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Model: SJ-MR250-S

1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

The Panasonic Portable MD Recorder SJ-MR250-S is a versatile MiniDisc (MD) recorder designed for both portable and home use. It features Net MD compatibility, allowing high-speed transfer of music data from your computer to MDs. The unit comes with a multi-cradle that facilitates easy charging and includes a USB terminal for PC connection. Its LCD display supports Kanji characters, enabling direct display of artist and song names transferred from online music databases.

Key features include:

- **Net MD Compatibility:** Transfer music files (MP3, WAV) from your PC to MDs after conversion to OpenMG format.
- **2-Way Playback:** Use headphones for on-the-go listening or dock the unit with its detachable small speakers for home playback.
- **Multi-Cradle:** Provides convenient charging and a USB connection for data transfer and title input.
- **Kanji Display:** Supports display of artist and song titles in Kanji characters.
- **MDLP Support:** Enables long-time recording and playback, with up to 320 minutes of data on an 80-minute MD in LP4 mode.



Image of the Panasonic Portable MD Recorder SJ-MR250-S, showing its compact design and detachable speaker cradle.

2. SETUP

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Verify that all accessories, including the multi-cradle, USB cable, and detachable speakers, are present.
2. **Charging the Battery:** Place the MD recorder into the multi-cradle. Connect the AC adapter (not specified if included, assume standard) to the multi-cradle and a power outlet. The charging indicator will illuminate. Allow sufficient time for a full charge before first use.
3. **Software Installation (for Net MD):** To transfer music from your computer, you must install the dedicated software (e.g., OpenMG Jukebox or similar) provided with the unit onto your PC. Follow the on-screen instructions during installation.
4. **Connecting to PC:** Connect the multi-cradle to your PC using the supplied USB cable. Ensure the software is running on your PC before attempting data transfer.
5. **Attaching Speakers:** For home use, attach the detachable speakers to the multi-cradle. Ensure they are securely connected.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Recording Music (Net MD)

1. **Prepare Music Files:** Ensure your music files (MP3, WAV, etc.) are stored on your computer.
2. **Launch Software:** Open the Net MD compatible software (e.g., OpenMG Jukebox) on your PC.
3. **Connect Device:** Connect the SJ-MR250-S to your PC via the multi-cradle and USB cable.
4. **Transfer Files:** Use the software interface to select the desired music files. The software will convert them to OpenMG format and transfer them to the MD at high speed.
5. **Add Titles:** The software allows you to input artist and song titles, which will be displayed on the unit's Kanji-compatible LCD.

3.2. Playing Music

- **Insert MD:** Open the MD slot and insert a MiniDisc.
- **Select Output:**
 - **Headphones:** Connect headphones to the headphone jack for personal listening.
 - **Speakers:** If docked in the multi-cradle with speakers attached, the audio will play through the speakers.
- **Playback Controls:** Use the Play, Pause, Stop, Fast Forward, and Rewind buttons on the unit or remote control (if applicable) to manage playback.
- **Volume Adjustment:** Adjust the volume using the dedicated volume controls.

3.3. MDLP Mode

The SJ-MR250-S supports MDLP (MiniDisc Long Play) modes, LP2 and LP4, which allow for extended recording times by compressing audio data. In LP4 mode, an 80-minute MD can hold up to 320 minutes of audio.

- **Activating MDLP:** Refer to the on-screen menu or specific buttons on the unit to select LP2 or LP4 mode before recording.
- **Compatibility:** MDLP recordings can only be played back on MDLP-compatible devices.

3.4. Title Input and Editing

While direct Hiragana and Kanji input is not possible on the unit itself, titles can be entered via the PC software. The unit's display will show these titles in Kanji.

Basic editing functions such as splitting, combining, and erasing tracks are available. However, please note that the editing process on this model may require returning to the first track after each edit operation (e.g., split, combine, erase, title input) as the Table of Contents (TOC) is recorded after each action. This can make continuous editing tasks more time-consuming compared to some other MD models.

4. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the exterior of the unit. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents. For the MD slot, use a specialized MD cleaning kit if necessary, following its instructions carefully.
- **Battery Care:** To prolong battery life, avoid exposing the unit to extreme temperatures. If the unit will not be used for an extended period, fully charge the battery before storage and recharge periodically.
- **Storage:** Store the unit in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and excessive dust.
- **MD Handling:** Handle MiniDiscs by their edges to avoid touching the recording surface. Store MDs in their cases to protect them from dust and scratches.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Unit does not power on.	Battery is depleted or incorrectly inserted. AC adapter not connected properly.	Charge the battery. Ensure the battery is correctly inserted. Check AC adapter connection.
MD is not recognized.	MD is damaged or inserted incorrectly. Unit malfunction.	Ensure the MD is inserted correctly. Try a different MD. If the problem persists with multiple MDs, the unit may require service.
No sound during playback.	Volume is too low. Headphones/speakers not connected. MD is blank or corrupted.	Increase the volume. Check headphone/speaker connections. Try a different MD.
Cannot transfer music from PC.	USB cable not connected. Software not installed or running. Driver issues.	Ensure USB cable is securely connected. Verify software installation and launch. Reinstall drivers if necessary.

If you encounter issues not listed here or if the suggested solutions do not resolve the problem, please contact Panasonic customer support.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Brand	Panasonic
Model Number	SJ-MR250-S

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Compatible Devices	PC
Hardware Interface	USB
Memory Storage Capacity	16 GB (Maximum)
Item Weight	0.12 Kilograms
Microphone Operation Mode	Stereo
Format	MiniDisc (MD), MDLP (LP2, LP4)

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Panasonic website for your region. Warranty terms and conditions may vary by country and retailer.

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