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Sony MVC-FD88 Mavica Digital Camera User Manual

Model: MVC-FD88

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and effective use of your Sony MVC-FD88 Mavica Digital Camera. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the camera and retain it for future reference. The Sony MVC-FD88 is a 1.2-megapixel digital camera featuring an 8x optical zoom, a 2.5-inch color LCD, and the ability to store images and MPEG movies directly onto standard 3.5-inch floppy disks.

Setup

1. Battery Installation

Insert the InfoLithium (NP-F330) battery into the battery compartment located on the camera. Ensure the battery is oriented correctly according to the markings inside the compartment. Close the battery compartment cover securely.

2. Floppy Disk Insertion

Open the floppy disk drive cover. Insert a standard 3.5-inch floppy disk (4x speed recommended) into the drive with the metal shutter facing forward and down. Push the disk gently until it clicks into place. Close the drive cover.

3. Initial Power On and Clock Setting

To power on the camera, slide the POWER switch to the ON position. Upon first use or after the battery has been removed for an extended period, the camera may prompt you to set the clock.



Figure 1: Rear view of the Sony MVC-FD88 Mavica Digital Camera. This image displays the camera's rear panel, highlighting the 2.5-inch LCD screen which currently shows the 'CLOCK SET' menu. The menu prompts for date and time input (e.g., '1999 / 2 / 12 6:33 AM') with options to 'ENTER' or 'CANCEL'. Below the screen, the 'SELECT/ADJUST OK' button is visible, used for navigating and confirming selections. To the left of the screen, controls for 'LCD BACKLIGHT' (OFF/ON), 'BRIGHT' (+/-), and 'VOLUME' (+/-) are present. Below these are buttons for 'FLASH', 'PICTURE EFFECT', 'PROGRAM', and 'DISPLAY'. A three-position switch for 'PLAY', 'STILL', and 'MOVE' is also visible. To the right of the screen, a 'MENU' button, a 'POWER ON/OFF' indicator, an 'ACCESS' indicator, and a 'DISK EJECT' lever are clearly marked.

Use the 'SELECT/ADJUST OK' button to navigate through the date and time fields. Press 'ENTER' to confirm your settings. Refer to Figure 1 for the location of these controls.

Operating the Camera

1. Taking Still Photos

Set the 'PLAY / STILL / MOVE' switch to 'STILL'. Frame your shot using the 2.5-inch color LCD monitor. The camera features autofocus for clear images. Press the shutter button halfway to focus, then fully to capture the image. The camera has an effective still resolution of 1.2 MP.

2. Using Zoom

The camera is equipped with an 8x optical zoom and a 16x digital zoom. Use the zoom lever (typically located near the shutter button) to adjust the focal length. Optical zoom provides higher quality images than digital zoom.

3. Recording MPEG Movies and Audio

To record video, set the 'PLAY / STILL / MOVE' switch to 'MOVE'. Press the shutter button to start and stop recording. The camera records short MPEG-1 movies. For audio recording, press the dedicated 'AUDIO' button (if available, or refer to the manual for specific audio recording modes). Ensure a floppy disk with sufficient space is inserted.

4. Special Effects

The camera offers various special effects such as Monochrome, Sepia, Negative, and Solarized. Press the 'PICTURE EFFECT' button (see Figure 1) to cycle through these options before taking a photo or recording a video.

5. Flash Operation

Press the 'FLASH' button (see Figure 1) to cycle through flash modes: Auto, Fill-in, Slow Sync, and Off. The built-in intelligent flash adjusts output based on lighting conditions.

6. Viewing Images and Videos

Set the 'PLAY / STILL / MOVE' switch to 'PLAY'. Use the navigation buttons to browse through your captured photos and videos on the LCD screen. The camera also supports a slide show mode.

7. Ejecting a Floppy Disk

When you need to remove a floppy disk, ensure the 'ACCESS' indicator light is off. Slide the 'DISK EJECT' lever (see Figure 1) to release the disk. Gently pull the disk out of the drive.

8. Connecting to External Devices

The camera features Audio/Video out for viewing content on a television and a USB port for connecting to a computer. Use the appropriate cables (not always included) to establish these connections.

Maintenance

1. Cleaning the Camera

Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the camera body. For the lens, use a specialized lens cleaning cloth and solution. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents. Keep the floppy disk drive free of dust and debris.

2. Battery Care

Charge the InfoLithium (NP-F330) battery regularly using the provided charger. Store the battery in a cool, dry place when not in use. Avoid extreme temperatures.

3. Floppy Disk Handling

Handle floppy disks carefully to prevent damage to the magnetic surface. Store disks in a protective case away from magnetic fields and extreme temperatures.

Troubleshooting

Camera Not Powering On

Ensure the battery is fully charged and correctly inserted. Check that the POWER switch is in the ON position.

Disk Error Message

This may indicate a damaged or improperly inserted floppy disk. Try reinserting the disk or using a different one. Ensure the disk is not write-protected if you are trying to save files.

Poor Image Quality

Check the lens for smudges or dirt and clean it if necessary. Ensure there is adequate lighting for your shot. Adjust flash settings if needed. Verify that the camera is in 'STILL' mode for photos and not 'MOVE' mode.

Cannot Connect to Computer/TV

Ensure all cables are securely connected to both the camera and the external device. Verify that the external device is set to the correct input source (e.g., AV input for TV, USB mode for computer).

Specifications

Feature	Specification
Model Name	MVC FD88
Effective Still Resolution	1.2 MP
Optical Zoom	8x
Digital Zoom	2x
Screen Size	2.5 Inches
Flash Memory Type	Disk 3.5" (4x speed)
Battery Type	InfoLithium (NP-F330)
Video Capture Format	MPEG-1
Image Stabilization	Digital, Optical
Autofocus	Yes
Connectivity Technology	USB
Hardware Interface	3.5-Inch Floppy
Item Weight	1.3 Pounds

Warranty and Support

Warranty Information

This Sony MVC-FD88 Mavica Digital Camera comes with a warranty covering**1 Year for Parts** and **90 Days for Labor** from the date of purchase. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this manual, or warranty service, please contact Sony customer support. Visit the official Sony website for contact information and service center locations.

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