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Demonstration mode You can see a demonstration of the camcorder' s main features.The zoom control continues to work as usual.The viewfinder is also activated when the panel is in this position. To resume normal playback, press it again, or press the e play button. The camcorder automatically goes into stop mode after about 5 minutes'playback pause. Fast forward playback To play back the recording at about 9.5 times normal speed, press and hold the 1 fast forward button during normal playback or press and hold the 1 fast forward button during normal fast forward. You will need to attach a power source to the camcorder Power off all devices before starting the connections. If you connect the camcorder to a TV with an S1 terminal, recordings made in the 169 mode for wide screen TVs will automatically play back in wide screen mode on the TV screen. Tilt the camcorder up to exaggerate the height of the subject. Tilt down from the top of a building, for example, as an introduction to subjects at the bottom. Record review When the camcorder is in record pause mode, you can use record review to play back the last few seconds of your recording and then return automatically to record pause mode. You can quickly make sure that a scene has recorded properly and then go on to shoot the next scene, without producing any noise in the picture. There are 4 main menus CAM. MENU Camera menu VCR MENU VCR menu C.CAM. MENU Card camera menu C.PLAY MENU Card play menu CAM. You can also change the color in which they light up to green, orange, blue, yellow, turquoise greenish blue or purple. You can choose to display or hide it during playback Set the date and time display when you first start using your camcorder.TAPE CAMERA CARD SYSTEM 1. Open the menu and select SYSTEM. 2. During this time the camcorder also records the sound, and the display shows the still picture. During this time the camcorder also records the sound, and the display shows the still picture. TAPE CAMERA CAM.

SET UP To turn the image stabilizer off, open the menu and select CAM.SET. The camcorder will take care of focus, exposure and other adjustments, leaving you free to point and shoot. Auto This is the same as the Easy Recording program, except that you now have the option of using any of the camcorder'. You may notice some shudder when recording moving subjects. Low Light This program allows you to record in dimly lit places. Vertical Wipe WIPE When you start recording, the picture begins as a thin vertical line in the center of the screen which gradually expands sideways until it fills the whole of the screen. When operating effects in TAPE CAMERA or CARD CAMERA mode,

make sure the program selector is set to Q.With this feature, the camcorder captures the current scene being shot or replayed.Wind screen The camcorder has an automatic wind screen to prevent wind noise from interfering with the sound track. Make sure it's off when you want the microphone to be as sensitive as possible. The time remaining counts down in the display e.g. "5 SEC". The Video Light is powered by the same power source as the camcorder. Also refer to the VL3 Video Light instructions. Use during cassette recording or audio dubbing 97. Refer to the DM50's instructions for further details. All you have to do is point it, and whatever is in the center of the display will usually be in sharp focus. If it does not seem to be focusing well, it may be because the subject is not suitable for autofocus. If you then switch the white balance to SET, the camcorder will remember your last setting. It also appears for 6 seconds when you start playback and have the data code turned off. The 6second auto date will adjust for any time zone changes you have indicated. Preparations 1. Connect the camcorder to the VCR.

If you try to play back such a cassette, " C OPYRIGHT PROTECTED PLAYBACK IS RESTRICTED" appears in the display for a few seconds and then the camcorder displays a blank blue screen; you cannot view the contents of the cassette. The digital signals can be output to the other equipment with a DV terminal. The camcorder'. Original video and audio will be replaced with the new video and audio. If there are nonrecorded portions or portions recorded in a mode other than SP mode on the tape, recording will stop. Make absolutely sure to set the audio mode of the new tape to 12bit and the recording mode to SP. PLAY TAPE VCR VCR SET UP 1. Load a tape recorded with multiplechannel audio. 2. If there are no images recorded on the memory card, NO IMAGES appears in the display. Each folder is numbered from 101 to 998 and recorded on the memory card. Sample images have been prerecorded on the supplied MultiMediaCard, entering folder number 100 folder name is ". Set the POWER switch to OFF and then back to CAMERA. To automatically record multiple still images from a cassette to a memory card, refer to " C opying Still Images from a Cassette". The camcorder supports the Images can be automatically printed on a DPOFsupporting Canon printer. Up to 50 images per memory card can be print marked. There are 3 ways to mark a still image for printing including the ways to cancel the setting. Once an image has been erased it cannot be restored. To protect an image 2. Make your own by drawing or writing on a white piece of paper. The currently copying image appears in the display. PLAY TAPE VCR 1. Locate the point on the cassette where you want to start copying and set it to stop. All images will be permanently erased. Do not forcefully insert the memory cards backwards or upside down. This could damage the memory card or the camcorder. Do not use the prerecorded sample images for any other purpose. Store the camcorder with the viewfinder flush with the body of the camcorder.

When to recharge You can recharge a lithium ion battery pack whenever it is convenient. Unlike a conventional battery pack, it does not have to be fully discharged first. Attach the terminal cover whenever the battery pack is not being used.After storage, check each part and function of your camcorder to make sure everything is still working properly. Contact your Canon dealer for information about plug adapters for overseas use. Using the camcorder while condensation is present can damage both the tape and the camcorder. Condensation may become a problem When you take the camcorder from a cold. Make sure that the camcorder is properly connected if you are using it with a TV or VCR. Consult your dealer or service outlet if problems persist. In these situations, you will often get better results using manual focus about the same distance away, lock the focus, and then point the camcorder at your original, hardtofocus subject. Horizontal stripes Reflective surfaces e.g. If the mark continues to flash, format the memory card. You can also obtain genuine accessories for your Canon camcorder by calling 18008284040, Canon U.S.A. Information Center. BP500 Series Battery Packs The battery pack BP508 is not available as an option. Genuine leather. This mark identifies genuine Canon video accessories. When you use Canon video equipment, we recommend Canonbrand accessories or products bearing the same mark. Provided accessories. For instructions on how to hook the camcorder up to your TV, see p. 34. Turning off the

LCD screen displays You can turn off the displays to give you a clear screen for playback. The camcorder is ejecting the tape 18. The safety mechanism is activated. Unload the cassette and turn the camcorder off. Turn it on again and reload the cassette. Digital effects. The display flashes when the function is being selected and appears steadily when it is activated 63. This display appears 20 seconds approx. before the camcorder turns off.

Appears each time you turn the power on, until you set the time zone, date and time 53. Appears when the battery pack is exhausted 134. If CARD ERROR disappears after 4 seconds flashes red, turn the camcorder' s power off and back on again, and remove and reinsert the card. If flashes green, recording or playing back is possible. Subject to change without notice. Canon is a trademark of Canon Inc. Functions are listed alphabetically. Function 169 effect 6sec. If you have any questions, call the Canon U.S.A. Information If you have any questions, call the Canon Canada Information DIGITAL VIDEO CAMCORDER Instruction Manual CAMESCOPE ET LECTEUR VIDEO NUMERIQUES Mode d'emploi VIDEOCAMARA Y GRABADORA DIGITAL Manual de Instrucciones ENGLISH Mini Digital Video Cassette NTSC E Printed on 100% reused paper. Document realise avec du papier recycle a 100%. El papel aqui utilizado es 100% reciclado. PUB.DIM420 PUB.DIM420 This instruction book explains the use of the ZR50 MC and ZR45 MC camcorders. Please note that illustrations and explanations in this instruction book refer mainly to the ZR50 MC model. Ce mode d'emploi explique l'utilisation des camescopes ZR50 MC et ZR45 MC. Veuillez noter que des illustrations et les explications de ce mode d'emploi renvoient essentiellement au modele ZR50 MC. Este manual de instrucciones explica el uso de las videocamaras ZR50 MC y ZR45 MC. Por favor tenga en cuanta que las instrucciones y las explicaciones de este manual de instrucciones corresponden principalmente al modelo ZR50 MC. Next In these safety instructions the word 10. Power Sources — The CA560 CompactE. Page 5 Operating Step and Reference Guide Operating Step and Reference Guide. Your camcorder is supplied with two manuals the "Digital Video Camcorder. Page 6 ContentsE Important Usage Instructions.2Memory Card Introduction.

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Ive also copied video back to the tape and played back on the camcorder and the noise is not there. Havent used all the features yet, but for our needs its great and so small. Id definitely recommend it!There are endless perks to spicing up your video recordings. Everything is very easily accessible. The buttons are no problem for my fat fingers. Any buyer would be very impressed with this setup and completely satisfied with the video quality. However if you are buying the ZR45MC for the option of digital picture taking, forget it. I couldnt believe how granulated a 4 X 6 inch photo gets. Im still stuck with carrying both a video and photo camera.This was a very little used camera and works greatFirst of all, I am going to start this review by telling you about the biggest concern I had when I bought this camera. Many people say that there was a lot of motor hum, this may be the case when the room is TOTALLY silent, however an external mic fixes this. ALL MINIDV CAMERAS HAVE THIS PROBLEM!! People complain that the mic adds extra size, but if you want to spend the same amount of money on a digital 8, with less resolution, much bigger, and heavier, than get a Mic for your MiniDV, then you have some problems. However since I usually overlap music onto my videos, its not such a big probelm for me. The size is great any bigger and it wouldnt be comfortable, and

any smaller it would be difficult to hold. The picture quality is pretty much the same as all other minidvs which are better than digital 8s but not enough to make a big difference. Pretty much, this is a good camera at a great price. If you want a MiniDV, go with this no doubt, however if you have hi 8 or 8mm tapes you should probably go with a digital 8. They are pretty good for the price, but big and bulky.I owned other canon products before from powershot cameras to this ZR45MC. Ive had this since early 2002 and Ive used it for many things, graduations etc. I just recently had problems.

first, GOOD If youre not going for pro quality, technically superior lines this and pixels that.the video is pretty good in my honest opinion. I just used it on a trip to Boston and used it for whale watching and I was quite satisfied. The video was clear, crisp and colorful. It was cloudy and darker when we were out at sea and the video was still good, even after the whale spit out on us. yum. The aqaurium was even darker, still good. I read many reviews on the buzzing noise and Ive yet to hear it. Perhaps i wasnt in a super quiet room but even though my videos had some quiet time in them i really didnt notice. The sound it does record is pretty clear. I bought a DVDR recorder and transfered them immediately over to DVD and they transfer beautifully. It has many features like an adjustment lever by the eye piece to better meet with your eye which is a plus since i have an extended battery and it sticks out a bit more but no struggles with the eyepiece extendedcomfy. You can use the supplied AV cables or the not included Scable but the supplied AV transfers just fine. Its been good with power consumption on my extended battery digital concepts lithium BP522CL 2400mAhand i keep the stock one as back up but ive never had to switch to it yet. The software is pretty straightforward and I do use either the software from my powershot camera or the camcorder to load pics so they are compatible with each other in this case zoombrowser EX. Its better than nothing in a pinch when set to Fine quality. I really wouldnt use standard unless you using it for quick loading pic via internet i.e. ebay pics. Now the BAD! I really am surprised at Canons response to this. I began having tape issues which also seems to be a fairly common complain. Of all my taped it crimpled 3 and ate 1 older tapes during fast rewind. In other words, press stop, then rewind then it seems to be more riskier. I contacted canon and they said it may need service.