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SANYO VPC-E2

Sanyo Xacti VPC-E2 Digital Camcorder and 8 MP Digital Camera User Manual

Model: VPC-E2

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and effective use of your Sanyo Xacti VPC-E2 Digital Camcorder and 8 MP Digital Camera. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the device and retain it for future reference.



Image 1: The Sanyo Xacti VPC-E2 Digital Camcorder in blue, shown from an angled perspective, highlighting its compact design and lens.

1. Setup

1.1. Battery Installation

The Sanyo Xacti VPC-E2 uses a high-capacity DBL-L20U lithium-ion battery. Ensure the battery is fully charged before first use.

1. Locate the battery compartment cover on the device.
2. Open the cover and insert the DBL-L20U battery, ensuring the contacts align correctly.
3. Close the battery compartment cover securely.

1.2. Memory Card Insertion

The camcorder records to standard SD or SDHC flash memory cards (sold separately).

1. Locate the memory card slot.
2. Insert an SD or SDHC card into the slot with the label facing the correct direction, until it clicks into place.
3. To remove, gently push the card until it springs out.

1.3. Initial Power On

The Xacti VPC-E2 is designed for fast startup.

1. Open the LCD display to power on the device.
2. The camera will be ready to record in approximately 1.7 seconds.
3. Closing the LCD display puts the device into standby mode. Opening it again will resume operation quickly.

2. Operating Instructions

2.1. Basic Operation

Most video and still functions can be accessed with the thumb of the hand holding the camera.



Image 2: The Sanyo Xacti VPC-E2 with its 2.5-inch LCD screen fully open and rotated, demonstrating its flexible viewing capabilities.

2.2. Video Recording

- **Resolution:** Records full 640x480 resolution video at 60 fields-per-second.
- **Compression:** Utilizes AVC/H.264 video compression for efficient file sizes, making sharing easier.
- **Recording Capacity:**
  - Up to 8 hours of full-motion video with an 8 GB SDHC memory card (in TV-HQ mode).
  - Up to 4 hours with a 4 GB SDHC memory card.
  - Up to 2 hours with a 2 GB standard SD card.
  - Up to 1 hour with a 1 GB standard SD card.
- **Digital Image Stabilizer:** Compensates for unintentional camera shake while distinguishing between deliberate camera movements like panning and tilting.

2.3. Still Image Capture

- **Resolution:** Captures high-resolution 8-megapixel still images.
- **Simultaneous Shooting:** Press the shutter button during video recording to capture 8-megapixel still images without interrupting the video clip (note: using the digital image stabilizer during video may change the angle of view for still

images).

- **Sequential Shooting:**
  - High-speed continuous shooting at 5 frames per second (up to 10 frames) in [2M] mode.
  - Continuous shooting at 1 frame per second (up to 10 frames) in [8M] mode.
- **Shake Control:** For still pictures, this feature corrects rotational blurring and blurring caused by moving subjects.

2.4. Zoom Functionality

The VPC-E2 features a 5x optical zoom with a bright maximum aperture of f/3.5. Combined with 12x digital zoom, it provides up to 62.5x zooming capability.

2.5. LCD Display

The large 2.5-inch Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) flips out and rotates up to 285 degrees, allowing for flexible viewing angles, especially useful in challenging shooting conditions.

2.6. Face Detection and Face Chaser

The camera can detect up to 12 faces, adjusting focus and exposure automatically. During video recording, the Face Chaser feature tracks faces, ensuring subjects remain in focus and properly exposed.

2.7. Waterproof Operation

The Xacti E2 is designed to IPX8 international standard for waterproof performance. It can record full-motion video and capture photos five feet underwater for up to 30 minutes. Ensure all covers and compartments are securely closed before submerging the device.



Image 3: Rear view of the Sanyo Xacti VPC-E2, showing the 8-megapixel branding and the ergonomic grip.

2.8. Playback and Transfer

- **On TV:** Connect the E2 to a TV using the appropriate cables for direct playback.
- **To PC:** Connect the E2 to a computer via USB. Recorded video clips and still images can be easily transferred using drag-and-drop operations.
- **To iTunes:** Files can be imported directly into iTunes software for transfer to video-capable iPods.

- **Online Sharing:** The efficient MPEG-4 AVC/H.264 compression allows for easy uploading of videos to websites, blogs, podcasts, or online social networks without requiring format conversion.

3. Maintenance

3.1. Cleaning the Device

- Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the camera body.
- For the lens and LCD screen, use a specialized lens cleaning cloth and solution.
- After underwater use, rinse the camera with fresh water and dry thoroughly before opening any compartments.

3.2. Battery Care

- Store the battery in a cool, dry place when not in use.
- Avoid fully discharging the battery frequently to prolong its lifespan.
- The DBL-L20U battery is designed to resist memory accumulation, providing a full charge each time.

4. Troubleshooting

4.1. Common Issues and Solutions

Problem	Possible Cause / Solution
Camera does not power on.	Ensure the battery is correctly inserted and fully charged.
Video quality is grainy in low light.	This is a characteristic of digital cameras in low light conditions. Ensure adequate lighting for optimal video quality.
Cannot record video or take photos.	Check if a memory card is inserted and has sufficient free space. Ensure the card is not write-protected.
LCD screen is difficult to see in bright light.	Adjust your viewing angle or seek shade. This is a common limitation of LCD screens in direct sunlight.
Files not transferring to computer.	Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the camera and the computer. Check if the computer recognizes the device.

5. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	VPC-E2
Product Dimensions	1.57 x 2.76 x 4.37 inches
Item Weight	9.1 ounces
Photo Sensor Technology	CMOS
Video Capture Resolution	640 x 480
Maximum Focal Length	31.7 Millimeters

Feature	Detail
Maximum Aperture	4.5 Millimeters
Flash Memory Type	SD, SDHC
Video Capture Format	h.264
Supported Audio Format	AAC
Screen Size	2.5 Inches
Connectivity Technology	USB
Manufacturer	Sanyo/Fisher
First Available	September 1, 2004
What's in the Box	Camera Body

6. Warranty and Support

For information regarding warranty coverage, technical support, or service, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Sanyo support website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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