

SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING

To reduce risk of fire or shock hazard, do not expose this product to rain or moisture.

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RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK
DO NOT OPEN

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.



This symbol indicates important instructions accompanying the product.



This symbol indicates "dangerous voltage" inside the product that presents a risk of electric shock or personal injury.

Cautions



Caution: To reduce the risk of electric shock, match the wide blade of plug to wide slot, and fully insert.

Attention: Pour éviter les chocs électriques, introduire la lame la plus large de la fiche dans la borne correspondante de la prise et pousser jusqu'au fond.

Refer to the identification/rating label located on the back panel of your product for its proper operating voltage.

FCC Regulations state that unauthorized changes or modifications to this equipment may void the user's authority to operate it.

Cable TV Installer: This reminder is provided to call your attention to Article 820-40 of the National Electrical Code (Section 54 of the Canadian Electrical Code, Part 1) which provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building as close to the point of cable entry as practical.

Care and Cleaning:

Use a soft cloth or the dusting attachment of your vacuum cleaner to dust your VCR. Remove dust from the ventilation holes.

Plastic surfaces are easily scratched and can be marred by alcohol and various solvents. Avoid excessive use of oil-based furniture polishes since the materials used in the cabinet will accumulate more dust. A nonabrasive, antistatic cleaner/polisher is recommended.

Product Registration

Please fill out the product registration card and return it immediately. Returning the card allows us to contact you if needed.

Keep your sales receipt to obtain warranty parts and service and for proof of purchase. Attach it here and record the serial and model numbers in case you need them. The numbers are located on the back of the product.

Model No. VG4BH

Serial No. _____

Purchase Date: _____

Dealer/Address/Phone: _____

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW VCR...

To help you get started using your VCR with as little reading as possible, we've put all the basic information needed in the first three sections. To help you along, there's even an initial set-up feature the first time you turn on your VCR which walks you through several set-up steps at once.

GETTING STARTED

Before this first step, though, learning about the time and date, your remote control's features, working with channels, and basic video tape operations are essential to get all you can out of the VCR. Once you are comfortable with these features, feel free to refer to other sections because they cover the more detailed information.

WHAT REMAINS?

The final sections of this manual contain playback and recording information, a detailed connections section, and a reference section including troubleshooting tips, warranty information, and an index.

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2 SETTING UP THE VCR



3 VCR BASICS



4 RECORDING



5 PROGRAM THE REMOTE



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READ ME!

These note boxes give you tips for your new video cassette recorder.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

STEP 1: WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

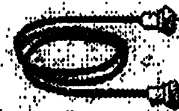
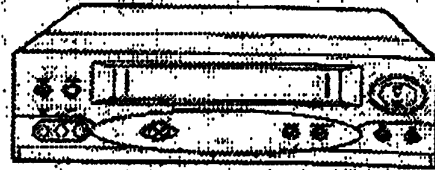
The following items come packed in the box:

- VCR
- Remote control
- RF coaxial cable

STEP 2: INSTALL BATTERIES IN THE REMOTE CONTROL

Follow these steps whenever you need to install or change the batteries in your VCR remote.

1. Remove the cover of the battery compartment.
2. Place the batteries into the remote's back panel. Match the positive (+) and negative (-) ends of each battery to the diagram inside the battery compartment.
3. Replace the cover.



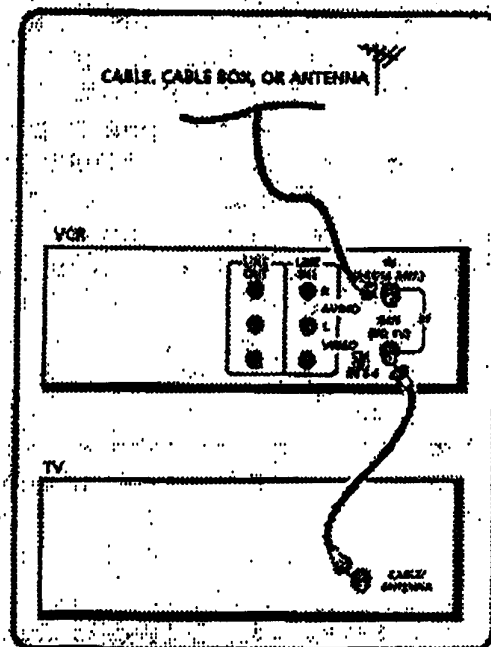
STEP 3: CONNECT YOUR VCR

If you connect your VCR to your home antenna or cable system and then to your TV, use the VCR's IN (FROM ANT.) and OUT (TO TV) jacks for a good signal as shown to the right.

If you have a TV with AUDIO/VIDEO jacks, use the jacks for a better connection. Refer to the section, Connections, toward the back of the manual, for additional connection options.

STEP 4: PLUG IN THE VCR

Your VCR's power cord has a plastic band strung through the blades. Remove plastic band before plugging the cord into the power outlet. To remove band, cut with a pair of scissors and pull it free of the blades. Once the plastic is removed, match the wide blade of the power cord to the wide slot in the AC outlet. Be sure to insert the plug completely.



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STEP 5: TUNE THE TV

Tune the TV to the VCR viewing channel. The VCR viewing channel is channel 3 or 4 or the TV's video input.

- If you connect your VCR using the IN (FROM ANT.) and OUT (TO TV) jacks with RF coaxial cable, set the 3 CH 4 switch to channel 3 or channel 4 — the channel you want to use on your TV.
- If you connect your VCR using the AUDIO/VIDEO jacks with audio/video cables, select the TV's video input with the remote control's INPUT button to see the signal. If you have trouble understanding the Video Input Channel, look to page 67 for a more detailed explanation.

STEP 6: TURN ON THE VCR

Press POWER on the VCR's front panel or the VCR button on the remote control to turn on the VCR. The first time you turn the VCR on, a menu screen appears. This is the start of an initial set up which helps you set different options for your VCR.

STEP 7: INITIAL SETUP

The first on-screen menu during the initial set up asks which language you prefer to use for your VCR. Use the remote control's number buttons to select options.

Select a language.
 Seleccione un idioma.
 Choisissez une langue.

1 English
 2 Español
 3 Français

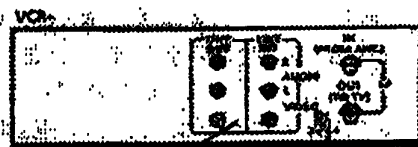
1. Press 1 for English, 2 for Español (Spanish), or 3 for Français (French).

The remaining menus throughout the set up will appear in the chosen language. Just follow the step-by-step procedures until setup is complete.

If the menu does not appear:

- Make sure the TV is tuned to the same channel as the 3 CH 4 switch or the TV's Video Input Channel (see page 67 for more information).

VCR Viewing Channel



AUDIO/VIDEO OUT jacks 3 CH 4 Switch

When using the IN (FROM ANT.) and OUT (TO TV) jacks to connect your VCR, tune your TV to channel 3 or 4.

The 3 CH 4 switch on the back of the VCR determines which TV channel is used to see the VCR's output.

When using the AUDIO/VIDEO jacks to connect your VCR, tune your TV to the TV's Video Input Channel with the TV and INPUT buttons on your remote control. For more information about selecting your video input channel, see page 67.

APPENDIX: REFERENCE

SPECIFICATIONS

Format:	VHS
Record/Playback System:	Video: 4-head Audio: Stereo record/playback system
Video Signal System:	EIA standard: NTSC color
Antenna:	75-ohm external VHF/UHF combined antenna terminal
Tuner:	USA: 181 channels capability* (125 cable channels) Canada: 178 channels capability* (122 cable channels)
Type: synthesis	AutoProgramming frequency
Power Requirement:	120V AC, 60 Hz
Power Consumption:	18 watts
Dimensions:	3.7 inches high (94 mm) 14.2 inches wide (360 mm) 9.4 inches deep (240 mm)
Weight:	6 pounds (2.8 kg)
Storage Temperature Range:	-22°F to +149°F (-30°C to +65°C)
Operating Temperature Range:	+41°F to +104°F (+5°C to +40°C)

*Check your cable company's compatibility requirements.

CLEANING THE VCR

Use a soft cloth or dusting attachment of your vacuum cleaner to dust your VCR. Remove dust from the ventilation holes on the cabinet.

Plastic surfaces are easily scratched and can be marred by alcohol and various solvents. Avoid excessive use of oil-based furniture polishes since the materials used in the cabinet will accumulate more dust. We recommend using a nonabrasive, antistatic cleaner and polisher.

Specifications are subject to change.

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LIMITED WARRANTY

What your warranty covers:

- Any defect in materials or workmanship.

For how long after your purchase:

- Ninety days for labor charges.
- One year for parts.

The warranty period for rental units begins with the first rental or 45 days from date of shipment to the rental firm, whichever comes first.

What we will do:

- Pay any Authorized RCA VCR Service Center the labor charges to repair your VCR.
- Pay any Authorized RCA VCR Service Center for the new or, at our option, refurbished replacement parts required to repair your VCR.

How you get service:

- Take your VCR to any Authorized RCA VCR Service Center. To identify your nearest Authorized RCA VCR Service Center, ask your dealer, look in the Yellow Pages, or call 1-800-336-1900.
- Show the Authorized Service Center Representative your evidence of purchase date or first rental.
- Pick up your VCR when repairs are completed.

What your warranty does not cover:

- Customer instruction. (Your Owner's Manual clearly describes how to install, adjust, and operate your VCR. Any additional information should be obtained from your Dealer.)
- Installation and related adjustments.
- Signal reception problems not caused by your VCR.
- Damage from misuse or neglect.
- Cleaning of video/audio heads.
- Batteries.
- A VCR that has been modified or incorporated into other products or is used for institutional or other commercial purposes.
- A VCR purchased or serviced outside the USA.
- Acts of God, such as but not limited to lightning damage.

Product Registration:

- Please complete and mail the Product Registration Card packed with your VCR. It will make it easier to contact you should it ever be necessary. The return of the card is not required for warranty coverage.

How state law relates to this warranty:

- This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you also may have other rights that vary from state to state.

If you purchased your VCR outside the United States:

- This warranty does not apply. Contact your dealer for warranty information.

CONNECTIONS

CONNECTING YOUR VCR

Refer to these pages to help you connect your VCR.

JACKS AND CABLES

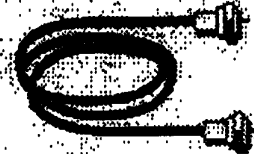
RF Jacks and Coaxial Cables (F-type)

The RF jacks provide good picture and mono sound quality, and must be used if audio/video connections are not available for your TV.

These jacks are required for antenna or cable-TV connections. The RF jacks on the VCR are labeled IN (FROM ANT.) and OUT (TO TV). The coaxial cable supplied with your VCR is used to connect the VCR's OUT (TO TV) jack and your TV's antenna input.



RF Jack



Audio/Video Jacks and Cables (RCA-type)

The AUDIO/VIDEO jacks provide very good picture quality and stereo sound, and can be used if your TV has audio/video input jacks.

These jacks are used for most audio/video connections between components. The VCR AUDIO/VIDEO jacks are color coded (yellow for video—red and white for audio). If your TV only has one input for audio (mono), you may need a Y-adaptor to hear sound from both channels.



Audio/Video Jack



CONNECTIONS

CHOOSING A VCR CONNECTION

There are several different ways to connect your VCR, depending on whether or not you have cable service, and if you have a cable box, whether some of the channels are scrambled, and maybe you have a satellite receiver along with cable (but no cable box), or a satellite receiver and no cable or...well, you get the picture.

The connections are described in this section and one of them should provide you with a VCR connection that works:

- / with RF jack only

- / with audio/video jacks

- / with audio/video jacks and cable box to unscramble pay channels only

If you need to connect additional components not shown in the diagrams here (and are unsure of how to connect them), refer to the instruction manual that came with that particular component.

ADVANTAGES OF AUDIO/VIDEO CABLE CONNECTIONS

A simple coaxial cable connection gives you good picture quality. If your television has audio/video jacks, I highly recommend them to get even better picture quality and stereo sound when watching and playing back videotapes. These connections give you convenient operation by not having to share the TV's antenna signal.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE AUTO TV/VCR FEATURE

The VCR switch controls whether the picture signal is coming from the VCR or the TV.

Set the Auto TV/VCR feature to ON when you use only the IN (FROM VCR) and OUT (TO TV) connections and OFF when using the VIDEO LINE OUT jacks—so your TV signal is not interrupted when the VCR is turned on.

CONNECTIONS

TV WITH RF JACK ONLY

This connection assumes:

- You are connecting antenna, cable, or cable box system.
- Your television has only an RF input jack.

This connection provides:

- Mono sound playback from VCR.
- Record one channel while watching another (except when using a cable box for all channels).

To use this connection, you must have:

- (1) coaxial cable for cable or antenna connection; (2) for cable box.

To connect:

1. Connect cables as shown.
2. Return to *First Things First*, then follow the steps.

Using This Connection

Tune your TV to channel 3 or 4, whichever one you selected with the 3 CH 4 switch on the back of the VCR.

Auto TV/VCR Setting:

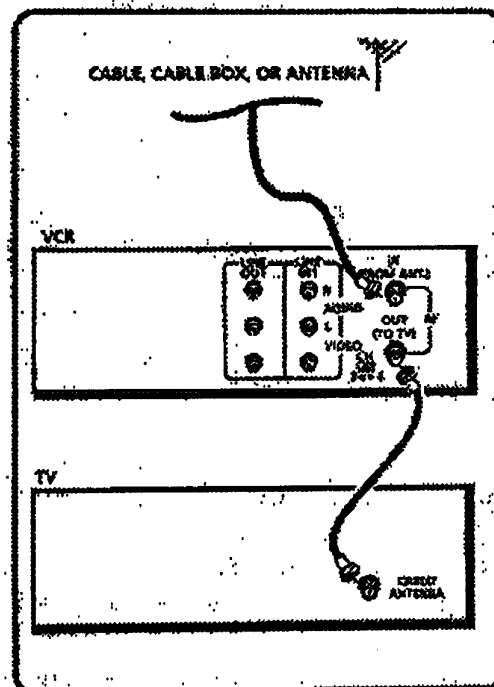
- Set the Auto TV/VCR feature to ON.

To play a tape:

1. Insert a tape.
2. If necessary, press PLAY.

To record one program and watch another:

1. Begin recording a program using one of the recording features.
2. Press the TV+VCR button and select a different channel on the TV.



NECTIONS

WITH AUDIO/VIDEO JACKS

Connection assumes:

You are connecting an antenna, cable, or cable box system.
Your television has audio/video jacks.

Connection provides:

Video sound playback from VCR.
Record one channel while watching another (except when using a cable box for all channels).

For this connection, you must have:

Coaxial cable for cable/antenna connection; (2) for cable box
Audio/video cables

Connect:

Connect cables as shown.
Return to *First Things First*, then follow the steps.

1 This Connection

Return TV to its video input channel. Use of TV-VCR button is required.

TV/VCR Setting:

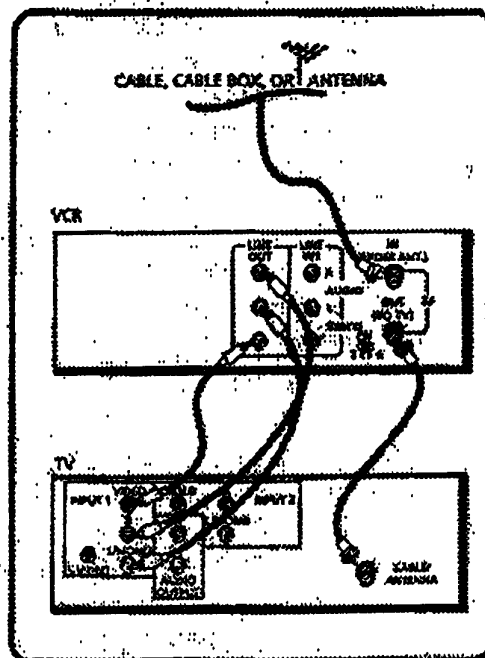
Set the Auto TV/VCR feature to OFF.

Play a tape:

Insert a tape.
If necessary, press PLAY.

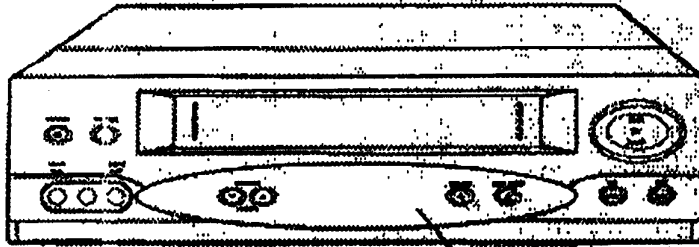
Record one program and watch another:

Use recording features.
Select a different channel on the TV.



APPENDIX: REFERENCE

FRONT PANEL



Remote Sensor

AUDIO (LEFT MONO and RIGHT) and VIDEO INPUT Jacks: Receives signals from another component, like a VCR or camcorder, when it is connected to these jacks. Use INPUT on the remote to select L2 to record from these jacks.

CHANNEL TRACKING Up or Down: Selects next higher or lower channel in the VCR's channel memory. Adjusts tracking when a tape is playing. Press both together to recenter tracking.

FWD: Forwards the tape when the VCR is stopped. Searches the picture forward during playback. Starts slow motion during play-pause and increases slow-motion speed.

PLAY PAUSE: Plays a tape. Pauses action for viewing during playback. Pauses recording to prevent recording of unwanted scenes.

POWER: Turns the VCR on or off.

RECORD: Starts VCR recording. Used for express recording.

Remote Sensor: Receives signals from the remote control. Aim the remote at this sensor.

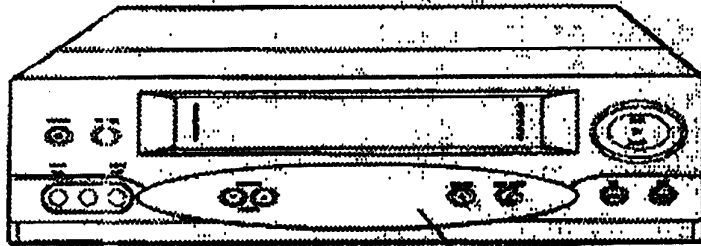
REW: Rewinds the tape when the VCR is stopped. Searches the picture in reverse during playback. Starts slow motion during play-pause and decreases slow-motion speed.

STOP-EJECT: Stops the normal functions such as record, playback, rewind, fast-forward, or pause. Ejects the tape when the VCR is stopped.

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