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## Operating Instructions **Vol.1**

### Memory Card Camera-Recorder

Model No.

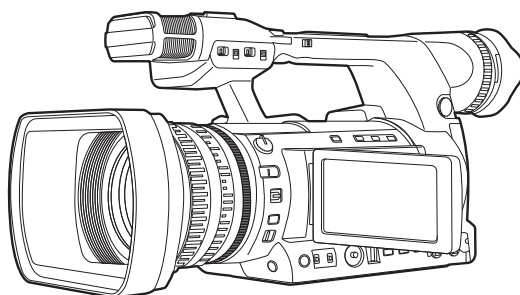
# AG-AC160AP AG-AC160AEJ AG-AC160AEN

## Volume **1**

Note that Operating Instructions Vol.1 describes basic operations of the Memory Card Camera-Recorder.

For instructions on advanced operations of the Memory Card Camera-Recorder, refer to Operating Instructions Vol.2 (pdf file) contained in the supplied CD-ROM. (Page 13)

## AVCCAM



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**DOLBY**  
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HIGH-DEFINITION MULTIMEDIA INTERFACE

Before operating this product, please read the instructions carefully and save this manual for future use.



**CAUTION**  
**RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK**  
**DO NOT OPEN**



CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER TO SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

## WARNING:

- To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this equipment to rain or moisture.
- To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock hazard, keep this equipment away from all liquids. Use and store only in locations which are not exposed to the risk of dripping or splashing liquids, and do not place any liquid containers on top of the equipment.

## WARNING:

Always keep memory cards or accessories (coin battery, microphone holder screws, microphone holder adaptor, INPUT terminal covers) out of the reach of babies and small children.

## CAUTION:

To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock and annoying interference, use the recommended accessories only.

## CAUTION:

Do not jar, swing, or shake the unit by its handle while the conversion lens or another accessory is attached. Due to the added weight of the conversion lens, any strong jolt to the handle may damage the unit or result in personal injury.

## CAUTION:

The mains plug of the power supply cord shall remain readily operable.

The AC receptacle (mains socket outlet) shall be installed near the equipment and shall be easily accessible.

To completely disconnect this equipment from the AC mains, disconnect the power cord plug from the AC receptacle.

## CAUTION:

Danger of explosion or fire if battery is incorrectly replaced or mistreated.

- Do not disassemble the battery or dispose of it in fire.
- Do not store in temperatures over 60°C (140°F).
- Do not expose the battery to excessive heat such as sun-shine, fire or the like.

### For Battery Pack

- Use specified charger.
- Replace only with same or specified type.

### For Battery of Remote Controller

- Replace battery with part No. CR2025 only.
- Do not recharge the battery.

## CAUTION:

In order to maintain adequate ventilation, do not install or place this unit in a bookcase, built-in cabinet or any other confined space.

To prevent risk of electric shock or fire hazard due to overheating, ensure that curtains and any other materials do not obstruct the ventilation.

## CAUTION:

Do not lift the unit by its handle while the tripod is attached. When the tripod is attached, its weight will also affect the unit's handle, possibly causing the handle to break and hurting the user. To carry the unit while the tripod is attached, take hold of the tripod.

## CAUTION:

Excessive sound pressure from earphones and headphones can cause hearing loss.

## CAUTION:

Do not leave the unit in direct contact with the skin for long periods of time when in use.

Low temperature burn injuries may be suffered if the high temperature parts of this unit are in direct contact with the skin for long periods of time. When using the equipment for long periods of time, make use of the tripod.

## CAUTION:

Keep metal objects (such as necklaces and hairpins) away from the battery.

Short-circuiting may occur across the terminals, causing the battery to heat up, and you may seriously burn yourself if you touch the battery in this state.

## CAUTION:

This apparatus can be operated at a voltage in the range of 110-240 V AC.

Voltages other than 120 V are not intended for U.S.A. and Canada.

Operation at a voltage other than 120 V AC may require the use of a different AC plug. Please contact either a local or foreign Panasonic authorized service center for assistance in selecting an alternate AC plug.

## FCC NOTICE (USA)

### Declaration of Conformity

Model Number: AG-AC160AP

Trade Name: Panasonic

Responsible Party: Panasonic Corporation of North America One Panasonic Way, Secaucus, NJ 07094

Support contact: 1-800-524-1448

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.

To assure continued compliance, follow the attached installation instructions and do not make any unauthorized modifications.

### CAUTION:

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 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.

The user may find the booklet "Something About Interference" available from FCC local regional offices helpful.

### FCC Warning:

To assure continued FCC emission limit compliance, follow the attached installation instructions and the user must use only shielded interface cables when connecting to host computer or peripheral devices. Also any unauthorized changes or modifications to this equipment could void the user's authority to operate this device.

## NOTIFICATION (Canada)

This class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Read these instructions.
- 2) Keep these instructions.
- 3) Heed all warnings.
- 4) Follow all instructions.
- 5) Do not use this apparatus near water.
- 6) Clean only with dry cloth.
- 7) Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 8) Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- 9) Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- 10) Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- 11) Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- 12) Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
- 13) Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- 14) Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.



## IMPORTANT

"Unauthorized recording of copyrighted television programs, video tapes and other materials may infringe the right of copyright owners and be contrary to copyright laws."



A lithium ion/polymer battery that is recyclable powers the product you have purchased. Please call 1-800-8-BATTERY for information on how to recycle this battery.

## For USA-California Only

This product contains a CR Coin Cell Lithium Battery which contains Perchlorate Material – special handling may apply.

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# Caution for AC Mains Lead

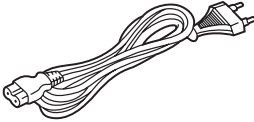
## For battery charger

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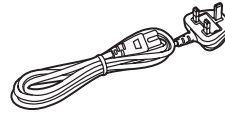
This product is equipped with 2 types of AC mains cable. One is for continental Europe, etc. and the other one is only for U.K.

Appropriate mains cable must be used in each local area, since the other type of mains cable is not suitable.

**TYPE C**  
(FOR CONTINENTAL EUROPE, ETC.)  
Not to be used in the U.K.)



**TYPE BF**  
(FOR U.K. ONLY)





### FOR U.K. ONLY

This appliance is supplied with a moulded three pin mains plug for your safety and convenience.

A 5 amp fuse is fitted in this plug.

Should the fuse need to be replaced please ensure that the replacement fuse has a rating of 5 amps and that it is approved by ASTA or BSI to BS1362.

Check for the ASTA mark  or the BSI mark  on the body of the fuse.

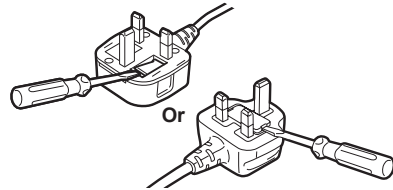
If the plug contains a removable fuse cover you must ensure that it is refitted when the fuse is replaced.

If you lose the fuse cover the plug must not be used until a replacement cover is obtained.

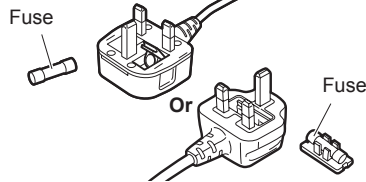
A replacement fuse cover can be purchased from your local Panasonic Dealer.

#### How to replace the fuse

1. Open the fuse compartment with a screwdriver.



2. Replace the fuse.



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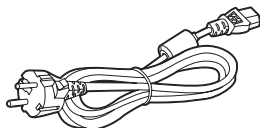
## Caution for AC Mains Lead For AC adaptor

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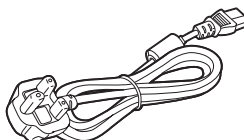
This product is equipped with 2 types of AC mains cable. One is for continental Europe, etc. and the other one is only for U.K.

Appropriate mains cable must be used in each local area, since the other type of mains cable is not suitable.

**FOR CONTINENTAL EUROPE, ETC.**  
Not to be used in the U.K.



**FOR U.K. ONLY**




### FOR U.K. ONLY

This appliance is supplied with a moulded three pin mains plug for your safety and convenience.

A 13 amp fuse is fitted in this plug.

Should the fuse need to be replaced please ensure that the replacement fuse has a rating of 13 amps and that it is approved by ASTA or BSI to BS1362.

Check for the ASTA mark  or the BSI mark  on the body of the fuse.

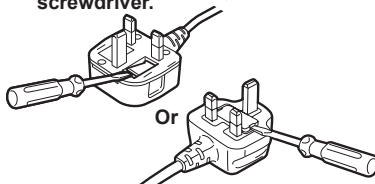
If the plug contains a removable fuse cover you must ensure that it is refitted when the fuse is replaced.

If you lose the fuse cover the plug must not be used until a replacement cover is obtained.

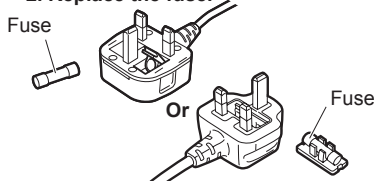
A replacement fuse cover can be purchased from your local Panasonic Dealer.

### How to replace the fuse

1. Open the fuse compartment with a screwdriver.



2. Replace the fuse.



### WARNING:

This equipment must be earthed

To ensure safe operation, the three-pin plug must be inserted only into a standard three-pin power point which is effectively earthed through normal house-hold wiring.

Extension cords used with the equipment must have three cores and be correctly wired to provide connection to the earth. Wrongly wired extension cords are a major cause of fatalities.

The fact that the equipment operates satisfactorily does not imply that the power point is earthed or that the installation is completely safe. For your safety, if you are in any doubt about the effective earthing of the power point, please consult a qualified electrician.

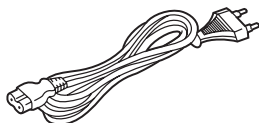
## Caution for AC Mains Lead AC adaptor (Battery charger)

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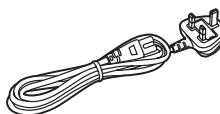
**This product is equipped with 2 types of AC mains cable, Type C and Type BF.**

Appropriate mains cable must be used in each local area, since the other type of mains cable is not suitable.

**TYPE C**



**TYPE BF**



# For AG-AC160AEJ/AG-AC160AEN Only

## EMC NOTICE FOR THE PURCHASER/USER OF THE APPARATUS

### 1. Applicable standards and operating environment

The apparatus is compliant with:

- standards EN55103-1 and EN55103-2, and
- electromagnetic environments E1, E2, E3 and E4.

### 2. Pre-requisite conditions to achieving compliance with the above standards

**<1> Peripheral equipment to be connected to the apparatus and special connecting cables**

- The purchaser/user is urged to use only equipment which has been recommended by us as peripheral equipment to be connected to the apparatus.
- The purchaser/user is urged to use only the connecting cables described below.

**<2> For the connecting cables, use shielded cables which suit the intended purpose of the apparatus.**

- Video signal connecting cables  
Use double-shielded coaxial cables, which are designed for 75-ohm type high-frequency applications, for SDI (Serial Digital Interface). Coaxial cables, which are designed for 75-ohm type high-frequency applications, are recommended for analog video signals.
- Audio signal connecting cables  
If your apparatus supports AES/EBU serial digital audio signals, use cables designed for AES/EBU. Use shielded cables, which provide quality performance for high-frequency transmission applications, for analog audio signals.
- Other connecting cables (IEEE1394, USB)  
Use double-shielded cables, which provide quality performance for high-frequency applications, as connecting cables.
- When connecting to the DVI signal terminal, use a cable with a ferrite core.
- If your apparatus is supplied with ferrite core(s), they must be attached on cable(s) following instructions in this manual.

### 3. Performance level

The performance level of the apparatus is equivalent to or better than the performance level required by these standards.

However, the apparatus may be adversely affected by interference if it is being used in an EMC environment, such as an area where strong electromagnetic fields are generated (by the presence of signal transmission towers, cellular phones, etc.). In order to minimize the adverse effects of the interference on the apparatus in cases like this, it is recommended that the following steps be taken with the apparatus being affected and with its operating environment:

1. Place the apparatus at a distance from the source of the interference.
2. Change the direction of the apparatus.
3. Change the connection method used for the apparatus.
4. Connect the apparatus to another power outlet where the power is not shared by any other appliances.

# Brazil Only

## Brasil Apenas

### ■ Manuseio de baterias usadas



#### BRASIL

Após o uso, as pilhas e/ou baterias deverão ser entregues ao estabelecimento comercial ou rede de assistência técnica autorizada.

Cobrir os terminais positivo (+) e negativo (-) com uma fita isolante adesiva, antes de depositar numa caixa destinada para o recolhimento. O contato entre partes metálicas pode causar vazamentos, gerar calor, romper a blindagem e produzir fogo.

Não desmonte, não remova o invólucro, nem amasse a bateria. O gás liberado pela bateria pode irritar a garganta, danificar o lacre do invólucro ou o vazamento provocar calor, ruptura da blindagem e produzir fogo devido ao curto circuito dos terminais. Não incinere nem aqueça as baterias, elas não podem ficar expostas a temperaturas superiores a 100°C (212°F). O gás liberado pela bateria pode irritar a garganta, danificar o lacre do invólucro ou o vazamento provocar calor, ruptura da blindagem e produzir fogo devido ao curto circuito dos terminais provocado internamente.

Evite o contato com o líquido que vazar das baterias. Caso isto ocorra, lave bem a parte afetada com bastante água. Caso haja irritação, consulte um médico.

#### To remove the battery Para remover a bateria

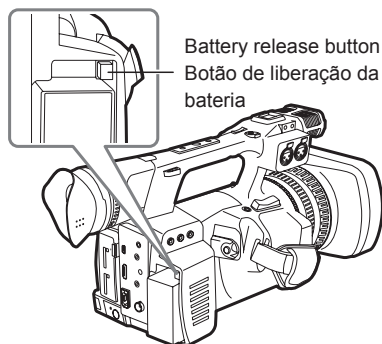
##### Main Power Battery (Lithium ion Battery)

##### Bateria Principal de Energia

(Refer to page 26 for the detail.)

Press the battery release button.

Pressione o botão para liberar a bateria.



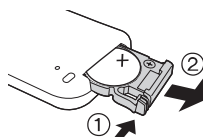
##### Back-up Battery (Lithium Battery)

- For the removal of the battery for disposal at the end of its service life, please consult your dealer.

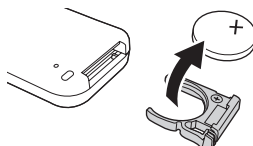
##### Remote Control Battery (Lithium Battery)

##### Bateria do Controle Remoto

- 1) Push the catch in the direction shown by arrow ① to remove the holder.  
Empurre a trava na direção exibida pela seta ① para remover o suporte.



- 2) Remove the button-type battery from the battery holder.  
Remova a bateria tipo botão do suporte da bateria.





■ **Batteries that may be used with this product (Correct as of September 2011)**

Panasonic CGA-E/625 (bundled) and VW-VBG6 (optional) batteries may be used with this product. The CGA-E/625 (bundled) and VW-VBG6 (optional) batteries contain a function to enable verification as to whether they may be safely used with this product.

It has been found that counterfeit battery packs which look very similar to the genuine product are made available to purchase in some markets. Some of these battery packs are not adequately protected with internal protection to meet the requirements of appropriate safety standards. There is a possibility that these battery packs may lead to fire or explosion. Please be advised that we are not liable for any accident or failure occurring as a result of use of a counterfeit battery pack. To ensure that safe products are used we would recommend that a genuine Panasonic battery pack is used.

**Battery Charger / AC Adaptor**

The rating plate is on the underside of the Battery Charger and AC Adaptor. Disconnect the AC mains plug from the AC mains socket when not in use.

**AVCCAM 3 Year Warranty Repair Program\*1**

Thank you for purchasing this Panasonic AVCCAM device.  
Register as a user for this device to receive a special service warranty up to three years of free warranty repairs.



Customers who register as users on the website will receive an extended warranty repair valid for up to three years.

	1 <sup>st</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
AVCCAM device*2	Basic warranty*3	Extended warranty repair*4	

\*1: Please note that this extended warranty is not available in some countries/regions. \*2: Not all models eligible for extended warranty coverage.  
\*3: The basic warranty period may vary depending on the country/region. \*4: Not all repair work is covered by this extended warranty.



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    - To encode video in compliance with the AVC standard (“AVC Video”)
    - To decode AVC Video that was encoded by a consumer engaged in a personal and non-commercial activity
    - To decode AVC Video that was obtained from a video provider licensed to provide AVC Video  
Additional information may be obtained from MPEG LA, LLC (<http://www.mpegla.com>).
    - Separate license contracts must be obtained from MPEG LA where SD Memory Cards containing information recorded with this product are to be distributed to end users for commercial purposes. “End user” refers to persons or organizations handling such contents for personal use.

## How to read this document

### Illustrations

- Illustrations of the camera, menu screens, and other items, may vary from the actual items.
- In order to identify the terminals on the camera body, the supplied protective caps are not illustrated except in “Description of parts” (Pages 22, 23).

### Reference pages

- Reference pages in this document are indicated by (Page 00).

### SD/SDHC/SDXC memory cards

- SD/SDHC/SDXC memory cards are all described as memory cards. Each name is described when explained individually.

### Notations

- The menu items displayed on the screen are enclosed in square brackets like [Menu items], and characters printed on camera and the remote control are enclosed in angle brackets as in <item name>.

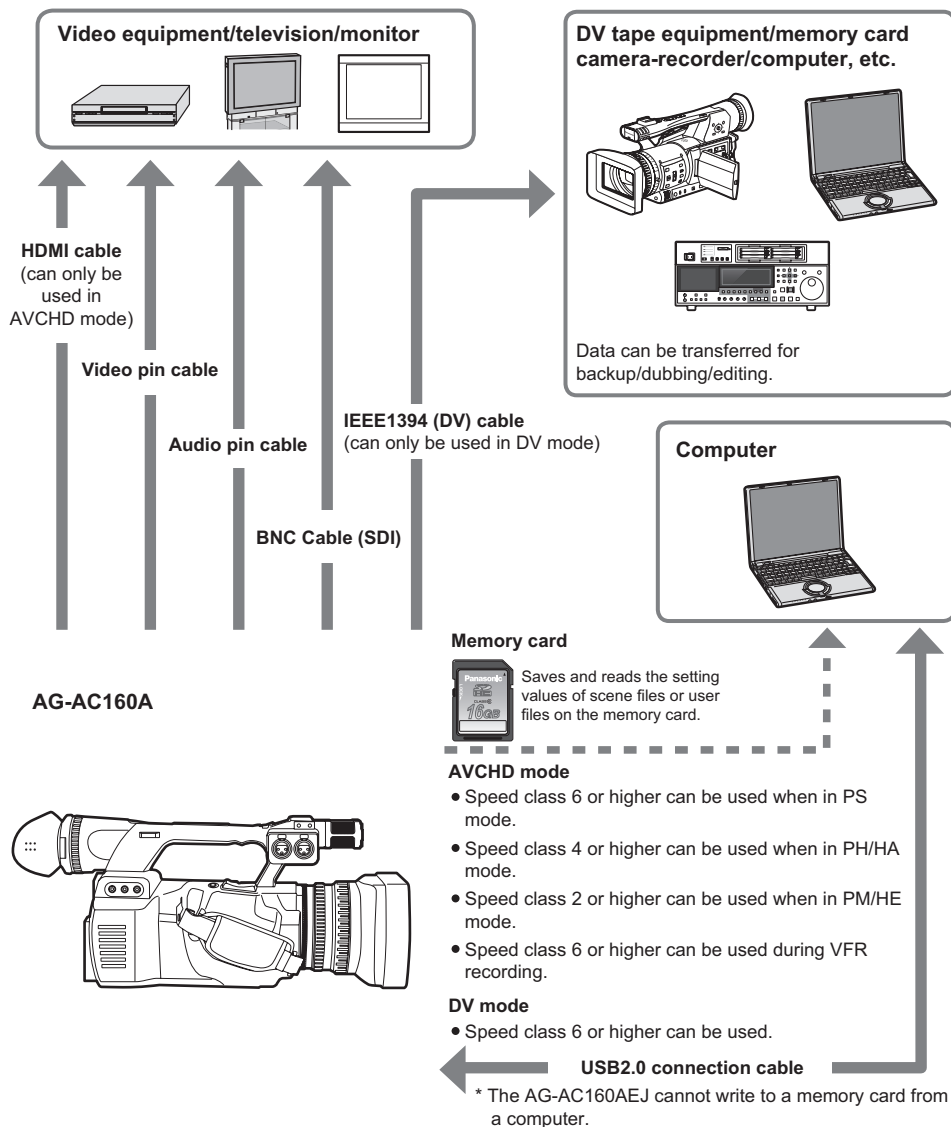
### Menu display language

- [English] is set in the factory settings. You can change the display language in [LANGUAGE] item of the [OTHER FUNCTIONS] screen.

# How to use the camera

This camera is equipped with a 1/3, 2.2 mega pixel 3MOS sensor and an optical 22X cam-type zoom lens. It supports simultaneous and relay recording using two memory card slots. In addition, it is a hand-held camera-recorder that supports commercial HD mode (AVCHD)/SD mode (DV) recording that can deliver diverse image representations by supporting slow/quick motion.

- In this document, "HD mode" is referred to as "AVCHD mode" and "SD mode" is referred to as "DV mode".



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### ■ How to open the operating instruction manual PDF files

Discontinue installation if the installation screen of the software opens as a result of inserting the CD-ROM. When [INDEX.pdf] on the CD-ROM is opened, a list of the operating instruction manuals will be displayed. Click on the document name of the manual to be opened.

### ■ Adobe® Reader® is required to read PDF files.

It can be downloaded from the home page of Adobe Systems.

# Please read before use

## Compatible memory card for this camera

### ■ Shooting in AVCHD mode

Speed class 4 or above is required for recording in PH mode/HA mode. Speed class 2 or above is required for recording in PM mode/HE mode. Speed class 6 or above is required for recording in PS mode or when using the VFR function. It is recommended that you use the following Panasonic memory cards. (As of September, 2011)

### ■ Shooting in DV mode

Speed class 6 or above memory cards are required. It is recommended that you use the following Panasonic memory cards. (As of September, 2011)

Memory card type	Storage capacity	AVCHD shooting/playback	DV shooting/playback	Saving/reading user files and scene files and reading metadata (AVCHD only)	
SD memory card	8 MB 16 MB	Cannot be used.	Cannot be used.	Can be used.	
	32 MB 64 MB 128 MB 256 MB	Successful operation is not guaranteed. Shooting may suddenly stop with certain SD memory cards.			
	512 MB	Can be used.	Can be used.		
	1 GB				
	2 GB				
SDHC memory card	4 GB				Can be used.
	6 GB				—
	8 GB	Can be used.			
	12 GB	—			
	16 GB	Can be used.			
32 GB					
SDXC memory card	48 GB				
	64 GB				

—: No available Panasonic memory cards

- Please see our support page at the following website for the latest information not included in these operating instructions.  
<http://pro-av.panasonic.net/>
- This camera supports FAT12 and FAT16 formatted SD memory cards, FAT32 formatted SDHC memory cards, and exFAT formatted SDXC memory cards that are compliant with the SD standard.
- SDHC memory cards of 4 GB or above that do not have the SDHC logo and SDXC memory cards of 48 GB or above that do not have the SDXC logo are not compliant with the SD standard.
- Use this camera to format memory cards. Formatting memory cards on computers or other devices may cause recording to take longer than normal, or may cause memory cards to become incompatible with this product. (Page 13 of Vol.2) (Use this camera to reformat any memory cards that have been formatted on computers or other devices.)
- Multimedia cards cannot be used.

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#### **CLASS 4 (SD speed class 4)**

This refers to a class 4 speed standard (SD speed class) for the continuous writing of data between SD compatible devices and memory cards as designated by the SD standard.

When the use of an SD speed class 4 memory card is recommended for SD-compatible products, this indicates that stable recording operation can be achieved by using memory cards of class 4 and above.

#### **CLASS 6 (SD speed class 6)**

This refers to a class 6 speed standard (SD speed class) for the continuous writing of data between SD compatible devices and memory cards as designated by the SD standard.

When the use of an SD speed class 6 memory card is recommended for SD-compatible products, this indicates that stable recording operation can be achieved by using memory cards of class 6 and above.

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#### **UHS-I compatibility**

- UHS-I (Ultra High Speed I) is speed standard for SD memory card. You can use a UHS-I memory card, which performs as an SD speed class 10 memory card on this camera.

#### **Reminders for handling**

- Do not allow dirt, water, or other substances to come into contact with the terminal on the back of the memory card.
  - Do not leave the memory card in the following places:
    - Direct sunlight or places of high temperature, such as near heating equipment
    - Humid and dusty locations
    - Locations with high variations in temperature (where condensation occurs)
    - Locations that are subject to static electricity and electromagnetic waves
  - Store memory cards in bags or cases after use.
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# Operating precautions

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**When using the camera in the rain, snow, or at the beach, do not allow water to get into it.**

- Doing so will cause damage to the camera and the memory card. (This may result in irreparable damage.)

**Keep the camera away from devices (such as TV sets and video game machines) that generate magnetic fields.**

- Using the camera on top of or near a television set may cause distortions in the image or sound due to the electromagnetic waves that the television emits.
- The powerful magnetic fields generated by speakers or large motors may damage recorded content or distort images.
- The electromagnetic waves emitted from a microcomputer may adversely affect the camera and cause images or sound to be distorted.
- If the camera is adversely affected by devices that generate magnetic fields and it no longer operates properly, turn it off and remove the battery or unplug the AC adaptor from the power outlet. Then install the battery again or reconnect the AC adaptor. After this, turn the camera back on.

**Do not use the camera near radio transmitters or high-voltage equipment.**

- Using the camera near radio transmitters or high-voltage equipment may adversely affect the recorded images or sound.

**Do not allow sand or dust to get into the camera when using it at the beach or other similar places.**

- Sand and dust can damage the camera or memory card. (Be careful when inserting or removing a memory card.)

**AC adaptor (battery charger) and battery**

- If the <CHARGE> lamp continues to flash even when the battery temperature is normal, the battery or AC adaptor (battery charger) might be damaged. Contact your dealer.
- The battery takes longer to charge when it is warm.
- Using the AC adaptor (battery charger) near radios may distort their sound. Keep the AC adaptor (battery charger) 1 meter or more away from radios.
- The AC adaptor (battery charger) may make some noise when in use, but this is normal.

**Be careful not to drop the camera when carrying it around.**

- Strong impacts may damage the camera unit and cause it to stop working properly.
- Handle the camera with care using the hand strap or shoulder strap to carry it.

**Do not spray the camera with insecticides or other volatile substances.**

- Spraying the camera with insecticides or other volatile substances may deform it or cause the coating to peel off.
- Do not leave the camera in contact with rubber or PVC products for extended periods of time.

**After use, remove the battery or disconnect the AC power supply cord from the power outlet.**

**Battery characteristics**

This camera uses a rechargeable lithium ion battery. It generates electrical energy through an internal chemical reaction. This reaction is easily influenced by the ambient temperature and humidity, and the effective operating time of the battery is reduced as the temperature rises or falls. If you use this camera at locations with extremely low temperatures, its operating time will be reduced.

If the battery becomes extremely hot, a protective function will engage and you will not be able to use it for a while.



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**Make sure to remove the battery after use.**

Completely remove the battery from the camera. (Even if you turn the camera off, leaving the battery attached still consumes a small amount of electricity.) The battery will over-discharge if you leave it in the camera for long periods of time and may become impossible to recharge.

Do not remove the battery when the POWER switch is ON.

Turn the POWER switch OFF and make sure that the mode lamp is completely off before removing the battery.

**Protect the battery terminals.**

Do not allow dust or foreign substances to cling to the battery terminals.

If you accidentally drop the battery, check the body and terminals if they have been deformed.

Inserting a deformed battery into the camera or the AC adaptor (battery charger) may damage the camera or the AC adaptor (battery charger).

**Reminders when discarding memory cards or transferring them to others**

Formatting memory cards or deleting data using the functions of this camera or a computer will merely change the file management information and will not completely erase the data stored in the memory cards. It is recommended that you physically destroy memory cards when discarding them, or use data deletion software for commercially available for computers to completely erase the data when transferring them to others. Users are responsible for managing the data stored in their memory cards.

**Liquid crystal displays**

- Images or characters can linger on the screen of the LCD or viewfinder if they are left displayed for a long time, but you can fix this by leaving the camera off for several hours.
- The LCD monitor is managed with high precision to ensure that 99.99% of the pixels are effective leaving only 0.01% of pixels that are either dead or remain on all the time. This is normal and will have no effect on recorded images.
- Dew may form on the LCD monitor if you use the camera in locations of intensely varying temperatures. Wipe it dry with a soft, dry cloth.
- The LCD monitor may appear a little dimmer right after turning on a cold camera. The brightness will go back to normal when the internal temperature increases.

**Do not point the eyepiece of the lens or viewfinder at the sun.**

Doing so may damage the internal parts.

**Protective caps for the terminals**

Keep protective caps fitted over connecting terminals that are not being used.

**Mosaic-like noise may appear on the playback images in the following shooting conditions.**

- When there is a complex pattern in the background
- When moving the camera a long distance or moving quickly
- When the subject is moving quickly (Especially when shooting in HE mode)

**Depending on the signal reading system of the pickup devices (MOS sensor), the following problems may occur.**

- A subject that quickly crosses the screen may appear distorted in some shooting conditions.
- When a subject is lit by the flash, the screen may appear split horizontally.  
(The possibility of the occurrence may be reduced by setting the shutter speed lower.)

# Before using the camera

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## Always take trial shots

- When shooting important events (such as weddings), make sure to take trial shots to confirm that sound and image are being properly recorded before actual shooting.

## Be sure to check and set the calendar and time zone

- These settings affect the control and playback sequence of recorded contents. Check and set the calendar and time zone before shooting. (Page 33)

## There are no guarantees for recorded content

- In the unlikely event that content that was not recorded due to a malfunction in the camera or the memory card in use, please understand that no compensation can be provided.

## Copyrights

- Copyright laws forbid the use of video and audio material that you recorded for any purpose other than your own personal enjoyment.

## Caution regarding laser beams

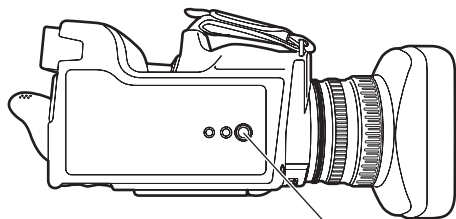
- The MOS sensor may suffer damage if the lens is subjected to light from a laser beam. When using the camera-recorder in locations where laser irradiation equipment is used, be careful not to allow the laser beam to shine directly on the lens.

## Media that can be used with this camera

- SD/SDHC/SDXC memory cards can be used. See page 14 for details.

## Attaching the camera to a tripod

- The tripod hole supports 1/4-20UNC and 3/8-16UNC screws. Use it according to the fixing screw diameter of the tripod.
- The depth of the tripod hole is 5.5 mm. Do not tighten the tripod screw excessively when attaching this camera to a tripod.



Attach the tripod to the tripod hole on the bottom side.

## ■ What is AVCHD?

AVCHD is a standard for recording and playback of high definition video.

Video is compressed in the MPEG-4 AVC/H.264 format, and audio is recorded in Dolby Digital or linear PCM.

## ■ What is DV?

DV is a format that adopts the AVI Type2 file format that can record and play back video in DV mode. It records audio in linear PCM format.

**Regarding SDHC/SDXC memory card and recorded video compatibility, take note of the following:**

### SDHC/SDXC memory cards

- SDHC/SDXC memory cards cannot be used with non-SDHC/SDXC-compatible equipment.
- When using another device, ensure that it supports SDHC/SDXC memory cards.



### Compatibility of video recorded in AVCHD mode

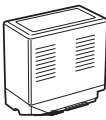
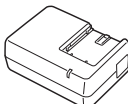
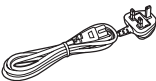


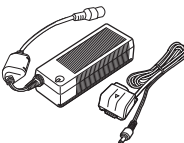
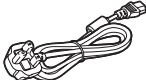
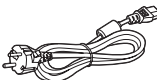
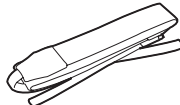
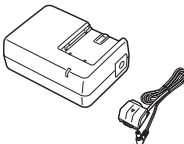
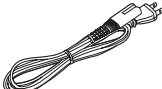
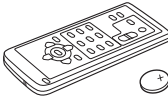





- Recorded video cannot be used with non-AVCHD-compatible equipment.
- Playback may not always be possible on all AVCHD-compatible equipment. In such instances, play your video using this camera.
- This camera supports the system formats 59.94 Hz and 50 Hz.  
In AVCHD mode, contents in different system formats, recorded in 59.94 Hz and in 50 Hz cannot exist on the same memory card.

### Compatibility of video recorded in DV mode





- This camera supports the system formats 59.94 Hz and 50 Hz.  
In DV mode, contents in different system formats, recorded in 59.94 Hz and in 50 Hz can exist on the same memory card.
- When playing back memory cards recorded using the DV mode of the camera in Panasonic AG-HMC80 series
  - [?] is displayed on the clip on the thumbnail screen.
  - The playback will be images only. Audio is not played back.
  - You cannot delete or repair a recorded clip, or add or remove a shot mark.
- When playing back a memory card recorded using a camera in Panasonic AG-HMC80 series on this camera
  - [?] is displayed on the clip on the thumbnail screen.
  - Both image and audio can be played back.
  - You cannot delete or repair a recorded clip, or add or remove a shot mark.

- For details about clips, see "Thumbnail screen" (Page 55 of Vol.2).

# Accessories

<b>Battery*</b> 	<b>Battery charger (for AG-AC160AEJ)</b> 	<b>AC power supply cables (for AG-AC160AEJ/AEN)</b>   <b>TYPE BF</b> <b>TYPE C</b>	
<b>Eye cup (Page 29)</b> 	<b>AC adaptor/DC cord (for AG-AC160AEJ)</b> 	<b>AC power supply cables (for AG-AC160AEJ)</b>   <b>For the U.K.</b> <b>For areas other than the U.K.</b>	
<b>Shoulder strap (Page 28)</b> 	<b>AC adaptor (Battery charger)/ DC cord (for AG-AC160AP/AEN)</b> 	<b>AC power supply cables (for AG-AC160AP)</b> 	<b>Wireless remote control and coin battery (CR2025) (Page 29)</b> 
<b>Microphone holder (Page 67 of Vol.2)</b> 	<b>Microphone holder screws (Page 67 of Vol.2)</b> <b>M4 length 6 mm (2 pieces)</b>  <b>M4 length 12 mm (2 pieces)</b> 	<b>Microphone holder adaptor (Page 67 of Vol.2)</b> 	<b>CD-ROM</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Operating Instructions (PDF)</li> <li>- AVCCAM Restorer Software</li> <li>- AVCCAM SD Card File Recovery Software</li> </ul>

The following accessories are attached to the unit.

<b>Lens cap (Page 28)</b> 	<b>INPUT terminal cap (2 pieces)</b> 	<b>Lens hood (Page 28)</b> 	<b>Hand strap (Page 27)</b> 
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\* The battery provided with this product is CGA-E/625. If you need an additional battery, see the following optional accessories list.

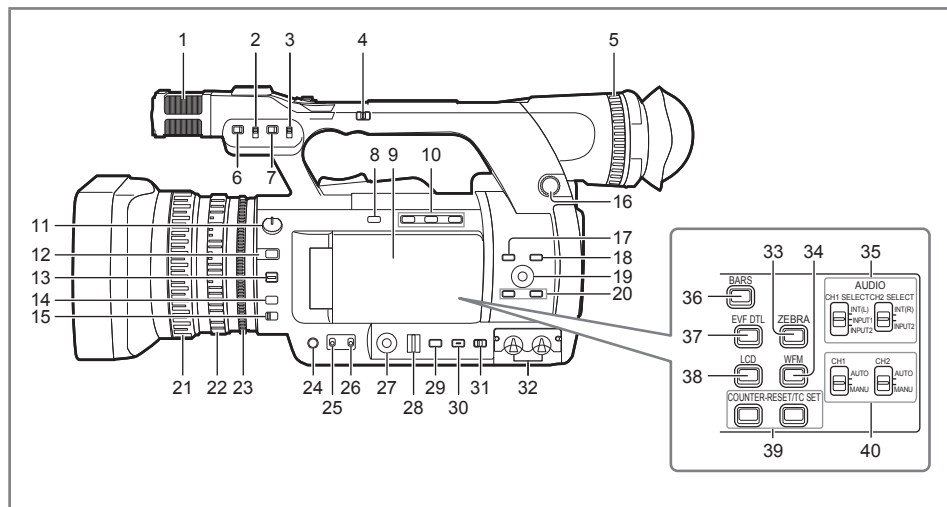
- Consult your dealer when purchasing additional accessories.
- Adequately process the AC cord cap and the packaging material after taking out the product.

## Optional accessories

- **XLR microphone**  
AG-MC200G
- **Battery**  
VW-VBG6 (7.2 V, 5800/5400 (typ./min.) mAh)

# Description of parts

## Left side

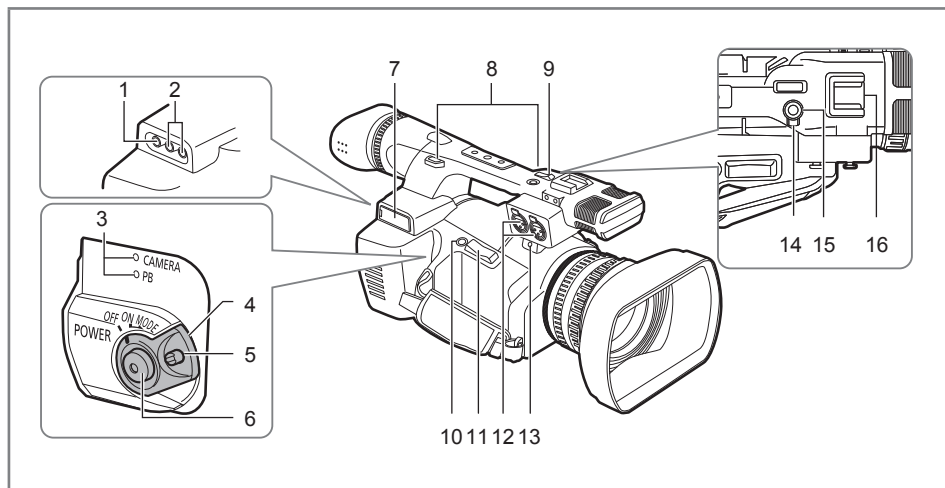


- 1 Built-in microphone (Page 41 of Vol.2)
- 2 INPUT1 switch (MIC POWER + 48V) (Page 42 of Vol.2)
- 3 INPUT2 switch (MIC POWER + 48V) (Page 42 of Vol.2)
- 4 HANDLE ZOOM switch (Page 17 of Vol.2)
- 5 Diopter adjustment dial (Page 5 of Vol.2)
- 6 INPUT1 LINE/MIC switch (Page 42 of Vol.2)
- 7 INPUT2 LINE/MIC switch (Page 42 of Vol.2)
- 8 OIS button (Page 27 of Vol.2)
- 9 LCD monitor (Page 6 of Vol.2)
- 10 USER button (Page 27 of Vol.2)
- 11 ND FILTER dial (Page 20 of Vol.2)
- 12 FOCUS ASSIST button (Page 19 of Vol.2)
- 13 FOCUS switch (Page 18 of Vol.2)
- 14 PUSH AUTO button (Page 18 of Vol.2)
- 15 ZOOM switch (Page 17 of Vol.2)
- 16 SCENE FILE dial (Page 44 of Vol.2)
- 17 MENU button (Page 31)
- 18 EXEC button (Page 61 of Vol.2)
- 19 OPERATION lever (Page 31)
- 20 AUDIO MON/ADV button (Page 29 of Vol.2)
- 21 Focus ring (Page 18 of Vol.2)
- 22 Zoom ring (Page 17 of Vol.2)  
If you do not need the zoom ring pin, attach it to the zoom ring pin hole (Page 22) to prevent the loss.
- 23 IRIS ring (Page 19 of Vol.2)
- 24 IRIS button (Page 19 of Vol.2)
- 25 GAIN switch (Page 20 of Vol.2)
- 26 WHITE BAL switch (Page 20 of Vol.2)
- 27 FUNCTION knob (Page 26 of Vol.2)
- 28 SHTR/F.RATE dial (Page 37 of Vol.2)
- 29 DIAL SEL button (Page 37 of Vol.2)
- 30 DISP/MODE CHK button (Page 25 of Vol.2)
- 31 AUTO/MANU switch (Page 18 of Vol.2)
- 32 AUDIO LEVEL knob (CH1, CH2) (Page 43 of Vol.2)
- 33 ZEBRA button (Page 25 of Vol.2)
- 34 WFM button (Page 28 of Vol.2)
- 35 AUDIO CH1/CH2 SELECT switch (Page 41 of Vol.2)
- 36 BARS button (Page 28 of Vol.2)
- 37 EVF DTL button (Page 6 of Vol.2)
- 38 LCD button (Page 8 of Vol.2)
- 39 COUNTER-RESET/TC SET button (Page 50 of Vol.2)
- 40 AUDIO AUTO/MANU CH1/CH2 switch (Page 43 of Vol.2)

Before use

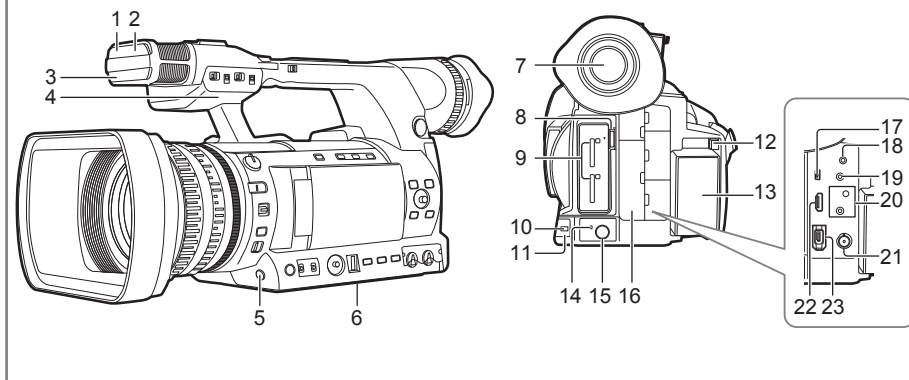
Description of parts

## Top and right side



- 1 VIDEO OUT (TC PRESET IN/OUT) terminal (Page 70 of Vol.2)
- 2 AUDIO OUT CH1/CH2 terminal (Page 70 of Vol.2)
- 3 Mode lamp (Page 30)
- 4 POWER/MODE switch (Page 30)
- 5 Lock release button (Page 30)
- 6 START/STOP button (Page 11 of Vol.2)
- 7 Protective caps
- 8 Shoulder strap mounting location (Page 28)
- 9 Zoom lever (handle side) (Page 17 of Vol.2)
- 10 REC CHECK button (Page 12 of Vol.2)
- 11 Zoom lever (Page 17 of Vol.2)
- 12 AUDIO INPUT1/2 terminal (XLR 3-pin) (Page 42 of Vol.2)
- 13 Zoom ring pin hole
- 14 HOLD switch (Page 24 of Vol.2)
- 15 START/STOP button (handle side) (Page 24 of Vol.2)
- 16 Accessory shoe

## Front side and rear side



Description of parts

- 1 Remote control sensor (front) (Page 29)
- 2 Natural light sensor (Page 22 of Vol.2)
- 3 Tally lamp (front) (Page 9 of Vol.2)
- 4 Built-in speaker (Page 66 of Vol.2)
- 5 AWB button (Page 20 of Vol.2)
- 6 Tripod hole (bottom) (Page 18)
- 7 Viewfinder (Page 5 of Vol.2)
- 8 Memory card slot cover and OPEN lever (Page 10 of Vol.2)
- 9 Memory card slot and memory card access lamp (Page 12 of Vol.2)
- 10 Tally lamp (rear) (Page 9 of Vol.2)
- 11 Remote control sensor (rear) (Page 29)
- 12 Battery release button (Page 26)
- 13 Battery compartment (Page 26)
- 14 HD indicator (Page 30)
- 15 SLOT SEL button (Page 12 of Vol.2)
- 16 Protective caps  
Keep protective caps fitted over connecting terminals that are not being used.
- 17 USB2.0 terminal (Page 68 of Vol.2)
- 18 Headphone jack (3.5 mm stereo mini jack) (Page 67 of Vol.2)
- 19 INDEX REMOTE jack (2.5 mm super mini jack)

### 20 CAM REMOTE jack\* FOCUS/IRIS (3.5 mm mini jack)

You can connect a remote control unit (optional) to control the FOCUS and IRIS operations.

### ZOOM S/S (2.5 mm super mini jack)

You can connect a remote control unit to control the zoom and recording start/stop operation.

- \* Do not connect any equipment except the remote control to the <CAM REMOTE> jack. Connecting any equipment other than the remote control may cause the image brightness to change or the images to appear out of focus.

### 21 SDI OUT terminal (Page 70 of Vol.2)

### 22 HDMI OUT terminal (Page 70 of Vol.2)

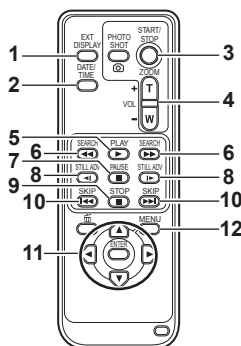
### 23 DV OUT terminal (Page 69 of Vol.2)

## Remote control

When using the remote control, set the [IR REMOTE] on the [OTHER FUNCTIONS] menu to [ON]. The factory setting is set to [OFF]. (Page 97 of Vol.2)

Take note that the following buttons are for functions that cannot be executed on this camera.

-  button
- PHOTO SHOT button



- 1 EXT DISPLAY button**  
(Page 66 of Vol.2)
- 2 DATE/TIME button** (Page 66 of Vol.2)
- 3 START/STOP button**  
Same function as the <START/STOP> button on the camera.
- 4 ZOOM/VOL button**  
(Page 66 of Vol.2)
- 5 PLAY button** (Page 54 of Vol.2)
- 6 SEARCH button** (Page 54 of Vol.2, Page 65 of Vol.2)
- 7 PAUSE button** (Page 54 of Vol.2)
- 8 STILL ADV button** (Page 66 of Vol.2)
- 9 STOP button** (Page 54 of Vol.2)
- 10 SKIP button** (Page 54 of Vol.2, Page 65 of Vol.2)
- 11 OPERATION buttons**  
Same function as the OPERATION lever on the camera.
- 12 MENU button**  
Same function as the MENU button on the camera.

Remote control usable range (Page 29)

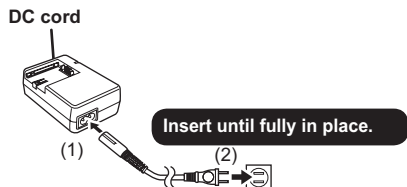
## Recharging the battery

### Recharging

The battery is not charged at the time of purchase. Charge the battery before use. It is recommended that you keep one extra battery as a spare.

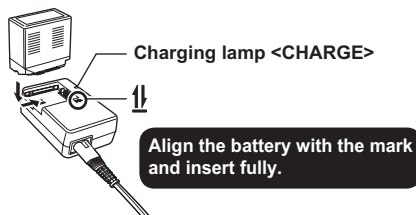
#### 1 Connect the power cord to the AC adaptor.

- Disconnect the DC cord. The battery cannot be charged if the DC cord is connected. (For AG-AC160AP/AG-AC160AEN only)



Example: AG-AC160AP

#### 2 Insert the battery.





## ■ Charging lamp

ON: Charging

OFF: Charging complete

Flashing: See below

## ■ If the charging lamp is flashing

Confirm that there is no dirt, dust, or foreign substances attached to the connectors of the battery or the AC adaptor and ensure that the adaptor has been connected correctly.

- If there is dirt, dust, or foreign substances on the connectors, disconnect the power plug from the socket before cleaning.
- If the charging lamp continues to flash, the battery or the AC adaptor may be damaged. Consult the dealer where it was purchased.


## ■ Charging time and available recording time standards

Battery model	Voltage/ capacity	Charging time	Maximum continuous recording time
CGA-E/625 (bundled)	7.2 V/ 5800/5400 (typ./min.) mAh	Approx. 5 hours and 50 minutes	Approx. 3 hours and 30 minutes
VW-VBG6 (optional)	7.2 V/ 5800/5400 (typ./min.) mAh	Approx. 5 hours and 50 minutes	Approx. 3 hours and 30 minutes








- The figures in the preceding table are for normal temperature conditions (temperature 25°C (77°F)/ humidity 60%). This only serves as a guide since charging may take longer in high or low temperatures.
- Charging may take longer if the battery has not been in use for a long period of time.
- Given here are the standard maximum continuous recording times when recording in PH 1080/60i (PH 1080/50i) mode using the viewfinder with no connections to any external devices and with the LCD monitor closed.
- This serves only as a guide as available recording times may vary according to usage conditions.
- Charging times are based on the time to charge batteries from an empty state.

## ■ Remaining battery capacity display

When using Panasonic batteries that are compatible with this product, the remaining battery capacity is displayed in minutes.

[] 1h30m

The time remaining (as shown previously) is displayed after a brief pause.

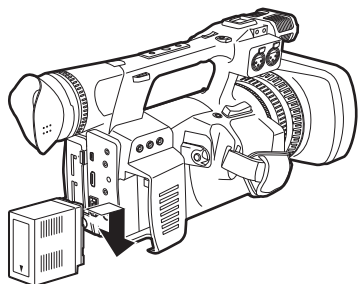
- As battery capacity decreases, the display will change as follows: [] → [] → [] → [] → []. When there are only 3 minutes or less of capacity left, [] will be displayed in red, and when the battery becomes empty, [] will flash.
  - The remaining battery capacity may not be displayed correctly when the battery is used in high or low temperatures, or when the battery has not been used for a long period of time. To ensure that the remaining battery capacity is displayed correctly, use the battery completely from a fully-charged state and charge it again. (Remaining battery capacity may still not be displayed correctly if the battery has been used for long periods in high or low temperatures, or if the battery has already been recharged numerous times.)
  - This only serves as a guide as remaining battery capacity display times may vary according to usage conditions.
  - The remaining battery capacity display will momentarily disappear when switching between modes, when conducting REC CHECK operations, or when changing the LCD brightness since the capacity is recalculated during these times.
  - This is not displayed when using the AC adaptor.
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- The battery and the camera itself becomes hot while it is being used or charged.
  - Available recording time is reduced if you repeatedly start and stop recording.
  - The battery takes longer to charge when it is warm.
  - Using the AC adaptor near radios may distort their sound. Keep the AC adaptor 1 meter or more away from radios.
  - The AC adaptor may make some noise when in use, but this is normal.
  - The battery cannot be recharged when a DC cord is connected to the AC adaptor.
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# Power sources

## Using the battery

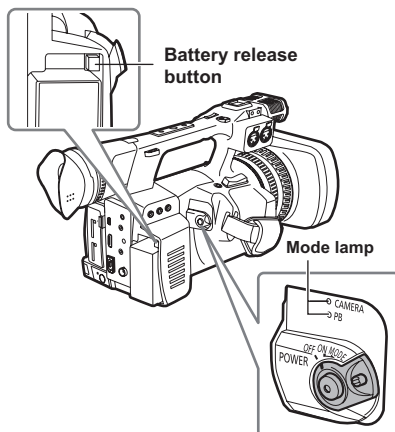
### Installation

- 1 Insert the battery until it clicks into place.



### Removal

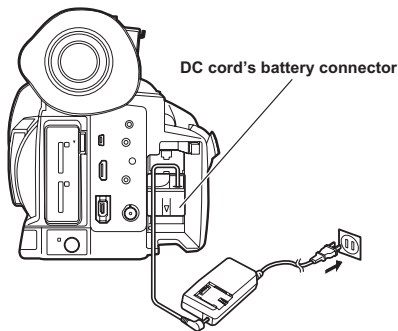
- 1 Turn the POWER/MODE switch <OFF> (Page 30), and confirm that the mode lamp is off.
- 2 Remove the battery while pressing the battery release button. Support the battery with your hand to ensure that it will not fall.



## Using the AC adaptor

### Installation

- 1 Connect the DC cord to the AC adaptor.
- 2 Plug the AC cord into the power outlet.
- 3 Insert the DC cord's battery connector until it clicks into place.



Example: AG-AC160AP

### Removal

- 1 Turn the POWER/MODE switch <OFF> (Page 30), and confirm that the mode lamp is off.
- 2 Remove the DC cord's battery connector while pressing the battery release button.
- 3 Disconnect the AC cord from the power outlet.

- The battery cannot be recharged when a DC cord is connected to the AC adaptor. (For AG-AC160AP/AG-AC160AEN only)
- Disconnect the AC cord from the power outlet when this device is not in use.

### CAUTION:

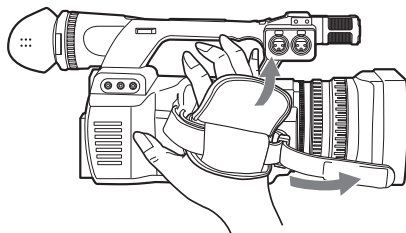
- This apparatus can be operated at a voltage in the range of 110 – 240 V AC. Voltages other than 120 V are not intended for U.S.A. and Canada. Operation at a voltage other than 120 V AC may require the use of a different AC plug. Please contact either a local or foreign Panasonic authorized service center for assistance in selecting an alternate AC plug.

Preparation

## Adjusting the hand strap

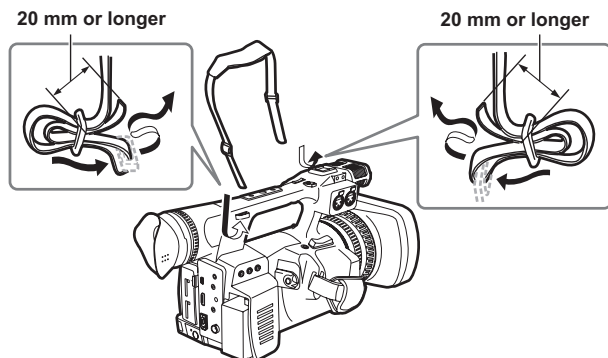
Adjust the hand strap to suit your hand.

- 1 Open the cover and adjust the length of the strap.
- 2 Close the cover.
  - Make sure that the cover is firmly closed.



## Attaching the shoulder strap

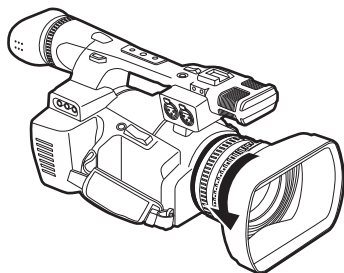
It is recommended that you attach the shoulder strap to avoid dropping the camera.



## Attaching/removing the lens hood

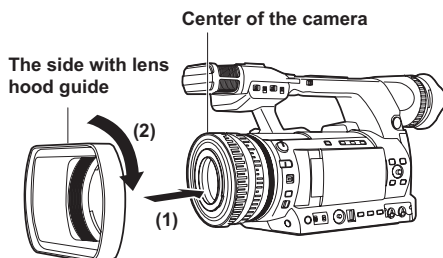
### Removing the lens hood

- Turn the lens hood counterclockwise to remove it.



### Attaching the lens hood

- Attach the lens hood to the camera with the lens hood guide facing up and aligned to the center of the camera.
- Turn the lens hood clockwise until it clicks and locks into place.



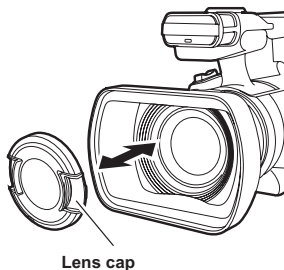
## Attaching/removing the lens cap

### Removing the lens cap

- Pinch the lens cap to remove it.

### Attaching the lens cap

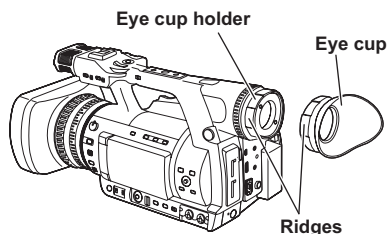
- Pinch the lens cap to attach it.
- Keep the lens cap attached when the camera is not in use to protect the lens.



## Fitting the eye cup

Attach the eye cup by fitting the eye cup holder and the ridges of the eye cup together.

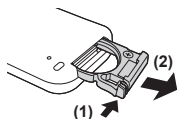
- Turning the eye cup after attaching it may cause the eye cup holder to come off. If the eye cup holder does come off, see “Cleaning the viewfinder” (Page 106 of Vol.2) and refit it.



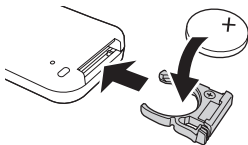
## The remote control

### Inserting the battery

- 1 Remove the holder while pushing the catch in the direction shown by arrow (1).**



- 2 Insert the battery with the side marked with <+> facing up.**



- 3 Return the holder to its original position.**

- When the battery (CR2025) runs out, replace it with a new one. (Battery life depends on the frequency of usage but is approximated at about one year.)

If the remote control unit fails to work even when it is operated near the camera's remote control sensor, it means that the battery has run out.

- **Keep the battery out of the reach of children.**

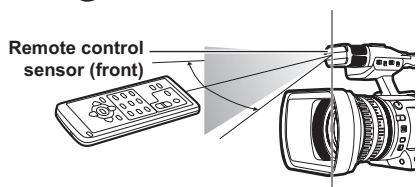
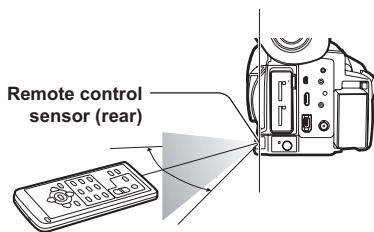
### Remote control usable range

For the remote control sensor,

Distance: Approx. within 5 m

Angle: Approx. 10° upward, 15° downward, and 15° sideways

(using the accessory battery)



- These are the operation range values when the remote control is used indoors. If used outdoors or if strong light is hitting the remote control sensor, the remote control may not operate properly even within the said ranges.
- The remote control is set to [OFF] in the factory settings. When using the remote control, set the [IR REMOTE] on the [OTHER FUNCTIONS] menu to [ON]. (Page 97 of Vol.2)

# Turning the camera ON/OFF

## Turning on the power:

Turn the POWER/MODE switch up to the <ON> position while pressing the lock release button.

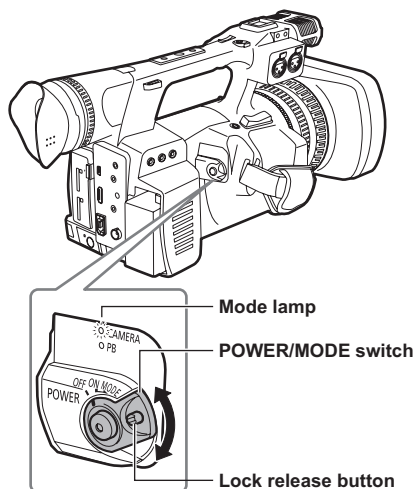
The mode lamp <CAMERA> lights up in red and the camera goes to recording standby status (<CAMERA> mode).

- If the POWER/MODE switch is turned up to the <MODE> position, the mode lamp <PB> will light up in green and the camera goes to <PB> mode. (Page 54 of Vol.2)
- Every time the switch is turned to the <MODE> position, the mode will change between <CAMERA> mode and <PB> mode.

## Turning off the power:

Turn the POWER/MODE switch up to the <OFF> position while pressing the lock release button.

The mode lamp <CAMERA>/<PB> goes off.

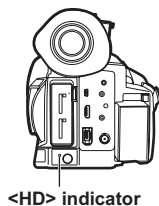


## Switching to AVCHD mode/DV mode

- 1 Turn the camera's POWER/MODE switch <ON>. (Page 30)
- 2 Press the <MENU> button.
- 3 Set [AVCHD] or [DV] from the [HD/SD MODE] items in the setup menu [RECORDING SETUP] screen.
- 4 When the [TURN POWER OFF] message is displayed, turn the power OFF and then ON again.

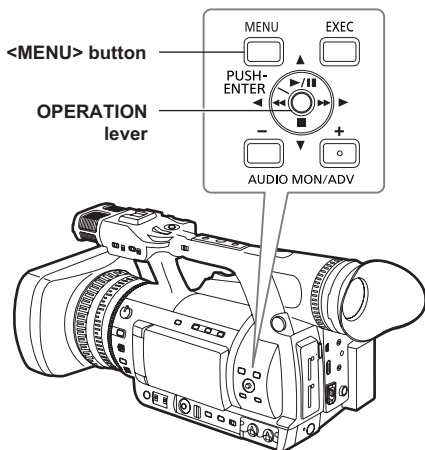
When the power is turned on again, the mode changes.

- For instructions on how to turn the camera ON/OFF, refer to page 30.
- When you switch to AVCHD mode, <HD> indicator will light up in blue.
- When you switch to DV mode, <HD> indicator will turn off.



# Setup menu basic operations

You can change camera settings using the setup menu according to the shooting scene and recording details.



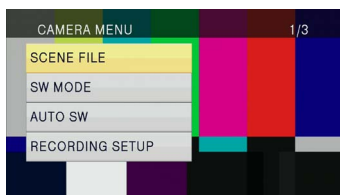
## Using the setup menu

- The menu items displayed in gray characters cannot be changed.

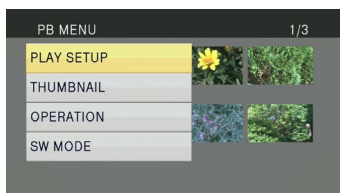
### 1 Press the <MENU> button when the camera is not shooting or playing back video.

The following menu screens are displayed on the viewfinder and LCD monitor.

**<CAMERA> mode (Example)**



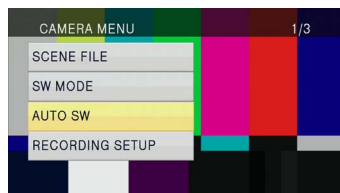
**<PB> mode (Example)**



### 2 Tilt the OPERATION lever in the <▲><▼> directions to move the yellow cursor to the function you wish to set.

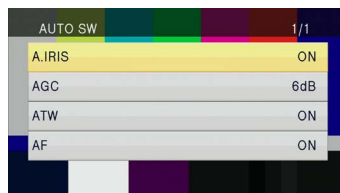
### 3 Press the OPERATION lever (or tilt it in the <◀><▶> direction) to display the setting items.

Example:



### 4 Tilt the OPERATION lever in the <▲><▼> directions to move to the function you wish to set.

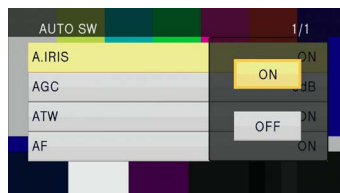
Example:



### 5 Press the OPERATION lever (or tilt it in the <◀><▶> direction) to make the setting.

When changing values or other parameters, tilt the OPERATION lever in the <▲><▼> directions to change the setting value. Select the item you wish to set, and then press the OPERATION lever to confirm.

Example:



- Tilt the OPERATION lever in the <◀><▶> direction to return to the previous menu.

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## 6 Repeat steps 4 to 5 to change other items.

Press the <MENU> button to complete settings and return to the normal screen.

- In some menus, tilting the OPERATION lever in the <◀▶ direction or pushing the OPERATION lever changes the setting value and returns the previous menu.

## 7 Repeat steps 2 to 5 to change other functions.

Press the <MENU> button to complete settings and return to the normal screen.

### Initializing the setup menu

The setup menu is divided into user files and scene files and you can initialize each one to its factory settings.

#### To initialize user files (all items other than scene files)

By selecting [INIT] in the [LOAD/SAVE/INIT] item of the [USER FILE] screen, you can restore the current user file menu setting to its factory setting.

#### To initialize scene files

Among the six scene files, select the file you wish to initialize using the <SCENE FILE> dial. Then by selecting [INIT] in the [LOAD/SAVE/INIT] item of the [SCENE FILE] screen, you can restore the setting value of only the selected scene file to its factory setting.

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- To initialize user files and scene files at the same time, restore a user file and all six scene files to their factory settings by selecting [YES] in the [MENU INIT] item of the [OTHER FUNCTIONS] screen.
  - Time code/[OPERATION TIME] item/[CLOCK SET] item/[TIME ZONE] item setting values are not initialized.
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# Setting the calendar

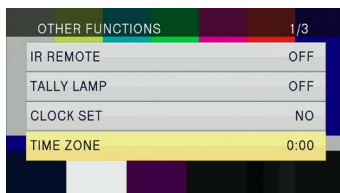
The [CLOCK SET] value is recorded in the contents (clip) and affects the playback sequence of the thumbnails. Before shooting, be sure to check/set the [TIME ZONE] and [CLOCK SET]. This section will explain the steps on how to set the calendar to September 22, 2011, 17:20.

**1** Turn the camera's POWER/MODE switch <ON>. (Page 30)

**2** Press the <MENU> button.

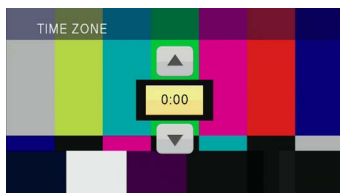
- Menu operation (Page 31)
- Operations can also be performed using buttons on the remote control that correspond to those on the camera. For details, see "Remote control" (Page 24).

**3** Select the [TIME ZONE] item on the setup menu [OTHER FUNCTIONS] screen and press the OPERATION lever (or tilt it to the <▶> direction).

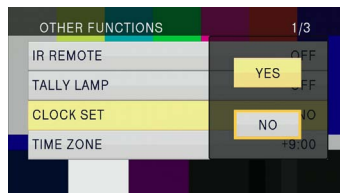


**4** Since pressing the OPERATION lever will display the settings screen, tilt the OPERATION lever in the <▲><▼> directions to set the time difference from Greenwich Mean Time, then press the OPERATION lever again.

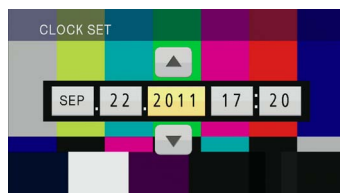
Factory default setting is [0:00].



**5** Tilt the OPERATION lever in the <▲> direction and select [YES] in the [CLOCK SET] item on the setup menu [OTHER FUNCTIONS] screen.



**6** Tilt the OPERATION lever in the <▲><▼> directions to set to [2011]. Example: AG-AC160AP



**7** Tilt the OPERATION lever in the <▶> direction to change to the next item, then tilt the lever in the <▲><▼> directions to set to [09]. Example: AG-AC160AP



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**8 Repeat steps 6 and 7 to set the remaining items.**

**Example: AG-AC160AP**



- The date can be set to any date between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2039.
- For any date after December 31, 2039, [--] will appear on the display.
- Time is displayed in the 24-hour format.

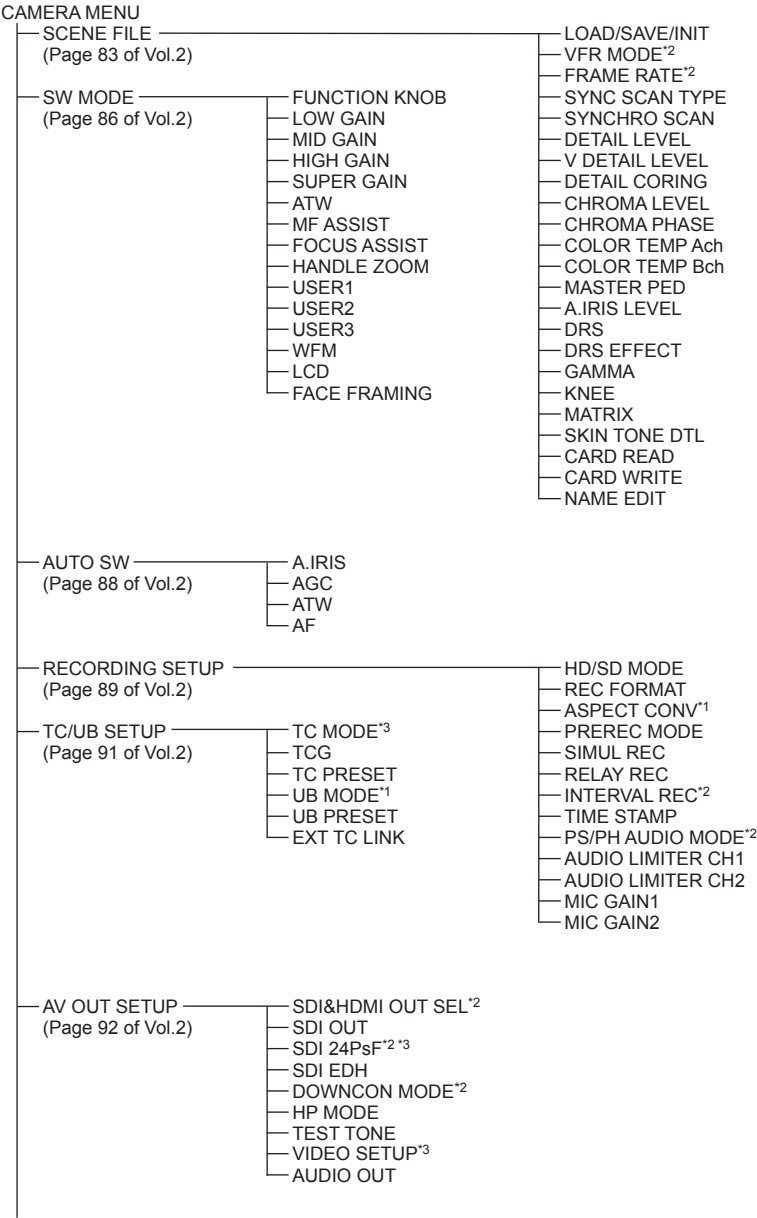
**9 When settings are complete, press the OPERATION lever.**

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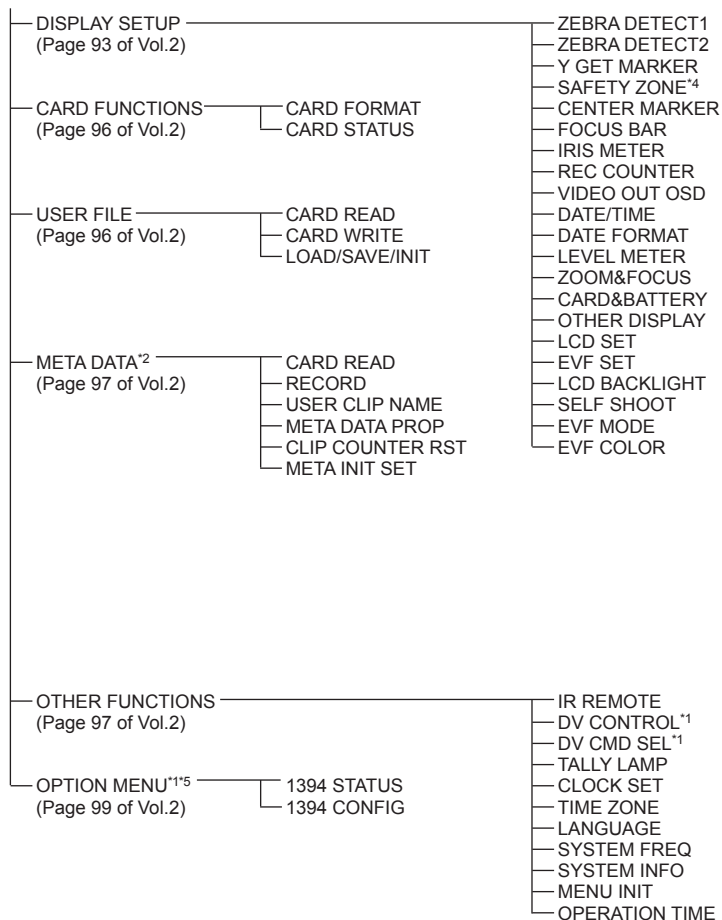
- The time can be inaccurate so confirm that the time is correct before shooting.
  - When using the camera overseas, do not set the [CLOCK SET] to the local time but instead enter the time difference from Greenwich Mean Time according to the [TIME ZONE].  
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# Setup menu structure

## <CAMERA> mode menu



\*1 Only in DV mode.  
 \*2 Only in AVCHD mode.  
 \*3 Can only be used when SYSTEM FREQ = 59.94Hz is set in OTHER FUNCTIONS in the CAMERA mode.



\*1 Only in DV mode.

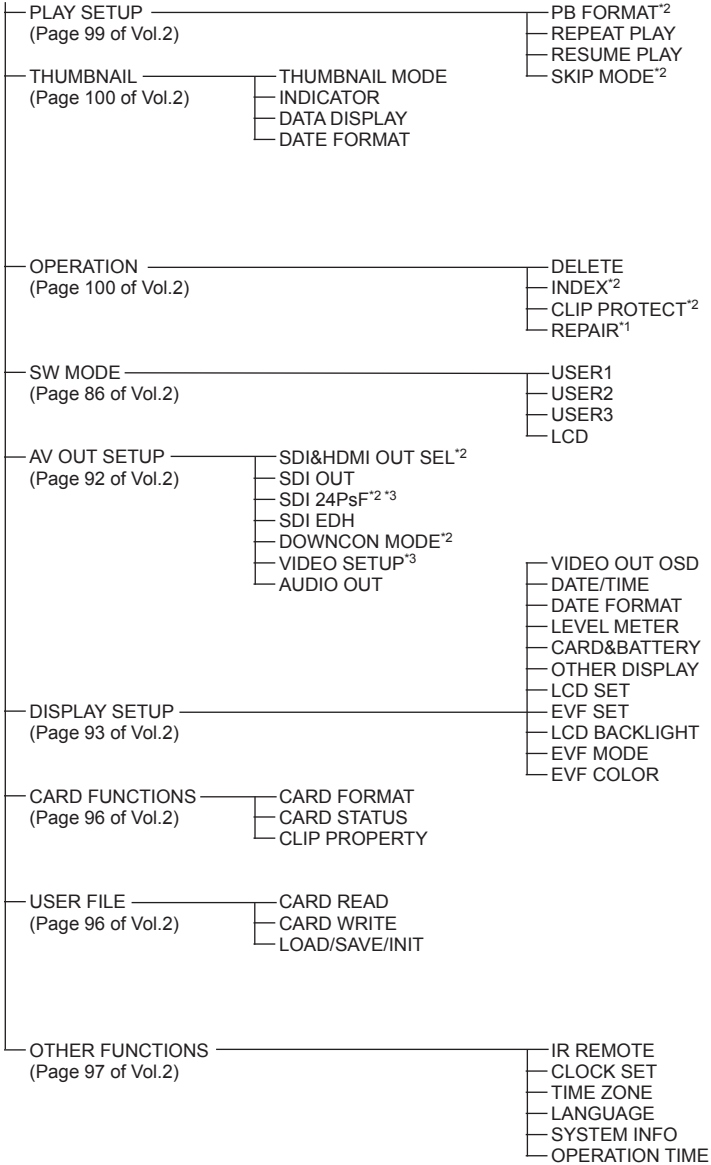
\*2 Only in AVCHD mode.

\*4 Only Limited functions are available in DV mode.

\*5 You can display the OPTION MENU by pressing the CHK button while pressing the DISP/MODE CHK button.

## Playback <PB> mode menu

### PB MENU



\*1 Only in DV mode.

\*2 Only in AVCHD mode.

\*3 Can only be used when SYSTEM FREQ = 59.94Hz is set in OTHER FUNCTIONS in the CAMERA mode.

# Specifications

## General

### Supply voltage

DC 7.2 V (when the battery is used)/  
DC 7.3 V (when the AC adaptor is used)

### Power consumption

Recording: 11.8 W



indicates safety items.

### Ambient operating temperature

0°C - 40°C (32°F to 104°F)

### Ambient operating humidity

10% to 80% (no condensation)

### Weight

Approx. 2.4 kg (5.3 lb) (excluding the battery and accessories)

### Dimensions (W x H x D)

180 mm x 195 mm x 438 mm (7 inches x 7-11/16 inches x 17-1/4 inches)  
(excluding width, height, depth, and protruding part)

## Camera

### Pickup devices

1/3 MOS fixed pickup device x 3  
(2.2 mega pixels progressive supported)

### Lens

Optical image stabilizer lens,  
Electric/manual switching, 22X zoom,  
F1.6 - 3.2 (f = 3.9 mm to 86 mm)  
(35 mm conversion: 28 mm - 616 mm)

### Color separation optical system

Prism format

### Filter diameter

72 mm

### ND filter

OFF, 1/4, 1/16, 1/64

### Minimum shooting distance

Approx. 1 m

### Gain settings

0/+3/+6/+9/+12/+15/+18/+24/+30 dB  
\* +24 dB and +30 dB are assigned to the USER button (S.GAIN)

### Color temperature settings

ATW, ATW LOCK, preset 3200 K,  
preset 5600 K, preset VAR, Ach, Bch

## Digital zoom

2X/5X/10X

\* assigned to the USER button (ratio is changed every time the button is pressed)

## Minimum subject illumination

0.4 lx (F1.6, gain +30 dB, shutter speed 1/30 seconds)

## Lens hood

Wide field large lens hood

## Shutter speed

Preset

when SYSTEM FREQ = 59.94 Hz:

60i/60P mode:

1/60, 1/100, 1/120, 1/250, 1/500, 1/1000,  
1/2000 seconds

30P mode:

1/30, 1/50, 1/60, 1/120, 1/250, 1/500,  
1/1000, 1/2000 seconds

24P mode:

1/24, 1/50, 1/60, 1/120, 1/250, 1/500,  
1/1000, 1/2000 seconds

when SYSTEM FREQ = 50 Hz:

50i/50P mode:

1/50, 1/60, 1/120, 1/250, 1/500, 1/1000,  
1/2000 seconds

25P mode:

1/25, 1/50, 1/60, 1/120, 1/250, 1/500,  
1/1000, 1/2000 seconds

\* Underline indicates value when shutter is OFF

## Synchro scan

when SYSTEM FREQ = 59.94 Hz:

when SYNC SCAN TYPE = sec

60i/60P mode:

1/60.0 seconds - 1/249.8 seconds

30P mode:

1/30.0 seconds - 1/249.8 seconds

24P mode:

1/24.0 seconds - 1/249.8 seconds

when SYNC SCAN TYPE = deg

3.0d - 180.0d - 360.0d

(0.5d increments, angle display)

when SYSTEM FREQ = 50 Hz:

when SYNC SCAN TYPE = sec

50i/50P mode:

1/50.0 seconds - 1/250.0 seconds

25P mode:

1/25.0 seconds - 1/250.0 seconds

when SYNC SCAN TYPE = deg

3.0d - 180.0d - 360.0d

(0.5d increments, angle display)

Slow shutter speed (can only be set when the VFR MODE in the SCENE FILE screen is OFF) when SYSTEM FREQ = 59.94 Hz:

60i/60P mode:

1/8, 1/15, 1/30 seconds

30P mode:

1/8, 1/15 seconds

24P mode:

1/6, 1/12 seconds

when SYSTEM FREQ = 50 Hz:

50i/50P mode:

1/6, 1/12, 1/25 seconds

25P mode:

1/6, 1/12 seconds

## Image/Recording/Playback

### ■ AVCHD mode

#### Recording format

AVCHD Ver.2.0 standard compliant (AVCHD Progressive)

#### Compression formats

MPEG-4 AVC/H.264

#### Recording media

SD memory card:

512 MB, 1 GB, up to 2 GB

(FAT12, FAT16 formats supported)

SDHC memory card:

4 GB, 6 GB, 8 GB, 12 GB, 16 GB, 32 GB

(FAT32 format supported)

SDXC memory card:

48 GB, 64 GB, up to 2 TB

(exFAT format supported)

However, memory cards above Class 4 are supported in PH/HA mode, memory cards above Class 2 are supported in PM/HE mode, and memory cards above Class 6 are supported in PS mode or during VFR recording.

#### Recording format (recording mode and resolution)

when SYSTEM FREQ = 59.94 Hz (The frame rates in the setup menu are 60P, 60i, 30P, and 24P.):

PS 1080/59.94P

PH 1080/59.94i

PH 1080/29.97P

PH 1080/23.98P (Native recording)

PH 720/59.94P

PH 720/29.97P

PH 720/23.98P (Native recording)

PM 720/59.94P

HA 1080/59.94i

HE 1080/59.94i

when SYSTEM FREQ = 50 Hz:

PS 1080/50P

PH 1080/50i

PH 1080/25P

PH 720/50P

PH 720/25P

PM 720/50P

HA 1080/50i

HE 1080/50i

#### Transmission rate

PS mode: Approx. 25 Mbps (VBR)

PH mode: Approx. 21 Mbps (VBR)

PM mode: Approx. 8 Mbps (VBR)

HA mode: Approx. 17 Mbps (VBR)

HE mode: Approx. 6 Mbps (VBR)

#### Interval recording

OFF/1 s/10 s/30 s/1 min/2 min

\* For the recording mode, PH 1080/24P (when SYSTEM FREQ = 59.94 Hz), PH 1080/25P (when SYSTEM FREQ = 50 Hz) fixed, and shooting time has a maximum of 168 hours (1 week)

#### VFR recording

when REC FORMAT = 1080/24P, 1080/30P:

2\*/6/9/12/15/18/20/21/22/24/25/

26/27/28/30/32/34/36/40/44/48/

54/60 frames/second

when REC FORMAT = 1080/25P:

2\*/6/9/12/15/18/20/21/22/23/24/

25/26/27/28/30/32/34/37/42/45/

48/50 frames/second

\* Gain value is fixed at 0 dB and the camera is set to manual focus mode.

### ■ DV mode

#### Recording format

DV standard compliant

#### File format

AVI Type2

#### Recording media

SD memory card:

512 MB, 1 GB, 2 GB

(FAT12, FAT16 formats supported)

SDHC memory card:

4 GB, 8 GB, 16 GB, 32 GB

(FAT32 format supported)

SDXC memory card:

48 GB, 64 GB, up to 2 TB

(exFAT format supported)

However, it is possible to use Class 6 or higher.

#### Recording format (recording mode and resolution)

when SYSTEM FREQ = 59.94 Hz (The frame rates in the setup menu are 60i, 30P, and 24P.):

480/59.94i

480/29.97P

480/23.98P

when SYSTEM FREQ = 50Hz:

576/50i

576/25P

## Image output

### ■ AVCHD mode

#### SDI OUT terminal

BNC, 0.8 V [p-p], 75 Ω

HD SDI

when SYSTEM FREQ = 59.94 Hz:

1080/60i, 1080/24PsF, 720/60P

when SYSTEM FREQ = 50 Hz:

1080/50i, 720/50P

SD SDI

when SYSTEM FREQ = 59.94 Hz:

480/60i

when SYSTEM FREQ = 50 Hz:

576/50i

#### HDMI OUT terminal

HDMI (HDMI Type A terminal)

when SYSTEM FREQ = 59.94 Hz:

1080/60i, 720/60P, 480/60P

when SYSTEM FREQ = 50 Hz:

1080/50i, 720/50P, 576/50P

(VIERA Link not supported)

#### VIDEO OUT terminal

Pin jack, 1.0 V [p-p], 75 Ω

when SYSTEM FREQ = 59.94 Hz:

480/60i

when SYSTEM FREQ = 50 Hz:

576/50i

### ■ DV mode

#### SDI OUT terminal

SD SDI

when SYSTEM FREQ = 59.94 Hz:

480/60i

when SYSTEM FREQ = 50 Hz:

576/50i

#### VIDEO OUT terminal

Pin jack, 1.0 V [p-p], 75 Ω

when SYSTEM FREQ = 59.94 Hz:

480/60i

when SYSTEM FREQ = 50 Hz:

576/50i

## Audio recording playback

### ■ AVCHD mode

#### Compression formats

Recording/Playback:

PS/PH Mode

Dolby Digital/2 ch, linear PCM switch

PM/HA/HE mode

Dolby Digital/2 ch

#### Sampling frequency

48 kHz

#### Encoding

16 bit

#### Compressed bit rate

PS/PH mode: 384 kbps

PM/HA/HE mode: 256 kbps

### ■ DV mode

#### Compression formats

Recording/Playback:

linear PCM (digital 2 ch)

#### Sampling frequency

48 kHz

#### Encoding

16 bit

## Audio input

#### Built-in microphone

Stereo microphone

#### XLR input

XLR (3-pin) x 2 (AUDIO INPUT1, AUDIO INPUT2), LINE/MIC selectable, high impedance

LINE: 0 dBu

MIC: -40/-50/-60 dBu (menu selectable)

MIC POWER +48 V ON/OFF switchable

## Audio output

#### Audio output

Output level: 600 Ω, 316 mV

Pin jack x 2 (CH1, CH2)

#### SDI OUT

2 ch (linear PCM)

#### HDMI OUT (AVCHD mode only)

2 ch (linear PCM)/5.1ch (Dolby Digital)

#### Headphones

3.5 mm diameter, stereo mini jack x 1

#### Speaker

Round, 20 mm diameter



## Other terminals

### Camera remote terminal

- 2.5 mm diameter, super mini jack x 1 (ZOOM S/S)
- 3.5 mm diameter, mini jack x 1 (FOCUS/IRIS)

### INDEX remote terminal

- 2.5 mm diameter, super mini jack x 1

### TC PRESET IN/OUT terminal

- VIDEO OUT terminal dual-purpose
  - IN: 1.0 V - 4.0 V [p-p], 10 k $\Omega$
  - OUT: 2.0 V $\pm$ 0.5 V [p-p], low impedance

### USB2.0 terminal

- Memory card reader/writer function (without copyright protection)
- Type mini B connector (USB2.0 compliant)

### DV OUT terminal (DV mode only)

- 6-pin (IEEE1394 standard compliant), digital output only

## Monitor

### LCD

- 3.45 inch wide LCD color monitor (approx. 920,000 dots)

### Viewfinder

- 0.45 inch wide LCD color monitor (approx. 1,220,000 dots equivalent)

## AC adaptor

### (For AG-AC160AP/AG-AC160AEN only)

#### Power Source:

- 110 V - 240 V AC, 50 Hz/60 Hz
- 22 W

#### Power Output:

- 7.3 V DC, 1.75 A (Camera-recorder)
- 8.4 V DC, 1.3 A (Charge)

 indicates safety information.

### Weight

- Approx. 140 g (0.31 lb)

### Dimensions (W x H x D)

- 103 mm x 36 mm x 62 mm
- (4-1/16 inches x 1-13/32 inches x 2-7/16 inches)

## AC adaptor (For AG-AC160AEJ only)

- Power Source: 100 V - 240 V AC, 50 Hz - 60 Hz
- 0.4 A

- Power Output: 7.3 V DC, 1.95 A

 indicates safety information.

### Weight

- Approx. 165 g

### Dimensions (W x H x D)

- 42 mm x 31 mm x 104.4 mm

## Battery charger (For AG-AC160AEJ only)

- Power Source: 110 V - 240 V AC, 50 Hz/60 Hz
- 22 W

- Power Output: 8.4 V DC, 1.3 A

 indicates safety information.

### Weight

- Approx. 140 g

### Dimensions (W x H x D)

- 103 mm x 36 mm x 62 mm

Inrush current, measured according to European standard EN55103-1: 6.5 A (AC Adaptor), 5.5 A (Battery charger)

## Information for Users on Collection and Disposal of Old Equipment and used Batteries



These symbols on the products, packaging, and/or accompanying documents mean that used electrical and electronic products and batteries should not be mixed with general household waste.

For proper treatment, recovery and recycling of old products and used batteries, please take them to applicable collection points, in accordance with your national legislation and the Directives 2002/96/EC and 2006/66/EC.

By disposing of these products and batteries correctly, you will help to save valuable resources and prevent any potential negative effects on human health and the environment which could otherwise arise from inappropriate waste handling.



For more information about collection and recycling of old products and batteries, please contact your local municipality, your waste disposal service or the point of sale where you purchased the items.

Penalties may be applicable for incorrect disposal of this waste, in accordance with national legislation.

### For business users in the European Union

If you wish to discard electrical and electronic equipment, please contact your dealer or supplier for further information.



### Information on Disposal in other Countries outside the European Union

These symbols are only valid in the European Union. If you wish to discard these items, please contact your local authorities or dealer and ask for the correct method of disposal.

### Note for the battery symbol (bottom two symbol examples):

This symbol might be used in combination with a chemical symbol. In this case it complies with the requirement set by the Directive for the chemical involved.