

Coby DCS-404

Coby DCS-404 Car Dash Cam User Manual

Comprehensive instructions for your Coby DCS-404 2.5-Inch Swivel Screen 1080p Car Dash Cam and DVR Box.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Coby DCS-404 Car Dash Cam is a compact vehicle recording device designed to capture video and audio data during your journeys. This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your dash cam, ensuring optimal performance and longevity. The DCS-404 features a 2.5-inch swivel screen, 1080p recording capability, and automatic recording functions for ease of use.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

2.1 Key Features

- 2.5-inch TFT LCD swivel screen (270° rotation).
- Recording resolutions: 1280x960, 720x480, 640x480 pixels.
- Supports real-time date and time display on video recordings.
- 120-degree wide-angle lens for comprehensive coverage.
- Equipped with 6 IR LEDs for enhanced night vision recording.
- Integrated microphone for audio recording.
- Supports SD/MMC cards up to 32GB (memory card not included).
- Automatic ON/OFF function: Starts recording when the engine starts, shuts down when ignition is off.
- Motion detection recording capability.

2.2 Components and Controls

Familiarize yourself with the various parts of your Coby DCS-404 dash cam:



Figure 1: The Coby DCS-404 dash cam with its 2.5-inch swivel screen rotated open, revealing the control buttons labeled MENU, DOWN, UP, and MODE. The camera lens and IR LEDs are visible on the main unit.



Figure 2: The Coby DCS-404 dash cam's screen displaying a live feed of a busy street with yellow taxis, demonstrating

its recording capability. The control buttons are visible below the screen.



Figure 3: A direct front view of the Coby DCS-404 dash cam, highlighting the central camera lens surrounded by six infrared (IR) LEDs for night vision functionality.



Figure 4: The Coby DCS-404 dash cam securely mounted on a car windshield via its suction cup, providing a driver's perspective of the road ahead. The screen is visible, displaying a street scene.



Figure 5: The retail packaging for the Coby Car Dash Cam, showing the product name, brand, and key features like HD recording, night vision, loop recording, and 2.5" LCD screen.

3. SETUP GUIDE

3.1 Inserting the Memory Card

1. Ensure the dash cam is powered off.
2. Locate the SD/MMC card slot on the side of the device.
3. Insert a compatible SD/MMC card (up to 32GB, not included) into the slot until it clicks into place. Ensure the card is inserted with the correct orientation.
4. To remove, gently push the card inward until it springs out.

3.2 Mounting the Dash Cam

1. Clean the desired area on your windshield where the dash cam will be mounted. Ensure it does not obstruct your view.
2. Attach the suction cup mount to the dash cam.
3. Press the suction cup firmly against the windshield and engage the locking mechanism to secure it.
4. Adjust the angle of the dash cam to ensure a clear view of the road ahead.

3.3 Power Connection

1. Connect the provided car charger to the dash cam's power input port.
2. Plug the other end of the car charger into your vehicle's 12V power outlet (cigarette lighter socket).
3. The dash cam will automatically power on and begin recording when your vehicle's ignition is turned on, and power off when the ignition is off.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Basic Controls

- **MENU Button:** Accesses the settings menu. Press again to exit.
- **DOWN Button:** Navigates down through menu options or decreases values.
- **UP Button:** Navigates up through menu options or increases values.
- **MODE Button:** Switches between video recording, photo mode, and playback mode. Also confirms selections in the menu.

4.2 Recording Video

- **Automatic Recording:** Once powered on and a memory card is inserted, the dash cam will automatically begin recording. A recording indicator (e.g., a red dot or flashing icon) will appear on the screen.
- **Manual Recording:** In some modes, you may press the MODE button to start/stop recording manually.
- **Loop Recording:** The dash cam records video in segments. When the memory card is full, the oldest files will be overwritten by new recordings.

4.3 Playback

1. Press the MODE button repeatedly until you enter playback mode.
2. Use the UP/DOWN buttons to navigate through recorded video files.
3. Press the MODE button to play the selected video. Press again to pause.
4. To exit playback, press the MODE button until you return to recording mode or press MENU.

4.4 Settings Menu

Press the MENU button to access various settings. Use UP/DOWN to navigate and MODE to

select/confirm.

- **Resolution:** Adjust video recording quality (1280x960, 720x480, 640x480).
- **Date/Time:** Set the current date and time. This will be stamped on your recordings.
- **Motion Detection:** Enable or disable motion-activated recording. When enabled, the camera will record when movement is detected in its field of view.
- **IR Night Vision:** Control the infrared LEDs for low-light conditions.
- **Audio Recording:** Enable or disable the microphone.
- **Format:** Format the memory card. This will erase all data on the card. Use with caution.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1 Cleaning

- Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the camera lens and screen.
- For stubborn smudges, lightly dampen the cloth with water or a screen cleaner. Avoid harsh chemicals.
- Ensure the device is powered off before cleaning.

5.2 Memory Card Management

- Regularly format your memory card (e.g., once a month) to maintain optimal performance and prevent data corruption.
- Back up important recordings to a computer before formatting.
- Replace the memory card if you experience frequent errors or reduced performance.

5.3 Battery Care

- The internal battery is primarily for saving settings and short-term recording after power loss. It is not designed for extended standalone operation.
- Avoid exposing the device to extreme temperatures, which can degrade battery life.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Coby DCS-404, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem: Dash cam does not power on.

- **Solution:** Ensure the car charger is securely plugged into both the dash cam and the vehicle's 12V power outlet. Verify the vehicle's power outlet is functional.

Problem: Dash cam is not recording.

- **Solution:** Check if a memory card is inserted correctly. Ensure the memory card is not full; format it if necessary (after backing up data). Verify that recording mode is active.

Problem: Video quality is poor or blurry.

- **Solution:** Clean the camera lens and your windshield. Ensure the protective film has been removed from the lens. Check the video resolution setting in the menu and set it to the highest available (1280x960).

Problem: Dash cam shuts off unexpectedly.

- **Solution:** This may indicate a power supply issue. Ensure the car charger is providing stable power. Check the internal battery level if the device is expected to operate briefly without external power.

Problem: Power cord is too short for desired routing.

- **Solution:** Consider purchasing a longer compatible car charger cable for optimal cable management and routing around the vehicle's interior.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number	DCS-404
Screen Size	2.5 Inches (TFT LCD, 270° Swivel)
Video Capture Resolution	1080p (Max 1280x960 pixels)
View Angle	120 Degrees
Night Vision	Yes, with 6 IR LEDs
Storage	Supports SD/MMC Card up to 32GB (not included)
Audio Recording	Built-in Microphone
Automatic ON/OFF	Yes
Motion Detection	Yes
Product Dimensions	10.67 x 6.35 x 3.3 cm
Item Weight	90.7 g (0.2 Pounds)
Battery	1 Lithium Ion battery (required)

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

8.1 Warranty Information

Coby products are manufactured to high-quality standards. For specific warranty details, please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official Coby website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

8.2 Customer Support

If you require further assistance or have questions not covered in this manual, please contact Coby customer support. Contact information can typically be found on the official Coby website or on your product packaging.

Note: Product specifications and features are subject to change without prior notice.

