

# ***Video Cassette Recorder***

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Operating Instructions



PAL NTSC 4.43

***SLV-E580EE***

## WARNING

To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to rain or moisture.

To avoid electrical shock, do not open the cabinet. Refer servicing to qualified personnel only.

Mains lead must only be changed at qualified service shop.

## Precautions

### Safety

- This unit operates on 220 – 240 V AC, 50 Hz. Check that the unit's operating voltage is identical with your local power supply.
- If anything falls into the cabinet, unplug the unit and have it checked by qualified personnel before operating it any further.
- The unit is not disconnected from the mains as long as it is connected to the mains, even if the unit itself has been turned off.
- Unplug the unit from the wall outlet if you do not intend to use it for an extended period of time. To disconnect the cord, pull it out by the plug, never by the cord.

### Installing

- Allow adequate air circulation to prevent internal heat buildup.
- Do not place the unit on surfaces (rugs, blankets, etc.) or near materials (curtains, draperies) that may block the ventilation slots.
- Do not install the unit near heat sources such as radiators or air ducts, or in a place subject to direct sunlight, excessive dust, mechanical vibration or shock.
- Do not install the unit in an inclined position. It is designed to be operated in a horizontal position only.
- Keep the unit and cassettes away from equipment with strong magnets, such as microwave ovens or large loudspeakers.
- Do not place heavy objects on the unit.
- If the unit is brought directly from a cold to a warm location, moisture may condense inside the VCR and cause damage to the video head and tape. When you first install the unit, or when you move it from a cold to a warm location, wait for about one hour before operating the unit.

## Caution

Television programmes, films, video tapes and other materials may be copyrighted. Unauthorized recording of such material may be contrary to the provisions of the copyright laws. Also, use of this recorder with cable television transmission may require authorization from the cable television transmitter and/or programme owner.

## Compatible colour systems

This VCR is designed to record using the PAL (B/G or D/K) or MESECAM (B/G or D/K) colour system and play back using the PAL (B/G or D/K), MESECAM (B/G or D/K), and NTSC 4.43 colour systems. Recording of video sources based on other colour systems cannot be guaranteed.

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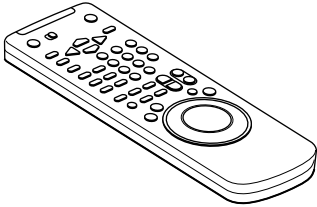
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# Step 1

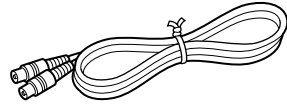
## Unpacking

Check that you have received the following items with the VCR:

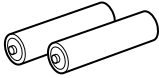
- Remote commander



- Aerial cable



- R6 (size AA) batteries



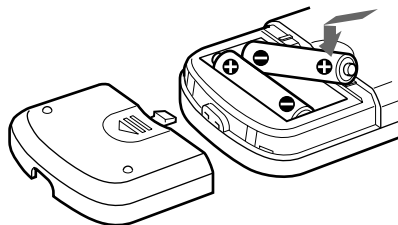
## Step 2

# Setting up the remote commander

### Inserting the batteries

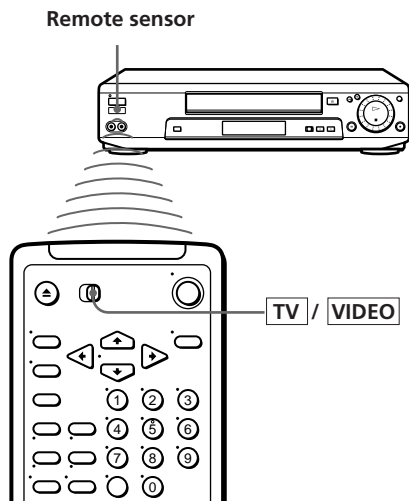
Insert two R6 (size AA) batteries by matching the + and – on the batteries to the diagram inside the battery compartment.

Insert the negative (–) end first, then push in and down until the positive (+) end clicks into position.



### Using the remote commander

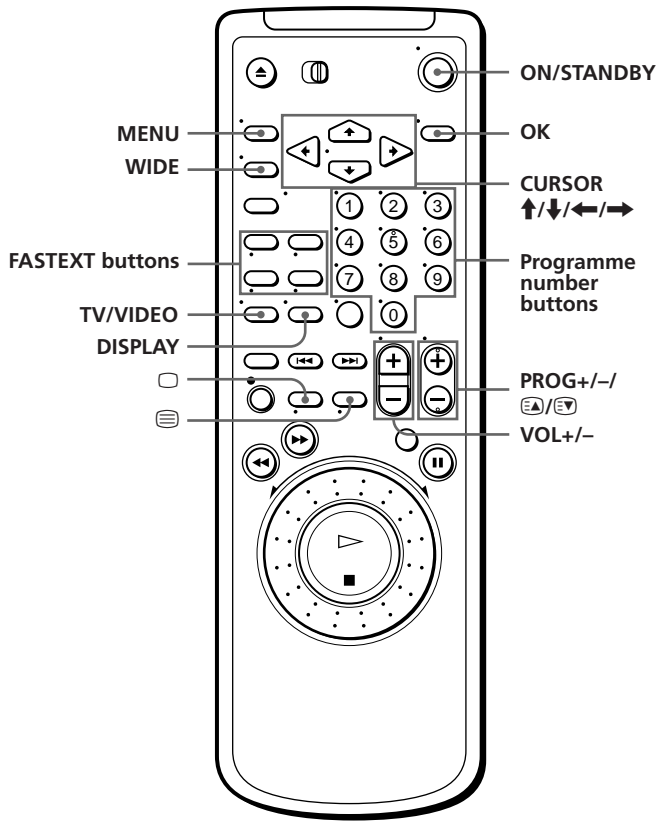
You can use this remote commander to operate this VCR and a Sony TV. Buttons marked with a dot (•) can be used to operate your Sony TV.



To operate	Set <b>TV</b> / <b>VIDEO</b> to
the VCR	<b>VIDEO</b> and point at the remote sensor on the VCR
a Sony TV	<b>TV</b> and point at the remote sensor on the TV

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## Step 2 : Setting up the remote commander (continued)



### TV control buttons

To	Press
Turn the TV into standby or active mode	ON/STANDBY
Select an input source of the TV either from aerial in or from line in	TV/VIDEO
Select the programme position of the TV	Programme number buttons PROG +/-
Adjust the volume of the TV	VOL +/-
Switch to TV (Teletext off)	□ (TV)
Switch to Teletext	≡ (Teletext)

To	Press
Use FASTEXT	FASTEXT buttons
Call up on-screen display	DISPLAY
Change the Teletext page	Ⓔ/Ⓕ
Operate TV menu options	MENU CURSOR ↑/↓/←/→ OK
Switch to/from wide mode of a Sony wide TV (For other manufacture's wide TV, see "Controlling other TVs with the remote commander" below.)	WIDE

### Notes

- With normal use, the batteries should last about three to six months.
- If you do not use the remote commander for an extended period of time, remove the batteries to avoid possible damage from battery leakage.
- Do not use a new battery with an old one together.
- Do not use different types of batteries together.

## Controlling other TVs with the remote commander

The remote commander is preprogrammed to control non-Sony TVs. If your TV is listed in the table below, set the appropriate manufacturer's code number.

- 1 Set **[TV]**/**[VIDEO]** at the top of the remote commander to **[TV]**.
- 2 Hold down ON/STANDBY, and enter your TV's code number(s) using the programme number buttons. Then release ON/STANDBY.

Now you can use the following TV control buttons to control your TV: ON/STANDBY, TV/VIDEO, programme number buttons, -/-- (ten's digit), PROG +/-, VOL +/-, **[ ]** (TV), **[ ]** (Teletext), FASTEXT buttons, WIDE\*, MENU\*, CURSOR ↑/↓/←/→\*, and OK\*.

\* These buttons may not work with all TVs.

### Tip

- When you set your TV's code number correctly while the TV is turned on, the TV turns off automatically.

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## Step 2 : Setting up the remote commander (continued)

### Code numbers of controllable TVs



If more than one code number is listed, try entering them one at a time until you find the one that works with your TV.

To make wide mode settings, see the footnotes below this table for the applicable code numbers.

Manufacturer	Code number	Manufacturer	Code number
Sony	01* <sup>1</sup> , 02, 03, 04, 05	NEC	66
Aiwa	32	Nokia	15, 16, 69* <sup>3</sup>
Akai	68	Nordmende	35, 42
Blaupunkt	10, 21	Orion	47, 48
Brionvega	40	Panasonic	17* <sup>1</sup> , 49
C.G.M	09	Philips	06* <sup>1</sup> , 07* <sup>1</sup> , 08* <sup>1</sup>
Colonad	03	Phonola	18, 19
Dual	44	Pioneer	26
Emerson	03, 04	Saba	12, 13
Fenner	30, 31	Samsung	22, 23
Ferguson	52	Sanyo	25
Gold Star	03, 04, 17	Schneider	46
Grundig	10* <sup>1</sup> , 11* <sup>1</sup>	Seleco	14
Hitachi	24	Sharp	29
Hyper	31	Siemens	39
Inno-Hit	41	Sinudyne	37
Irradio	20	TEAC	67
ITT	15, 16, 69* <sup>3</sup>	Telefunken	36
JVC	33* <sup>1</sup>	Thomson	43* <sup>2</sup>
Loewe	45	Toshiba	38
Mitsubishi	27* <sup>1</sup> , 28* <sup>1</sup> , 50* <sup>1</sup> , 51* <sup>1</sup>	White Westinghouse	34
Mivar	09		

\*<sup>1</sup> Press WIDE to switch the wide picture mode on or off.

\*<sup>2</sup> Press WIDE, then press VOL +/- to select the wide picture mode you want.

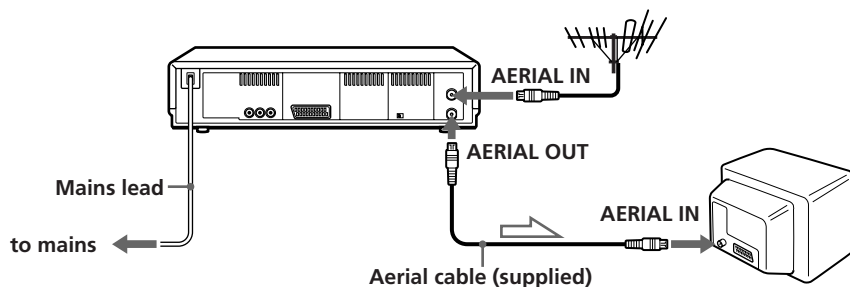
\*<sup>3</sup> Press WIDE. The menu appears on the TV screen. Then, press CURSOR /// to select the wide picture you want and press OK.

### Notes

- If the TV uses a different remote control system from the one programmed to work with the VCR, you cannot control your TV with the remote commander.
- If you enter a new code number, the code number previously entered will be erased.
- When you replace the batteries of the remote commander, the code number automatically resets to 01 (Sony). Reset the appropriate code number.

## Step 3

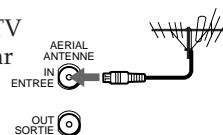
# Connecting the VCR



 : Signal flow

### 1

Disconnect the aerial cable from your TV and connect it to AERIAL IN on the rear panel of the VCR.



### 2

Connect AERIAL OUT of the VCR and the aerial input of your TV using the supplied aerial cable.



### 3

Connect the mains lead to the mains.

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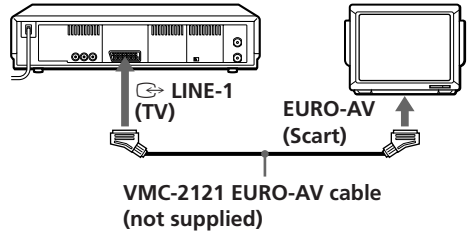
## Step 3 : Connecting the VCR (continued)

### Additional connections

This additional connection improves picture and sound quality. Connect the TV as shown below. Whenever you want to watch the VCR picture, press TV/VIDEO to display the VIDEO indicator in the display window.

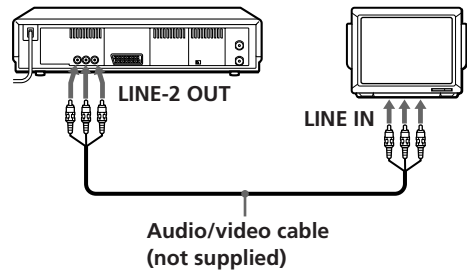
#### To a TV that has a EURO-AV (Scart) connector

If your TV has a EURO-AV (Scart) connector, connect your TV by using VMC-2121 EURO-AV cable as shown on the right.



#### To a TV that has LINE IN connector

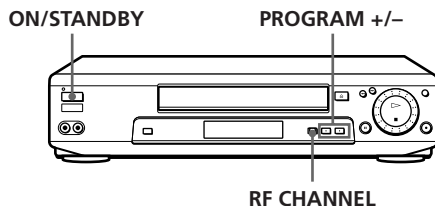
If your TV has LINE IN connector, connect your TV by using audio/video cable as shown on the right.




## Step 4

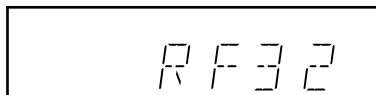
# Tuning your TV to the VCR

If you have connected the VCR to your TV using the EURO-AV cable, skip this step.



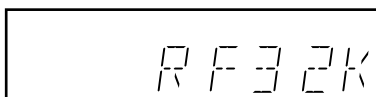
- 1**  Press ON/STANDBY to turn on the VCR.

- 2**  Press RF CHANNEL on the VCR.  
The factory-preset RF channel appears in the display window.  
The VCR signal is output through this channel to the TV.



- 3** Turn on your TV and select a programme position for the VCR picture.  
This programme position will now be referred to as the video channel.

- 4**  Press RF CHANNEL.  
The TV system appears in the display window.



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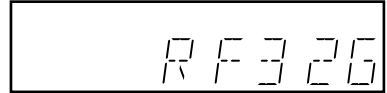
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## Step 4 : Tuning your TV to the VCR (continued)

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Press PROGRAM +/- (repeatedly) to select the correct TV system. If you watch the system B/G, select "G." If you watch the system D/K, select "K."

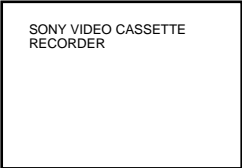


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Tune the TV to the same channel as that shown in the display window so that the picture on the right appears on the TV screen.

Refer to your TV manual for tuning instructions.

If the picture does not appear clearly, see "To obtain a clear picture from the VCR" below.



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RF CHANNEL

Press RF CHANNEL.

You have now tuned your TV to the VCR. Whenever you want to play a tape, set the TV to the video channel.

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### To check to see if the TV tuning is correct

Set the TV to the video channel and press PROGRAM +/- on the VCR. If the TV screen changes to a different programme each time you press PROGRAM +/-, the TV tuning is correct.

### To obtain a clear picture from the VCR

If the picture does not appear clearly in step 6 above, go to step 7 to finish this procedure once. Then start again from step 2. After pressing RF CHANNEL in step 2, press PROGRAM +/- while the RF channel is displayed, so that another RF channel appears. Then tune the TV to the new RF channel until a clear picture appears.

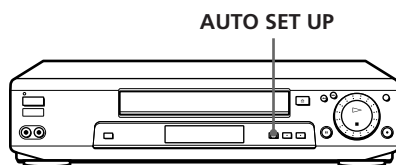
### Note

- If you set the wrong TV system, you may have no sound or sound may be distorted.

## Step 5

# Setting up the VCR with the Auto Set Up function

Before using the VCR for the first time, set up the VCR using the Auto Set Up function. With this function, you can set the TV channels guided by the sequence indicated on the TV screen.



Hold down AUTO SET UP on the VCR for more than three seconds. The VCR automatically turns on.

The ATP (Auto Tuner Preset) function starts searching for all of the receivable channels and presets them in numerical order.



When no more receivable channels can be found, presetting stops and "SET UP" disappears from the display window.

### To cancel the Auto Set Up function

Press AUTO SET UP.

#### Tip

- The factory preset language for the on-screen display is English. If you want to change the language to Russian, see page 16.

#### Note

- Do not cancel the Auto Set Up function during the ATP operations. If you do, repeat the steps above.

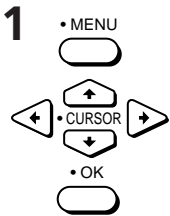
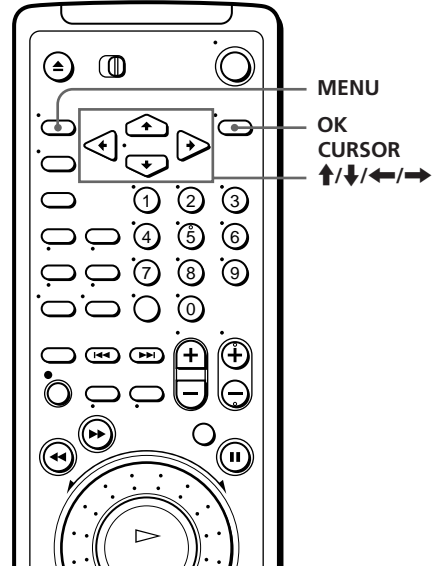
# Step 6

## Setting the clock

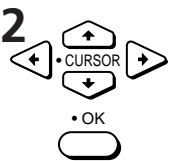
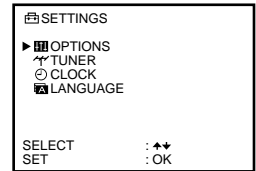
You must set the time and date on the VCR to be able to use the timer recording features properly.

### Before you start...

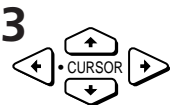
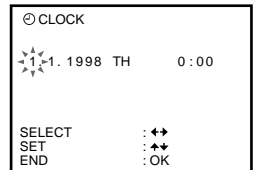
- Turn on the VCR and the TV.
- Set the TV to the video channel.



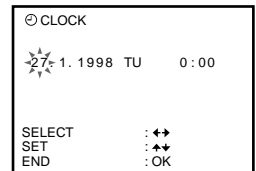
Press MENU, then press CURSOR  $\uparrow/\downarrow$  to select SETTINGS and press OK.



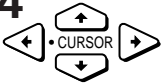
Press CURSOR  $\uparrow/\downarrow$  to select CLOCK, then press OK.



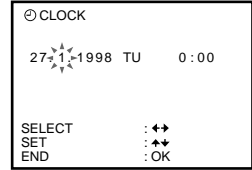
Press CURSOR  $\uparrow/\downarrow$  to set the date.



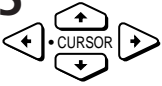
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Press CURSOR → to flash the month and set the month pressing CURSOR ↑/↓.

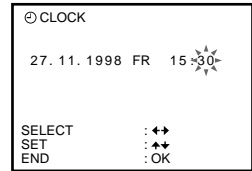


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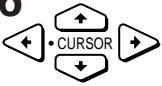


Set the year, hour, and minutes in sequence, pressing CURSOR → to flash the item to be set, and press CURSOR ↑/↓ to select the digits.

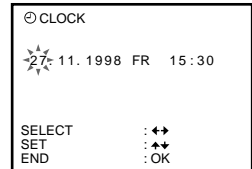
The day of the week is set automatically.



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Press CURSOR → to start the clock.



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Press OK.

### Tip

- To change the digits during setting, press CURSOR ← to return to the item to be changed, and select the digits pressing CURSOR ↑/↓.

### Note

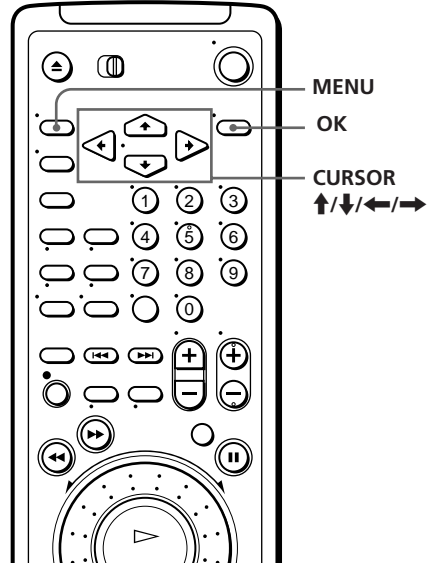
- The menu disappears automatically if you don't proceed for more than a few minutes.

# Manual setup — Selecting a language

You can change the on-screen display language.

## Before you start...

- Turn on the VCR and the TV.
- Set the TV to the video channel.



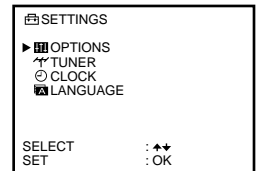
**1**

- MENU

Press MENU, then press CURSOR **↑/↓** to select SETTINGS and press OK.

- CURSOR

- OK

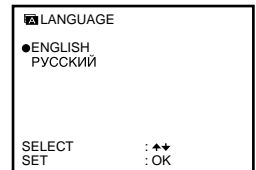


**2**

- CURSOR

- OK

Press CURSOR **↑/↓** to select LANGUAGE and press OK.



**3**

- CURSOR

- OK

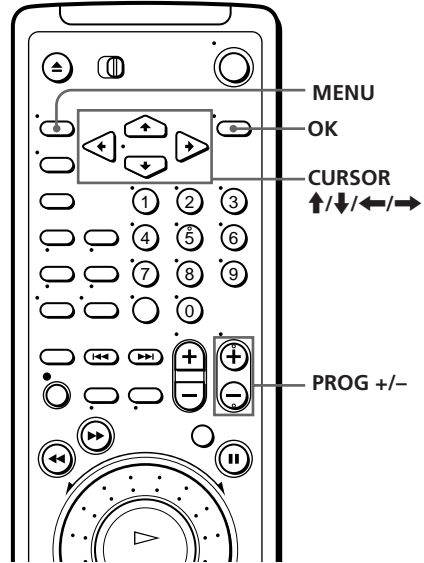
Press CURSOR **↑/↓/←/→** to move the dot (●) to the desired language, then press OK.

# Manual setup — Presetting channels

If some channels could not be preset using the Auto Set Up function, you can preset them manually.

## Before you start...

- Turn on the VCR and the TV.
- Set the TV to the video channel.



**1** • MENU

Press MENU, then press CURSOR  $\uparrow/\downarrow$  to select SETTINGS and press OK.

SETTINGS	
▶ OPTIONS	
▶ TUNER	
▶ CLOCK	
▶ LANGUAGE	
SELECT	: $\leftrightarrow$
SET	: OK

**2** • CURSOR

Press CURSOR  $\uparrow/\downarrow$  to select TUNER and press OK.

TUNER		PROG10
SYSTEM		[ D / K ]
NORMAL / CATV		[ NORM ]
▶ CHANNEL SET		[ C21 ]
AFT		[ ON ]
FINE TUNING		
SELECT		: $\leftrightarrow$
SET		: $\leftrightarrow$

**3** • CURSOR

Press CURSOR  $\uparrow/\downarrow/\leftarrow/\rightarrow$  to move the cursor (▶) to NORMAL/CATV, then select NORM.

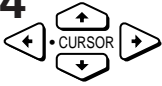
To preset CATV channels, select CATV.

TUNER		PROG10
SYSTEM		[ D / K ]
▶ NORMAL / CATV		[ NORM ]
CHANNEL SET		[ C21 ]
AFT		[ ON ]
FINE TUNING		
SELECT		: $\leftrightarrow$
SET		: $\leftrightarrow$

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## Manual setup — Presetting channels (continued)

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Press CURSOR  $\uparrow/\downarrow$  to move the cursor  
( $\leftarrow$ ) to CHANNEL SET.

TUNER	PROG10
SYSTEM	[ D / K ]
NORMAL / CATV	[ NORM ]
▶ CHANNEL SET	[ C21 ]
AFT FINE TUNING	[ ON ]
SELECT	: $\leftrightarrow$
SET	: $\leftrightarrow$

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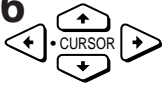


Press PROG +/- to select the programme position.

**Selected programme position**

TUNER	PROG4
SYSTEM	[ D / K ]
NORMAL / CATV	[ NORM ]
▶ CHANNEL SET	[ C21 ]
AFT FINE TUNING	[ ON ]
SELECT	: $\leftrightarrow$
SET	: $\leftrightarrow$

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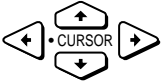
Press CURSOR  $\leftarrow/\rightarrow$  repeatedly until the channel you want is displayed.

The channels appear in the following order:

B/G TV system		D/K TV system	
Channel number in the CHANNEL SET field	Channel	Channel number in the CHANNEL SET field	Channel
2	E2	2	R1
3	E3	5	R6
4	E4	6	R7
5	E5	12	R12
6	E6	13	R2
7	E7	14	R3
8	E8	15	R4
9	E9	16	R5
10	E10	17	R8
11	E11	18	R9
12	E12	19	R10
21-69	E21-E69	20	R11
CATV 1-41	S1-S41	21-69	R21-R69
CATV 42-46	S01-S05		

If you know the number of the channel you want, press the programme number buttons. For example, for channel 5, first press "0" and then press "5."

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If the TV sound is distorted or noisy, press CURSOR **↑/↓/←/→** to move the cursor (**▶**) to SYSTEM, then select B/G or D/K so that you get the better sound.

↖ TUNER	PROG 4
▶ SYSTEM	[ D / K ]
NORMAL / CATV	[ NORM ]
CHANNEL SET	[ C21 ]
AFT FINE TUNING	[ ON ]
SELECT	: ⬆ ⬇
SET	: ⬆ ⬇

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To allocate another channel to another programme position, repeat steps from 5 to 7.

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Press OK.

## Disabling unwanted programme positions

After presetting channels, you can disable unused programme positions. The disabled positions will be skipped later when you press the PROG +/- buttons.

- 1 In step 6 above, press programme number button "0" twice to display the number "00" beside CHANNEL SET.
- 2 Press OK.

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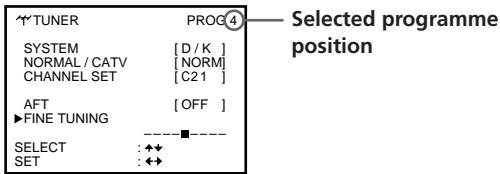
## Manual setup — Presetting channels (continued)

### If the picture is not clear

Normally, the Auto Fine Tuning (AFT) function automatically tunes in channels clearly. If, however, the picture is not clear, you may also use the manual tuning function.

- 1 Press PROG +/- or the programme number buttons to select the programme number for which you cannot obtain a clear picture.
- 2 Press MENU, then select SETTINGS and press OK.
- 3 Select TUNER, then press OK.
- 4 Select FINE TUNING.

The fine tuning meter appears.

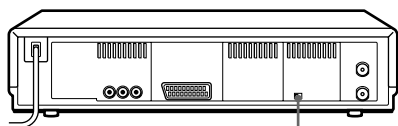


- 5 Press CURSOR  $\leftarrow/\rightarrow$  to get a clearer picture, then press OK.  
Note that the AFT (Auto Fine Tuning) setting switches to OFF.

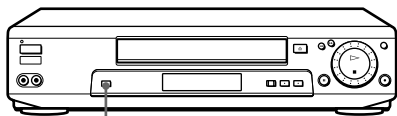
#### Note

- The menu disappears automatically if you don't proceed for more than a few minutes.

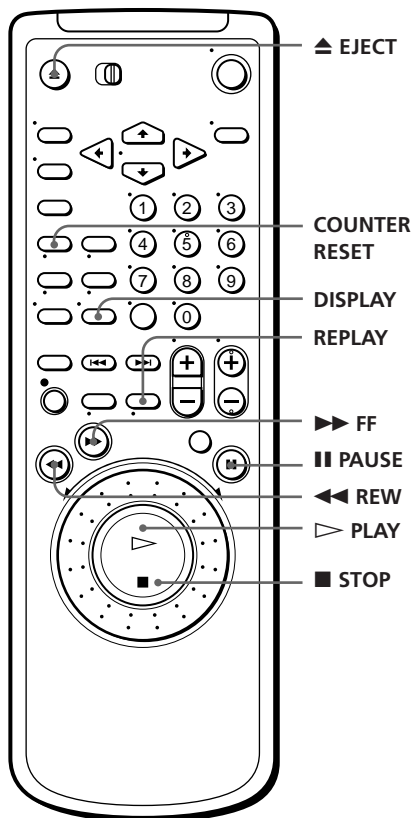
# Playing a tape



NTSC PB

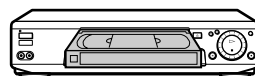



VIRTUAL STEREO



**1** Turn on your TV and set it to the video channel.

**2** Insert a tape.  
The VCR turns on and starts playing automatically if you insert a tape with its safety tab removed.



**3** Press  PLAY.  
When the tape reaches the end, it will rewind automatically.

continued

## Playing a tape (continued)

### Additional tasks

To	Press
Stop play	■ STOP
Pause play	PAUSE
Resume play after pause	PAUSE or ▷ PLAY
Fast-forward the tape	▶▶ FF during stop
Rewind the tape	◀◀ REW during stop
Eject the tape	▲ EJECT

### To replay a recently watched scene

You can immediately rewind and playback the scene you want to watch again.

During playback, press REPLAY up to four times. The VCR rewinds the tape about 10 seconds on the counter for each press of the button, and restarts playback.

### To set the colour system

If the playback picture has no colour, or streaks appear during playback, set the SYSTEM option in the VIDEO OPTIONS menu to conform to the system that the tape was recorded in (see page 42). (Normally set the option to AUTO.)

### To play an NTSC-recorded tape

Set NTSC PB at the rear of the VCR according to the colour system of your TV.

When your TV is	Set NTSC PB to
PAL only	ON PAL TV
PAL and NTSC	NTSC 4.43

### To use the time counter

At the point on the tape that you want to find later, press COUNTER RESET. The counter in the display window resets to "0:00:00." Search for the point afterwards by referring to the counter.



To display the counter on the TV screen, press DISPLAY.

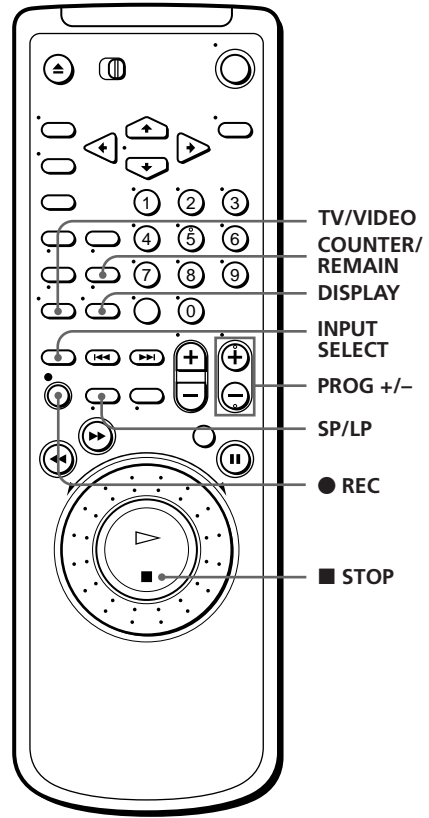
### Enjoying the simulated stereo sound (Virtual Stereo)

When you connect the VCR to a stereo TV or a stereo system, you can use the Virtual Stereo function to give monaural sources a simulated stereo effect. To activate this function, press VIRTUAL SOUND. To cancel this function, press VIRTUAL SOUND again.

#### Notes

- The counter resets to "0:00:00" whenever a tape is reinserted.
- The counter stops counting when it comes to a portion with no recording.
- The time counter does not appear on the TV screen when using an NTSC-recorded tape.
- Depending on your TV, the following may occur while playing an NTSC-recorded tape:
  - The picture becomes black and white.
  - The picture shakes.
  - No picture appears on the TV screen.
  - Black streaks appear horizontally on the TV screen.
  - The colour density increases or decreases.
- If you play back a tape in LP or EP mode with NTSC system, the sound is heard in monaural.

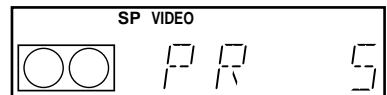
# Recording TV programmes



**1** Turn on your TV and set it to the video channel.  
To record from a decoder, turn it on.

**2** Insert a tape with its safety tab in place.

**3** Press INPUT SELECT until a programme position number appears in the display window.

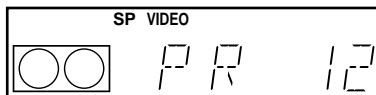


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•PROG



Press PROG +/- to select the programme position you want to record.



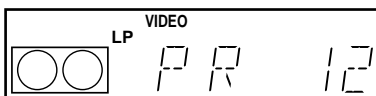
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SP / LP



Press SP/LP to select the tape speed, SP or LP.

LP (Long Play) provides recording time twice as long as SP, however, SP (Standard Play) produces better picture and audio quality.



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●REC



Press ● REC to start recording.

The recording indicator lights up red in the display window.

Recording indicator



### To stop recording

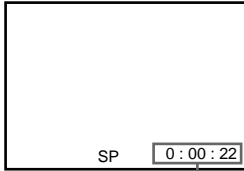
Press ■ STOP.

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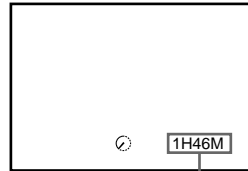
## Recording TV programmes (continued)

### To check the remaining time

Press DISPLAY. With the display on, press COUNTER/REMAIN to check the remaining time. Each time you press COUNTER/REMAIN, the time counter and the remaining time appear alternately. The remaining time with the ⌚ indicator also appears in the display window.



Time counter



Remaining time

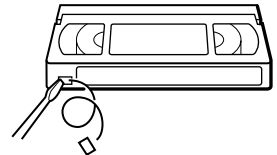
To correctly check the remaining time of the tape, set TAPE SELECT in the TAPE OPTIONS menu according to the tape type you use (see page 41).

### To watch another TV programme while recording

- 1 Press TV/VIDEO on the remote commander to turn off the VIDEO indicator in the display window.
- 2 Select another programme position on the TV.

### To save a recording

To prevent accidental erasure, break off the safety tab as illustrated. To record on a tape again, cover the tab hole with adhesive tape.



Safety tab

### Tips

- To select a programme position, you can use the programme number buttons on the remote commander. For two-digit numbers, press the  $\text{---}$  (ten's digit) button followed by the programme number buttons.
- You can select a video source from the LINE-1 (TV) connector or LINE 2 IN VIDEO/AUDIO jacks using INPUT SELECT.
- The display appears on the TV screen indicating information about the tape, but the information won't be recorded on the tape.
- If you don't want to watch TV while recording, you can turn off the TV.

### Notes

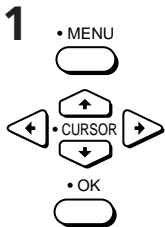
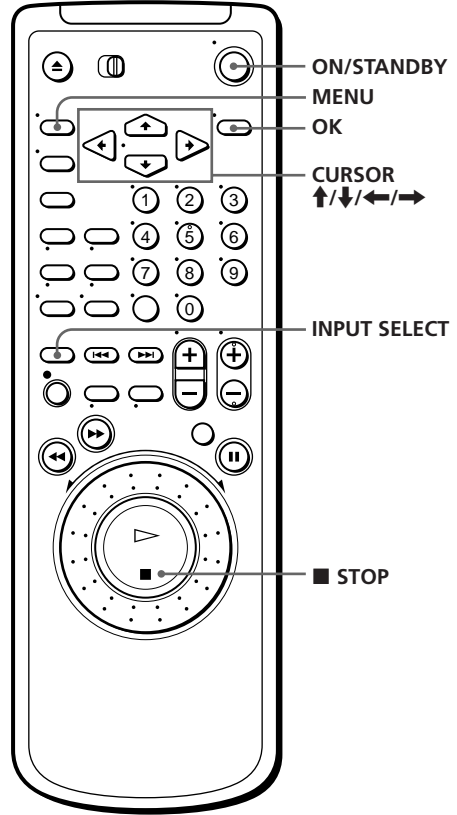
- The display does not appear during still (pause) mode or slow-motion playback.
- The display will not appear while playing an NTSC-recorded tape.
- If a tape has portions recorded in both PAL and NTSC systems, the time counter reading will not be correct. This discrepancy is due to the difference between the counting cycles of the two video systems.
- When you insert a non-standard commercially available tape, the remaining time may not be correct.
- The remaining time doesn't work for an NTSC-recorded tape. “-H- -M” appears in the display window.
- The remaining time is intended for rough measurement only.
- About 30 seconds after the tape begins playback, the tape remaining time will be displayed.

# Recording TV programmes using the timer

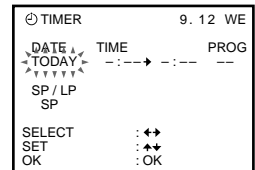
You can preset up to eight programmes at a time.

## Before you start...

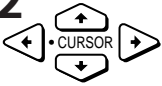
- Check that the VCR clock is set to the correct time.
- Insert a tape with its safety tab in place. Make sure the tape is longer than the total recording time.
- Turn on your TV and set it to the video channel.



Press MENU and select TIMER, then press OK.



2



Set the date, programme position, start and stop times, and tape speed:

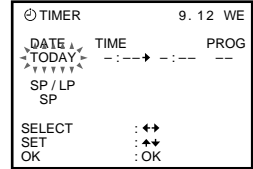
1 Press CURSOR → to flash each item in turn.

2 Press CURSOR ↑/↓ to set each item.

To correct a setting, press CURSOR ← to return to that setting and reset.

• To record the same programme every day or the same day every week, see "Daily/weekly recording" on page 30.

• To record from a decoder or other source connected to the LINE-1 (TV) connector or LINE 2 IN VIDEO/AUDIO jacks, press INPUT SELECT to display "L1" or "L2" in the "PROG" position.



3



Press OK to complete the setting.

4

• ON/  
STANDBY



Press ON/STANDBY to turn off the VCR.

The © indicator appears in the display window and the VCR stands by for recording.

To record from a decoder or other source, leave the connected equipment switched on.

### To stop recording

To stop the VCR while recording, press ■ STOP on the VCR.

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## Recording TV programmes using the timer (continued)

### Daily/weekly recording

In step 3 above, press CURSOR ↓ to select the recording pattern. Each time you press CURSOR ↓, the indication changes as shown below. Press CURSOR ↑ to change the indication in reverse order.

**TODAY** → **SU-SA (Sunday to Saturday)** → **MO-SA (Monday to Saturday)** → **MO-FR (Monday to Friday)** → **SA (every Saturday) .....** → **MO (every Monday)** → **SU (every Sunday)** → **1 month later** → **(dates count down)**  
→ **TODAY**

### To record satellite broadcasts

If you connect the satellite tuner and the VCR, you can record satellite programmes.

- 1** Turn on the satellite tuner.
- 2** On the satellite tuner, select the satellite programme for which you wish to make a timer setting.
- 3** Keep the satellite tuner turned on until the VCR finishes recording the satellite programme for which you have made a timer setting.

### To use the VCR after setting the timer

To use the VCR before a timer recording begins, just press ON/STANDBY. The Ⓞ indicator turns off and the VCR switches on. Remember to press ON/STANDBY to reset the VCR after using the VCR.

You can also do the following tasks while the VCR is recording:

- Reset the counter.
- Display tape information on the TV screen.
- Check the timer settings.
- Watch another TV programme.

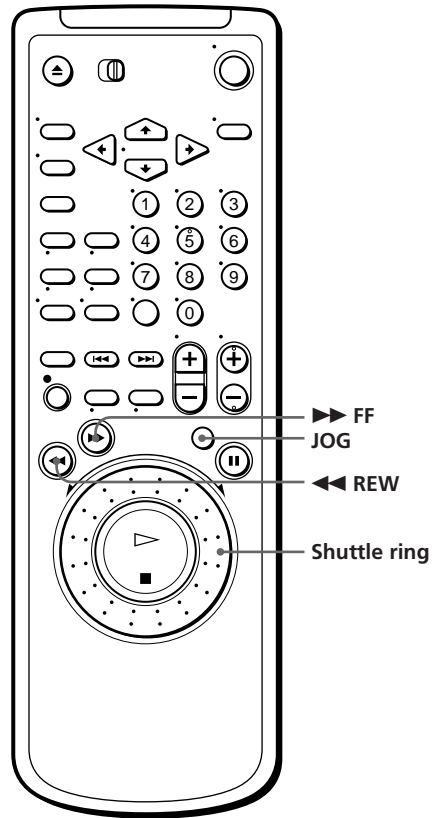
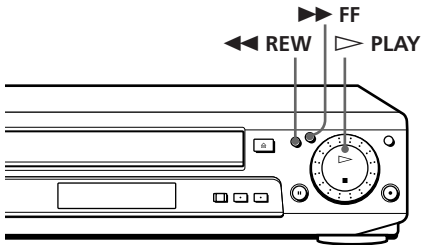
**Tips**

- To set the programme position, you can also use the PROG +/- or programme number buttons.
- To set the tape speed, you can also use the SP/LP button.
- When you are recording a programme in the SP mode and the remaining tape becomes shorter than the recording time, the tape speed is automatically changed to the LP mode. Note that some interference will appear on the picture at the point the tape speed is changed. If you want to keep the same tape speed, set AUTO TAPE SPEED to OFF in the TAPE OPTIONS menu (page 41).

**Note**

- The  indicator flashes in the display window when you press ON/STANDBY with no tape inserted.

# Playing/searching at various speeds



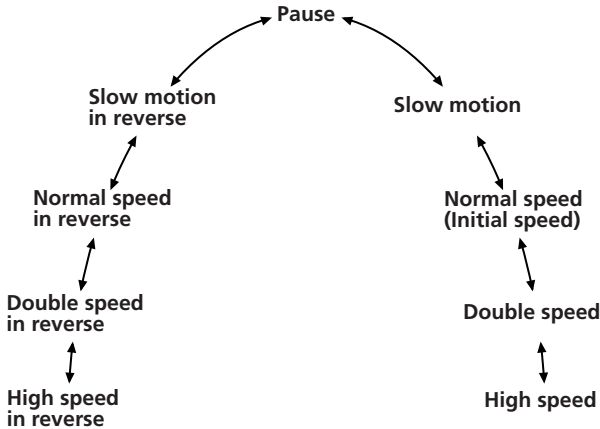
Playback options	Operation
View the picture during fast-forward or rewind	During fast-forward, press ►► FF. During rewind, press and hold ◄◄ REW.
Rewind and start play	During stop, press ▷ PLAY on the VCR while holding ◄◄ REW down on the VCR.

## Using the shuttle ring

With the shuttle ring, you can operate a variety of playback options. There are two ways for using the shuttle ring, normal mode and jog mode.

### To use the shuttle ring in normal mode

During playback or pause, turn the shuttle ring clockwise or anticlockwise. Each change in the shuttle ring position changes the playback mode in the following way.



### To use the shuttle ring in jog mode

Use this mode for frame-by-frame playback.

Press JOG to enter the jog mode. The JOG button lights up. If you change to the jog mode during any playback mode, the playback pauses so you can see a still picture. Each change in the shuttle ring position shifts the picture one frame. To shift frames in reverse, turn the shuttle ring counterclockwise. The frame shift speed depends on the speed you turn the shuttle ring. To resume normal playback, press JOG again. The JOG indicator goes off.

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## ***Playing/searching at various speeds (continued)***

### **To resume normal playback**

Press ▷ PLAY.

### **Tip**

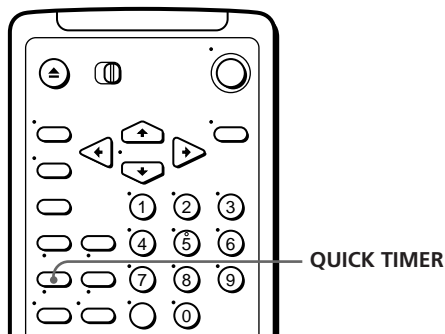
- Adjust the picture using TRACKING +/- if:
    - Streaks appear while playing in slow motion.
    - Bands appear at the top or bottom while pausing.
    - The picture shakes while pausing.
- To set tracking to the centre position, press both buttons (+/-) at the same time.

### **Notes**

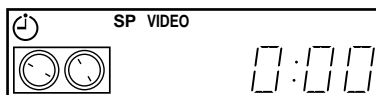
- The playback sound is muted during the operations in the above table.
- In the LP mode, noise may appear or there may be no colour.
- If the playback mode mark doesn't appear on the TV screen, press DISPLAY.

# Recording TV programmes using the quick timer

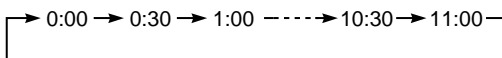
After starting recording in the normal way, you can have the VCR stop recording automatically after a specified duration.



- 1 While recording, press QUICK TIMER once.  
The ⌚ indicator appears in the display window.



- 2 Press QUICK TIMER repeatedly to set the duration.  
Each press advances the time in increments of 30 minutes.



The duration decreases minute by minute to 0:00, then the VCR stops recording and turns off automatically.

## To extend the duration

Press QUICK TIMER repeatedly to set to the new duration.

## To stop recording

To stop the VCR while recording, press ■ STOP.

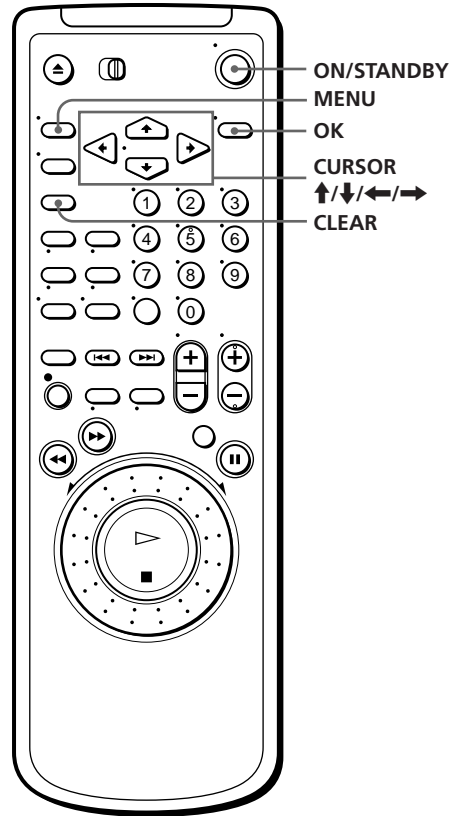
## Using the quick timer during stop mode

You can set the quick timer and start recording during stop mode by pressing QUICK TIMER. To set the programme position, you can use the PROG +/- or INPUT SELECT buttons. Press QUICK TIMER repeatedly to set the recording duration. The recording will start automatically.

# Checking/ changing/ cancelling timer settings

## Before you start...

- Turn on your TV and set it to the video channel.



- 1 Press ON/STANDBY to turn on the VCR.
- 2 Press MENU and select LIST, then press OK:
  - If you want to change or cancel a setting, go on to the next step.
  - If you do not need to change or cancel the settings, press OK, then turn off the VCR to return to recording standby.

LIST	DATE	TIME	9. 12 WE	PROG
▶	9. 12	1900▶2000		35 LP
	28. 12	0930▶1000		6 SP
	17. 12	0500▶0530		44 LP
	MO-FR	0000▶0100		L1 LP
	MO-SA	2300▶0000		L2 SP
	SU-SA	1212▶2000		27 LP
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- 3** Press CURSOR  $\uparrow/\downarrow$  to select the setting you want to change or cancel, then press OK.

The selected setting appears in the TIMER menu.

⊙TIMER		9. 12 WE
DATE $\uparrow/\downarrow$	TIME	PROG
TODAY $\uparrow/\downarrow$	19:00+20:00	35
SP/LP		
LP		
SELECT	: $\leftrightarrow$	
SET	: $\leftrightarrow$	
OK	: OK	

- 4** To change the setting, press CURSOR  $\leftarrow/ \rightarrow$  to flash the item you want to change, and press CURSOR  $\uparrow/\downarrow$  to reset it.

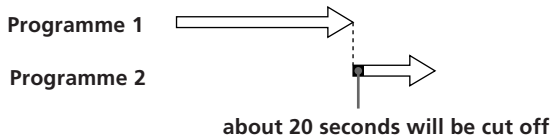
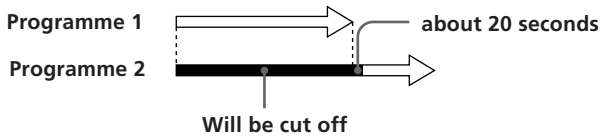
To cancel the setting, press CLEAR.

- 5** Press OK.

If any settings remain, turn off the VCR to return to recording standby.

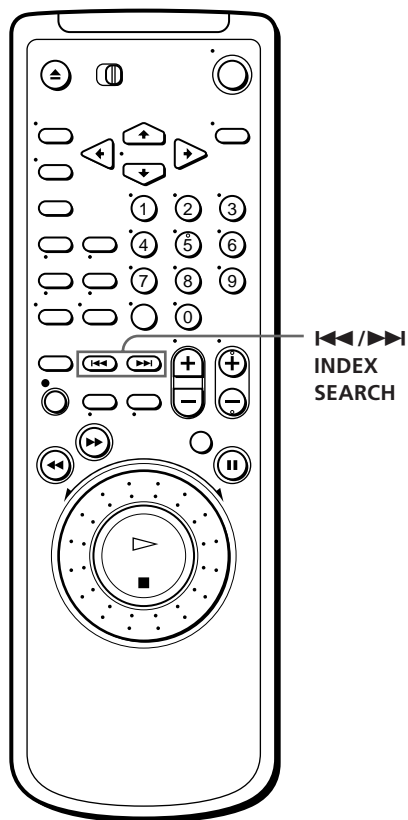
### When the timer settings overlap

The programme that starts first has priority and the second programme starts recording only after the first programme has finished. If the programmes start at the same time, the programme listed first in the menu has priority.



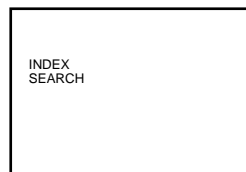
# Searching using the index function

The VCR marks the tape with an index signal at the point where each recording begins. Use these signals as references to find a specific recording.



- 1 Insert an indexed tape into the VCR.
- 2 Press **◀◀/▶▶** INDEX SEARCH:
  - To search ahead, press **▶▶** INDEX SEARCH.
  - To search backwards, press **◀◀** INDEX SEARCH.

The VCR starts searching and playback starts automatically from that point.



## To stop searching


Press **■** STOP.


## Note

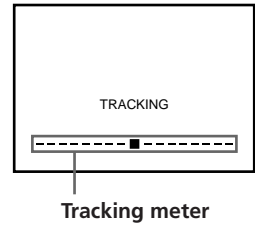
- No index signal will be added when recording starts from recording pause. However, an index signal will be marked if you change the programme position during recording pause.

# Adjusting the picture

## Adjusting the tracking

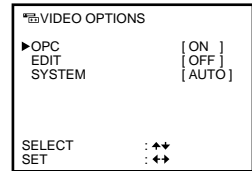
Although the VCR automatically adjusts the tracking when playing a tape (the  indicator flashes in the display window, then goes off), distortion may occur if the tape was recorded in poor condition. In this case, manually adjust the tracking.

During playback, press TRACKING +/- on the VCR to display the tracking meter. The distortion should disappear as you press one of the two buttons (the  indicator lights up). To resume automatic tracking adjustments, eject the tape and reinsert it.



## About Optimum Picture Control (OPC)

Optimum Picture Control (OPC) automatically improves recording and playback quality by adjusting the VCR to the condition of the video heads and tape. To maintain better picture quality, we recommend that you set OPC to ON in the VIDEO OPTIONS menu (with the OPC indicator in the display window lit). For details, see page 42.



### OPC playback

The OPC function automatically works on all types of tapes, including rental tapes and tapes that were not recorded with OPC.

### OPC recording

Whenever you insert a tape and start recording for the first time, the VCR adjusts to the tape using the OPC function (the OPC indicator flashes rapidly). This adjustment is retained until the tape is ejected.

### To deactivate the OPC

Set OPC to OFF in the VIDEO OPTIONS menu. The OPC indicator in the display window goes off.

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## ***Adjusting the picture (continued)***

### **Tip**

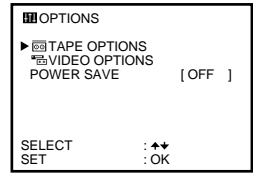
- To set tracking to the centre position, press the TRACKING + and – buttons at the same time.

### **Notes**

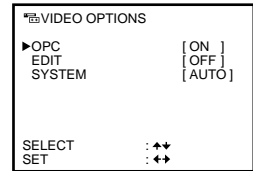
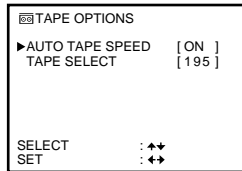
- You can adjust the tracking for the NTSC-recorded tape but the tracking meter won't be displayed.
- With the Auto Tape Speed function on, the OPC function will work only in SP mode. If the tape speed automatically switches from SP to LP, the OPC function turns off. If, however, the entire programme is recorded in LP mode, the OPC function will work.
- There is a delay of a few seconds before the VCR actually starts recording while the VCR analyses the tape. To avoid the delay, first set the VCR to recording pause (the OPC indicator flashes slowly) and press ● REC to have the VCR analyse the tape (the OPC indicator flashes rapidly). After the OPC indicator stops flashing, press ■ PAUSE to start recording immediately. If you want to start recording quickly without using the OPC function, first set the VCR to recording pause (the OPC indicator flashes slowly) and press ■ PAUSE to start recording.

# Changing menu options

- 1 Press MENU, then select SETTINGS.
- 2 Select OPTIONS.



- 3 Press CURSOR  $\uparrow/\downarrow$  to select the option you want to change:
  - To change the TAPE OPTIONS or VIDEO OPTIONS
    - 1 Press OK after selecting TAPE OPTIONS or VIDEO OPTIONS.



- 2 Press CURSOR  $\uparrow/\downarrow$  to select the option, then press CURSOR  $\leftarrow/ \rightarrow$  to change the setting.

- To change the other options  
Press CURSOR  $\leftarrow/ \rightarrow$  to change the setting.

- 4 Press OK to return to the original screen.

## Menu choices

Initial settings are indicated in bold print.

### TAPE OPTIONS menu choices

Menu option	Set this option to
AUTO TAPE SPEED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ON to change the timer recording tape speed automatically to the LP mode when the remaining tape becomes shorter than the recording time.</li> <li>• <b>OFF</b> to keep the set tape speed.</li> </ul>
TAPE SELECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 300 to use an E-300 type tape.</li> <li>• 240 to use an E-240 type tape.</li> <li>• <b>195</b> to use an E-195 or shorter type tape.</li> </ul>

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## Changing menu options (continued)

### VIDEO OPTIONS menu choices

Menu option	Set this option to
OPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>ON</b> to switch on the OPC (Optimum Picture Control) function and improve picture quality.</li><li>• <b>OFF</b> to switch off OPC.</li></ul>
EDIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>ON</b> to minimise picture deterioration when editing.</li><li>• <b>OFF</b> to turn off EDIT.</li></ul>
SYSTEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>AUTO</b> to set the colour system automatically.</li><li>• <b>PAL</b> to play back a tape recorded in the PAL colour system.</li><li>• <b>MESECAM</b> to play back a tape recorded in the MESECAM colour system.</li></ul> <p>For details, see page 22.</p>

### OPTIONS menu choices

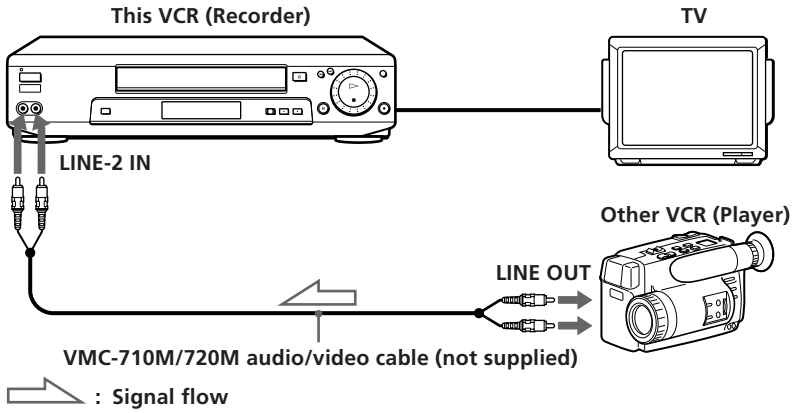
Menu option	Set this option to
POWER SAVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>ON</b> to turn off the indicators in the display window to conserve the VCR power.</li><li>• <b>OFF</b> to turn on the indicators in the display window while the VCR is standing by.</li></ul>

#### Notes

- When you set a timer recording, the indicators in the display window remain on, even though POWER SAVE is set to ON.
- With the EDIT option ON, the OPC function does not work.

# Connecting to a VCR or stereo system

## How to connect to record on this VCR

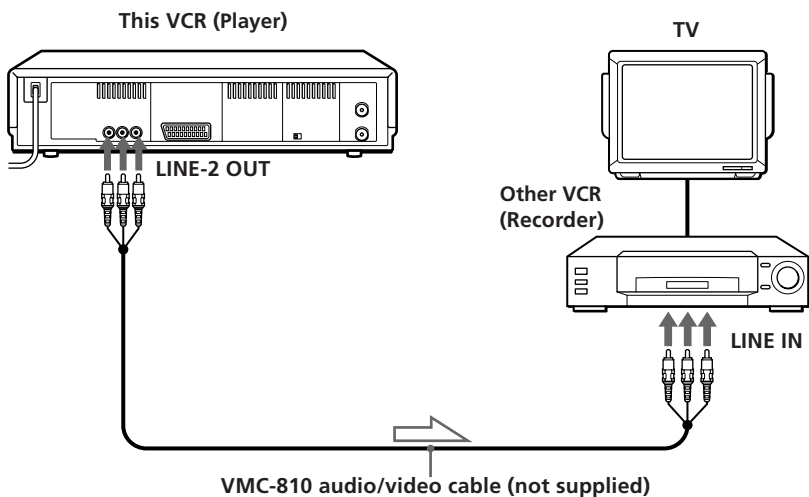


### Notes

- Make sure you connect the plugs to jacks of the same colour.
- If the other VCR has the AUDIO L and R jacks, use the 3-phono to 2 phono type audio/video cable.
- If you connected this VCR to both the LINE IN and LINE OUT jacks of the other VCR, select the input correctly to prevent a humming noise.

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## Connecting to a VCR or stereo system (continued)



 : Signal flow

### Notes

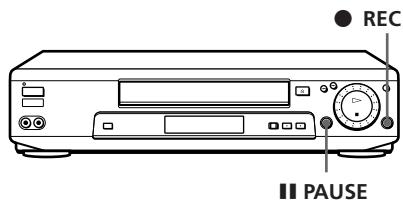
- Make sure you connect the plugs to jacks of the same colour.
- If the other VCR is a monaural type, leave the red plugs unconnected.
- If you connected this VCR to both the LINE IN and LINE OUT jacks of the other VCR, select the input correctly to prevent a humming noise.

### How to connect to a stereo system

Connect the LINE-2 IN AUDIO jacks on this VCR to the audio output jacks on the stereo system, using the RK-C510KS audio cable (not supplied).

# Basic editing

(when recording on this VCR)



## Before you start editing

- Turn on your TV and set it to the video channel.
- Press INPUT SELECT to display “L2” or “L1” in the display window.
- Press SP/LP to select the tape speed, SP or LP.
- On this VCR, set EDIT in the VIDEO OPTIONS menu to ON. If the other VCR has a similar function, turn it on also.

- 1** Insert a source tape with its safety tab removed into the other (playback) VCR. Search for the point to start playback and set it to playback pause.
- 2** Insert a tape with its safety tab in place into this (recording) VCR. Search for the point to start recording and press ■ PAUSE.
- 3** Press ● REC on this VCR to set it to recording pause.
- 4** To start editing, press the ■ PAUSE buttons on both VCRs at the same time.

## To stop editing

Press the ■ STOP buttons on both VCRs.

### Tips

- To edit more precisely, press the ■ PAUSE buttons on the VCRs to release pause.
- To cut out unwanted scenes while editing, press ■ PAUSE on this VCR when an unwanted scene begins. When it ends, press ■ PAUSE again to resume recording (Assemble Editing).

### Note

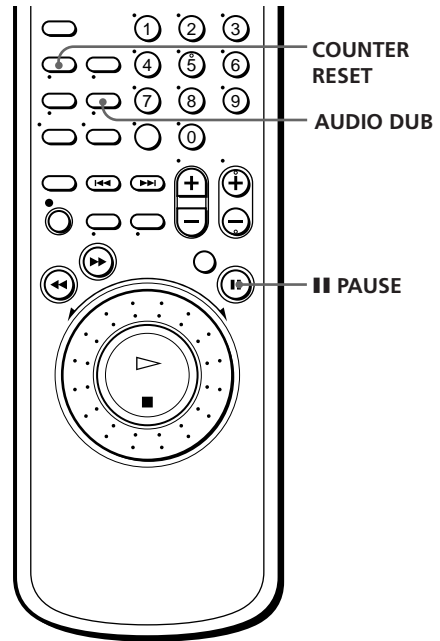
- If you start editing following the procedure above, the VCR won't start recording with the OPC function. To record a tape with the OPC function, press ● REC again during recording pause in step 3 so the VCR analyses the tape. Then, when you start editing in step 4, press ■ PAUSE after the OPC indicator stops flashing. If you press ■ PAUSE before the OPC indicator stops flashing, the OPC function is cancelled.

# Audio dubbing

This feature lets you record over the normal audio track. The monaural sound previously recorded is replaced while the original sound remains unchanged. Use this feature to add commentary to a tape that you have recorded with a camcorder. To use this feature, connect another VCR or stereo system to the LINE-2 IN jacks on the VCR.

## Before you start editing...

- Turn on your TV and set it to the video channel.



- 1** Insert a source tape into the stereo system (or the playback VCR). Search for the point to start playback and set it to playback pause.
- 2** Insert a prerecorded tape with its safety tab in place into this (recording) VCR. Search for the end of the section to be replaced and press **|| PAUSE**.
- 3** Press **COUNTER RESET** to reset the counter to "0:00:00."
- 4** Rewind the prerecorded tape to the beginning of the section to be replaced.  
The VCR pauses.
- 5** Press **AUDIO DUB**.  
The ⊖ indicator and "L2" appear in the display window.
- 6** To start editing, press the **|| PAUSE** buttons on this VCR and the stereo system (or other VCR) at the same time.  
When the counter reaches "0:00:00," audio dubbing stops automatically.

## To stop while editing

Press the **■ STOP** buttons on this VCR and the stereo system (or other VCR).

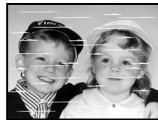
# Troubleshooting

If you have any questions or problems not covered below, please consult your nearest Sony service facility.

	Symptom	Remedy
Power	The ON/STANDBY switch does not function.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect the mains lead to the mains securely.</li> </ul>
	The power is turned on but the VCR does not operate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moisture condensation occurs. Turn the power off, unplug the mains lead and leave the VCR to dry for over one hour.</li> </ul>
Clock	The clock has stopped and “-:-” lights in the display window.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The clock stops if the VCR is disconnected from the mains for more than one hour. Reset the clock (and timer).</li> </ul>
	The playback picture does not appear on the TV screen.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make sure the TV is set to the video channel. If you are using a monitor, set it to video input.</li> </ul>
Playback	The picture is not clear.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjust the tracking with the TRACKING +/- buttons.</li> <li>The video heads are dirty (see below). Clean the video heads using the Sony T-25CLD, E-25CLDR, or T-25CLW video head cleaning cassette. If these cleaning cassettes are not available in your area, have the heads cleaned at your nearest Sony service facility (a standard service charge will be required). Do not use a commercially available liquid type cleaning cassette other than Sony's, as it may damage the video heads.</li> <li>The video heads may have to be replaced. Consult your local Sony service facility for more information.</li> </ul>
	The picture rolls vertically during picture search.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjust the vertical hold control on the TV or monitor.</li> </ul>
	The picture has no sound.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The tape is defective. Use a new tape.</li> </ul>

## Symptoms caused by contaminated video heads

- Normal picture
- Rough picture
- Unclear picture
- No picture (or black & white screen appears)



initial  
contamination



terminal

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## Troubleshooting (continued)

	Symptom	Remedy
Recording	No TV programme appears on the TV screen.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure the TV is set to the video channel. If you are using a monitor, set it to video input.</li> </ul>
	TV reception is poor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjust the TV aerial.</li> <li>• Make sure the TV system is correctly set for your TV.</li> <li>• Make sure SYSTEM (B/G or D/K) in the TUNER PRESET menu is set to the system in your area.</li> </ul>
	The tape starts playing as soon as it is inserted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The safety tab has been removed. To record on this tape, cover the tab hole.</li> </ul>
	The tape is ejected when you press ● REC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check that the safety tab has not been removed.</li> </ul>
	Nothing happens when you press ● REC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure the tape is not at its end.</li> <li>• Select the correct source with the INPUT SELECT button. Select a programme position when recording TV programmes; select "L1" or "L2" when recording from other equipment.</li> </ul>
Timer recording	The timer does not operate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check that the clock is set.</li> <li>• Make sure a tape has been inserted.</li> <li>• Check that the safety tab has not been removed.</li> <li>• Make sure the tape is not at its end.</li> <li>• Make sure a programme has been set for timer recording.</li> <li>• Make sure your timer settings have not already passed the current time.</li> <li>• Check that the satellite tuner is turned on.</li> <li>• The clock stops if the VCR is disconnected from the mains for more than one hour. Reset the clock and timer.</li> </ul>

	Symptom	Remedy
<b>Others</b>	A tape cannot be inserted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check that a tape isn't already in the tape compartment.</li> </ul>
	The remote commander does not function.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure you are pointing the remote commander at the remote sensor on the VCR.</li> <li>• Replace all the batteries in the remote commander with new ones if they are weak.</li> <li>• Make sure the [TV]/[VIDEO] remote control switch is set correctly.</li> </ul>
	The tracking indicator does not appear on the screen.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The recording condition of the tape is very poor and tracking cannot be adjusted.</li> <li>• Tracking indicator does not appear when playing back an NTSC-recorded tape.</li> </ul>
	You cannot control other TVs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set your TV's code number. The code number resets to 01 when you replace the batteries of the remote commander.</li> </ul>
	The VCR needs to be cleaned.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean the cabinet, panel and controls with a dry, soft cloth, or a soft cloth slightly moistened with a mild detergent solution. Do not use any type of solvent, such as alcohol or benzine.</li> </ul>

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# Specifications

## System

Channel coverage

VHS E2-E12, R1-R12

UHF E21-E69, R21-R69

CATV S1-S41, S01-S05

RF output signal

UHF channels 21 to 69

Aerial out

75-ohm asymmetrical aerial socket

## Inputs and outputs

↳ LINE-1 (TV)

21-pin

Video input: pin 20

Audio input: pins 2 and 6

Video output: pin 19

Audio output: pins 1 and 3

LINE-2 IN

VIDEO IN, phono jack (1)

Input signal: 1 Vp-p, 75 ohms,

unbalanced, sync negative

AUDIO IN, phone jack (1)

Input level: 327 mVrms

Input impedance: more than 47 kilohms

LINE-2 OUT

AUDIO OUT, phono jack (2)

Rated output level: 327 mVrms

Load impedance: 47 kilohms

Output impedance: less than 10 kilohms

VIDEO OUT, phono jack (1)

Rated output: 327 mVrms

Load impedance: 47 kilohms

Output impedance: less than 10 kilohms

## General

Power requirements

220 – 240 V AC, 50 Hz

Power consumption

23 W

Operating temperature

5°C to 40°C

Storage temperature

-20°C to 60°C

Dimensions

Approx. 430 × 100 × 314 mm (w/h/d)

including projecting parts and controls

Mass

Approx. 4.6 kg

## Supplied accessories

Remote commander (1)

R6 (size AA) batteries (2)

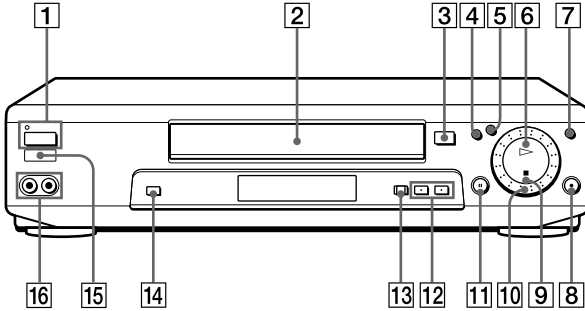
Aerial cable (1)

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## Front panel

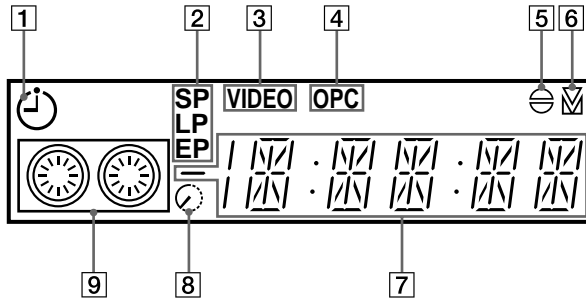


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| <b>1</b> ON/STANDBY switch/indicator (11) | <b>10</b> Shuttle ring (33)  |
| <b>2</b> Tape compartment                 | <b>11</b> ■ PAUSE button (45)  |
| <b>3</b> ≡ EJECT button (22)              | <b>12</b> PROGRAM/TRACKING +/- buttons (12, 34, 39)                  |
| <b>4</b> ◀◀ REW (rewind) button (32)      | <b>13</b> AUTO SET UP / RF (Radio Frequency) CHANNEL button (11, 13) |
| <b>5</b> ▶▶ FF (fast-forward) button (32) | <b>14</b> VIRTUAL STEREO button (23)                                 |
| <b>6</b> ▷ PLAY button (32)               | <b>15</b> Remote sensor (5)  |
| <b>7</b> JOG button (33)                  | <b>16</b> LINE-2 IN VIDEO/AUDIO jacks (43)                           |
| <b>8</b> ● REC (record) button (45)       |  |
| <b>9</b> ■ STOP button (45)               |  |

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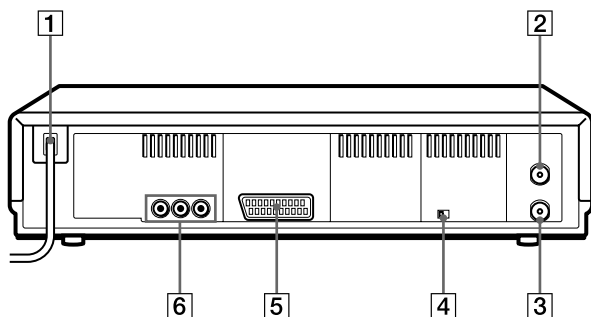
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### Display window



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|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | Timer indicator (29)                            | 6 | Tracking indicator (39)  |
| 2 | Tape speed indicators (25)                      | 7 | Time counter/clock/line/<br>programme position indicator<br>(23, 24, 45) |
| 3 | VIDEO indicator (10, 26)                        | 8 | Remaining time indicator (26)  |
| 4 | OPC (Optimum Picture Control)<br>indicator (39) | 9 | Tape/recording indicator (23, 25)  |
| 5 | Audio dubbing indicator (46)                    |   |  |

## Rear panel

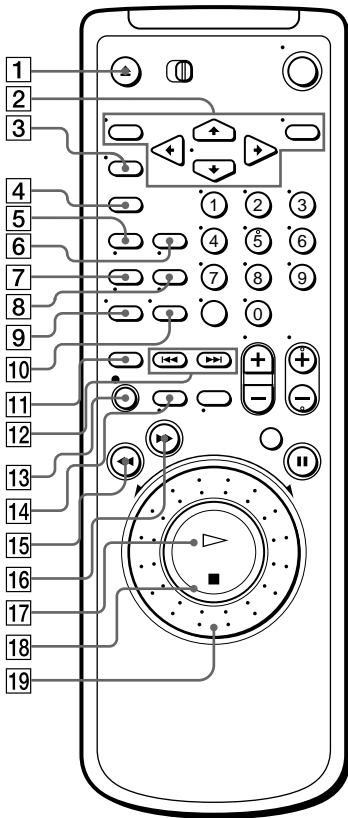


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|---|---|
| <b>1</b> Mains lead (9)                             | <b>4</b> NTSC PB switch (22)                            |
| <b>2</b> AERIAL IN<br>ANTENNE ENTREE connector (9)  | <b>5</b> ↻ LINE-1 (TV)<br>↻ LIGNE-1 (TV) connector (10) |
| <b>3</b> AERIAL OUT<br>ANTENNE SORTIE connector (9) | <b>6</b> LINE-2 OUT VIDEO/AUDIO<br>(MONO) jacks (44)    |

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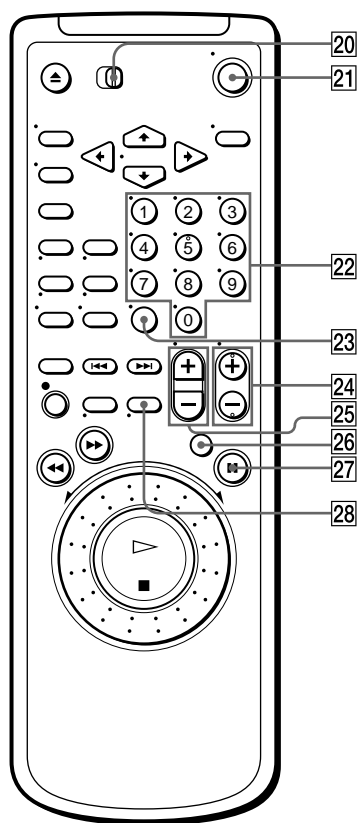
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### Remote commander



- 1** ▲ EJECT button (22)
- 2** Menu buttons (16, 36, 41)  
MENU button  
CURSOR ↑/↓/←/→ buttons  
OK button
- 3** WIDE button (*for TV*) (7)
- 4** CLEAR button (37)
- 5** COUNTER RESET button\* (23)
- 6** COUNTER/REMAIN button\* (26)  
 TV power on/TV mode select button (*for TV*) (6)
- 7** QUICK TIMER button\* (35)
- 8** AUDIO DUB button\* (46)
- 9** TV/VIDEO button (10, 26)
- 10** DISPLAY button (26)
- 11** INPUT SELECT button (24, 29)
- 12** ◀◀ / ▶▶ INDEX SEARCH buttons (38)
- 13** ● REC (record) button (25)
- 14** SP/LP button (25)
- 15** ◀◀ REW button (22, 32)
- 16** ▶▶ FF button (22, 32)
- 17** ▷ PLAY button (21)
- 18** ■ STOP button (22)
- 19** Shuttle ring (33)

\* FASTTEXT buttons (*for TV*) (7)



- 20 TV / VIDEO remote control switch (5)
- 21 ON / STANDBY switch (6, 29)
- 22 Programme number buttons (6, 19, 20, 27)
- 23 - / - - (ten's digit) button (27)
- 24 PROG (programme) + / - buttons (6, 18, 25)
- 25 / Teletext page access buttons (for TV) (7)
- 26 VOL (volume) + / - buttons (for TV) (6)
- 27 JOG button (33)
- 27 PAUSE button (22)
- 28 REPLAY button (22)
- (Teletext) button (for TV) (6)

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