

Panasonic RQ-L26-S

Panasonic Mini Cassette Recorder RQ-L26-S User Manual

Model: RQ-L26-S

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and efficient operation of your Panasonic Mini Cassette Recorder RQ-L26-S. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the device and retain it for future reference. This recorder is designed for personal audio recording and playback, featuring extended recording capabilities and user-friendly controls.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Panasonic RQ-L26-S is a compact mini cassette recorder offering reliable audio recording. Key features include:

- **3x Speed Recording Mode:** Allows for extended recording times on a single cassette.
- **Slide Microphone with Sensitivity Adjustment:** Integrated microphone with adjustable sensitivity for various recording environments.
- **Front Speaker:** Convenient for immediate playback without headphones.
- **Battery Level Indicator:** Provides visual feedback on remaining battery life.
- **25 Hours Continuous Recording:** Extended battery life for long recording sessions.



Figure 1: Panasonic RQ-L26-S Mini Cassette Recorder. The image displays the silver-colored unit with the "Panasonic MINI CASSETTE RECORDER RQ-L26" branding, a visible cassette window with "RECORDING" text, a large playback/stop button, a speaker grille, and a "SLIDE MICROPHONE" control on the left side. The bottom right indicates "3X REC TIME".

3. SETUP

3.1. Battery Installation

1. Locate the battery compartment cover on the back or bottom of the unit.
2. Slide or lift the cover to open.
3. Insert the required batteries (e.g., 2 x AA batteries) according to the polarity indicators (+/-) inside the compartment.
4. Close the battery compartment cover securely.

3.2. Cassette Loading

1. Press the "EJECT" button (usually located on the side or top) to open the cassette compartment door.

2. Insert a mini cassette tape with the open side facing upwards and the tape side facing the recording head.
3. Gently close the cassette compartment door until it clicks into place.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Recording

1. Ensure a blank or recordable cassette is loaded.
2. Adjust the "SLIDE MICROPHONE" sensitivity switch (if available) to an appropriate level for your recording environment (e.g., "HIGH" for distant sounds, "LOW" for close-up).
3. Press the **RECORD** button (often red) and the **PLAY** button simultaneously to begin recording. The "RECORDING" indicator will illuminate.
4. To stop recording, press the **STOP** button.

4.2. Playback

1. Ensure a recorded cassette is loaded.
2. Press the **PLAY** button to start playback.
3. Adjust the volume control (usually a rotary dial or slider) to your desired listening level.
4. To stop playback, press the **STOP** button.
5. Use the **FAST FORWARD (FF)** and **REWIND (REW)** buttons to navigate through the tape.

4.3. 3x Speed Recording (Long Play Mode)

This feature allows for extended recording time by recording at a slower tape speed. Refer to the specific switch or button on your device, often labeled "3X REC TIME" or "LP" (Long Play).

1. Before starting recording, locate the 3x speed recording switch or button.
2. Engage the 3x speed recording mode.
3. Proceed with recording as described in section 4.1. Note that playback of 3x speed recordings will also need to be in 3x speed mode for correct audio pitch.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1. Cleaning the Unit

- Wipe the exterior of the unit with a soft, dry cloth.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners, solvents, or strong detergents.

5.2. Cleaning the Tape Heads

Periodically clean the tape heads, capstan, and pinch roller to ensure optimal sound quality and prevent tape damage. Use a cotton swab lightly dampened with isopropyl alcohol or a specialized head cleaning fluid.

- Open the cassette compartment.
- Gently clean the metallic tape heads, the rubber pinch roller, and the metallic capstan.
- Allow components to dry completely before closing the compartment or inserting a cassette.

5.3. Storage

- When not in use for extended periods, remove the batteries to prevent leakage.
- Store the unit in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Unit does not power on.	Dead or incorrectly inserted batteries.	Replace batteries with new ones, ensuring correct polarity.
Poor sound quality during recording/playback.	Dirty tape heads; Worn-out cassette tape; Incorrect microphone sensitivity.	Clean tape heads (Section 5.2); Try a new cassette tape; Adjust microphone sensitivity.
Tape does not move.	Tape jammed; Batteries too low.	Open cassette compartment and check for tape issues; Replace batteries.
Recording indicator not lighting up.	RECORD and PLAY buttons not pressed simultaneously; Unit not in record mode.	Ensure both buttons are pressed together; Check if the cassette has its record-protection tab removed.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** RQ-L26-S
- **Brand:** Panasonic
- **Continuous Use Time:** Approximately 25 Hours
- **Display Features:** LCD (for battery level, etc.)
- **Power Source:** Batteries (not included)
- **Package Dimensions:** 20.1 x 16 x 5 cm
- **Weight:** 324 g (including packaging)
- **Recording Modes:** Standard, 3x Speed (Long Play)
- **Microphone:** Slide Microphone with Sensitivity Adjustment
- **Speaker:** Integrated Front Speaker

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and customer support, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Panasonic website. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

For further assistance, you may contact Panasonic customer service through their official channels. Please have your model number (RQ-L26-S) ready when contacting support.

Important: Unauthorized repairs or modifications may void your warranty.