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1. INTRODUCTION

The JVC HR-A591U is a 4-Head Hi-Fi Stereo VCR designed for high-quality video playback and recording. It features Super VHS Quasi Playback (SQPB), allowing it to play Super VHS tapes in standard VHS mode. This unit is equipped with Pro-Cision 19-micron heads for clear picture quality, especially in extended-play (EP) mode. Its user-friendly design includes front-panel audio/video jacks for convenient connections and a full-function remote control for easy operation.



This image displays the front panel of the JVC HR-A591U VCR, highlighting the tape slot, playback controls (Play, Stop/Eject, Rewind, Fast Forward), channel buttons, and the JVC branding. The 'Hi-Fi STEREO' and 'SQPB' labels are visible above the tape slot, indicating its audio and playback capabilities.

2. SETUP

2.1 Connecting to a Television

1. **Power Off:** Ensure both the VCR and your television are powered off before making any connections.
2. **Connect RF Coaxial Cable:** Connect one end of the supplied RF coaxial video cable to the 'RF OUT' jack on the rear panel of the VCR. Connect the other end to the 'Antenna In' or 'RF In' jack on your television.
3. **Connect Power:** Plug the VCR's power cord into a standard electrical outlet.
4. **Initial Power On:** Turn on the VCR. The unit is designed for automatic channel programming upon initial power-up.

2.2 Connecting External Devices (Optional)

The HR-A591U features front-panel audio/video jacks for easy connection of external devices such as camcorders or video game consoles. Use standard RCA audio (red/white) and video (yellow) cables to connect these devices to the corresponding input jacks on the VCR's front panel.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Playing a VHS Tape

1. **Insert Tape:** Gently insert a VHS tape into the tape slot on the front of the VCR. The VCR will automatically load the tape.
2. **Press Play:** Press the **PLAY** button on the VCR's front panel or the remote control. The tape will begin to

play.

3. **Adjust Tracking:** If the picture quality is poor or distorted, use the **TRACKING** controls (if available on your remote or front panel) to adjust the picture until it is clear.
4. **Stop/Eject:** To stop playback, press the **STOP/EJECT** button. Press it again to eject the tape.

3.2 Recording a Program

The VCR supports 1-month, 8-event programming and 1-touch recording. Refer to the full user manual for detailed programming instructions.

- **One-Touch Recording:** To initiate immediate recording, ensure the VCR is tuned to the desired channel and press the **REC** button.
- **Timer Recording:** Use the on-screen menu and remote control to set up scheduled recordings.

3.3 Super VHS Quasi Playback (SQPB)

This feature allows the HR-A591U to play back tapes recorded in the Super VHS (S-VHS) format, even though it is a standard VHS VCR. S-VHS tapes will be played back at standard VHS resolution.

4. MAINTENANCE

To ensure optimal performance and longevity of your JVC HR-A591U VCR, follow these general maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning the Exterior:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe the exterior surfaces of the VCR. Avoid using liquid cleaners or abrasive materials.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure that the ventilation slots on the VCR are not blocked to prevent overheating.
- **Tape Care:** Store VHS tapes in their cases away from direct sunlight, dust, and extreme temperatures. Avoid using damaged or moldy tapes, as they can harm the VCR's internal components.
- **Head Cleaning:** If picture quality degrades significantly (e.g., excessive static or lines), a head cleaning tape may be used. Follow the instructions provided with the head cleaning tape carefully. Excessive use of head cleaning tapes can cause wear.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your JVC HR-A591U VCR, refer to the following common troubleshooting tips:

- **No Power:** Check if the power cord is securely plugged into both the VCR and a working electrical outlet.
- **No Picture/Sound:**
 - Ensure the VCR is correctly connected to the TV via the RF coaxial cable or AV cables.
 - Verify the TV input/source is set to the correct input (e.g., 'TV', 'Video 1', 'AV').
 - Check if a tape is properly inserted and playing.
- **Poor Picture Quality (Static/Lines):**
 - Adjust the tracking control.
 - Try a different tape to rule out tape damage.
 - Consider using a VCR head cleaning tape.
- **Tape Not Ejecting:** Ensure the VCR is powered on and press the **STOP/EJECT** button firmly. If the tape is still stuck, power cycle the unit.

- **Remote Control Not Working:** Check the batteries in the remote control and ensure there are no obstructions between the remote and the VCR's infrared sensor.

For persistent issues, consult the comprehensive user manual or contact JVC customer support.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Description
Brand Name	JVC
Item Model Number	HR-A591
Item Weight	5 pounds
Product Dimensions	8.8 x 14.9 x 3.9 inches
Video Heads	4-Head Design (Dual Azimuth)
Audio	Hi-Fi Stereo with MTS decoder
Playback Features	Super VHS Quasi Playback (SQPB), Pro-Cision 19-micron EP heads
Recording Features	1-month, 8-event programming, 1-touch recording
Inputs/Outputs	Front-panel audio/video inputs, AV outputs on rear panel
Remote Control	Full-function remote control included
Power	AC 120 V - 60 Hz
Batteries Required	2 AAA batteries (for remote)
Date First Available	May 7, 2002

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

7.1 Warranty Information

The JVC HR-A591U VCR comes with a warranty covering:

- **Parts:** One year
- **Labor:** 90 days

Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For specific terms and conditions, refer to the warranty card included with your product.

7.2 Customer Support

For further assistance, technical support, or service inquiries, please refer to the contact information provided in your product's original packaging or visit the official JVC support website.

