frame movement in reverse is not available.
- When a camera icon shows on the screen, or the **Angle Indicator** **11** appears, this is your indication that there is multiple-angle information on the disc being played. To change the angle, press the **Angle Button** **13** repeatedly until the desired angle view appears. An on-screen banner message will appear to indicate the angle view in use.

To illuminate the buttons on the remote control so that they may be seen in low-light conditions, press the **Light Button** **15**.

Using a DVD's Menu

One of the unique features of the DVD system is that it offers a producer the opportunity to include a wide range of features on a disc, including multiple-language tracks; subtitles in a variety of languages; special information such as movie trailers and cast information; as well as other customized information. In addition, producers may divide a movie or program into chapters that allow for quick access to specific parts of the program. These chapters may be accompanied by thumbnail pictures of a scene from the specific chapter to help you select the desired spot on the disc.

When a disc is playing, press the **Disc Menu Button** **25** to pause the playback and display the disc's menu. As there are no hard rules about style and contents for DVD menus, the way they appear on the screen and the information they contain will vary from one disc to another. However, the following general rules apply to most menus:

- You may move through the options on a menu with the **Navigation Buttons** **14**, as the disc's programming allows. The option selected will typically be highlighted in a certain color or inside an outline box.
- To select a highlighted option, which may either play a portion of the disc or move to a submenu, press the **Enter Button** **19**.
- On some discs, when you select the DVD menu during the playback of a movie, the disc will return to the point in the program where the menu was selected by offering a "Play Movie" option. Press the **Enter Button** **19** or **Play Button** **3** **22** to resume play. However, not all discs offer this feature, and selecting the menu while playing a movie may mean that you will have to go back to either the beginning of the program or the start of a chapter. This feature is out of the control of the DVD 27, as it is set by the disc's internal programming.

Important Notes on DVD Playback

The DVD 27 is capable of all the features and options covered by the DVD standards. However, it is up to the producer of a DVD disc to decide which of those features and functions are available on any given disc. For that reason, not all discs will function identically, and some discs will not have many of the features of the DVD system. For example, most current DVD discs do not take advantage of the multiple-angle feature. When you press a button and the player displays the "Feature Prohibited" icon "⊗", this is an indication that the disc has not been programmed for that feature.

In addition, it is common for the producers of DVD discs to block the use of certain functions during only some parts of a disc. For example, many discs prohibit the use of fast-play buttons or prohibit access to the Chapter Menu display during the playback of copyright notices, studio logos, movie credits or trailers. The appearance of the "Feature Prohibited" icon "⊗", or the inability of certain features to operate when the disc itself has prohibited them, does not indicate a problem with the DVD 27, as these features are outside of the unit's control.

Zoom Feature

The DVD 27's advanced digital video processing circuits include a Zoom feature which allows you to enlarge the image for closer examination of a particular part of the picture. Four steps of enlargement are available.

- To use the Zoom feature, press the **Zoom Button** **21** while a disc is playing or paused. Each press of the button will increase the zoom-in effect. When you have zoomed through all four steps, the picture will return to normal size.
- When the zoom feature is activated, you may use the **Navigation Buttons** **14** to explore the enlarged picture once the information box with the zoom ratio and playback time no longer appears on the screen.
- Some discs are created in a way that prevents the Zoom feature from operating. In addition, the Zoom feature will not operate on disc menus and may not operate on subtitles.
- The zoom function is also available for VCDs and JPEG files. However, for VCDs, only three steps of enlargement are available.

Playback Resume Feature

The DVD 27 offers a "Resume" feature for DVD playback that is different from the conventional "Stop" function you may be used to on CD players. When the **Stop Button** **5** **24** is pressed once, the disc will stop and **RESUME** will appear briefly in the upper right corner of the video screen and in the **Main Information Display** **12**. While the Resume feature is active, the disc's position is entered into the unit's memory so that when the **Play Button** **3** **22** is pressed to resume playback, the program will continue at the point where it was when the **Stop Button** **5** **24** was pressed.

To completely stop playback, press the **Stop Button** **5** **24** twice.

You may resume a DVD, CD, VCD with Playback Control, MP3 or JPEG disc after placing the DVD 27 in Standby mode. Resume will not operate for WMA files or VCDs that do not have playback control.

DVD PLAYBACK

Using the Player Information Menu

The DVD 27's Player Information menu displays disc information and enables you to program playback modes. Press the **Info Button** **9** to display the Player Information menu (Figure 11).



Figure 11

The Player Information menu has two submenus which may be accessed by using the **Navigation Buttons** **14** to highlight the submenu's icon, and pressing the **Enter Button** **19** to select it. These submenus are different from the Setup menus in that many items are for display only and cannot be changed using the menu system.

PLAYBACK INFO Submenu: This submenu displays basic disc and playback mode information (see Figure 11). You may not make any changes to the items shown in this submenu, except for the Repeat mode.

- **Disc:** This line displays the disc type, such as DVD-Video.
- **Disc ID:** If the disc is encoded with an identification label, such as a movie title, it will appear here.
- **Playlist:** For DVDs, this line will reflect that playback will occur in the disc's order. Programmable playlists are not available when a DVD is loaded.
- **Repeat:** This line displays the current repeat mode, or **Off** if Repeat mode is not active.



Figure 12

PROGRAM submenu: The **PROGRAM** submenu is not accessible for DVDs.

DISC INFO Submenu: This submenu displays detailed information about the disc content (see Figure 12). You will not be able to make any changes to the items on this submenu. However, you may use the

Setup menu system as described on page 20 to change the DVD 27 player settings for video aspect ratio or scan type.

- **Disc:** This line displays the disc type.
- **Disc ID:** If the disc is encoded with an identification label, it will appear here.
- **Aspect Ratio:** This line displays the aspect ratio of the video content on the disc, and the format in which it is being played back according to the setting established in the **VIDEO SETUP** submenu as shown on page 20. Some discs may contain two versions of the same program with a widescreen aspect ratio on one side of the disc, and a standard aspect ratio on the other.
- **Video Standard:** The disc's format is shown here. For Region 1 players, this will normally be NTSC, although some DVDs that are open region (playable in all regions) may be in the PAL format. The DVD 27 will convert the video to the NTSC format used by your television.
- **Scan Type:** This line displays whether the video program on the DVD was recorded with a progressive or interlaced scan rate. It also displays how the program is being played back, based on the setting established in the **VIDEO SETUP** submenu as shown on page 20.
- **Audio Resolution:** This line displays the sample rate and bit rate for the current audio format.
- **Audio Format:** This line displays the current audio track, such as Dolby Digital 5.1 or linear PCM.
- **Video Bit Rate:** This line displays the video bit rate up to the limit of 10 Mbps. This indication will vary as a disc is played in response to changes in the amount of compression that was applied to the video signal when the disc was created. Thus, as shown in Figure 12, when the disc is stopped or paused, this line will remain blank.

When you have finished viewing the Player menus, press the **Info Button** **9** to remove the displays from the screen and return to normal play.

Using the On-Screen Status Display

When a DVD is playing, you may press the **Status Button** **27** at any time to view a quick summary of the disc's playback status. The Status Bar not only gives you a snapshot of the unit's current state; it also provides an easy way to select a different title, chapter or track, or use the time search feature.

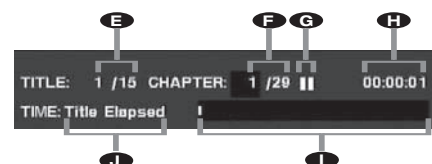


Figure 13

- **Title** **E**: This displays the current title on the left, and the total number of titles on the disc on the right.
- **Chapter** **F**: This displays the current chapter on the left, and the total number of chapters on the disc on the right.
- **Play Mode Icon** **G**: This displays the current play mode icon: e.g. **Play** **▶**, **Pause** **||**, **Stop** **■**.
- **Time Display** **H**: This section of the display shows the time corresponding to the type of display indicated in the **Time Display Type** **J**. The Time Search function enables you to start playback at any point in the program. Use the **Navigation Buttons** **14** to highlight this display, and the numbers will change to dashes. You may then use the **Numeric Keys** **28** to enter the numbers corresponding to the time on the disc at which you wish play to commence. Press the **Enter Button** **19**, and play will immediately begin at the selected time position.
- **Time Bar** **I**: This display is a graphic representation of the time elapsed for the title being played. As the disc plays, the number of bars will increase to reflect approximately what percentage of the title has been played thus far.
- **Time Display Type** **J**: This section identifies the type of information in the **Time Display** **H** section of the display. Use the **Navigation Buttons** **14** to select this setting, and each subsequent press of the **Enter Button** **19** will change the time display from Title Elapsed, to Title Remaining, to Chapter Elapsed to Chapter Remaining, and cycle back to Title Elapsed. The time displayed on screen and in the front-panel **Information Display** **12** will change accordingly.

Selecting a Title

To select a title, first press the **Status Button** **27** so that the Status Display appears. The **Current Title** **E** will be highlighted in a blue box. Press the **Enter Button** **19** and dashes will appear, enabling you to use the **Numeric Keys** **28** to enter the desired title. Press the **Enter Button** **19** again to begin playing the new title. Note that if a "0" icon appears when you attempt to select a new title, this is an indication that the disc does not allow the title to be changed in this manner even though a list of title numbers will appear. This is a function of the way the disc was created and is not a flaw in the DVD 27. For some discs, press the **Title Button** **29** during playback to change the current title. Some discs will switch to the disc menu, and some discs may simply restart play from the beginning of the current title. This is a function of how the disc was authored, and does not reflect a problem with the DVD 27.

Selecting a Chapter

To select a chapter, first press the **Status Button 27** so that the Status Display appears. Next, press the **Navigation Button 14** so that the **Current Chapter Number F** is highlighted and dashes appear. Use the **Numeric Keys 23** to enter the desired chapter and press the **Enter Button 19** to begin playing the new chapter.

To select a specific chapter on a DVD at any time during playback, simply press the number corresponding to the chapter you wish to view using the **Numeric Keys 23**. You may also move one by one through the chapters at any time by pressing the **Skip Reverse (Previous)/Skip Forward (Next) Buttons 6 7 11 25**.

Selecting the Audio Track

Many DVDs contain more than one audio track. On many discs, you will find multiple languages, while others will offer a choice of different audio formats or mixes (e.g., Dolby Digital or DTS), while some will also contain commentary from the director or stars or Descriptive Video Service content. The default audio language is set in the **AUDIO SETUP** menu as shown on page 19.

To change the audio track, press the **Audio Select Button 3** to display the Audio banner and show the current audio track configuration. Each press of either the **Audio Select Button 3** or the **Enter Button 19** will change the current audio track. When your desired selection appears, press the **Navigation Buttons 14** so that **DONE** is highlighted, and then press the **Enter Button 19** to remove the banner display and return to normal playback.

NOTES ON AUDIO TRACKS:

- Not all discs contain multiple audio track choices. Check the information on back of the disc jacket to see what audio languages or format options are available.
- Some DVDs do not allow direct selection of the audio track during playback. For these discs, you must change the audio track using the disc's menu system. Press the **Disc Menu Button 26** to display the disc's menu and then use the **Navigation Buttons 14** to make your selection following the navigation scheme of the individual disc.
- When you change the audio track or language with the **Audio Select Button 3** on the remote control as shown above, you only override the audio language setting established in the Audio Setup menu for the disc currently being played. The unit will revert to its default setting with the next disc.

Selecting or Changing the Subtitle

Many DVDs contain one or more subtitle languages. The default subtitle language is set in the **System Setup** menu, as described on page 18, but you may also turn the subtitles on or off, or change the language at any time during a disc's playback.

To change the subtitle language or turn the subtitles on or off, press the **Subtitle Button 30** to display the Subtitle banner and show the current configuration. Each press of either the **Subtitle Button 30** or the **Enter Button 19** will change the current subtitle language, or turn subtiting off. When your desired selection appears, press the **Navigation Buttons 14** until **DONE** is highlighted and then press the **Enter Button 19** to remove the banner display and return to normal playback.

NOTE: Due to the variations in how DVD discs are authored, subtitle languages displayed by the DVD 27 may not accurately reflect the actual languages available on the disc. It is recommended that subtitles be selected using the disc's menu.

Selecting an Angle

An increasing number of DVDs contain multiple-angle views, which allow the disc's creators to provide different views of the same scene, or to present additional on-screen or interactive information. In many cases the disc will alert you to the presence of multiple angles by showing a camera icon or other indication, but in any case where multiple-angle material is available, the **Angle Indicator 1** will light in the front-panel **Information Display 12** and the Multiple Angle Icon will appear on-screen if it has been turned on in the System Settings menu.

When multiple angle views are available as shown by any of the available icons or indications, press the **Angle Button 13** to change the view. An information box will appear on your video screen to show you which angle view is playing and how many are available. Each press of either the **Angle Button 13** or the **Enter Button 19** will change the current camera angle. When your desired selection appears, press the **Navigation Buttons 14** so that **DONE** is highlighted; then press the **Enter Button 19** to remove the on-screen display and return to normal playback.

If you press the **Angle Button 13** during a section where multiple view are not available, the Angle banner will simply indicate that view 1 of 1 is being displayed.

Repeat Play

The DVD 27 offers several repeat functions that allow you to take advantage of the capacity of the unit for unattended playback:

- **Repeat 1 Chapter:** Repeats the DVD chapter currently being played until the disc is manually stopped; in the front-panel display, **Repeat E** will light and **Chapter N** will flash and the **REPEAT C** icon will appear on screen.

- **Repeat Title:** For DVD discs only, this mode repeats the title currently being played until the disc is manually stopped; in the front-panel display, **Repeat E** will light and **Title M** will flash, and the **REPEAT T** icon will appear on screen.

- **Repeat A-B:** Repeats any selected portion of the disc until the disc is manually stopped (see below for more information).

To select any Repeat mode (other than Repeat A-B): While a disc is playing, press the **Repeat Button 6** on the remote. The Repeat icon will appear on screen, indicating the new repeat mode. Each press of the **Repeat Button 6** will cycle through the available repeat modes. To end Repeat play, continue pressing the **Repeat Button 6** until the Off mode is selected.

A-B Repeat Play

The Repeat A-B function allows you to select any portion of a CD and have it repeat continually until the unit is manually stopped.

To initiate a Repeat A-B playback sequence, follow these steps while a disc is playing:

1. Press the **A-B Repeat Button 7** on the remote when you want to choose the beginning point; the Repeat icon appears in the upper right corner of the screen, followed by **A -** to indicate the beginning of the passage to be repeated.
2. Press the **A-B Repeat Button 7** again to choose the end point. Repeat A-B has been set, and the A-B section will be played continuously.
3. Press the **A-B Repeat Button 7** on the remote again to cancel Repeat A-B mode.

Video Off Feature

During audio-only playback, some listeners may prefer to turn off the DVD 27's video circuitry. Although the video section is electrically isolated from the audio section, some users may prefer to turn the video displays off during audio playback to prevent any possibility of interference between audio and video. You may also wish to turn the video display off if you find the menu system distracting or unnecessary during audio playback.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is strongly recommended that plasma video display owners use the Video Off feature to avoid burn-in.

To turn the video displays off while a CD is playing, simply press the **Video Off Button 16**. Press the button again to restore the video output. The **V-Off Indicator H** will light in red to remind you that the video displays have been turned off. Note that the video output will automatically be restored each time the DVD 27 is turned on.

CD PLAYBACK

Many functions of the DVD 27 operate the same way for CD playback as for DVD play; however, there are some important differences. When a CD is loaded, the DVD 27 will automatically display the Player Information menu. Status banners are not available during CD play. A greater variety of playback options are available during CD play, including Random play and programmed playlists. These and other features unique to CD play are described in this section.

Using the Player Information Menu

The DVD 27's Player Information menu displays disc information and enables you to program playback modes. Press the **Info Button 9** to display the Player Information menu (Figure 14).



Figure 14

The Player Information Menu has two submenus which may be accessed by using the **Navigation Buttons 14** to highlight the submenu's icon, and pressing the **Enter Button 19** to select it. These submenus are different from the Setup menus in that many items are for display only and cannot be changed using the menu system.

PLAYBACK INFO Submenu: This submenu displays basic disc and playback mode information (see Figure 14).

- **Disc:** This line displays the disc type, such as CDDA (Compact Disc Digital Audio).
- **Audio:** This line displays the type of audio recorded on the disc, usually Stereo.
- **Playlist:** For CDs only, you may choose to play the tracks in order as they appear on the disc, or you may program a playlist containing some or all of the tracks in the order in which you wish to hear them. This line indicates which of these two modes has been selected. In order to change this setting, you will need to access the **PROGRAM** submenu as described below.
- **Repeat:** With this line highlighted, press the **Enter Button 19** to activate Repeat mode. Each press will change the repeat mode from Repeat 1 (to repeat one track) to Repeat All (to repeat all tracks on the disc) to Repeat Off.
- **Random:** With this line highlighted, press the **Enter Button 19** to activate Random mode.

Each press will toggle between turning the Random play on or off.

- **Track:** This line displays the current track on the left, and the total number of tracks on the disc to the right.
- **Play Mode Icon:** This icon will appear to the right of the Track display and will indicate the current playback mode.
- **Time:** This section consists of three lines:
 - **Track Elapsed:** Displays the elapsed or remaining time of the current track.
 - **Disc Elapsed:** Displays the elapsed or remaining time of the disc.
 - **Elapsed Time Bar:** Displays in graphical form a temperature bar reflecting the percentage of the disc that has been played.

Use the **Navigation Buttons 14** to highlight either Track Elapsed or Disc Elapsed, and each press of the **Enter Button 19** will toggle between the elapsed and remaining settings. The time displayed to the right and in the front-panel **Information Display 12** will change accordingly.

The Time Search function enables you to start playback at any point in the program. Use the **Navigation Buttons 14** to highlight the time display. Press the **Numeric Keys 28** followed by the **Enter Button 19** to select a new point in the track from which to commence play.



Figure 15

PROGRAM Submenu: This submenu lets you program a playlist. The **PROGRAM** submenu is only accessible for CDs (see Figure 15).

- **Disc:** This line displays the disc type.
- **Audio:** This line displays the type of audio recorded on the disc, usually Stereo.
- **Playlist:** With this line highlighted, press the **Enter Button 19** to change the order in which the tracks are played from the order in which they appear on the disc (**Disc's order**) to a playlist order which you may program (**Programmed order**). A list of program steps and the track programmed for each step will appear at the bottom of the screen. You

may enter a track number using the **Numeric Keys 28** and then press the **Navigation Button 14** to program another track. Use the **Navigation Buttons 14** to select the desired program steps. Note that you may not enter a track more than once in the playlist, if it appears in an earlier step. However, you may use the Repeat function while the playlist is playing. After you have finished programming the playlist, press the **Play Button 3 22** to begin play. See page 33 for more information.

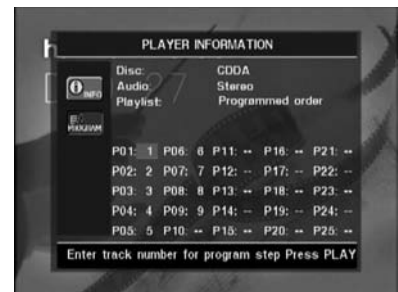


Figure 16

When you have finished viewing the Player menus, press the **Info Button 9** to remove the displays from the screen and return to normal play.

Selecting a Track

To select a track, make sure the Player Information menu is on screen. Press the **Info Button 9** to activate it if necessary. Next, press the **Navigation Buttons 14** so that the **Track Number** is highlighted. Use the **Numeric Keys 28** to enter the desired track, and press the **Enter Button 19** to begin playing the new track.

To select a specific track on a CD at any time during playback, simply press the number corresponding to the track you wish to listen to using the **Numeric Keys 28**. You may also move one by one through the chapters at any time by pressing the **Skip Reverse (Previous)/Skip Forward (Next) Buttons 6 7 11 25**. When you press the **Previous 11** or **Skip Reverse 6** button once, the player will return to the start of the current track. Additional presses of either button will step back through the available tracks, one at a time.

NOTE: When a JPEG, MP3 or Windows Media disc is playing, a special screen will appear. (See page 30 for more information.)

Repeat Play

The DVD 27 offers several repeat functions for CDs that allow you to take advantage of the capacity of the unit for unattended playback:

- **Repeat Program:** Repeats the current playlist if Programmed Order has been selected at the Playlist setting.

- **Repeat 1 Track:** For CDs, VCDs, MP3s and WMAs, repeats the track or file currently being played until the disc is manually stopped. The **Repeat** **[E]** and **1** **[E]** indicators will light in the front-panel display, and the **REPEAT 1** icon will appear on screen.
- **Repeat Disc:** For CDs, VCDs, MP3s, WMAs, and JPEGs, repeats the entire disc until play is manually stopped. The **Repeat** **[E]** and **All** **[E]** indicators will light in the front-panel display, and the **REPEAT ALL** icon will appear in the Status Bar.
- **Repeat Folder:** For MP3s, WMAs and JPEGs, repeats all tracks within the current folder until play is manually stopped. The **Repeat** **[E]** indicator will light in the front-panel display, and the **REPEAT FOLDER** icon will appear on screen.
- **Repeat A-B:** Repeats any selected portion of the disc until the disc is manually stopped (see below for more information).

To select any Repeat mode (other than Repeat A-B):

While a disc is playing, press the **Repeat Button** **[6]** on the remote. The Repeat icon will appear on screen, indicating the new repeat mode. Each press of the **Repeat Button** **[6]** will cycle through the available repeat modes. To end Repeat play, continue pressing the **Repeat Button** **[6]** until the Off mode is selected.

A-B Repeat Play

The Repeat A-B function allows you to select any portion of a CD and have it repeat continually until the unit is manually stopped.

To initiate a Repeat A-B playback sequence, follow these steps while a disc is playing:

1. Press the **A-B Repeat Button** **[7]** on the remote when you want to choose the beginning point; the Repeat icon appears in the upper right corner of the screen, followed by **A -** to indicate the beginning of the passage to be repeated.
2. Press the **A-B Repeat Button** **[7]** again to choose the end point. Repeat A-B has been set, and the A-B section will be played continuously.
3. Press the **A-B Repeat Button** **[7]** on the remote again to cancel Repeat A-B mode.

Random Play

The Random Play function will play all of the tracks on a CD in a random order, as selected by the DVD 27. Once the DVD 27 has played all of the tracks on the disc once, it will stop.

You may select the random mode by pressing the **Random Button** **[8]** on the remote. Each press of the **Random Button** **[8]** will toggle the setting between "Off" and "On," meaning that the remaining tracks on the disc will be played in random order.

The **Random Indicator** **[C]** in the **Front-Panel**

Information Display **[12]** will light any time the Random setting is on.

Video Off Feature

During CD playback, some listeners may prefer to turn off the DVD 27's video circuitry. Although the video section is electrically isolated from the audio section, some users may prefer to turn the video displays off during audio playback to prevent any possibility of interference between audio and video. You may also wish to turn the video display off if you find the menu system distracting or unnecessary during CD playback.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is strongly recommended that plasma video display owners use the Video Off feature to avoid burn-in.

To turn the video displays off while a CD is playing, simply press the **Video Off Button** **[16]**. Press the button again to restore the video output. The **V-Off Indicator** **[H]** will light to remind you that the video displays have been turned off. Note that the video output will automatically be restored each time the DVD 27 is turned on.

MP3, WINDOWS MEDIA® AND JPEG PLAYBACK

MP3, Windows Media and JPEG Playback

The DVD 27 will recognize data from CD-ROM discs recorded in the MP3, Windows Media 8 (WMA) or JPEG formats, including images stored on Kodak Picture CDs. You may also play discs with more than one of the three formats.

The Specific File Types That May be Played on the DVD 27 Are:

- **MP3 Files:** MP3 is a popular audio compression format that was developed by the Motion Picture Experts Group as part of the MPEG-1 video compression format. Depending on the specific MP3 encoder used, file size is greatly reduced so that you store many more songs on one compact disc than in the standard audio CD format. MP3 is also used to download audio files to computers for home use. Note, however, that in order to play an MP3 file on the DVD 27, the disc may not contain any encryption or coding that prevents playback. Always be certain that you have, or have purchased, the proper rights or authorization before creating a CD-ROM with MP3 or any other codec format. Due to variations in the different encoders and variations of the MP3 codec and the different bit rates used to record MP3 discs, the DVD 27 may not be able to play all discs with MP3 files. We cannot guarantee complete compatibility with MP3 discs, even though they may play on a computer. This is normal and does not indicate a problem with the DVD 27. Note, also, that when a multisession disc with both standard CD audio and MP3 (or WMA) content is used, the DVD 27 will only play the CD audio sections of the disc.
- **WMA Files:** WMA (Windows Media Audio) is an audio compression format developed by the Microsoft® Corporation for use with its Windows Media Player. WMA files may be created with greater compression than MP3 without sacrificing audio quality so that even more songs may be recorded on a disc. Note that there have been a number of versions of Windows Media, and the DVD 27 is compatible only with files that end in the "wma" extension and that were recorded using the Windows Media Series 8 encoding.
- **JPEG Files:** "JPEG" is the acronym used to identify image files recorded according to specifications established by Joint Photographic Experts Group for compressing still images. Identified by the file extension ".jpg" when they are recorded on most computers, JPEG files may be created by a digital still camera and then edited and "burned" to a disc in your personal computer, recorded on a CD-ROM disc from film images by a photo processor, or scanned from printed photos into your personal computer and then burned onto a CD-ROM.

Discs containing MP3, WMA or JPEG files are navigated and controlled differently from standard DVDs and CDs. When a disc containing one or more of these types of files is loaded in the DVD 27, the Player Information menu screen will appear (see Figure 10).



Figure 10 (Repeated)

This screen will display a list of the main folders contained on the disc. The elapsed time will appear in the upper right corner of the screen. It isn't possible to change the time display, and the Time Search function is not available.

MP3 or WMA Disc Playback

MP3 and WMA discs may contain 200 tracks or even more. To get the best overview about all tracks on the disc and their names and to select them comfortably, use the on-screen display rather than the front-panel display. The front-panel display will only show the number and the elapsed time of the track being played for WMA files.

The supported bit rate for WMA files is between 64k bits and 320k bits. The supported bit rate for MP3 files is between 32k bits and 320k bits.

- To select a folder (if any), press the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons 14** until the desired folder name is highlighted, then press the **Enter Button 19**.
- To select a track, press the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons 14** until the desired track name is highlighted. To start play of the track selected on the list, press the **Enter Button 19** or **Play Button 3 22**.

During MP3/WMA playback, some of the standard CD/DVD playback controls operate in their normal fashion:

- You may skip forward to the next track on the disc by pressing the **Skip/Next Button 7 25**.
- You may skip back to the previous track on the disc by pressing the **Skip/Prev Button 6 11**.
- Press the **Pause Button 4 20** to momentarily stop playback. Press the **Play Button 3 22** to resume play. Press the **Stop Button 5 24** to enter stop mode.

- Press the **Search Forward 7 23** or **Search Reverse 6 12** buttons, for fast search of a track. Press the **Play 3 22**, **Pause 4 20** or **Stop Button 5 24** to end fast play.
- Slow-play is not available during MP3/WMA playback.
- You may play an MP3 or WMA disc in random mode like a normal CD (see page 29). You may also access the Random function while an MP3 or WMA disc is playing by pressing the **Random Button 8**.
- The Repeat function may be accessed during playback of an MP3 or WMA disc by pressing the **Repeat Button 6** on the remote. Repeatedly press the **Repeat Button 6** to scroll through the options of Repeat 1 (repeat one file), Repeat All (repeat all files) or Repeat Folder (repeat all files within the current folder). The next press will turn the repeat function off. Repeat A-B is not available during MP3/WMA playback.

NOTES ON MP3 AND WMA PLAYBACK

- During playback, the front-panel display and the time indicator on the screen above the list will show the elapsed time of the track being played. Other time display options are not available with MP3/WMA playback.
- The DVD 27 is only compatible with standard MP3- and WMA-encoded discs. Other compressed audio formats used for Internet audio downloads will not play on the DVD 27.
- Due to the differences in various versions of the MP3 and WMA formats, and the many differences between the CD-R machines used to record discs on a computer, it is possible that some discs may not play on the DVD 27 even though they will work on a computer. This is normal and does not indicate a fault with the unit.
- When a multisession disc with both standard CD audio and MP3 or WMA content is in use, the DVD 27 will play only the CD audio sections of the disc. Track numbers will be visible in the display, but the files will not be decoded.
- If a disc containing MP3, WMA and/or JPEG files is created in more than one session, the DVD 27 may not recognize files added during the later sessions, especially if the disc was finalized after the first session.
- When a disc with multiple folders is playing, only tracks from one folder can be displayed and played at a time. Select the desired folder and press the **Play Button 3 22** or **Enter Button 19** to start the first track. To see and play tracks from other folders, you must first select the root folder using the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons 14**, and press the

Enter Button 19 to open or close that folder. You may then navigate an open folder and select the desired folder. Press the **Enter Button 19** to open the folder, and select the desired track. Then press the **Play Button 3 22**.

- Only stereo audio playback is available for MP3 and WMA discs.
- Programmed playlists are not available for MP3/WMA discs.
- Use the **▲▼◀▶ Navigation Buttons 14** to select the **DISC INF** Submenu icon on the left side of the screen, and press the **Enter Button 19** to view it. If the disc contains ID3 tag information, then the current MP3 track information will appear: song title, artist, album, year, genre, and any comments. For WMA and JPEG files, only the file name will appear.

JPEG Playback

The DVD 27 is capable of recognizing JPEG still-image files and displaying them. When a disc or folder containing JPEG files is loaded, the **JPEG Disc-Type Indicator A** will light in the **Main Information Display 12**. The disc will immediately begin displaying the images on the disc in order.

When viewing JPEG images, the **Angle Button 13** may be used to rotate the image. With the image on-screen, press the **Angle Button 13** once to display the current orientation of the image, usually +0. Press the **Angle Button 13** again within one second to rotate the image clockwise 90 degrees. The new orientation of +90 will be displayed. Each additional press of the **Angle Button 13** will continue to rotate the image clockwise by 90 degrees.

You may use the **Zoom Button 21** to enlarge a JPEG image, and the **▲▼◀▶ Navigation Buttons 14** to explore the enlarged image.

You may view thumbnails of the images in the selected folder by pressing the **Disc Menu Button 26**. When the images appear on screen, you may use the **▲▼◀▶ Navigation Buttons 14** to move the picture frame around until the desired image is selected. Press the **Enter Button 19** to display a full-size view of that image. (See Figure 17.)

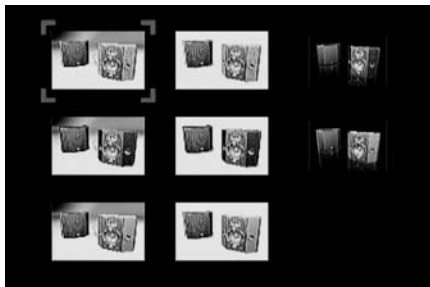


Figure 17

VCD PLAYBACK

VCD Playback

VCD, a video playback format that predates DVD, it is based on a different compression format than DVD and uses a recording method that is similar to CD. Although the DVD 27 offers VCD playback so that you may play your existing library of VCD discs.

There are two versions of the VCD format: an early version which is simply called "VCD" and a later version with Playback Control which is called "Version 2.0" or "PBC." The DVD 27 is compatible with both forms of VCD, although playback will vary according to which version is used and the specific way in which the disc was created.

Even though VCD discs provide video, because the format is based on CD technology, the playback functions for a VCD disc are similar to CD. To play a VCD disc, place it in the DVD 27 as you would do with any other CD or DVD disc. The unit takes a few seconds to read the disc's contents; the **VCD Disc Type Indicator A** in the front-panel display will light and the disc will begin playing. However, keep in mind that the exact level of functionality for any VCD will vary widely and it is ultimately determined by the way the disc was created, not by the DVD 27, particularly if the disc has been created under VCD Version 2.0 with Playback Control (see "Playback Control").

When playing VCD discs, most standard DVD/CD playback controls are used, including Play, Stop, Pause, Resume, Track Skip Forward and Reverse, Slow Forward, Step Forward and Fast Forward. The Reverse Search and Step Reverse functions are not available with VCDs.

With VCDs, you have access to information on the disc playing by pressing the **Info Button 9** on the remote.

The availability of the Repeat and Random functions will depend on whether PBC Support has been activated using the System Setup Submenu (see page 18). With PBC Support on, Repeat and Random will not be available. Repeat A-B is always available. Simply press the **Repeat A-B Button 7** once at the beginning of the passage to be repeated, again at the end of the passage, and a third time to cancel Repeat A-B mode.

Discs containing raw MPEG files, without playback control, are played in a different manner. When such a disc is loaded, the Player Information menu will appear, with a list of folders or files, similar to an MP3 disc.

The disc directory is navigated using the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons 14**. Press the **Enter Button 19** to open or close a folder. Select the desired track, and press the **Play Button 22** or the **Enter Button 19** to begin play. You will find that the Stop, Pause, Track Skip Forward and Reverse, Slow Forward and Reverse, Step Forward and Reverse, and Fast

Forward and Reverse Search functions are all available, depending on how the disc was encoded. However, the Status Banner is not available for these types of VCDs.

Using the Status Bar for VCD Playback

When playing VCD discs, it is possible to access the disc's features using the Status Bar. Press the **Status Button 27** to see the Status Bar. Note, however, that when PBC is on, some features may not be available with that VCD.

The Status Banner will appear the same as for DVDs (see Figure 13), except that the current and total number of tracks will be shown, rather than titles, and there is no chapter display.

If PBC is off, you may select the track number and change it to skip to another track. You may also begin play from a specific time marker by selecting the numeric time display and entering the desired starting point using the **Numeric Keys 23**. You may also change the time display from Track Elapsed, to Track Remaining, to Disc Elapsed, to Disc Remaining, and back to Track Elapsed, just as with DVDs. The elapsed time will appear as a graphic temperature bar, with additional lines added as more of the track or disc is played.

Zoom Function

The Zoom function is available for VCDs by pressing the **Zoom Button 21**. Repeatedly pressing this button will cycle through the possible settings of 1x, 2x and 3x zoom.

Playback Control

VCD discs made under the Revision 2.0 specification will usually offer PBC playback control.

The **PBC Indicator F** in the front display will turn on automatically with any VCD when the disc is played.

With PBC, you can select titles and navigate the disc as with DVDs. However, the access to some functions may be prohibited by PBC playback control; in that case, the prohibit icon will appear on screen.

When the VCD is made without PBC, the disc can be controlled the same as an audio CD, but direct track access by entering a number is not possible without opening the On-Screen Banner Display.

With PBC, many discs include chapter selection menus that are similar to those found on DVDs. However, on VCD discs, the disc menu (if any) is accessed and controlled differently than on DVDs.

- **Play 3 22** will start with the first track (which may be an intro), then leading to the VCD menu (if any) automatically.
- **Next (Skip Forward) 7 25** will skip to the VCD menu from the intro (Track 1) directly.

- Once the menu options appear on the screen, make your selection by pressing the **Numeric Keys 18** that correspond to your desired choice. The desired selection will begin playing automatically.
- Direct number entry without any VCD menu shown on-screen has no effect – even when the Status Banner is on.

The **Disc Menu Button 26** used during DVD playback is not used for VCD playback.

Use of functions when PBC is on will vary according to the disc type. Note that if the disc was created with Playback Control (PBC) it is not possible to change track numbers directly.

Programmed play allows you to select tracks on a CD for playback in a specific order, skipping tracks you don't wish to hear and reordering other tracks to suit your tastes.

To program a disc for playback, follow these simple steps:

1. Load the desired disc, but stop play if it begins automatically. Playlists may only be programmed in Stop mode.
2. Press the **Info Button 9** to display the Player menu. Use the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons 14** to highlight the icon for the **PROGRAM** submenu, and press the **Enter Button 19** to display it.
3. Use the **▲▼ Navigation Buttons 14** to highlight the Playlist setting. Press the **Enter Button 19** so that the setting changes to **Programmed Order** and a grid of program steps appears on the bottom of the screen (See Figure 16).

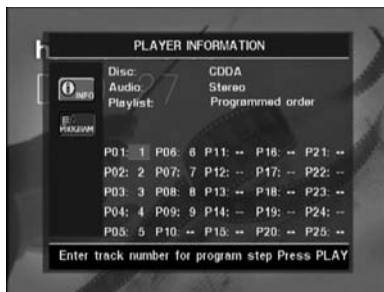


Figure 16 (Repeated)

4. At this time the playlist will simply contain the tracks in the disc's order. Thus, step P01 will display track 1 from the disc, step P02 will display track 2 from the disc, and so forth. The track assigned to step P01 will be highlighted. Use the **Numeric Keys 28** to enter the number of the track on the disc which you wish to hear first in your playlist. When you have finished entering it, press the **▼ Navigation Button 14** to move to step P02.
5. Continue entering the disc track numbers into the desired program step positions. Note that you need not do so in step order; you may use the **▼▲◀▶ Navigation Buttons 14** to navigate to any step in the list.
6. Although you may enter fewer programmed steps in your list than the number of tracks on the disc, you may not repeat tracks within the list. However, while the playlist is playing, all of the normal Repeat functions will be available.
7. When you have finished entering all of the tracks in your playlist, press the **Play Button 3 22** to begin playback of your programmed list.

During programmed play the track number shown in the front-panel display will reflect its normal order on



the disc. However, the **Program Indicator B** will light to remind you that the disc's tracks are playing in programmed order.

To cancel programmed play, stop play and perform one of these steps:

1. Open the **Disc Drawer 10**.
2. Press the **Playlist Button 5**. The Playlist Banner will appear on screen. Each press of the **Playlist Button 5** will toggle the mode between programmed order and disc order.
3. Press the **Info Button 9** and navigate to the **PROGRAM** submenu, as described above in Step 2 of the instructions for programming a playlist. With the Playlist setting highlighted, press the **Enter Button 19** until the setting reads **DISC'S ORDER**.

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

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SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
Unit does not turn on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No AC power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check AC power plug and make certain any switched outlet is turned on.
Disc does not play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disc loaded improperly Incorrect disc type Invalid Region Code Rating is above parental preset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Load disc label-side up; align the disc with the guides and place it in its proper position. Check to see that disc is CD, CD-R, CD-RW, VCD, MP3, WMA, JPEG, DVD-R, DVD-RW, DVD+R, DVD+RW (standard conforming) or DVD-Video; other types will not play. Use Region 1 or Open Region (0) disc only. Enter password to override or change rating settings (see page 18).
No picture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermittent connections Wrong input Progressive Scan output selected Video Off feature active 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check all video connections. Check input selection of TV or receiver. Use Progressive Scan mode only with compatible TV. If needed, press the Progressive Scan/Interlaced Button 18 to toggle to the correct mode. Press Video Off Button 16 to reactivate video circuitry (see page 27).
No sound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermittent connections Incorrect digital audio selection DVD disc is in fast or slow mode Surround receiver not compatible with 96kHz PCM audio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check all audio connections. Check digital audio settings. There is no audio playback on DVD discs during fast or slow modes. Use analog audio outputs.
Picture is distorted or jumps during fast forward or reverse play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MPEG-2 decoding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a normal artifact of DVD playback for pictures to jump or show some distortion during rapid play.
Some remote buttons do not operate during DVD play; prohibited symbol  appears (see below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Function not permitted at this time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With most discs, some functions are not permitted at certain times (e.g., Track Skip) or at all (e.g., direct audio track selection).
The OSD menu is in a foreign language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorrect OSD language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change the display language selection (see page 20).
The  symbol appears	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested function not available at this time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certain functions may be disabled by the DVD itself during passages of a disc.
Picture is displayed in the wrong aspect ratio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorrect match of aspect ratio settings to disc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change aspect ratio settings (see page 20).
Remote control inoperative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weak batteries Sensor is blocked 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change both batteries. Clear path to sensor or use optional outboard remote sensor.
Disc will not copy to VCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many DVDs are encoded with copy protection to prevent copying to VCR.
Password not accepted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorrect password being used or password has been forgotten. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop play of disc. Press and hold the Clear Button 4 until the display blinks. This resets the password and all settings to their defaults.

DVD 27 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Applicable Disc:	Disc formats: 5-inch (12cm) or 3-inch (8cm) DVD-Video, Standard conforming DVD-R, DVD+R, DVD-RW, DVD+RW, VCD, CD, CD-R, CD-RW or MP3 discs Region code: DVD Video disc with Code 1 or 0 only DVD-Layers: Single Side/Single Layer, Single Side/Dual Layer, Dual Side/Dual Layer Audio formats: Linear PCM, MPEG, Windows Media 8, Dolby Digital or DTS Audio Discs Still image format: JPEG
Video Signal System:	NTSC
Composite Video Output:	1V p-p/75 ohms, sync negative polarity
S-Video Output:	Y/Luminance: 1V p-p/75 ohms, sync negative polarity C/Chrominance: 0.286V p-p
Component Video Output:	Y: 1V p-p/75 ohms, sync negative polarity Pr: 0.7V p-p/75 ohms Pb: 0.7V p-p/75 ohms
Analog Audio Output:	2V rms (1kHz, 0dB)
Frequency Response:	DVD (Linear PCM): 2Hz – 22kHz +0/–0.5dB (48kHz sampling) 2Hz – 44kHz +0/–1.5dB (96kHz sampling) CD: 2Hz – 20kHz +0/–0.5dB
Signal/Noise Ratio (SNR):	105dB (A-weighted)
Dynamic Range:	DVD: 100dB (18-bit)/105dB (20-bit) CD/DVD: 96dB (16-bit)
THD/1kHz:	DVD/CD: 0.0025%
Wow & Flutter:	Below Measurable Limits
AC Power:	110–240VAC/50–60Hz
Power Consumption:	1 Watt (On/Standby)/11 Watts (Max)
Dimensions (H x W x D):	17-3/10" x 1-15/16" x 12" (440mm x 49mm x 330mm) 2" x 17-3/10" x 11-1/4" (50mm x 440mm x 285mm)
Weight:	6 lb (2.7kg)
Shipping Dimensions (H x W x D):	5" x 14-3/8" x 20" (127mm x 365mm x 508mm)
Shipping Weight:	8.8 lb (4kg)

Depth measurement includes knobs and connectors.

Height measurement includes feet and chassis.

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