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Model: MDR865H

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the setup, operation, and maintenance of your Magnavox MDR865H HD DVR/DVD Recorder. This device combines a 500GB Hard Disk Drive (HDD) and a DVD recorder with a digital tuner, allowing you to record and play back high-definition content.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Familiarize yourself with the front panel controls and indicators of your Magnavox MDR865H unit.



Figure 1: Front Panel of Magnavox MDR865H HD DVR/DVD Recorder

This image displays the front panel of the Magnavox MDR865H, showing the STANDBY/ON button, HD DVR logo, OPEN/CLOSE button for the DVD tray, the display screen, HDD and DVD selection buttons, STOP, PLAY, RECORD buttons, and CHANNEL controls.

Front Panel Controls:

- **STANDBY/ON Button:** Powers the unit on or off.
- **OPEN/CLOSE Button:** Opens and closes the DVD tray.
- **HDD Button:** Selects the Hard Disk Drive for recording or playback.
- **DVD Button:** Selects the DVD drive for recording or playback.
- **STOP Button:** Stops playback or recording.
- **PLAY Button:** Initiates playback.
- **RECORD Button:** Starts recording.
- **CHANNEL +/- Buttons:** Changes channels during live TV viewing.

SETUP

1. Unpacking and Placement:

Carefully remove the unit and all accessories from the packaging. Place the recorder on a stable, level surface with adequate ventilation. Avoid placing it near heat sources or in direct sunlight.

2. Connecting to Your Television:

For optimal picture quality, connect the recorder to your TV using an HDMI cable. An HDMI cable is typically included with the unit.

- Connect one end of the HDMI cable to the **HDMI OUT** port on the back of the MDR865H.
- Connect the other end to an available **HDMI IN** port on your television.
- Note the HDMI input number on your TV (e.g., HDMI 1, HDMI 2).

Alternatively, for standard definition output, you can use composite video (red, white, and yellow RCA connectors).

3. Antenna Connection:

To receive over-the-air digital broadcasts, connect your antenna to the **ANTENNA IN** port on the back of the recorder.

4. Power Connection:

Connect the power cord to the unit and then to a standard electrical outlet.

5. Initial Setup Wizard:

Upon first power-on, the unit will guide you through an initial setup wizard. Follow the on-screen prompts to:

- Select your preferred language.
- Perform an automatic channel scan to detect available digital broadcasts.
- Set the current time and date.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Power On/Off:

Press the **STANDBY/ON** button on the front panel or the remote control to power the unit on or off.

Recording Programs:

The MDR865H allows recording to its internal 500GB HDD, a DVD, or an external HDD.

1. **Select Recording Destination:** Press the **HDD** or **DVD** button on the front panel or remote to choose where to record.
2. **Tune to Channel:** Use the **CHANNEL +/-** buttons to select the desired channel.
3. **Start Recording:** Press the **RECORD** button. Recording will begin immediately.
4. **Stop Recording:** Press the **STOP** button.
5. **Timed Recording:** For scheduled recordings, access the on-screen menu (usually via a "Menu" or "Guide" button on the remote) and navigate to the timer recording settings. You will need to manually set the date, time, and channel for the recording. The unit supports recording two different programs simultaneously with its dual tuners.

Playback:

To play back recorded content:

- **HDD Playback:** Press the **HDD** button, then navigate through the recorded titles using the remote control's navigation buttons. Select a title and press **PLAY**.

- **DVD Playback:** Insert a recorded DVD into the tray. The unit should automatically begin playback or display a menu.

Live TV Functions:

- **Pause Live TV:** While watching live television, press the **PAUSE** button on the remote. The unit will begin buffering the live broadcast to the HDD.
- **Rewind Live TV:** While paused or playing back buffered live TV, use the **REWIND** button to go back.

Advanced Features (Editing):

The MDR865H offers editing capabilities for recorded content on the HDD, particularly useful before copying to DVD.

1. **Access Edit Menu:** Select a recorded title from the HDD list. Press the **MENU** button on the remote, then select "Edit".
2. **Chapter Editing:**
 - **Combine All Chapters:** This is often the first step to consolidate the recording.
 - **Chapter Dividing:** Place chapter divisions at specific points, such as the beginning and end of commercial breaks.
 - **Chapter Delete:** Select and delete unwanted chapters (e.g., commercials).
3. **Title Dividing:** Split a single recorded program into two separate files.
4. **Copying to DVD/External HDD:** After editing, you can copy the refined content to a DVD or an external hard drive. Note that copying to DVD occurs in real-time and may involve resolution conversion.

The unit defaults to creating chapter marks every ten minutes, which can be adjusted in settings.

MAINTENANCE

Cleaning the Unit:

Wipe the exterior of the unit with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners or abrasive materials. Ensure the unit is unplugged before cleaning.

Disc Care:

Handle DVDs by their edges. Keep discs clean and free of scratches. Store discs in their cases when not in use.

Ventilation:

Ensure that the ventilation openings on the unit are not blocked to prevent overheating.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your MDR865H, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

- **No Power:**
 - Check if the power cord is securely connected to both the unit and the electrical outlet.
 - Ensure the outlet is functional.
- **No Picture/Sound:**
 - Verify that the HDMI cable (or composite cables) are correctly connected.

- Ensure your TV input is set to the correct HDMI port (e.g., HDMI 1, HDMI 2) where the recorder is connected.
- Check the volume level on both the TV and the recorder.

- **Cannot Record:**

- Ensure there is sufficient space on the selected recording medium (HDD or DVD).
- If recording to DVD, ensure a recordable DVD (DVD-R, DVD-RW, +RW) is inserted and finalized if necessary.
- Check antenna connection for signal strength.

- **Poor Picture Quality:**

- Ensure you are using an HDMI connection for HD quality.
- Check antenna signal strength.
- Clean the DVD if playing from disc.

- **Remote Control Not Working:**

- Replace the batteries (2 AAA batteries required).
- Ensure there are no obstructions between the remote and the unit's IR sensor.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Magnavox
Model Name	MDR865H
Storage	500GB Hard Disk Drive (HDD)
Tuner Type	HD Digital Single Tuner (supports dual recording)
Recording Capacity	Up to 500 hours of HD content on HDD
Media Type	DVD, MP3
Resolution	1920x1080 (HDMI upconversion)
Connector Type	HDMI
Connectivity Technology	HDMI
Audio Output Mode	Stereo
Product Dimensions	16.5 x 12 x 2.4 inches
Item Weight	0.01 ounces
Batteries Required	2 AAA batteries (for remote)

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information:

Magnavox products typically come with a limited manufacturer's warranty. Please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase for specific terms, conditions, and duration. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Customer Support:

For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this manual, or warranty service, please contact Magnavox customer support. Contact information can usually be found on the manufacturer's official website or on the warranty documentation.

