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Model: HDR-CX380

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and efficient operation of your Sony HDR-CX380 High Definition Handycam Camcorder. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the camcorder and retain it for future reference.



Image: The Sony HDR-CX380 High Definition Handycam Camcorder, showcasing its compact black body and lens.

The Sony HDR-CX380 is designed to capture high-definition 1920 x 1080 60p videos and high-quality 8.9MP still images. It features Sony's back-illuminated Exmor R CMOS sensor for improved low-light performance and a 3.0-inch wide Clear Photo LCD touch screen for intuitive control.

Key Features:

- 1920x1080 Full HD 60p video recording with 8.9MP Exmor R CMOS Sensor.
- Up to 6 hours and 25 minutes of recording with 16GB embedded Flash Memory.
- 30x Optical / 55x Extended Zoom for capturing distant subjects.
- Optical SteadyShot Image Stabilization to reduce blur.
- 3.0-inch wide Clear Photo LCD display (230K dots) with touch screen functionality.

SETUP

Unpacking and Initial Inspection:

Carefully unpack all components and verify that the following items are included:

- Sony HDR-CX380 Camcorder
- Rechargeable Battery Pack (NP-FV30)
- AC Adaptor (AC-L200)
- Power Cord
- HDMI (micro) Cable
- USB Connection Support Cable
- Operating Guide (this manual)

Charging the Battery:

1. Attach the battery pack (NP-FV30) to the camcorder.
2. Connect the AC adaptor (AC-L200) to the camcorder's DC IN jack.
3. Plug the power cord into the AC adaptor and then into a wall outlet.
4. The CHARGE lamp will illuminate during charging and turn off when charging is complete.

Note: Fully charge the battery before first use.

Inserting a Memory Card:

The camcorder supports SD cards and Memory Stick Pro Duo cards. Insert the memory card into the card slot with the notched corner facing the correct direction until it clicks into place.



Image: Top view of the camcorder, indicating the location for memory card insertion.

Initial Settings:

Upon first power-on, the camcorder will prompt you to set the language, date, and time. Follow the on-screen instructions using the touch screen LCD.

OPERATING THE CAMCORDER

Powering On/Off:

Open the LCD panel to power on the camcorder. Close the LCD panel to power off. Alternatively, use the POWER button if available (refer to the camcorder's physical layout).

Recording Videos:

1. Open the LCD panel and ensure the camcorder is in video recording mode.
2. Frame your shot using the 3.0-inch LCD screen.
3. Press the START/STOP button to begin recording. The recording indicator will appear on the screen.
4. Press the START/STOP button again to stop recording.



Image: The camcorder with its LCD screen open, ready for recording or playback.

Taking Still Images:

Switch the camcorder to still image mode (usually via a dedicated button or menu option). Press the PHOTO button to capture a still image.

Using Zoom:

Use the zoom lever located on the top of the camcorder to zoom in (T) or zoom out (W). The camcorder features 30x optical zoom and 55x extended zoom.

Playback:

Enter playback mode (usually via a dedicated button or menu option) to view recorded videos and photos. Use the touch screen to navigate through your media.

Shooting Modes:

The camcorder offers various shooting modes to optimize your recordings:

- **Automatic:** For general shooting conditions.
- **Face Detection:** Optimizes focus and exposure for faces.
- **Low Light:** Enhances recording in dimly lit environments.

- **Macro:** For close-up shots.
- **Portrait:** Ideal for capturing people.
- **Spotlight:** Adjusts exposure for subjects under strong light.

Access and select these modes through the camcorder's menu on the LCD touch screen.

MAINTENANCE

Cleaning the Camcorder:

- **Body:** Wipe the camcorder body with a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn dirt, use a cloth lightly dampened with water or a mild detergent, then wipe dry.
- **Lens:** Use a lens brush to remove dust, then gently wipe with a lens cleaning cloth. Avoid touching the lens with your fingers.
- **LCD Screen:** Gently wipe the screen with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use alcohol or other solvents.

Battery Care:

- Store the battery in a cool, dry place when not in use.
- Avoid fully discharging the battery frequently to prolong its lifespan.
- If not using the camcorder for an extended period, remove the battery.

Storage:

Store the camcorder in a dry, dust-free environment, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Use a protective case when transporting the camcorder.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your camcorder, refer to the following common solutions:

- **Camcorder does not power on:**
 - Ensure the battery is fully charged and correctly inserted.
 - Verify the AC adaptor is properly connected if using external power.
 - Close and reopen the LCD panel.
- **Cannot record video/take photos:**
 - Check if a memory card is inserted and has sufficient free space.
 - Ensure the camcorder is in the correct recording mode (video or photo).
 - Verify that the lens cap is removed.
- **Image is blurry:**
 - Clean the lens if it is dirty.
 - Ensure the camcorder is properly focused.
 - Check if Optical SteadyShot is enabled in settings.
- **No sound during playback:**
 - Adjust the volume level on the camcorder.
 - Check external speaker connections if applicable.

For more detailed troubleshooting, please refer to the comprehensive online support resources available on the Sony website.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Brand	Sony
Model Number	HDR-CX380/B
Sensor Type	Exmor R CMOS
Video Capture Resolution	1080p (1920x1080 Full HD 60p)
Effective Still Resolution	8.9 MP
Optical Zoom	30x
Digital Zoom	350x
Screen Size	3 inches (Clear Photo LCD, 230K dots)
Image Stabilization	Optical SteadyShot
Flash Memory Type	SD; Memory Stick Pro
Connectivity Technology	HDMI, USB
Item Weight	16 ounces
Battery Type	Lithium Ion (NP-FV30 included)
Shooting Modes	Automatic, Face Detection, Low Light, Macro, Portrait, Spotlight
Video Capture Format	MPEG-4; AVCHD
Supported Audio Format	AAC

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information:

Your Sony HDR-CX380 Camcorder is covered by a limited warranty. Please refer to the warranty card included in the product packaging for specific terms, conditions, and duration of coverage. Retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Customer Support:

For technical assistance, product registration, or additional support, please visit the official Sony support website or contact Sony customer service. You can find detailed FAQs, software updates, and further documentation online.

Sony Support Website: <https://www.sony.com/electronics/support>

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