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SmartFile Finder

Operating Instructions	US
Mode d'emploi	FR
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WARNING

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

Information

For customers in the USA

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

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

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

For customers in Canada

Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

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SmartFile* Finder

The SmartFile Finder (Finder) has various functions for increasing the convenience of the SmartFile function. For example, you can check what programs are recorded on a SmartFile tape or search for the tape containing the desired program from among multiple tapes without turning on your TV or VCR. In addition, the Finder is also equipped with basic functions for operating the VCR.

You must have SmartFile labels to use the SmartFile Finder.

About SmartFile compatible VCRs

SmartFile allows you to check what programs are recorded on a video tape simply by holding the cassette in front of the VCR. The tape contents will be automatically displayed on your TV screen without having to insert the cassette! You can also easily play back a recorded program by selecting the program title from the SmartFile screen list. These convenient features are possible if you recorded a program on a tape with a SmartFile label using a SmartFile compatible VCR. Program data, such as the date and channel, is automatically stored in the SmartFile label's memory. To use the SmartFile Finder or SmartFile feature on your VCR, attach a SmartFile label to the spine of your cassette tape.

Refer to the operating instructions included with your VCR for a detailed description of VCR SmartFile operations and SmartFile labels.

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Setting up the SmartFile Finder (Finder)

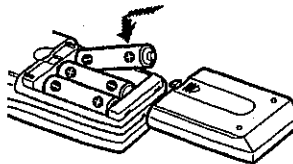
Before you begin, check that the following are included with your Finder:

- Size AA (R6) batteries (3)
- These operating instructions

Inserting the batteries

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

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



Notes

- With normal use, the batteries should last about 1 to 2 months.
- If you do not use the Finder for an extended period of time, remove the batteries to avoid possible damage from battery leakage.
- Do not use a new battery with an old one.
- Do not use different types of batteries.

Changing the menu language

You can change the menu language of the Finder. The default setting is English.

1 Press SET UP.

An introductory window appears for 5 seconds and then switches to the LANGUAGE window.

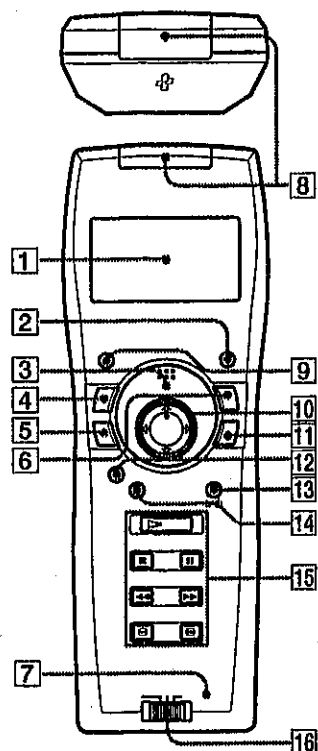
2 Press ↑/↓ to select the desired language and press OK.

LANGUAGE
ENGLISH
ESPAÑOL
FRANÇAIS

Note

- If you do not perform any operations for 30 seconds or more, the display window turns off.

Parts description



SmartFile Finder functions

- 1 Display window
- 2 RECALL button
- 3 READ button
- 4 EDIT button
- 5 WRITE button
- 6 EXPLORER button
- 7 SET UP button

Common functions

- 8 SmartFile sensor/VCR remote sensor
- 9 CLEAR button
- 10 ↑/↓/←/→ buttons
- 11 OK button

Standard VCR functions

- 12 SMARTFILE* button
- 13 VIDEO 1/2 switch
- 14 MENU button
- 15 PLAY ▷ button
- STOP ■ button
- PAUSE || button
- REW ◀◀ (rewind) button
- FF ▶▶ (fast-forward) button
- SEARCH 🔍/🔍 buttons
- 16 VTR 1/2/3 switch**

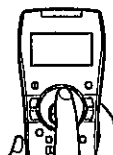
* For VCRs with the SmartFile function

**If your VCR does not have a COMMAND MODE switch, set this switch to 3. If your VCR does have a COMMAND MODE switch, match this switch to the switch on the VCR.

Reading the contents of a SmartFile label (read)

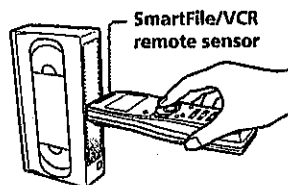
You can display the contents of a SmartFile label in the display window of the Finder.

1 Press READ.



2 Keeping READ pressed, bring the SmartFile/VCR remote sensor close to the center of the tape at a horizontal angle. Do not press the sensor against the tape.

The Finder beeps once and the SmartFile label contents appear in the display window.



Tape title	My Favorites
Program title	BLANK EP 3H15M
	12:30P AABD 1/29
	Rock Box

Blank Time

3 Press $\uparrow/\downarrow$ to change the display.

Up to 12 recorded programs are displayed in chronological order.

You can view information about a program in greater detail by selecting the program and pressing OK.

The  (detail) window appears. Press OK again to return to the previous window.

Rock Box	
MO	8:00P 1/25
MUSIC	CH123
1H30M	EP



Tips

- If you select Blank Time and press OK, the tape speed for the Blank Time space changes.
- If you press RECALL while the Finder is off, the data of the last label read appears in the display window.

Notes

- If the READ operation fails, the Finder beeps repeatedly and "ERROR" appears.
- If you do not perform any operations for 30 seconds or more, the display window turns off.
- Up to 15 characters of the title, 5 characters of the station ID, and 3 characters of the channel number appear.
- If there is no tape title, the dates of first and last recording on the tape appear. If a program title is not registered, the recording date and time and the station ID appear. If there is no station ID, the channel number appears.
- If the tape title or program title is long, the entire title may not appear in the display window.

Searching for a specific program (explorer)

You can quickly find programs that match a specific title, recording date and time, and category from among multiple SmartFile tapes. You can also search for available recording space (Blank Time) on a tape.

1 Press EXPLORER.

The  (explorer) window appears.


TAPE TITLE
PROGRAM TITLE
DATE
BLANK TIME

2 Press $\uparrow/\downarrow$ to select the search item and press OK.

The search items are tape or program title, date and time, Blank Time and category.

3 Press $\uparrow/\downarrow/\leftarrow/\rightarrow$ to input the search condition.

If you make a mistake, press $\leftarrow$ and input the condition again. Note that you do not need to enter the exact upper or lower case of the letters.

• Specifying the tape or program title

Enter the starting characters of the tape or program title you want to find. You can input up to 5 characters.

For example, if you enter "A", all titles beginning with the letter "A" are found.


TAPE TITLE
A-----

• Setting the date and time

Enter the date and time using any combination of the recording month, date, year, day and time.

You do not need to input all of these items.


DATE
M/D/Y 4/18/99
DAY MO
TIME 1:00 PM

- **Searching for Blank Time**

Enter the Blank Time space needed for recording.
You can search according to different tape speeds.



- **Specifying a program category**

Specify the category of the recorded program.



4 Press OK.

The (read) icon blinks in the display window.

5 Press READ.

6 Keeping READ pressed, bring the SmartFile/VCR remote sensor close to the center of the tape.

- **When the specified program or Blank Time space (a Blank Time space longer than the specified time) is found,** the Finder beeps once and the SmartFile label contents appear in the display window.

- **When the specified program or Blank Time space cannot be found,** the Finder beeps repeatedly and the display window does not change.

- **When there is no data registered in the SmartFile label or when the READ operation fails,** the Finder beeps repeatedly and "ERROR" appears.

7 If necessary, repeat steps 5 and 6 with other SmartFile labels.

Tip

- If you want to change a title, press the EDIT button.

Note

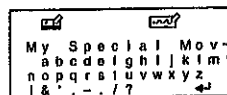
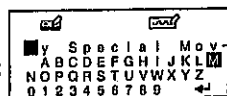
- If you do not perform any operations for 30 seconds or more, the display window turns off.

Editing the contents of a SmartFile label (edit)

Labeling a recorded program and tape

The tape and program titles can be edited using the display window of the Finder.

- 1** Press READ.
- 2** Keeping READ pressed, bring the SmartFile/VCR remote sensor close to the center of the tape.
The Finder beeps once and the SmartFile label contents appear in the display window.
- 3** Press $\uparrow/\downarrow$ to select the title you want to edit, and then press EDIT.
The  (edit) window appears.
- 4** Press $\uparrow/\downarrow/\leftarrow/\rightarrow$ to select a character, press OK.
You can input up to 18 characters, including spaces.
If you make a mistake, press CLEAR and input the character again.
To switch pages, select " $\downarrow$ " or " $\uparrow$ " in the  (edit) window and press OK. To select a space, select the square to the left of "A" and press OK.
- 5** After finishing the character input, press $\uparrow/\downarrow/\leftarrow/\rightarrow$ to select " $\leftarrow$ " in the display window and press OK.
The  (write) icon blinks in the display window.
If you are editing a program title, the category edit window appears. Select the category and press OK.
- 6** Press WRITE.



7 Keeping READ pressed, bring the SmartFile/VCR remote sensor close to the center of the tape.

- If the WRITE operation is successful, the Finder beeps once and the SmartFile label contents appear in the display window.
- If the WRITE operation fails, the Finder beeps repeatedly and "ERROR" appears.

Tips

- You can also enter the  (edit) window from the  (detail) window.
- To recall the latest data, press EDIT before you press OK in step 5.

Notes

- Be sure to write the data into the same tape that you read in step 2.
- If you press MENU or SMARTFILE while editing, the data you entered in step 4 will be lost and the Finder will switch to standard VCR functions.

Erasing the data of an unwanted program

This erases the program information and registers this space as Blank Time.

- 1** Press READ.
- 2** Keeping READ pressed, bring the SmartFile/VCR remote sensor close to the center of the tape.
- 3** Press / to select the title you want to erase.
- 4** Press CLEAR.
To cancel the erase operation, press RECALL to restore the last read data.
- 5** Press WRITE.
- 6** Keeping READ pressed, bring the SmartFile/VCR remote sensor close to the center of the tape.

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Editing the contents of a SmartFile label (edit)

Notes

- You cannot restore the latest data even by pressing RECALL if you have already pressed OK.
- If you do not perform any operations for 30 seconds or more, the display window turns off.





Specifications

Operable distance	Standard VCR functions: Approx. XX m (XX ft.) SmartFile Finder functions: Approx. XX m (XX ft.)
Power requirements	Three size AA (R) batteries (supplied)
Battery life	Approx. 6 months (varies depending on frequency of use)
Dimensions	63 × 178 × 39 mm (w/h/d) (2 1/2 × 7 1/8 × 1 9/16 in.)
Mass	Approx. XX g (XX oz.) (not including batteries)

Designs and specifications are subject to change without notice.