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Model: RQ-E20V

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and efficient operation of your Panasonic RQ-E20V Portable Cassette Player. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the unit and retain it for future reference. The RQ-E20V features a metallic finish, AM/FM stereo digital tuner with 20 station memory, 5 direct preset keys, up to 26 hours of playback on one AA battery, XBS extra bass, selectable AM frequency step for worldwide tuning, stereo headphones, a multi-information LCD readout, and a detachable belt clip.

Setup

1. Battery Installation

The Panasonic RQ-E20V requires one (1) AA battery for operation.

1. Open the battery compartment cover, typically located on the back or side of the unit.
2. Insert one AA battery, ensuring the polarity (+ and -) matches the diagram inside the compartment.
3. Close the battery compartment cover securely.



Image: Front view of the Panasonic RQ-E20V Portable Cassette Player, showing the LCD display, control buttons, and metallic finish.

2. Connecting Headphones

Connect the stereo headphones to the headphone jack on the unit.

1. Locate the headphone jack, usually on the side of the player.
2. Insert the headphone plug firmly into the jack.



Image: Side view of the Panasonic RQ-E20V, highlighting the headphone jack, volume control dial, and radio ON/BAND switch.



Image: The included Panasonic XBS stereo headphones, featuring the XBS logo on the earcup.

Operating Instructions

Cassette Playback

1. Open the cassette compartment.
2. Insert a cassette tape with the exposed tape facing downwards.
3. Close the cassette compartment securely.
4. Press the **PLAY** button to start playback.
5. To stop playback, press the **STOP** button.
6. To fast forward, press the **FFWD** button.
7. To rewind, press the **REW** button.
8. The unit features **Auto Reverse**. To change playback direction, use the **DIR** switch or wait for the tape to reach its end.



Image: Side view of the Panasonic RQ-E20V, displaying the cassette control buttons (REW, FWD, PLAY, STOP) and the DIR (direction) switch for auto reverse.

Radio Operation

1. Slide the **RADIO ON/BAND** switch to the "ON" position.
2. Select the desired band (AM or FM) using the **RADIO ON/BAND** switch. The selected band will appear on the LCD.
3. Use the **TUNING** buttons (**+** and **-**) to manually tune to a station.
4. To use preset stations:
    - Press one of the **5 direct preset keys** (1-5) to recall a stored station.
    - To store a station: Tune to the desired station, then press and hold one of the preset keys (1-5) until the display flashes, indicating the station is stored. The unit has a 20-station memory.
5. The unit features a selectable AM frequency step for worldwide tuning. Refer to the LCD for frequency information.

Volume Control

Adjust the volume using the **VOL** dial, typically located on the side of the unit. Rotate clockwise to increase volume, counter-clockwise to decrease.

XBS (Extra Bass System)

The XBS feature enhances bass response. To activate or deactivate XBS, locate the **XBS** switch or button and toggle it as desired.

Hold Function

The **HOLD** function prevents accidental operation of buttons. Slide the **HOLD** switch to the "ON" position to lock the

controls. Slide it to "OFF" to unlock.

Maintenance

Cleaning the Unit

- Wipe the exterior of the unit with a soft, dry cloth.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners, solvents, or strong detergents.
- For the cassette head and pinch rollers, use a specialized cassette head cleaning kit.

Battery Care

- Remove the battery if the unit will not be used for an extended period to prevent leakage.
- Dispose of used batteries according to local regulations.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No power	Battery depleted or incorrectly inserted.	Replace battery or check polarity.
No sound from headphones	Headphones not connected properly; volume too low; HOLD function active.	Ensure headphones are fully plugged in; increase volume; deactivate HOLD.
Cassette tape not playing	Tape incorrectly inserted; PLAY button not pressed; HOLD function active.	Reinsert tape correctly; press PLAY; deactivate HOLD.
Poor radio reception	Weak signal; interference.	Relocate the unit; extend the antenna (if applicable); try tuning manually.

Specifications

- **Model:** RQ-E20V
- **Power Source:** 1 x AA Battery
- **Playback Time:** Up to 26 hours (approximate, with alkaline battery)
- **Tuner:** AM/FM Stereo Digital Synthesizer Tuner
- **Memory:** 20 Station Presets
- **Features:** XBS (Extra Bass System), Auto Reverse, Multi-information LCD, Detachable Belt Clip
- **Dimensions (Approx.):** 4.8 x 4 x 2 inches (Package Dimensions)
- **Weight (Approx.):** 3.2 ounces (Item Weight)

Warranty and Support

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