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## Panasonic DMR-EZ48VP-K

# Panasonic DMR-EZ48VP-K VHS DVD Recorder User Manual

Model: DMR-EZ48VP-K

## 1. Overview

The Panasonic DMR-EZ48VP-K is a versatile home entertainment device combining a VHS VCR and a DVD Recorder with a built-in digital tuner. It supports 1080p up-conversion for enhanced picture quality on HDTVs via HDMI. This unit offers super multi-format recording and playback, including DVD, DivX, DVD-RAM, DVD-R, DVD-RW, CD, CD-R, and CD-RW. Additional features include VIERA Link for simplified operation with compatible Panasonic TVs, an SD Memory Card slot, and a USB terminal for media playback.




Figure 1: Front view of the Panasonic DMR-EZ48VP-K VHS DVD Recorder, showing the DVD tray, VHS slot, and control buttons.

## 2. Key Features

- **1080p Up-conversion:** Enhances standard definition content to 1080p resolution via HDMI for improved viewing on HDTVs.
- **VHS to DVD Dubbing:** Allows direct transfer of content from VHS tapes to DVD discs.
- **Multi-Format Playback:** Supports DVD, DivX, DVD-RAM, DVD-R, DVD-RW, CD, CD-R, and CD-RW.
- **Built-in Digital Tuner:** Capable of receiving both digital and analog broadcasts.

- **VIERA Link:** Enables integrated control with compatible Panasonic VIERA televisions via HDMI.
- **SD Card Slot:** For viewing photos from digital cameras.
- **USB Terminal:** For playing back photos and music from USB devices.

## 3. Setup

To set up your Panasonic DMR-EZ48VP-K, follow these steps:

1. **Placement:** Place the unit on a stable, level surface with adequate ventilation. Avoid placing it near heat sources or in direct sunlight.
2. **Power Connection:** Connect the power cord to the unit and then to a wall outlet.
3. **Video/Audio Connection to TV:**
    - **HDMI (Recommended for 1080p Up-conversion):** Connect an HDMI cable from the HDMI OUT port on the recorder to an HDMI IN port on your TV.
    - **Component Video:** Connect component video cables (Red, Green, Blue) from the COMPONENT VIDEO OUT ports on the recorder to the corresponding IN ports on your TV. Connect audio cables (Red, White) from the AUDIO OUT ports to the AUDIO IN ports on your TV.
    - **Composite Video:** Connect a composite video cable (Yellow) from the VIDEO OUT port on the recorder to the VIDEO IN port on your TV. Connect audio cables (Red, White) from the AUDIO OUT ports to the AUDIO IN ports on your TV.
4. **Antenna/Cable Connection:** Connect your antenna or cable TV line to the ANT IN port on the recorder. If you wish to pass the signal through to your TV, connect a coaxial cable from the ANT OUT port on the recorder to the ANT IN port on your TV.
5. **Initial Setup Wizard:** Turn on the unit and your TV. Select the correct input on your TV (e.g., HDMI 1, Video 1). The unit may guide you through an initial setup process for channel scanning and basic settings.

## 4. Operating Instructions

### 4.1 Playing VHS Tapes

1. Ensure the unit is powered on and your TV is set to the correct input.
2. Insert a VHS tape into the VHS slot. The unit will automatically pull the tape in.
3. The unit should begin playing the tape automatically. If not, press the **PLAY** button on the unit or remote control.
4. Use the **REW** (Rewind), **FFWD** (Fast Forward), and **STOP/EJECT** buttons for control.

### 4.2 Playing DVDs/CDs

1. Ensure the unit is powered on and your TV is set to the correct input.
2. Press the **OPEN/CLOSE** button for the DVD tray.
3. Place a DVD or CD onto the disc tray with the label side facing up.
4. Press the **OPEN/CLOSE** button again to close the tray.
5. The disc should begin playing automatically. If not, press the **PLAY** button on the unit or remote control.

### 4.3 Recording

The DMR-EZ48VP-K supports recording to DVD discs from various sources, including the built-in digital tuner and the VHS player.

1. **Select Source:** Use the **INPUT SELECTOR** button to choose the desired input source (e.g., TV tuner, Line-in).
2. **Insert Recordable DVD:** Open the DVD tray and insert a compatible recordable DVD (DVD-RAM, DVD-R, DVD-RW).
3. **Start Recording:** Press the **RECORD** button. The recording will begin.
4. **Stop Recording:** Press the **STOP** button to end the recording.
5. **Dubbing VHS to DVD:** Insert the VHS tape and a recordable DVD. Select VHS as the input source. Press the **RECORD** button.

*Note: Always press the **STOP** button at least twice before opening the DVD tray or removing a USB device to prevent freezing or data corruption.*

### 4.4 VIERA Link

When connected to a compatible Panasonic VIERA HDTV via HDMI, VIERA Link simplifies operation. The TV channel setting information is automatically downloaded to the recorder. You can record the program currently being watched on the VIERA TV by simply pressing the **Record** button on the VIERA remote.

### 4.5 SD Card and USB Playback

The unit features an SD Memory Card slot and a USB terminal for playing back digital media.

1. **Insert Media:** Insert an SD card into the SD slot or connect a USB device to the USB terminal.
2. **Select Source:** Use the input selector to choose SD or USB.
3. **Browse and Play:** Use the navigation buttons on the remote to browse your photos or music files and press **PLAY** to start playback.

## 5. Maintenance

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

- **Cleaning:** Regularly wipe the exterior of the unit with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners or abrasive materials.
- **Dust Prevention:** Keep the unit free from dust accumulation, especially around ventilation areas.
- **Media Handling:** Handle VHS tapes and DVDs carefully, avoiding fingerprints, scratches, or exposure to extreme temperatures. Store them in their cases when not in use.
- **Head Cleaning:** If VHS playback quality deteriorates (e.g., snowy picture), a VHS head cleaner tape may be used. Follow the instructions provided with the cleaning tape.

## 6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your DMR-EZ48VP-K, refer to the following common solutions:

- **Unit Freezes/Unresponsive:** If the unit becomes unresponsive, try pressing the **RESET** button (usually a small pinhole button on the front or back, requiring a paperclip to press). This can resolve temporary software glitches.
- **No Picture/Sound:**
    - Check all cable connections (HDMI, component, composite, audio) between the recorder and your TV.
    - Ensure your TV is set to the correct input source.
    - Verify the recorder's output setting (DVD/VCR) matches the media being played.

- **Poor Picture Quality (VHS):** Adjust the tracking if available. Ensure the tape is not damaged or worn.
- **Disc Not Playing:** Ensure the disc is clean, free of scratches, and inserted correctly (label side up). Verify the disc format is supported by the unit.
- **Recording Fails:** Ensure a compatible recordable DVD is inserted and has sufficient free space. Check that the input source is correctly selected.

## 7. Specifications

| Feature | Specification |
|---|---|
| Brand | Panasonic |
| Model Name | DMR-EZ48VP-K |
| Product Dimensions | 13.6 x 17 x 3.3 inches |
| Item Weight | 11.66 pounds |
| Color | Black |
| Resolution | 1920x1080 (1080p Up-conversion) |
| Media Type | CD, DVD, VHS |
| Built-in Decoders | Dolby Digital, DTS decoder |
| Special Feature | Recording With One Touch Dubbing |
| Connector Type | HDMI |
| Audio Output Mode | Stereo |
| Batteries | 2 AA batteries required (included for remote) |

## 8. Warranty and Support

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official Panasonic documentation included with your product or visit the Panasonic support website. Keep your purchase receipt for warranty claims.


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