

## Sony SLV-FT5

# Sony SLV-FT5 VHS Video Cassette Recorder User Manual

Model: SLV-FT5

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Sony SLV-FT5 VHS Video Cassette Recorder (VCR). Please read these instructions thoroughly before using the unit to ensure optimal performance and safety.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

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Always follow basic safety precautions when using this product to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and injury.

- Do not expose the unit to rain or moisture.
- Do not open the cabinet. Refer servicing to qualified personnel only.
- Ensure proper ventilation; do not block ventilation openings.
- Use only the power supply specified for this unit.
- Keep the unit away from heat sources and direct sunlight.

## 3. SETUP

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### 3.1 Unpacking

Carefully remove the VCR and all accessories from the packaging. Verify that all components are present: the SLV-FT5 VCR unit, remote control, and necessary connection cables (e.g., RCA audio/video cables).

### 3.2 Connecting to a Television

To connect the VCR to your television, use the provided RCA audio/video cables. Match the colored plugs to the corresponding colored jacks on both the VCR and your TV (Yellow for Video, White for Left Audio, Red for

Right Audio).



**Figure 1:** Rear panel of the Sony SLV-FT5 VCR. This image displays the various input and output ports, including RCA jacks for audio and video, and the power input. The product label with model number SLV-FT5 and power specifications (100V 18W 50/60Hz) is also visible.

### 3.3 Power Connection

Plug the VCR's power cord into a standard electrical outlet (AC 100V, 50/60Hz). Ensure the power outlet is easily accessible.

### 3.4 Remote Control Setup

Open the battery compartment on the back of the remote control and insert two AA batteries, observing the correct polarity (+/-). Close the compartment securely.



**Figure 2:** The Sony RMT-V219 remote control, designed for the SLV-FT5 VCR. This image also shows the included RCA audio/video cables, which are typically used for connecting the VCR to a television.

## 4. OPERATING THE VCR

### 4.1 Powering On/Off

Press the **POWER** button on the VCR's front panel or the remote control to turn the unit on or off.

### 4.2 Loading and Unloading a VHS Tape

- **Loading:** Insert a VHS cassette into the tape slot on the front of the VCR with the tape window facing forward. The VCR will automatically pull the tape in.
- **Unloading:** Press the **EJECT** button on the VCR or remote control. The tape will be ejected.



**Figure 3:** Front left section of the Sony SLV-FT5 VCR. This view highlights the tape loading slot and the 'TAPE MAP SEARCH' feature, which assists in navigating recorded content on a tape.

### 4.3 Playback

After loading a tape, press the **PLAY** button (▶) on the VCR or remote control to begin playback. Use the **PAUSE** (||), **STOP** (■), **REWIND** (◀◀), and **FAST FORWARD** (▶▶) buttons to control playback.



**Figure 4:** Front right section of the Sony SLV-FT5 VCR. This image displays the main playback controls (Play, Stop, Rewind, Fast Forward, Pause) and additional buttons for 'Quick Timer' and 'Tracking' adjustments.

#### 4.4 Recording

To record, ensure a blank or recordable tape is inserted. Select the desired input source (e.g., TV channel). Press the **REC** (●) button on the VCR or remote control. Press **STOP** (■) to end recording.

#### 4.5 Tracking Adjustment

If the picture quality during playback is poor (e.g., horizontal lines or noise), use the **TRACKING** buttons on the front panel or remote control to fine-tune the tape's alignment with the VCR's heads.

### 5. MAINTENANCE

#### 5.1 Cleaning the Unit

Wipe the exterior of the VCR with a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn stains, use a cloth lightly dampened with a mild detergent solution, then wipe dry. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.

#### 5.2 Head Cleaning

Over time, VCR heads can accumulate dirt, leading to poor picture and sound quality. Use a commercially available dry-type VHS head cleaning cassette according to its instructions. Avoid wet-type cleaners as they can damage the heads.

#### 5.3 Storage

When not in use for extended periods, disconnect the VCR from the power outlet. Store the unit in a cool, dry place, away from dust and direct sunlight.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your VCR, refer to the following common problems and solutions before seeking professional service.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No power	Power cord disconnected; power outlet issue	Check power cord connection; try a different outlet.
No picture/sound	Incorrect TV input; loose A/V cables	Select correct TV input (e.g., Video 1, AV); ensure A/V cables are securely connected.
Poor picture quality (snowy, lines)	Dirty VCR heads; tracking issue; old/damaged tape	Clean VCR heads; adjust tracking; try a different tape.
Tape won't eject	Power issue; mechanical malfunction	Ensure power is on; try pressing EJECT multiple times. If issue persists, seek service.
Remote control not working	Dead batteries; obstructed sensor	Replace batteries; ensure no obstacles between remote and VCR sensor.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Brand	Sony
Model Number	SLV-FT5
Media Type	VHS
Resolution	720 x 480 pixels
Product Weight	4160 grams
Audio Output Mode	Stereo
Supported Audio Formats	Monaural, Stereo
Video Encoding	Analog
Compatible Devices	Television
Input Video Compatibility	NTSC
Power Requirements	100V, 18W, 50/60Hz

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and customer support, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Sony website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

