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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the setup, operation, and maintenance of your Magnavox MDR537H/F7 HDD/DVD Recorder. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the product to ensure correct usage and to prevent damage.

Important Safety Information

- Do not expose this appliance to rain or moisture.
- To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not remove the cover. Refer servicing to qualified personnel only.
- Ensure proper ventilation to prevent overheating.
- Use only the power supply specified for this device.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

2.1 Front Panel



Figure 2.1: Front view of the Magnavox MDR537H/F7 HDD/DVD Recorder, showing the HDD and DVD trays, display, and control buttons.

The front panel provides access to the HDD and DVD drives, the main display, and essential control buttons for power, playback, recording, and channel selection.

2.2 Rear Panel



Figure 2.2: Rear view of the Magnavox MDR537H/F7 HDD/DVD Recorder, displaying various input and output ports.

The rear panel features all necessary connection ports, including HDMI OUT, Coaxial IN/OUT, Audio/Video IN/OUT, Component Video OUT, and S-Video OUT, for connecting to your television and other audio/video equipment.

2.3 Remote Control





Figure 2.3: The remote control for the Magnavox MDR537H/F7, featuring various function buttons.

The remote control allows full operation of the recorder. Key functions include power, source selection, channel navigation, volume control, disc menu, HDD/DVD selection, timer programming, and comprehensive playback controls (play, pause, stop, fast forward, rewind, skip, record).

3. SETUP

3.1 Connecting the Recorder

3.1.1 HDMI Connection (Recommended)

1. Connect one end of an HDMI cable (not included) to the HDMI OUT port on the recorder.
2. Connect the other end of the HDMI cable to an HDMI IN port on your television. Note the HDMI input number on your TV (e.g., HDMI 1).

3.1.2 Analog A/V Connection

1. Connect the yellow (video), white (left audio), and red (right audio) RCA cables from the A/V OUT ports on the recorder to the corresponding A/V IN ports on your television.

3.1.3 Antenna/Cable Connection

1. Disconnect your antenna or cable TV coaxial cable from your TV.
2. Connect this cable to the ANTENNA IN (RF IN) port on the recorder.
3. Connect a second coaxial cable (included) from the RF OUT port on the recorder to the ANTENNA IN port on your TV.

3.2 Initial Setup Wizard

After connecting all cables and plugging in the power cord, turn on your TV and select the correct input source (e.g., HDMI 1, Video 1) for the recorder. Then, power on the Magnavox MDR537H/F7.

1. **Language Selection:** Follow the on-screen prompts to select your preferred language.
2. **Time Setting:** Set the current time manually or select the option to synchronize with a local PBS station for automatic time updates. Accurate time setting is crucial for timer recordings.
3. **Channel Scan:** Select the appropriate scan option based on your signal source:
 - **Cable/Digital:** For cable TV connections. This will scan for both analog and digital channels available through your cable service.
 - **Antenna:** For over-the-air (OTA) antenna connections. This will scan for digital broadcast channels.

Allow the scan to complete. This process may take several minutes. After the scan, verify that all desired channels are available.

4. **"Device Control Inactive" Message:** If you see this message, it indicates that the recorder's "Fun Link" feature (for controlling the TV) is not active or configured. This does not affect the remote's ability to control the recorder itself.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Recording

The Magnavox MDR537H/F7 allows recording to its internal Hard Disk Drive (HDD) or to a recordable DVD.

4.1.1 Instant Recording

1. Tune to the desired channel.
2. Press the **REC** button on the remote control or front panel. Recording will begin immediately.
3. Press **STOP** to end the recording.

4.1.2 Timer Recording

This feature allows you to schedule recordings for future programs.

1. Press the **TIMER PROG** button on the remote.
2. Use the navigation buttons to enter the program details: date, start time, end time, channel, and recording frequency (e.g., Once, Daily, Mon-Fri, Weekly).
3. Select the recording source (HDD or DVD).
4. Confirm the settings to save the timer program.

Note: This recorder does not have an integrated TV guide. You will need to consult external TV listings (e.g., online guides, broadcast TV guide) to obtain program times and channels for timer programming.

4.1.3 Recording from HDD to DVD

You can transfer content recorded on the HDD to a blank recordable DVD.

1. Insert a blank recordable DVD into the DVD tray.
2. Navigate to the HDD content you wish to dub.
3. Press the **DUBBING** button on the remote control and follow the on-screen instructions to initiate the transfer.

4.2 Playback

4.2.1 Playing Recorded Content (HDD)

1. Press the **HDD** button on the remote to access the HDD menu.
2. Select the desired title from the list and press **PLAY**.

4.2.2 Playing DVDs

1. Insert a DVD into the DVD tray. The disc should begin playing automatically. If not, press the **DVD** button and then **PLAY**.

4.2.3 Pause Live TV

While watching live television through the recorder, you can pause the broadcast for up to 6 hours.

1. Press the **PAUSE** button during live TV viewing.
2. Press **PLAY** to resume from where you left off.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1 Cleaning

- **Exterior:** Wipe the exterior surfaces with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Disc Tray:** Keep the disc tray free of dust and debris. Avoid touching the lens inside the DVD drive.

5.2 Care and Storage

- Place the recorder on a stable, level surface with adequate ventilation.
- Avoid exposing the unit to extreme temperatures, direct sunlight, or high humidity.
- When not in use for extended periods, unplug the power cord.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

6.1 No Picture or Sound

- **Check Connections:** Ensure all HDMI, A/V, and coaxial cables are securely connected to the correct ports on both the recorder and your TV.
- **TV Input:** Verify that your TV is set to the correct input source (e.g., HDMI 1, Video 1) corresponding to where the recorder is connected.
- **Power Cycle:** If experiencing sound issues, particularly after a power interruption, turn off the unit, unplug it from the power outlet for at least 30 minutes (or longer if necessary, up to a few hours), then plug it back in and restart.

6.2 Channel Reception Issues

- **Re-scan Channels:** If channels are missing or reception is poor, perform a channel re-scan. Go to the setup menu and select the appropriate scan type (Cable/Digital or Antenna).
- **Important:** Before performing a re-scan, make a note or take a picture of your timer programming, as a re-scan may erase these settings. Always select the correct source (Antenna OR Cable/Digital) for the

re-scan.

- **Digital Signal Variability:** Digital channels can be sensitive to signal strength and environmental factors. A channel may temporarily disappear or have no picture if the signal is too weak.

6.3 Remote Control Not Responding

- **Check Batteries:** Replace the batteries in the remote control with fresh AA batteries.
- **Line of Sight:** Ensure there is a clear line of sight between the remote control and the recorder's front panel sensor.
- **Button Size:** Some buttons on the remote are small. Ensure you are pressing the correct button firmly.

6.4 Time Setting Issues

- **Manual Setting:** If automatic time synchronization is unreliable, set the time manually in the setup menu.
- **Power Interruption:** A power outage can cause the time and timer settings to be lost if the unit is unplugged for an extended period (over an hour). Reset the time and re-enter any timer programs if this occurs.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Model	MDR537H/F7
Brand	Magnavox
Media Type	HDD, DVD
Storage	1 TB Hard Disk Drive
Tuner	ATSC Tuner
Resolution (Output)	1080P Up Conversion (1920x1080)
Connectivity	HDMI, Component Video, Composite A/V, S-Video, Coaxial
Dimensions (W x D x H)	16.6 x 11.5 x 2.4 inches
Weight	7.28 pounds
Audio Output Mode	Surround

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, technical support, or service inquiries, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Magnavox support website. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for warranty claims.