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Panasonic DMR-EZ37VK DVD-Recorder/VCR Combo with ATSC Tuner User Manual

Model: DMR-EZ37VK

Product Overview

The Panasonic DMR-EZ37VK is a versatile DVD-Recorder/VCR Combo unit equipped with an integrated ATSC Tuner. This device allows for recording and playback of both DVD and VHS media, and features a digital tuner for receiving over-the-air broadcasts.



Image: Front view of the Panasonic DMR-EZ37VK DVD-Recorder/VCR Combo in silver finish.

Key Features:

- Multi Drive RAM compatibility for flexible recording.
- DV Input for direct transfer from digital video cameras.
- Integrated VCR for recording and playback of VHS tapes.
- 1-Second Quick Start for rapid operation.
- Recording Time Slip function for convenient viewing during recording.
- Built-in ATSC Digital Tuner for receiving digital broadcasts.

Setup

Follow these steps to properly set up your Panasonic DMR-EZ37VK unit.

1. Unpacking and Placement

- Carefully remove the unit and all accessories from the packaging.
- Place the unit on a stable, level surface with adequate ventilation. Avoid placing it near heat sources or in direct sunlight.
- Ensure sufficient space around the unit for proper airflow.

2. Connecting to a Television

The DMR-EZ37VK offers various connection options. Use the best available connection for your television.

- **HDMI Connection:** For optimal digital video and audio quality, connect an HDMI cable from the unit's HDMI OUT port to an HDMI IN port on your television.
- **Component Video Connection:** For high-quality analog video, connect component video cables (red, green, blue) from the unit's COMPONENT VIDEO OUT ports to corresponding IN ports on your television. Connect audio cables (red, white) separately.
- **Composite Video Connection:** For standard analog video, connect a composite video cable (yellow) from the unit's VIDEO OUT port to the VIDEO IN port on your television. Connect audio cables (red, white) separately.

3. Antenna/Cable Connection

- Connect your antenna or cable TV signal to the ANT IN port on the rear of the unit.
- If you wish to pass the signal through to your television's tuner, connect a coaxial cable from the ANT OUT port on the unit to the ANT IN port on your television.

4. Power Connection

- Plug the AC power cord into the unit's power input, then into a standard electrical outlet.

5. Initial Setup Wizard

- Turn on the unit and your television. Select the correct input on your TV.
- The unit will guide you through an initial setup wizard, including language selection and automatic channel scanning for the ATSC tuner. Follow the on-screen prompts.

Operating Instructions

This section covers basic operation of the DVD-Recorder/VCR Combo.

1. Playing DVDs and VHS Tapes

- **DVD Playback:** Insert a DVD into the DVD tray. The unit will typically begin playback automatically. Use the remote control for play, pause, stop, fast forward, and rewind functions.
- **VHS Playback:** Insert a VHS tape into the VCR slot. The unit will typically begin playback automatically. Use the remote control for play, pause, stop, fast forward, and rewind functions.

2. Recording to DVD

The DMR-EZ37VK supports recording to various DVD formats, including DVD-RAM, DVD-R, DVD-RW, and DVD+RW.

1. Insert a blank recordable DVD into the DVD tray.
2. Select the desired input source (e.g., TV tuner, AV input, DV input).

3. Press the **RECORD** button on the remote control or front panel to begin recording.
4. Press the **STOP** button to end recording.
5. For scheduled recordings, use the Timer Recording function accessible via the menu.

3. Recording to VHS

1. Insert a blank VHS tape into the VCR slot.
2. Select the desired input source.
3. Press the **RECORD** button to begin recording.
4. Press the **STOP** button to end recording.

4. Dubbing (DVD to VHS / VHS to DVD)

The unit allows for easy transfer between DVD and VHS formats.

- Insert the source media (DVD or VHS) and the blank recording media (VHS or DVD).
- Navigate to the dubbing menu option (refer to the on-screen display for specific steps).
- Select the direction of transfer (DVD to VHS or VHS to DVD) and follow the prompts.

5. Using the ATSC Tuner

- Ensure an antenna is connected to the ANT IN port.
- Access the TV/DTV mode via the remote control to switch between analog and digital broadcasts.
- Use the channel up/down buttons to browse available digital channels.

Maintenance

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your unit.

1. Cleaning the Unit

- Wipe the exterior of the unit with a soft, dry cloth.
- Do not use liquid cleaners, abrasive pads, or chemical solvents, as these can damage the finish.
- For stubborn dirt, slightly dampen the cloth with water and then wipe dry immediately.

2. Disc and Tape Care

- Handle discs by their edges to avoid fingerprints on the recording surface.
- Store discs in their cases when not in use to prevent scratches and dust accumulation.
- Keep VHS tapes away from strong magnetic fields and extreme temperatures.
- Periodically fast-forward and rewind VHS tapes to the end to prevent tape sticking.

3. Ventilation

- Ensure that the ventilation openings on the unit are not blocked. Blocked vents can lead to overheating and malfunction.

Troubleshooting

Refer to this section for solutions to common issues.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution

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No power	Power cord not connected; Power outlet not active	Ensure power cord is securely plugged in. Test the outlet with another device.
No picture or sound	Incorrect TV input selected; Loose audio/video cables	Select the correct input on your TV (e.g., HDMI 1, Video 1). Check all audio and video cable connections.
Disc/Tape does not play	Disc/Tape inserted incorrectly; Disc/Tape is dirty or damaged; Incorrect region code (DVD)	Ensure media is inserted correctly. Clean the disc/tape. Try a different disc/tape. Verify DVD region compatibility.
Cannot record	No blank recordable media; Media is write-protected; Input source not selected	Insert a blank recordable DVD or VHS tape. Ensure DVD-RW/DVD+RW discs are not finalized. Check the write-protect tab on VHS tapes. Select the correct input source.
No digital channels found	Antenna not connected or positioned correctly; Channel scan not performed	Ensure antenna is securely connected and properly oriented. Perform an automatic channel scan through the setup menu.

If the problem persists after trying these solutions, please contact customer support.

Specifications

Detailed technical specifications for the Panasonic DMR-EZ37VK.

Model Number	DMR-EZ37VK
Brand	Panasonic
Product Dimensions	13.6 x 17 x 3.3 inches (34.5 x 43.2 x 8.4 cm)
Item Weight	11.66 pounds (5.29 kg)
Color	Silver
Media Type	DVD, VHS
Built-in Decoders	Dolby Digital 5.1-channel, DTS
Audio Output Mode	Stereo
Connectivity Technology	HDMI
Connector Type	HDMI
Special Features	Compact design, ATSC Tuner, DV Input
Included Accessories	Remote control, 2 AA batteries

Warranty and Support

Information regarding product warranty and customer support.

Specific warranty details for the Panasonic DMR-EZ37VK are not provided in this document. Please refer to the warranty card included with your product packaging or visit the official Panasonic website for the most current warranty

information.

For technical assistance, service, or further inquiries, please contact Panasonic customer support through their official channels. Contact information can typically be found on the Panasonic website or in the documentation accompanying your product.

Note: Product specifications and features are subject to change without notice.

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