

Magnavox MDR535

Magnavox MDR535 500GB HDD and DVD Recorder User Manual

Model: MDR535

1. INTRODUCTION AND SAFETY INFORMATION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and efficient operation of your Magnavox MDR535 500GB HDD and DVD Recorder. Please read it thoroughly before use and retain it for future reference.

Important Safety Information

- If you are a cable or satellite user, please verify compatibility with your service provider before setup to ensure expected functionality.
- Always read the entire manual before operating the unit to prevent damage or improper use.
- To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this product to rain or moisture.
- This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the condition that this device does not cause harmful interference.

2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items listed below are included in your package:

- Magnavox MDR535 HDD and DVD Recorder Unit
- Remote Control (NC003)
- AA Batteries (x2) for Remote Control
- User Manual (this document)
- Power Cord
- RCA Audio/Video Cable (Composite)

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

3.1 Front Panel



The front panel of the Magnavox MDR535 features the DVD tray, HDD indicator, power button, and essential control buttons for playback and recording. The display shows current status and menu information.

3.2 Rear Panel



The rear panel provides various input and output connections for audio, video, and antenna signals. Key connections include HDMI OUT, Component Video OUT, S-Video OUT, Composite Video IN/OUT, Audio IN/OUT, Coaxial Digital Audio OUT, and Antenna IN/OUT.

3.3 Remote Control





The included remote control (model NC003) allows full control over the recorder's functions, including power, source selection, channel navigation, recording, playback, menu access, and timer programming. Ensure two AA batteries are correctly inserted.

4. SETUP

4.1 Connecting the Recorder

Follow these steps to connect your Magnavox MDR535 to your television and other devices:

1. **Power Connection:** Connect the power cord to the AC IN port on the rear panel and then to a wall outlet.
2. **Video Connection (to TV):**
 - For highest quality, connect an HDMI cable from the HDMI OUT port on the recorder to an HDMI IN port on your TV.
 - Alternatively, use Component Video (YPbPr) cables from the Component Video OUT ports to your TV, along with separate audio cables.
 - For standard definition, use the Composite Video (yellow) and Audio (red/white) cables from the VIDEO OUT and AUDIO OUT ports to your TV.
3. **Antenna/Cable Connection:** Connect your antenna or cable TV signal to the ANTENNA IN port. If you wish to pass the signal through to your TV, connect a coaxial cable from the ANTENNA OUT port to your

TV's antenna input.

4. **External Device Connection (Optional):** To record from an external device (e.g., VCR, camcorder), connect its video and audio outputs to the VIDEO IN and AUDIO IN ports on the recorder.

4.2 Initial Setup

After connecting the unit and turning it on for the first time, the initial setup wizard will guide you through:

- **Language Selection:** Choose your preferred language for the on-screen menus.
- **Time and Date Setting:** Manually set the current time and date.
- **Channel Scan:** The recorder will automatically scan for available digital channels. This process may take several minutes. Ensure your antenna is properly connected for optimal results.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Recording Programs

The Magnavox MDR535 allows recording to its internal 500GB Hard Disk Drive (HDD) or directly to a DVD.

Recording to HDD

- **Instant Recording:** Press the **RECORD** button on the front panel or remote control to start recording the currently viewed program. Press **STOP** to end recording.
- **Timer Recording:** Press the **TIMER PROG** button on the remote. Use the navigation buttons to set the start time, end time, channel, and recording date/frequency. Confirm your settings to schedule the recording. The ATSC tuner allows recording even when you are away.
- The 500GB HDD can record up to 604 hours of content at lower quality settings. Higher quality settings will reduce total recording time.

Recording to DVD

- Insert a blank recordable DVD (DVD-R, DVD-RW, DVD+R, DVD+RW) into the DVD tray.
- Follow the on-screen prompts to select recording mode and quality.
- You can record directly from a live TV broadcast or dub content from the HDD to DVD.

Dubbing from HDD to DVD

- Select the program you wish to dub from the HDD list.
- Press the **DUBBING** button on the remote control and follow the on-screen instructions to transfer the content to a blank DVD.

5.2 Playback

To play back recorded content or commercial DVDs:

- **HDD Playback:** Press the **TITLE** button on the remote to access the HDD title list. Select the desired program and press **PLAY**.
- **DVD Playback:** Insert a DVD into the tray. Playback will usually start automatically. If not, press the **PLAY** button.
- Use the **PLAY**, **PAUSE**, **STOP**, **FAST FORWARD**, **REWIND**, and **SKIP** buttons on the remote for playback control.

5.3 HDD and DVD Management

- **Editing Titles:** Access the HDD title list to rename or delete recorded programs.
- **Finalizing DVDs:** For recorded DVDs to be playable on other DVD players, they must be finalized. Refer to the on-screen menu for the finalization process.

6. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Magnavox MDR535, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning the Unit:** Wipe the exterior of the unit with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners or abrasive materials.
- **Disc Care:** Handle DVDs by their edges. Keep discs clean and free of scratches. Use a soft, lint-free cloth to wipe discs from the center outwards.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit. Do not block the ventilation openings on the sides or rear panel.
- **Power Off:** Disconnect the power cord from the wall outlet if the unit will not be used for an extended period.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Magnavox MDR535, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause / Solution
No power	Ensure the power cord is securely connected to both the unit and a working electrical outlet.
No picture or sound	Check all audio/video cables (HDMI, RCA, Component) are correctly connected to both the recorder and the TV. Ensure the TV input is set to the correct source.
Cannot record	Verify that there is sufficient space on the HDD or that a blank, recordable DVD is inserted. Check input source selection. Ensure the program is not copy-protected.
Remote control not working	Check and replace batteries if necessary. Ensure there are no obstructions between the remote and the unit's IR sensor.
Poor recording quality	Adjust recording quality settings to a higher level. Ensure the input signal is strong and clear.
Recorded DVDs not playing on other players	Ensure the DVD has been finalized on the Magnavox MDR535 after recording.

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

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Key technical specifications for the Magnavox MDR535 500GB HDD and DVD Recorder:

- **Model Name:** MDR535
- **Storage:** 500GB Hard Disk Drive (HDD)
- **Recording Capacity (HDD):** Up to 604 hours (at lowest quality setting)
- **Media Type:** DVD (DVD-R, DVD-RW, DVD+R, DVD+RW playback and recording)
- **Digital Tuner:** Built-in ATSC Digital Tuner
- **Resolution:** 1080P Up Conversion (via HDMI)
- **Connectivity Technology:** HDMI, RCA

- **Connector Types:** HDMI Out, Component Video Out, S-Video Out, Composite Video In/Out, Audio In/Out (RCA), Coaxial Digital Audio Out, Antenna In/Out
- **Audio Output Mode:** Stereo
- **Color:** Black
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 6.62 pounds (3 kg)
- **Product Dimensions:** Approximately 11.5 x 16.6 x 2.4 inches (29.2 x 42.2 x 6.1 cm)
- **Power:** AC 100-120V, 60Hz
- **Special Features:** Compact design

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Magnavox website. For technical assistance or customer support, please contact Magnavox directly through their official support channels.

You can often find support contact information, FAQs, and additional resources on the [Magnavox Brand Store on Amazon](#) or their official corporate website.