URC-152 Universal Remote – User Guide

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User guide

This universal remote controls up to eight electronic components and makes juggling remote controls a thing of the past. You can program this remote to operate most models of most brands of infrared, remote-controlled components manufactured after 1990. (See enclosed Code List for a complete list of brands).
This jumbo-sized remote is easy to use, easy to program and almost impossible to lose.

Battery installation and information

Your universal remote requires two AA alkaline batteries (not included).

1. Remove the battery compartment cover.
2. Insert the batteries, matching the polarity marks(+)(-) inside the battery compartment.
3. Press and push the battery cover back into place.

Note: Reprogramming may be required after batteries are replaced

Key descriptions

._. ► ~ REC ■ II : Buttons to control DVD NCR.
0-9 (Number Keys): operate the same as number keys on your original remote and are used to enter component codes when programming the remote control with Direct Entry method.
TV – VCR: in TV mode, switches between the signal coming from a satellite receiver or cable box and an off-air antenna. In VCR mode, switches between the signal coming from a VCR and a TV.
CH + and CH – : goes to the next highest or lowest channel number in the component channel list, respectively, except for DVD's. In DVD's the CH +/- goes to the NEXT/ PREVIOUS chapter. Additionally, when you are using the remote with On-screen menus, the CH keys act as UP ARROW and DOWN ARROW keys.
CODE SEARCH: use to program the remote.
ENTER: use with Manual Code Search method to accept code (See code search). Also, some brands require you to press the ENTER key after you enter a channel number. In some menu systems, you must press ENTER to select a highlighted item.
MENU: accesses DVD disc menus when DVD key is programmed to operate a DVD player. Accesses menu systems of some TVs, VCRs and satellite receivers.
P:f : turns off the TV's volume.
(!) : turns component ON/OFF.
GO BACK: switches back to previous channel – operates the same as LAST CHANNEL, GO BACK or RECALL key found on some brands of remote controls.
REC: used with VCR to record programming. You must press the REC key twice to start recording.
SLEEP: allows you to set a time to turn off your TV automatically. (Refer to page 7 for how to set the sleep time).
VOL +/-: increases or decreases the TV's volume level. Additionally, when you are using the remote with On-screen menus, the VOL keys act as RIGHT and LEFT ARROW keys.
GUIDE: brings up the on-screen program guide if your device has that feature .
..A. T ◄ ► oK : use to move through on-screen menu and UP DOWN LEFT RIGHT
guide for some TVs or DVDs.

Key descriptions

INPUT: selects the video input of your TV if equipped with this feature.

In order for the universal remote to control your TV, you must program it with the TV code that matches your TV. These instructions explain the preferred method of programming the remote – the Direct Entry Method:

1. Manually turn on the TV.
2. Locate the enclosed TV Code List.
   CODE INDICATOR Find your brand of TV.
   SEARCH LIGHT Note: If your brand isn't listed, use
   the manual Code Search methods
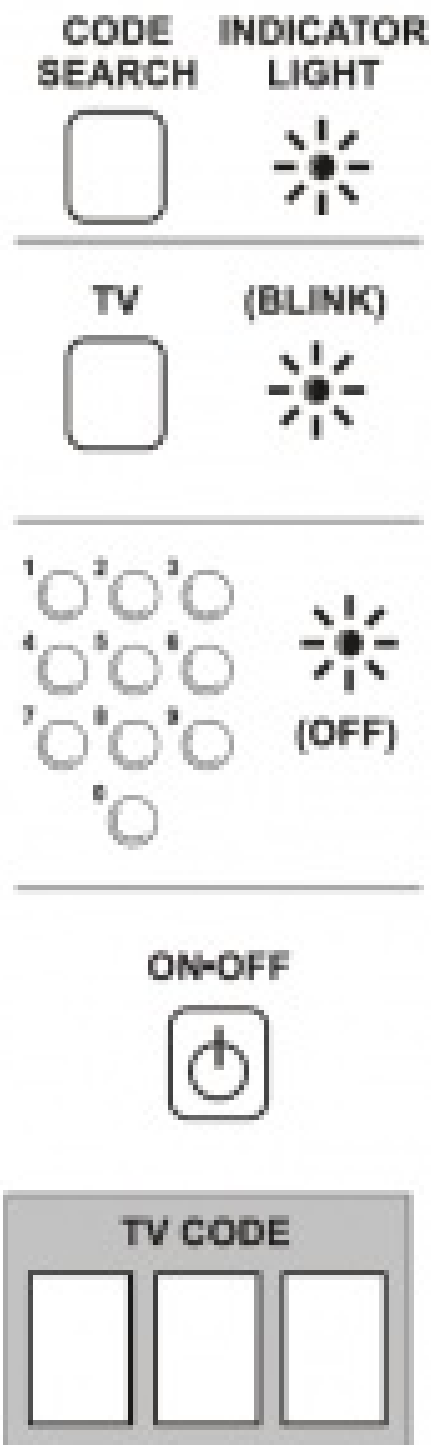   to program this remote control.
3. Press and hold the CODE SEARCH
   key until the indicator light comes on.
   Then release the CODE SEARCH key.
4. Press and release the TV key. The
   indicator light blinks and then remains lit.
5. Use the number keys to enter the first
   code listed for your brand.
   After you enter a valid three-digit code,
   the indicator light turns off.
   Note: If you enter an invalid code, the
   LED will flash rapidly for 2 seconds.
   Start over at step 3.
6. Aim the remote at your TV and press
   the ON/OFF key. If your TV turns off,
   you have found the correct code.
7. Enter the code in the box provided on
   this page for future reference.
8. If your TV doesn't turn off, repeat steps
   3-6 above, entering the next code for brand.
   If none of the codes work or your brand
   is not listed, use other Code Search
   methods to program this remote.

Program for VCR – Direct Entry Method

In order for the universal remote to control your VCR, you must program it with the VCR code that matches your VCR. These instructions explain the preferred method of programming the remote – the Direct Entry Method:

1. Manually turn on the VCR.
2. Locate the enclosed VCR Code List.
   Find your brand of VCR.
   Note: If your brand isn't listed, use
   the manual Code Search methods
   to program this remote control.
3. Press and hold the CODE SEARCH
   key until the indicator light comes on.
   Then release the CODE SEARCH key.
4. Press and release the VCR key. The
   indicator light blinks and then remains
   lit.
5. Use the number keys to enter the first
   code listed for your brand.
   After you enter a valid three-
   digit code,
   the indicator light turns off.
   Note: If you enter an invalid
   code, the
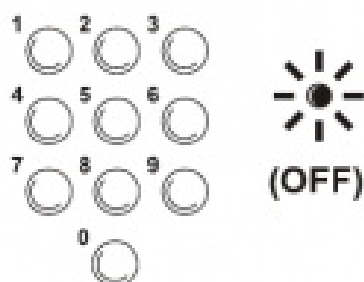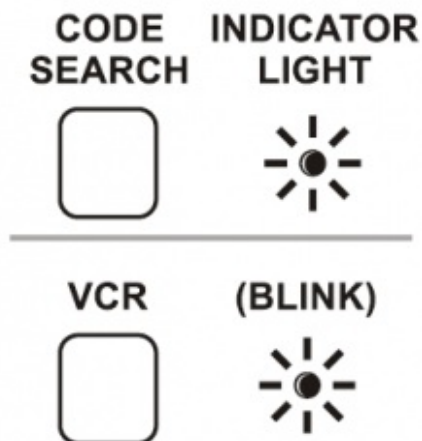   LED will flash rapidly for 2
   seconds.
   Start over at step 3.
6. Aim the remote at your VCR
   and press
   the ON/OFF key. If your TV
   turns off,
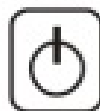   you have found the correct
   code.
7. Enter the code in the box
   provided on
   this page for future reference.
8. If your VCR doesn't turn off,
   repeat
   steps 3-6 above, entering the next code
   for brand.
   If none of the codes work or your brand
   is not listed, use other Code Search
   methods to program this remote.

Program for Satellite/Audio or Cable Box – Direct Entry Method

In order for the universal remote to control your satellite or cable box, you must program it with the code that matches

your component. These instructions explain the preferred method of programming the remote – the Direct Entry Method:

1. Manually turn on the satellite receiver or cable box.

2. Locate the enclosed Satellite or Cable CODE INDICATOR Box Code List. Find your brand in the SEARCH LIGHT Satellite Codes or Cable Box Codes section, respectively.
   Note: If your brand isn't listed, use the manual Code Search methods to program this remote control.

3. Press and hold the CODE SEARCH key until the indicator light comes on. Then release the CODE SEARCH key.

4. Press and release the SAT or CABLE key. The indicator light blinks and then remains lit.

5. Use the number keys to enter the first code listed for your brand.
   After you enter a valid three-digit code, the indicator light turns off.
   Note: If you enter an invalid code, the LED will flash rapidly for 2 seconds. Start over at step 3.

6. Aim the remote at the satellite receiver or cable box and press the ON/OFF key. If your satellite receiver or cable box turns off, you have found the correct code.

7. Enter the code in the box provided on this page for future reference.

8. If your satellite receiver or cable box doesn't turn off, repeat steps 3-6 above, entering the next code for brand.
   If none of the codes work or your brand is not listed, use other Code Search methods to program this remote.

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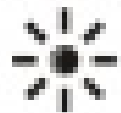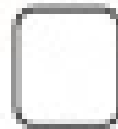
CABLE   (BLINK)
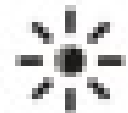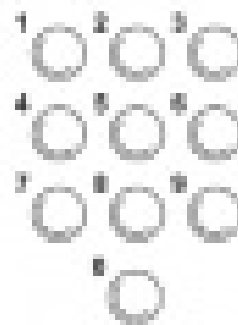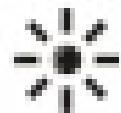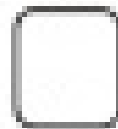
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ON·OFF
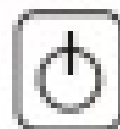
SATELLITE OR CABLE BOX CODE

Program for CD/DVD – Direct Entry Method

In order for the universal remote to control your DVD player, you must program it with the code that matches your component. The DVD key can be programmed to operate a CD or DVD player. These instructions explain the preferred method of programming the remote – the Direct Entry Method:

1. Manually turn on the DVD player.
2. Locate the enclosed DVD Code List.
   Note: If your brand isn't listed, use the manual Code Search methods to program this remote control.
3. Press and hold the CODE SEARCH key until the indicator light comes on. Then release the CODE SEARCH key.
4. Press and release the DVD key. The indicator light will blink.
5. Use the number keys on the remote to enter the first code listed for your brand.
   After you entered a three-digit code, the indicator light turns off.
   Note: If you enter an invalid code, the LED will flash rapidly for 2 seconds. Start over at step 3.
6. Aim the remote at your component and press the ON/OFF key. If your DVD turns off, you have found the correct code.
7. Enter the code in the box provided on this page for future reference.
8. If your component doesn't turn off, repeat steps 3-6 above, entering the next code for brand.
   If none of the codes work or your brand is not listed, use other Code Search methods to program this remote.
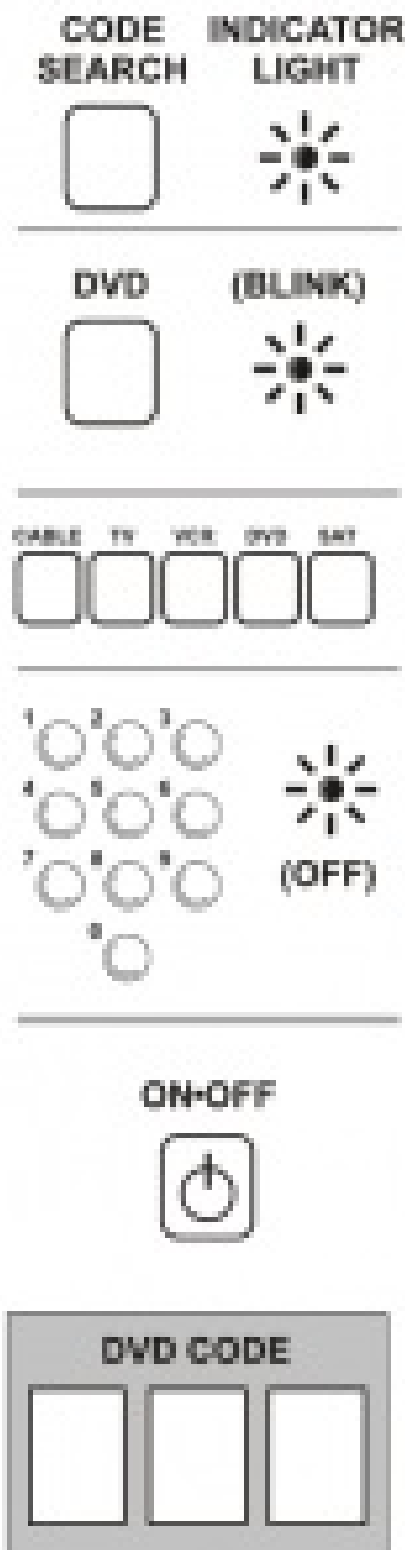
Program for combo TVIDVDNCR – Direct Entry Method

For combo devices, normally a single code from the Code list operates both parts of the device (e.g. TVNCR or DVDNCR).

In other cases, you need to set up two 3-digit codes from the Code list (e.g. [xxx xxx]), with the first number for the first device of your combo (e.g. for TV/DVD combo.TV is the first device and DVD is the second device.)
These instructions explain the preferred method of programming the remote – the Direct Entry Method:

1. Manually turn on the combo.

2. Locate the enclosed combo Code List.
   Find your brand of combo.
   Note: If your brand isn't listed, use the
   manual Code Search methods
   to program this remote control.

3. Press and hold the CODE SEARCH
   key until the indicator light comes on.
   Then release the CODE SEARCH key.

4. Press and release the TV key. The
   indicator light will blink and then
   remains lit.

5. Use the number keys on the remote
   to enter the first code listed for your
   brand.
   After you entered a three-digit code,
   the indicator light turns off.
   Note: If you enter an invalid code, the
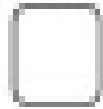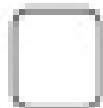   LED will flash rapidly for 2 seconds.
   Start over at step 3.

6. Aim the remote at your TV and press
   the ON/OFF key. If your TV turns off,
   you have found the correct code.

7. Enter the code in the box provided on
   this page for future reference.

8. If your TV doesn't turn off, repeat steps
   3-6 above, entering the next code for
   your brand.

9. Repeat steps 3-6 above to enter the
   code for the DVD or VCR under DVD
   or VCR key.
   If none of the codes work or your brand
   is not listed, use other Code Search
   methods to program this remote.
   NOTE: To control the TV of your combo,
   press the TV key. To control DVD or VCR,
   press the DVD or VCR key.

CODE SEARCH   INDICATOR LIGHT

TV   (BLINK)

(OFF)

ON-OFF

TV CODE

DVD or VCR

Code Search Methods

If your component's brand isn't listed in the Code List or you have tried all of the codes for your brand and the remote does not operate your component, use the Code Search Method below – Manual Code Search. The Manual Code Search method searches all the codes because your component's code may be listed under another brand in the code list. Note: The Code Search method may take a long time because the remote searches all of the codes in its memory for the code which operates your component. Therefore, if your brand is listed in the Code List, use the Direct Entry method.

Manual Code Search

1. Manually turn on the component you
   want your remote to operate.
2. Press and hold the CODE SEARCH
   key until the indicator light comes on.
   Then release the CODE SEARCH key.
3. Press and release the component key
   that corresponds to the component you
   want the remote to operate. The
   indicator light will blink and then
   remains lit.
4. Aim the remote at the component and
   press the ON/OFF key slowly and
   repeatedly until the component turns
   off. Make sure the indicator light will
   blink once each time you press
   ON/OFF button.
   Important: Because there are so many
   codes, you may have to press the
   ON/OFF key many times – possibly
   up to 200 times.
5. When the component turns off, press
   the ENTER key to store the code.
6. Use Code Retrieval on the next page
   to identify the code for your component
   for future reference.
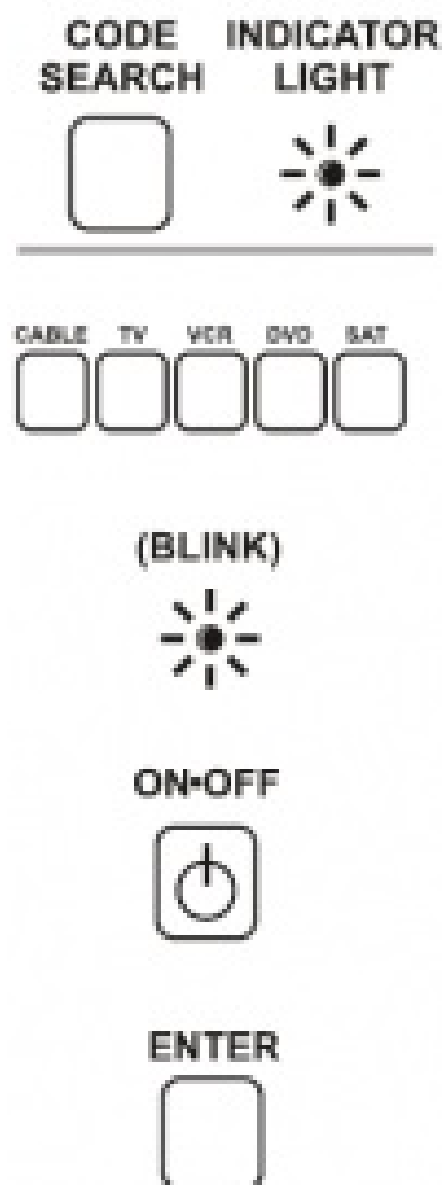
Code Retrieval

If you used the Code Search methods to program your remote, follow the steps below to find out which code is

compatible with your component. Finding the actual code and writing it down will save your time if you ever need to program the remote again (e.g., if programming is lost when you change the batteries).

1. Press and hold the CODE SEARCH key until the indicator light comes on. Then release the CODE SEARCH key.
2. Press and release the component key that matches the component's code you are retrieving (TV, VCR, DVD, Satellite or Cable). The indicator light will blink once and then remains lit.
3. Press and release the CODE SEARCH key. The indicator light turns on.
4. Starting with O first on the key pad, press the number keys in order (0-9).
5. The number that causes the indicator light to blink is the first digit of your code.
6. Repeat step 4 until you have retrieved all three numbers of the code.
7. Once you have found the third number, the LED turns off.
8. Refer to the code box to write down the code for your component within the Direct Entry section for the component just programmed.
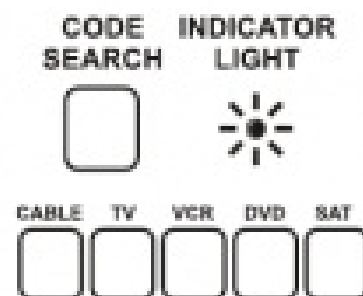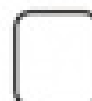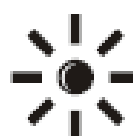
Sleep Timer Function

This feature allows you to time how long you would like your TV to stay on anywhere from 1 to 120 minutes, depending on TV factory preset.

Programming the Sleep Timer:
Press the SLEEP button to select the time you want the TV to turn off automatically.

Canceling the Sleep Timer:
To cancel the Sleep Timer, press the SLEEP key until the OFF or O appear on the screen.

Using On-screen Menus

This remote cannot access every menu system of all models

and brands of consumer electronic components. However, if you're successfully programmed the DVD key to operate a DVD player, you can access DVD disc menus with the MENU key.

The MENU key will also access TV menu system for most TVs, as well as some other popular brands. This remote also supports select satellite receiver menus.

If this remote's MENU key doesn't access the menu system for your component, you'll need to use the original remote to change menu settings.

Note: This remote's MENU key doesn't support cable box menu systems and some VCR menu systems.

Accessing a Menu System

1. Make sure your components are turned on and your TV is set to the component's input.

2. Press the component key on the remote.

3. Press the MENU key. The indicator light blinks and the component's menu should appear on the TV screen.

Highlighting and Selecting Menu Items

To navigate On-screen Menus, use the UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT keys.

Press ENTER key to change the menu. For some products, pressing the ENTER key while in Menu Mode returns you to the previous menu.

Notes:

All functions in competitive models and brands of products may not be fully supported.

The remote will automatically time out in Menu Mode after approximately 10 seconds of inactivity (no keys being pressed). For DVD menus, the Menu Mode will time out after approximately 15 seconds.

Because of the wide variety of menu formats, some experimenting may be required.

Exiting a Menu System

To exit Menu Mode, press and release MENU key on the remote.

Troubleshooting

Problem: The remote cannot be programmed to operate your component.

• You may be too far from the component or at a
wrong angle. This remote uses IR (infrared) technology to
communicate with components. The remote sends the code
and the component's IR sensor reads the code.
Therefore, there must be an unobstructed path between the
remote and the IR sensor of the component. Move closer and
make sure you point the remote at the component (VCR
when programming the VCR key, TV when programming the
TV key, etc.)

- If you've entered all of the codes for your brand that are in the

  accompanying Code List and followed the instructions, try the

  Code Search method.

- You must put the remote in the correct mode by pressing the

  corresponding component key, so the remote knows which

  component you want to operate.

  Problem: The indicator light does not light when you

  press a key.

- You must put the remote in the correct mode by pressing the

  corresponding component key so the remote knows which

  component you want to operate.

- You may have pressed the invalid key for the mode the

  remote is in (for example, REC only works in VCR mode).

- Make sure the batteries are properly installed.

- Replace the batteries with two new AA batteries.

  Reprogramming may be required.

Troubleshooting

Problem: The remote does not operate your component.

- You must put the remote in the correct mode by pressing the

  corresponding component key so the remote knows which

  component you want to operate.

- Remove any obstacles between the remote and the

  component. Make sure to aim the remote at the IR sensor on

  the component.

- Make sure the batteries are properly installed.

- Replace the batteries with two new AA batteries.

  Reprogramming may be required.

**Problem: The remote is not performing commands
properly.**

- You must put the remote in the correct mode by pressing the

  corresponding component key so the remote knows which

component you want to operate.

- Make sure component is "ready" (e.g. DVD player has disc loaded; VCR has tape loaded, etc.)
- You may have pressed an invalid key for the mode the remote is in (for example, REC only works in VCR mode).
- If operating a VCR to record, you must press the REC key two times.
- If you are trying to change channels, try pressing the ENTER key after entering the channel number as this is a requirement of certain models and brands.
- There is a possibility that a programmed code may only be able to control some of your component's features (e.g., only turns a component on and off). Follow the steps provided for programming the remote. If the component can be turned on and off, make sure you press the CH +/- key to see if the component responds. If not, try the next code from the list.
  Problem: The VCR won't record.
- As a safety feature, you must press the REC key twice to begin recording.
- Make sure the tape is properly loaded in the VCR.
- Make sure the tape is not write-protected. If safety tab is removed the tape is write-protected and you cannot record onto that tape.
  Problem: The remote will not change channels.
- You must put the remote in the correct mode by pressing the corresponding component key.
- Press the ENTER key after you enter a channel number.
  Problem: The component's menu doesn't appear on the TV screen.
- The TV must be tuned to the Video Input that matches the manner in which you connected the component to the TV.
- For example, if you connected your DVD player to your TV by connecting audio/video cables (usually color-coded yellow, red, and white) to the TV's Input 1 jack, you must tune the TV to its Video Input 1 channel.
- You must put the remote in the correct mode by pressing the corresponding component key.
- Menu access is not supported for all brands. If that's the case, you'll need to use your original remote control to access menu functions for these components.

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