

Panasonic Camcorder Quick Start

For any additional functions not featured in this manual, please refer to the manufacturer's manual supplied with your camcorder.

Get Started:

Before starting to use your camcorder, make sure it has power. The camcorder comes with both batteries and AC power adapter. It is recommended that you use the AC adapter for all indoor/outdoor situations where AC power is available.

How To:

Provide AC for the camcorder – Plug one side of the AC cable to your AC outlet, and the other side into the *video camera AC adaptor*. Get what looks like a battery with a long cable attached to it and plug the cable in the *video camera AC adaptor* on the side that reads *DC OUT 7.9V*. The other side (the battery adapter) goes into the camcorder.

Change Battery Packs/ Insert AC Battery Adapter – Right above the battery there is a small battery release button that reads “Push” on it. While pressing this button all the way in, slide the battery upward. This releases the battery. To insert a battery/or the AC battery adapter place the AC battery adapter on the back of the camcorder, and while pushing it in, slide it down (make sure the grooves on both sides of the battery fit well on the camcorder).

Turn the camcorder ON – On the back of the camcorder there is a [Off/On/Mode] switch. Turn it to ON while pressing the little **blue** button. Turning the camcorder Off is the reverse of turning it On.

Insert a tape – You must purchase your own Mini-DV tapes. Before you start, make sure you have power supplied to the camcorder.

- To insert tape – slide forward the latch that reads “Open/Eject” located on top.
- Open the black top cover aside all the way. After doing this, the electronic mechanism takes 2-5 seconds to open the place where the tape needs to go.
- **DO NOT PUSH or FORCE any of the components on the camcorder.**
- Place the tape upside down and with the holes for the transport mechanism facing inward.
- **Very Important** – to close to tape mechanism **DO NOT PUSH** anywhere else but on the only dedicated area marked “Push/Close” located to the front of the camcorder near the lens. Once this done, the camcorder takes 2-5 sec to load the tape.
- Then you can close the upper black cover.

Open the LCD screen –the most convenient place to hold the screen is at the back corner near the bottom.

Start Recording – press the **red** button once located at the back of the camcorder.

Stop Recording - press the **red** button once located at the back of the camcorder.

Stop and rewind the tape – press the “Stop” button, then press the “◀” button.