

IC Recorder

Operating Instructions

Owner's Record
The model number is located at the rear and the serial number is located inside the battery compartment. Record the serial number in the space provided below. Refer to these numbers whenever you call upon your Sony dealer regarding this product.

Model No. _____ Serial No. _____

IC RECORDER

ICD-U50/U60/U70

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For the customers in the U.S.A.

INFORMATION

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

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

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

If you have any questions about this product, you may call: Sony Customer Information Services Center 1-800-222-7669 or <http://www.sony.com/>

Declaration of Conformity

Trade Name: SONY
Model: ICD-U50/U60/U70
Responsible Party: Sony Electronics Inc.
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Telephone Number: 858-942-2230

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

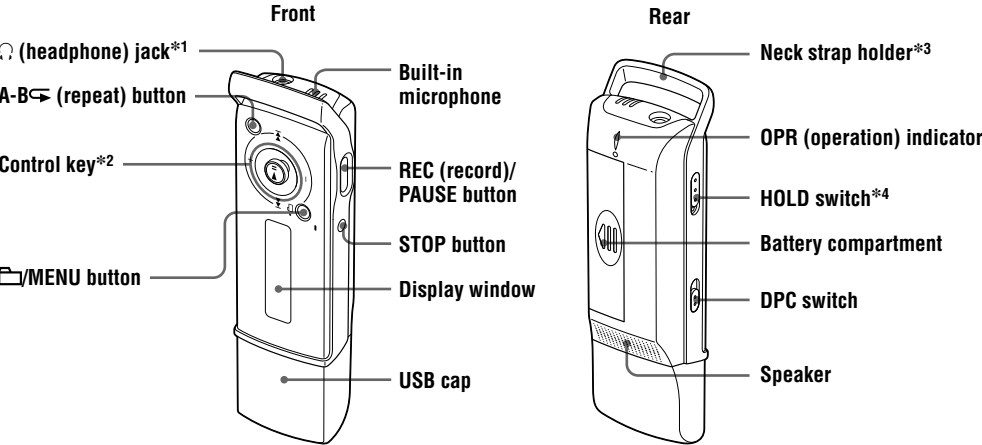
Disposal of Old Electrical & Electronic Equipment (Applicable in the European Union and other European countries with separate collection systems)

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

Applicable accessories: Headphone

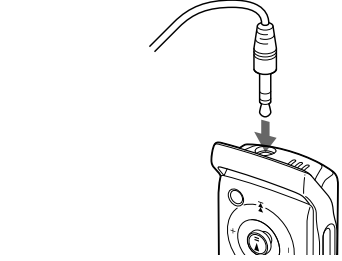
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Main Unit

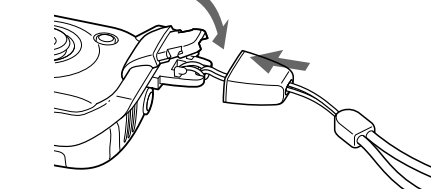


This unit does not have a power on/off switch.

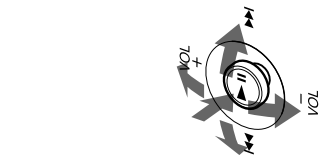
*1 Connect stereo headphone(s) or stereo ear receiver to the (headphone) jack. If noise is heard, wipe the headphone/ear receiver plug.



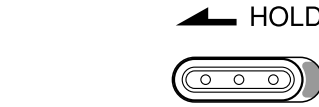
*3 How to attach the neck strap



*2 How to use the control key
Use the key to change the menu settings as well as for playback. In the menu mode press the key right or left to select a menu item and press the key (▶||) to confirm the setting.

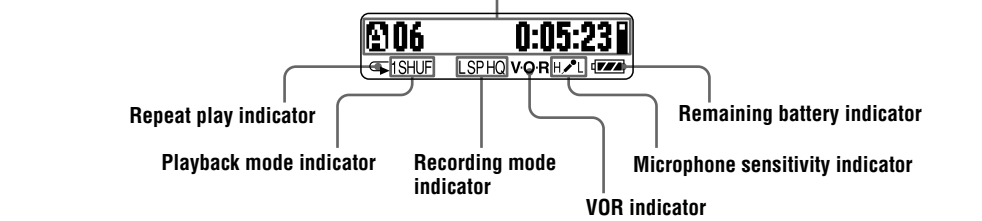


*4 Slide the HOLD switch in the direction of the arrow, and all the functions of all the buttons are locked. When the HOLD function is activated during stop, the display will be turned off, too.



Display Window

Folder indicator (A, B, C, D, E, ♪)/Message number/REC (recording) indicator/Recording time indication/Remaining memory indicator/Total number of messages in a folder/Menu indication/Counter/Remaining time indication/Recording date indication/Current time indication



When recording or playback stops, the display changes from counter to current time, and then disappears in 30 seconds.

Supplied Accessories

Stereo headphone (1) CD-ROM (1) Operating instructions (1)
LR03 (size AAA) alkaline battery (1) Neck strap (1)

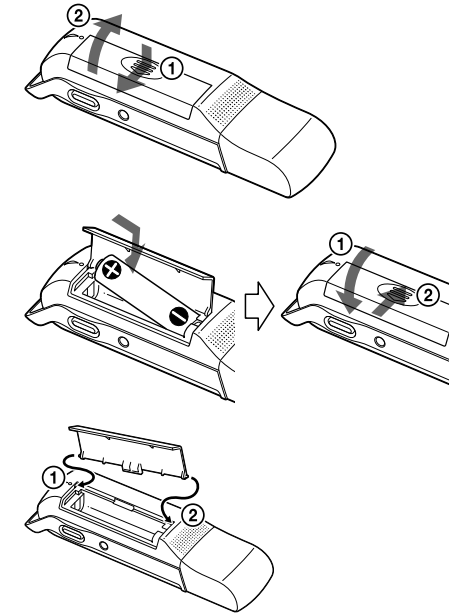
Getting Started

Installing the Battery

1 Slide and lift the battery compartment lid.

2 Insert one LR03 (size AAA) alkaline battery with the correct polarity, and close the lid.

If the battery compartment lid is accidentally detached, attach it as illustrated.



Battery life*1

When using a Sony LR03 (SG) (size AAA) alkaline battery

Recording mode	Recording	Playback*2
HQ*3	Approx. 11 hr.	Approx. 13 hr.
SP*4	Approx. 16 hr. 30 min.	Approx. 19 hr.
LP*5	Approx. 16 hr. 30 min.	Approx. 19 hr.
MP3	—	Approx. 8 hr. 30 min.

(hr.: hours / min.: minutes)
*1 The battery life may shorten depending on the operation of the IC recorder.
*2 When playing back through the stereo headphone with the medium volume level
*3 HQ: High quality recording mode
*4 SP: Standard play recording mode
*5 LP: Long play recording mode

!Note
Do not use a manganese battery with this IC recorder.

Battery remaining indicator
The battery indicator on the display shows the battery condition. When [] flashes, replace the battery with a new one. When [] flashes and “CHANGE BATTERY” flashes 3 times, the battery is exhausted and the IC recorder will stop operating.

!Notes

- When you replace the battery with a new one, the clock returns to the setting display, or an incorrect date and time appear when you insert the new battery. In this case, set the date and time again. The recorded messages, however, will remain.
- The IC recorder is accessing data while “ACCESS” appears on the display or the OPR indicator flashes in orange. While the IC recorder is accessing data, do not remove the battery. Doing so may damage the data.

Setting the Clock

You must set the clock to record the date and time.

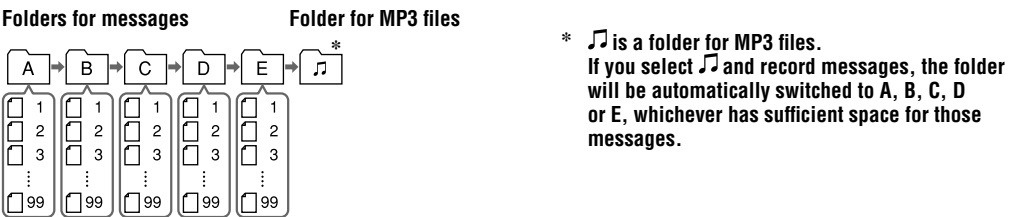
- Press and hold []/MENU for more than 1 second.
The unit enters the menu mode.
- Press the control key toward ▶|| to display “DATE & TIME>” and press ▶||.
The clock setting display appears.
- Press the control key toward ▶|| to select the digits of the year and press ▶||.
- Set the month, day, hour and minute in sequence, then press ▶||.
When the minute digits are selected, the clock will be set and the display will return to “DATE & TIME>.”
- Press STOP to exit from the menu mode.



Recording

Recording Messages

You can record up to 99 messages in each of the five folders (A, B, C, D and E), a total of 495 messages.



- Press []/MENU to select a folder.
- Press REC/PAUSE in the stop mode to start recording.
The message will be automatically added after the end of the last recorded message.
e.g. [Message 1] [Message 2] [New message] [Empty space]
- Speak into the built-in microphone.
- Press STOP to stop the recording.

!Notes

- While the OPR indicator is flashing or is lit in orange, do not remove the battery. Doing so may damage the data.
- Noise may be recorded if an object, such as your finger, etc., accidentally rubs or scratches the IC recorder during recording.
- Before making a recording, be sure to check the remaining battery indicator.

To pause recording
Press REC/PAUSE. “PAUSE” flashes. To release pause and resume recording, press REC/PAUSE again.

Monitoring the recording

Connect the headphone supplied or an optional stereo ear receiver to the (headphone) jack and monitor the recording. You can adjust the volume with the control key by pressing it toward VOL + or VOL –, but the recording level is fixed.

Selecting the recording mode

Select “HQ”, “SP”, or “LP” in the “REC MODE:HQ” menu (see “Menu Settings” on the reverse side). To record in better sound quality, select “HQ.”

Selecting the microphone sensitivity

Select the microphone sensitivity in the “MIC SENS:H” menu (see “Menu Settings” on the reverse side).

Maximum recording time

The maximum recording time* of all the folders is as follows. You can check the remaining recording time by selecting “REMAIN” in the “DISPLAY>” menu (see “Menu Settings” on the reverse side).
* When deleting Player Plug-in for Windows Media Player and Windows® 2000 Professional, Windows® 98 Second Edition Driver.

	ICD-U50	ICD-U60	ICD-U70
HQ*1	28 hr. 40 min.	57 hr. 30 min.	115 hr. 10 min.
SP*2	76 hr. 30 min.	153 hr. 25 min.	307 hr. 15 min.
LP*3	125 hr. 15 min.	251 hr. 5 min.	502 hr. 45 min.

(hr.: hours / min.: minutes)
*1 HQ: High quality recording mode
*2 SP: Standard play recording mode
*3 LP: Long play recording mode

Remaining memory indicator

During recording, the remaining memory amount indicated decreases. When nothing is recorded, “!” is displayed. When the remaining recording time reaches 5 minutes, the remaining memory indicator “!” flashes. When the memory is full, recording automatically stops, an alarm sounds, and “MEMORY FULL” will flash, and the remaining memory indicator “!” will flash. To continue recording, first erase some of the messages.

Starting Recording Automatically in Response to the Sound (VOR Function)

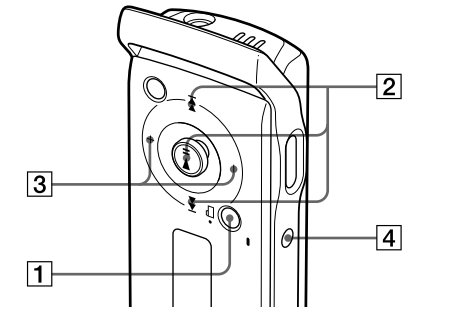
Set the VOR (voice operated recording) function to “ON” in the “VOR:OFF” menu (see “Menu Settings” on the reverse side).

Playback/Erasing

Playing Back Messages

When playing back a message you have just finished recording, start from Step 2.

- Press []/MENU to select the folder you want.
- Press the control key toward ◀◀ or ▶▶ to select the message number you want to play, and press ▶|| to start playback.
- Adjust the volume by pressing the control key toward VOL + or VOL –.
- Press STOP to stop playback.



To	Do this
pause playback	Press ▶ . To resume playback from that point, press ▶ again.
go back to the beginning of the current message	Press toward ◀◀ once.
go back to previous messages	Press toward ◀◀ repeatedly. (During the stop mode, keep the key pressed to go back through the messages continuously.)
skip to the next message	Press toward ▶▶ once.
skip to succeeding messages	Press toward ▶▶ repeatedly. (During the stop mode, keep the key pressed to skip the messages continuously.)
search forward/backward*	Keep pressing toward ▶▶ (forward/cue) or ◀◀ (backward/review) during playback and release the key at the point you wish to resume playback.

* If you keep the control key toward ▶▶ or ◀◀ pressed, the IC recorder starts to search at higher speed. During cue/review, the counter will be displayed, regardless of the display mode setting. If you keep the control key toward ▶▶ to the end of the recorded messages, “MESSAGE END” flashes and the IC recorder stops at the beginning of the last message in the folder.

Adjusting the playback speed (DPC: Digital Pitch Control function)

Set the DPC switch to ON.
Set the playback speed in the “DPC: 0%” menu (see “Menu Settings” on the reverse side).

To resume normal playback
Set the DPC switch to OFF.

!Notes

- When the DPC switch is set to ON, the playback sound changes.
- When the DPC switch is set to ON, an MP3 file may be played back at a lower speed than the one you set in the “DPC 0%” menu.

Selecting the playback mode

Change the playback mode in the “VOICE PL MODE>” menu (see “Menu Settings” on the reverse side).

Playing back a specified section repeatedly (A-B Repeat)

- 1 During playback, press A-B↔ (repeat) briefly to set the starting point (A).
- 2 While “A-B B?” is flashing, press A-B↔ briefly again to set the finishing point (B). “A-B REPEAT” appears and the specified section is played back repeatedly.

To stop A-B Repeat playback
Press STOP. The A-B Repeat setting will be cancelled.
To pause A-B Repeat playback, press ►II.

- !Notes**
- You cannot set A-B Repeat for a section that overlaps two or more messages.
 - If you do not set the finishing point (B), the finishing point is automatically set at the end of the message.

Erasing

- !Note**
Once a recording has been erased, you cannot retrieve it.

Erasing messages one by one

- 1 Select the message you want to erase.
- 2 Select “ERASE A MSG>” in the menu and press ►II. “ERASING....” appears on the display and the message is erased.

To cancel erasing
Press STOP before step 2.

Erasing all messages in a folder

- 1 Select the folder with the messages you want to erase.
- 2 Select “ERASE ALL MSG>” in the menu and press ►II. “ERASING....” appears on the display and all the messages in the folder are erased.

To cancel erasing
Press STOP before step 2.

- !Note**
It may take a few minutes to erase the messages, if there are many massages to be erased in a folder.

Using Your IC Recorder with a Personal Computer

System requirements

- IBM PC/AT*1 or compatible
 - CPU: 266MHz Pentium*2 II processor or higher
 - RAM: 64 MB or more
 - Hard disk space: 5 MB or more, depending on the size and number of sound files you intend to store
 - USB port
 - Sound board: Sound Blaster 16 compatible
 - Display: High color (16 bits) or more, and 800 × 480 dots or more
- OS: Microsoft® Windows® XP Media Center Edition 2005, Windows® XP Media Center Edition 2004, Windows® XP Media Center Edition, Windows® XP Professional, Windows® XP Home Edition, Windows® 2000 Professional, Windows® Millennium Edition*3, Windows® 98 Second Edition*3,*4 (standard installation)
- Windows Media Player: Ver. 6.4 or higher (your computer must meet the system requirements (operating environment) necessary for using the Windows Media Player)
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Connecting the IC Recorder to the Computer

- 1 **Install the driver software into your computer from the supplied CD-ROM (for the use with the Windows 2000 Professional or Windows 98 Second Edition).**
Remove the USB cap from the IC recorder and connect the recorder to the USB connector of your computer. Install the driver software from the supplied CD-ROM. For details, refer to “On the supplied CD-ROM” attached.
- 2 **Install the plug-in for playback using a computer into your computer from the supplied CD-ROM.**
For details, refer to “On the supplied CD-ROM” attached.

- ✎Tips**
- The driver software for the use with the Windows 2000 Professional or Windows 98 Second Edition, and the plug-in software for playback using a computer are also installed in the IC recorder.
 - You can also use this IC recorder as a USB mass storage device.

!Note
The IC recorder is communicating with the computer whenever the OPR indicator flashes or is lit in orange. While the IC recorder is communicating with the computer, do not remove the IC recorder from the computer.

Playing Back MP3 Files Using the IC Recorder

- 1 **Drag and drop the MP3 files from the computer to the ♪ (MUSIC) folder of the IC recorder.**
The number of directory levels allowed for the folder is 2 and the maximum number of folders is 300. The total number of files allowed in the ♪ (MUSIC) folder is 999.
- 2 **Press ▢/MENU to select “♪.”**
- 3 **Press the control key toward ◀◀ or ▶▶ to select a file to play and press ►II.**
The selected file starts to play.
- 4 **Press STOP to stop playback.**

Maximum recording time of MP3 files* ICD-U50	
Bit rate	Maximum recording time of files
256 kbps	Approx. 2 hr. 10 min.
128 kbps	Approx. 4 hr. 20 min.
48 kbps	Approx. 11 hr. 35 min.

ICD-U60	
Bit rate	Maximum recording time of files
256 kbps	Approx. 4 hr. 20 min.
128 kbps	Approx. 8 hr. 40 min.
48 kbps	Approx. 23 hr. 10 min.

ICD-U70	
Bit rate	Maximum recording time of files
256 kbps	Approx. 8 hr. 40 min.
128 kbps	Approx. 17 hr. 25 min.
48 kbps	Approx. 46 hr. 30 min.

- (hr.: hours/min.: minutes)
- * • When deleting Player Plug-in for Windows Media Player and Windows® 2000 Professional, Windows® 98 Second Edition Driver.
 - The maximum recording time varies if files other than the MP3 files are stored in the IC recorder.

- !Notes**
- If you copy MP3 files to the A, B, C, D, or E folder, the IC recorder cannot recognize the files and the files cannot be played back.
 - If the DPC switch is set to ON, the playback sound changes and playback becomes monaural.
 - When playing back MP3 files, the playback may not re-start from the point you stopped.

Selecting a playback mode

Select the playback mode in the “MUSIC PL MODE>” menu (see “Menu Settings”).

Playing Back Messages Using the Computer

- 1 **Drag and drop the messages (files) you want to copy from the folder of the IC recorder to the computer.**
- 2 **Double-click the file on the computer to start playback.**

Copying messages from the Computer to the IC recorder

- 1 Drag and drop messages (files) you want to copy from the computer to the A, B, C, D, or E folder of the IC recorder.

!Note
If you copy messages (files) to the ♪ (MUSIC) folder, the IC recorder cannot recognize the messages (files) and the messages (files) cannot be played back.

Menu Settings

Making Settings for the Menu

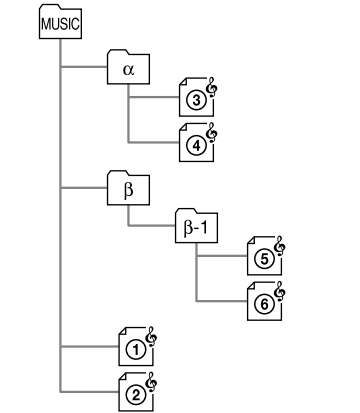
- 1 **Press and hold ▢/MENU for more than 1 second to enter the menu mode.**
- 2 **Press the control key right or left to select the item and then press ►II.**
- 3 **Press STOP to exit the menu mode.**

Menu settings	
Menu item	Settings (*: Initial setting)
REC MODE:HQ	Set the recording mode. HQ*: You can record with high-quality sound. SP: You can record with standard quality sound. LP: You can record for a longer time.
MIC SENS:H	Set the microphone sensitivity. H* (high): To record at meetings or in a quiet and/or spacious place. L (low): To record dictation or in a noisy place.
DISPLAY>	Change the display mode. (Items shown in the playback/stop/recording mode) COUNTER*: Elapsed playback time of one message/ Elapsed playback time of one message /Recording time REMAIN: Remaining time of one message/Remaining recording time/ Remaining recording time REC DATE: Recorded date/ Recorded date/Current date REC TIME: Recorded time/ Recorded time/Current time
VOR:OFF	Set the VOR function. ON: The VOR function is activated. Recording starts when the IC recorder detects sound and stops when no sound is heard (“VOR PAUSE” flashes on the display), eliminating recording during soundless periods. OFF*: The VOR function does not work. !Note The VOR function is affected by the sound around you. Set the microphone sensitivity in the menu according to the recording conditions. If recording is not satisfactory after you have changed the microphone sensitivity, or for important recordings, set the VOR function to “OFF.”

Playback order of MP3 files using the IC recorder

The MP3 files in the ♪ folder copied from the computer to the IC recorder are played back in the order shown, from the highest directory to the lowest (from ㉠ to ㉢), when the “MUSIC PL MODE>” menu is set to “ALL REPEAT.”

♪ folder displayed on the computer

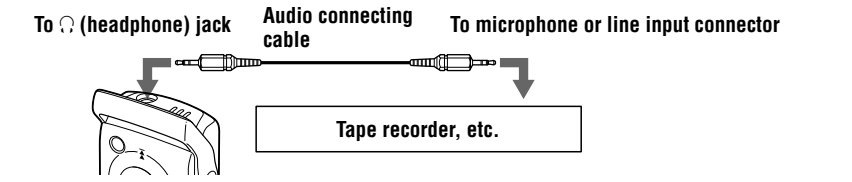


Menu item	Settings (*: Initial setting)
DPC:0%	When you set the DPC switch to ON, you can adjust the speed of the playback between twice the normal speed (+100%) and half the normal speed (–50%). Set the speed by 10% for + setting (“FAST PLAY” appears) and by 5% for – setting (“SLOW PLAY” appears).
VOICE PL MODE>	Set the playback mode for the message folders. 1 FILE PLAY*: When the playback of one message is finished, the IC recorder stops at the beginning of the next message. 1 FILE REPEAT: One message is played back repeatedly. CONTINUED PLAY: All messages in one folder are played back continuously. !Note When you select the ♪ folder, “VOICE PL MODE>” is not displayed.
MUSIC PL MODE>	Set the playback mode for MP3 files. 1 FILE PLAY: When the playback of one file is finished, the IC recorder stops at the beginning of the next file. One file is played back repeatedly. 1 FILE REPEAT: One file is played back repeatedly. CONTINUED PLAY*: All files in one folder are played back continuously. ALL REPEAT: All files in the ♪ folder are played back repeatedly. SHUFFLE: All files in the ♪ folder are played back in random order repeatedly.
	!Note When you select the A, B, C, D or E folder, “MUSIC PL MODE>” is not displayed.
FORMAT>	Initialize the flash memory. !Note To initialize the flash memory, use the IC recorder, not the computer.
DATE & TIME>	Set the clock. (06Y1M1D*)
BEEP:ON	Set for a beep to be heard or not. ON*: A beep will sound to indicate that an operation has been accepted. OFF: No beep sound will be heard.
LED:ON	Turn the OPR indicator on or off during operation. ON*: During recording or playback, the OPR indicator lights or flashes. OFF: The OPR indicator does not light, even during operation. !Note When the IC recorder is connected to the USB connector of your computer, the OPR indicator always flashes regardless of the menu setting.
BACK LIGHT:ON	Turn the backlight in the display window on or off. ON*: The backlight in the display window lights up. OFF: The backlight in the display window does not light, even during operation.
ERASE ALL MSG>	All files in the folder will be erased.
ERASE A MSG>	One message will be erased.

Connecting Other Equipment to the IC Recorder

Recording Sound on the IC Recorder with Other Equipment

Connect the ◡ (headphone) jack of the IC recorder to the microphone or line input connector of the other equipment.



Optional audio connecting cable (not supplied)

When connecting to the microphone input connector, use a connecting cable with a resistor as follows.

To the IC recorder	To the other equipment
Stereo mini-plug (with a resistor)	Mini-plug (monaural) (with a resistor)
Stereo mini-plug (with a resistor)	Stereo mini-plug (with a resistor)

When connecting to the line input connector, use a cable without a resistor as follows.

To the IC recorder	To the other equipment
Stereo mini-plug (without a resistor)	Mini-plug (monaural) (without a resistor)
Stereo mini-plug (without a resistor)	Stereo mini-plug (without a resistor)

!Note
Optional audio connecting cables are not sold in Europe.

Precautions

On power
• Operate the unit only on 1.5 V DC. Use one LR03 (size AAA) alkaline battery.

On safety
• Do not operate the unit while driving, cycling or operating any motorized vehicle.

On handling
• Do not leave the unit in a location near heat sources, or in a place subject to direct sunlight, excessive dust or mechanical shock.
• Should any solid object or liquid fall into the unit, remove the battery and have the unit checked by qualified personnel before operating it any further.

On noise
• Noise may be heard when the unit is placed near an AC power source, a fluorescent lamp or a mobile phone during recording or playback.
• Noise may be recorded when an object, such as your finger, etc., rubs or scratches the unit during recording.

On maintenance
• To clean the exterior, use a soft cloth slightly moistened in water. Do not use alcohol, benzine or thinner.

If you have any questions or problems concerning your unit, please consult your nearest Sony dealer.

Backup recommendations
To avoid potential risk of data loss caused by accidental operation or malfunction of the IC recorder, we recommend that you save a backup copy of your recorded messages on a computer, etc.

Specifications

Recording media Built-in flash memory 256 MB (ICD-U50) 512 MB (ICD-U60), 1GB (ICD-U70), Monaural recording Actual usable capacity may be smaller.	
Recording time	
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ICD-U60	HQ: 57 hours 30 minutes SP: 153 hours 25 minutes LP: 251 hours 5 minutes
ICD-U70	HQ: 115 hours 10 minutes SP: 307 hours 15 minutes LP: 502 hours 45 minutes
Frequency range	
HQ:	160 - 6,800 Hz
SP:	100 - 3,400 Hz
LP:	100 - 3,400 Hz
MP3:	20 - 20,000 Hz
Bit rates for MP3 files (kbps)	
MPEG Ver. 1 Layer 3:	
32, 40, 48, 56, 64, 80, 96, 112, 128, 160, 192, 224, 256, 320	
MPEG Ver. 2 Layer 3:	
32, 40, 48, 56, 64, 80, 96, 112, 128, 144, 160	
Sampling frequencies for MP3 files (kHz)	
MPEG Ver. 1 Layer 3:	
32.0, 44.1, 48.0	
MPEG Ver. 2 Layer 3:	
16.0, 22.05, 24.0	
Speaker	approx. 10 mm (13/32 in.) dia.
Power output	35 mW (when using a built-in speaker)
Output	Headphone jack (stereo minijack) for 8 - 300 ohms headphone(s)/ear receiver
Input/Output	USB connector
Power requirements	One LR03 (size AAA) alkaline battery: 1.5 V DC
Dimensions (w/h/d) (not incl. projecting parts and controls) 30.0 × 99.7 × 20.0 mm (1 3/16 × 4 × 13/16 in.)	
Mass (incl. battery) 64 g (2.3 oz)	
Optional accessories	Active speaker SRS-T88, SRS-T80

Your dealer may not handle some of the above listed optional accessories. Please ask the dealer for detailed information.

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