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Panasonic DMR-ES35VS

Panasonic DMR-ES35VS DVD Recorder / VCR Combo User Manual

Model: DMR-ES35VS

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1. Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and efficient operation of your Panasonic DMR-ES35VS DVD Recorder / VCR Combo. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the unit and retain it for future reference.



Figure 1: Panasonic DMR-ES35VS DVD Recorder / VCR Combo. This image displays the front view of the silver-colored unit, highlighting both the DVD tray and the VHS tape slot. A red DVD disc and a black VHS tape are shown resting on top of the unit.

2. Key Features

- **Combo DVD Recorder/VHS Player Recorder:** Integrates both DVD recording and VHS playback/recording capabilities.
- **Easy One-Touch Dubbing:** Facilitates simple copying of non-copy protected content between DVD and VCR.
- **Multi-Format Recording:** Records onto DVD-R/RW, DVD+R/RW, and DVD-RAM discs.

- **Versatile Playback:** Plays back dual-layer DVD-R/+R, CD-R/RW, JPEG, and MP3 digital formats.
- **DV Input (FireWire/IEEE1394/i.Link):** Allows direct connection to digital video camcorders for footage transfer to disc.
- **Time Slip Function:** Includes Chasing Playback (watch recording in progress) and Simultaneous Record & Play (record one program while watching another on the same disc).
- **Flexible Recording Modes:** Offers EP, LP, SP, XP, and FR (Flexible Recording) modes for varying quality and recording times.
- **Direct Navigator:** Simplifies finding previously recorded programs on a disc with on-screen lists.
- **Playlist Playback:** Enables simple non-linear video editing, such as reordering scenes or skipping unwanted sections.
- **Rapid Random Access (DVD-RAM):** Allows immediate playback or recording at any point on DVD-RAM discs.
- **Optical Digital Audio Out:** Provides immersive surround sound for Dolby Digital and DTS home theater effects.

3. Setup Guide

3.1 Unpacking

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Verify that all items listed in the "What's in the Box" section are present.

3.2 Connecting to a Television

To connect your DMR-ES35VS to a television, use the appropriate audio/video cables. The unit supports various connection types:

- **Composite Video/Audio:** Connect the yellow (video), white (left audio), and red (right audio) RCA cables from the unit's output to your TV's corresponding input jacks.
- **S-Video:** For improved picture quality over composite video, connect an S-Video cable from the unit's S-Video output to your TV's S-Video input. You will still need separate RCA cables for audio.
- **Component Video (Y/Pb/Pr):** For the best analog picture quality, connect the green (Y), blue (Pb), and red (Pr) component video cables from the unit's output to your TV's component input. Use separate RCA cables for audio.
- **RF (Coaxial):** Connect an RF cable from the unit's RF output to your TV's antenna/cable input. This connection is typically used for older televisions or for passing through antenna signals.
- **Optical Digital Audio:** For digital surround sound, connect an optical cable from the unit's digital audio output to your home theater receiver's optical digital audio input.

After connecting the cables, select the corresponding input source on your television (e.g., AV1, Component, HDMI1 if using an adapter, or a specific channel for RF connection).

3.3 Power Connection

Connect the power cord to the unit and then to a standard AC power outlet.

4. Operating Instructions

4.1 Playing VHS Tapes

1. Ensure the unit is powered on and your TV is set to the correct input source.
2. Insert a VHS tape into the VCR slot. The unit will automatically pull the tape in.
3. Press the **PLAY** button on the unit or remote control to begin playback.
4. Use the **STOP**, **REW** (Rewind), and **FFWD** (Fast Forward) buttons for control.

4.2 Playing DVDs/CDs

1. Ensure the unit is powered on and your TV is set to the correct input source.
2. Press the **OPEN/CLOSE** button for the DVD tray.
3. Place a DVD or CD disc onto the tray with the label side facing up.
4. Press the **OPEN/CLOSE** button again to close the tray.
5. The unit will typically begin playback automatically. If not, press the **PLAY** button.
6. Use the **STOP**, **PAUSE**, and skip buttons for control.

4.3 Recording to DVD

The DMR-ES35VS can record video content to various DVD formats. Ensure you are using a compatible recordable DVD disc (DVD-R/RW, DVD+R/RW, or DVD-RAM).

1. Insert a blank recordable DVD disc into the DVD tray.
2. Select the input source you wish to record (e.g., TV tuner, external AV input, or DV input).
3. Press the **REC** button to start recording. Press **STOP** to end recording.
4. **Recording Modes:** Choose from EP, LP, SP, XP for different quality/length, or FR (Flexible Recording) to optimize quality for remaining disc space.
5. **DV Input Recording:** Connect a digital video camcorder to the FireWire (DV) port to transfer footage directly to DVD.

4.4 Dubbing (Copying) VHS to DVD or DVD to VHS

This unit allows one-touch copying of non-copy protected material between VHS and DVD.

1. Insert the source media (VHS tape or DVD) and the blank recording media (VHS tape or recordable DVD).
2. Select the source (VCR or DVD) using the **OUTPUT** selector on the front panel.
3. Begin playback on the source media.
4. Press the **REC** button on the unit to start dubbing.
5. Press **STOP** to end the dubbing process.

4.5 Time Slip Function

This function provides enhanced control during DVD recordings (primarily with DVD-RAM discs).

- **Chasing Playback:** Allows you to watch a program from its beginning while it is still being recorded.
- **Simultaneous Record & Play:** Enables recording a program onto a disc while simultaneously watching another program already recorded on the same disc.

4.6 Direct Navigator and Playlist Playback

- **Direct Navigator:** Access a list of recorded programs on a disc, showing dates, times, channels, and user-entered titles for easy navigation.
- **Playlist Playback:** Perform basic non-linear editing, such as reordering scenes, skipping unwanted parts, or copying selections.

4.7 Rapid Random Access (DVD-RAM)

When using DVD-RAM discs, this feature allows you to jump directly to any point on the disc for immediate playback or recording. It can record data on available space throughout the disc, preventing accidental overwriting of desired material.

5. Connections

The Panasonic DMR-ES35VS offers a comprehensive set of video and audio connections:

Connection Type	Quantity	Description
RF Input	1	For connecting an antenna or cable TV signal.
RF Output	1 (for VCR)	For connecting the VCR signal to a television.
Composite Video/Audio Input	2 (1 front)	Standard yellow (video), white/red (audio) RCA jacks for connecting external devices like camcorders or gaming consoles.
Composite Video/Audio Output	1	Standard yellow (video), white/red (audio) RCA jacks for connecting to a television or audio receiver.
S-Video Input	2 (1 front)	For connecting devices with S-Video output, offering better picture quality than composite video.
S-Video Output	1	For connecting to a television with S-Video input.
Component Video Output (Y/Pb/Pr)	1	Provides high-quality analog video output for compatible televisions, separating luminance and color information.
Digital Audio Output (Optical)	1	For connecting to a home theater receiver for Dolby Digital and DTS surround sound.
FireWire (DV Input)	1	For direct connection and transfer of digital video from camcorders.

6. Maintenance

6.1 Cleaning the Unit

Wipe the exterior of the unit with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners, as they may damage the finish or internal components.

6.2 Disc and Tape Care

- Handle discs by their edges to avoid fingerprints and scratches.
- Store discs in their cases when not in use.
- Keep VHS tapes away from strong magnetic fields and extreme temperatures.
- Periodically clean VCR heads with a dry-type head cleaner tape if playback quality deteriorates.

7. Troubleshooting

If you experience issues with your DMR-ES35VS, refer to the following common solutions:

7.1 No Power

- Ensure the power cord is securely plugged into both the unit and a working electrical outlet.
- Check if the power outlet is functional by plugging in another device.

7.2 No Picture or Sound

- Verify that all audio and video cables are correctly connected between the unit and your television/receiver.
- Confirm that your television is set to the correct input source (e.g., AV1, Component, etc.).
- If using an RF connection, ensure your TV is tuned to the correct channel (usually Channel 3 or 4).

- Check the **OUTPUT** selector on the front panel to ensure it's set to DVD or VCR as appropriate.

7.3 Disc/Tape Not Playing

- Ensure the disc or tape is inserted correctly.
- Check the disc for scratches or dirt; clean if necessary.
- For VHS tapes, ensure the tape is not tangled or damaged.
- Verify the disc format is compatible with the player (e.g., region code for DVDs).

7.4 Recording Issues

- Ensure a blank, compatible recordable disc or tape is inserted.
- Check if the disc or tape has sufficient remaining recording space.
- Verify the input source for recording is correctly selected.
- Ensure the source material is not copy-protected if attempting to dub.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Panasonic
Model Name	DMR-ES35VS
Item Weight	15 pounds
Product Dimensions	14 x 17 x 3 inches (W x D x H)
Color	Black, Light Gray
Media Type	CD, DVD, VHS
Special Feature	Surround Sound
Resolution	1920x1080 (Output resolution, likely upscaled)
Connector Type	RF, Composite, S-Video, Component, Optical Digital Audio, FireWire (DV)
Connectivity Technology	AV
Audio Output Mode	Stereo
Batteries	2 AA batteries required (included for remote)

9. What's in the Box

- DVD Recorder/VCR Combo Unit
- Remote Control (with batteries)
- AV Cable
- RF Cable
- Power Cord
- One DVD-RAM Disc
- Printed Operating Instructions (this manual)

10. Important Information

10.1 Legal Disclaimer

CONSUMER ALERT:

This television receiver has only an analog broadcast tuner and will require a converter box after February 17, 2009 to receive over-the-air broadcasts with an antenna because of the U.S.'s transition to digital broadcasting. Analog-only TVs should continue to work as before with cable and satellite TV services, gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players, and similar products. For more information, call the Federal Communications Commission at 1-888-225-5322 (TTY: 1-888-835-5322), or visit the commission's digital-television Web site at: www.dtv.gov.

11. Warranty and Support

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official Panasonic website or contact their customer service. Specific warranty terms may vary by region and purchase date.

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