

Portable MiniDisc Recorder

Operating Instructions









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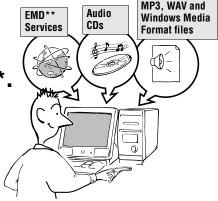
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Overview

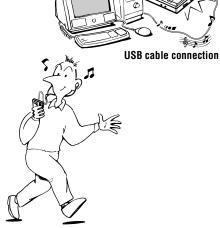
What you can do with your Net MD Walkman

You can easily transfer digital audio files from your computer to the MiniDisc using this product, and carry it anywhere to enjoy.

Store digital audio files on your computer*.



- Transfer the files to the MiniDisc Walkman.
- Listen to your MiniDisc Walkman.



^{* &}quot;OpenMG", a copyright technology that conforms to the SDMI (Secure Digital Music Initiative) specifications, allows you to record or play digital music while protecting the copyright privileges of its holders.

^{**} EMD is available only in certain areas of the world.

- The recorded music is limited to private use only. Use of the music beyond this limit requires permission of the copyright holders.
- Sony is not responsible for music files that are not saved on your computer due to unsuccessful recording from CD or music downloading.

Notes on use

The recording may not be completed properly or the recorded data may be lost if:

- you take the disc out of the recorder, disconnect the AC power adaptor from the recorder, or unplug the USB cable during reading or writing of data.
- the disc you used was subjected to static electricity or electrical noise.

Checking the supplied accessories

Supplied accessories

NC-WMAA Nickel Cadmium rechargeable battery (1)

AC power adaptor (1)

Headphones/earphones with a remote control (1)

Battery charging stand (1)

AC plug adaptor (Tourist model only) (1)

Optical cable (1)

USB cable (1)

CD-ROM (1)*

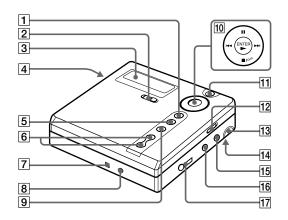
Battery carrying case (1)

Carrying pouch/carrying case with a belt clip (1)

* Do not play a CD-ROM on an audio CD player.

Looking at the controls

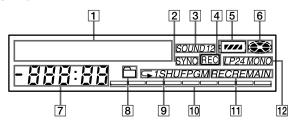
The recorder



- 1 GROUP/CANCEL button
- 2 REC (record) switch
- 3 Display window
- 4 OPEN button
- 5 T MARK button
- 6 VOL +/- button
 The VOL + button has a tactile dot.
- 7 Terminal for attaching the battery charging stand
- 8 DC IN 3V jack
- 9 END SEARCH button
- 10 5 position control key
 - II (pause) button
 - Idd / ▶► (search/AMS) button
 - ENTER/▶* (play) button
 - (stop)/CHG (charge) button
 - *The ▶ button has a tactile dot.

- 11 MENU button
- 12 HOLD switch
- 13 USB connecting jack
- 14 Battery compartment
- 15 LINE IN (OPTICAL) jack
- 16 MIC (PLUG IN POWER) jack
 There is a tactile dot left side of the MIC
 (PLUG IN POWER) jack.
- 17 (headphones/earphones) jack

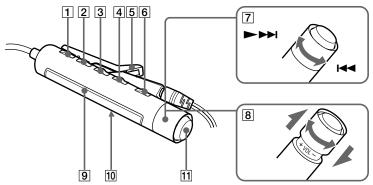
The display window of the recorder



- 1 Character information display Displays the disc and track names, error messages, track numbers, etc.
- 2 SYNC (synchro-recording) indication
- 3 Sound indication
- 4 REC indication Lights up while recording. When flashing, the recorder is in record standby mode.
- **5** Battery level indication Shows approximate battery condition.
- 6 Disc indication Shows that the disc is rotating for recording, playing or editing an MD.
- 7 Time display

- 8 Group indication Lights up when group mode is on.
- 9 Play mode indication Shows play mode of the MD.
- 10 Level meter Shows the volume of the MD being played or recorded.
- [1] REC REMAIN/REMAIN (remaining time/tracks) indication
 Lights up along with the remaining time of the track, the remaining time of the MD, or the remaining number of tracks.
- Recording mode (LP2/LP4/MONO) indication

The headphones/earphones with a remote control



- 1 DISPLAY button
- 2 PLAY MODE button
- 3 RPT/ENT (repeat/enter) button
- 4 SOUND button
- 5 Clip
- **6 ■** (pause) button
- 7 Control (► / ► ► I)

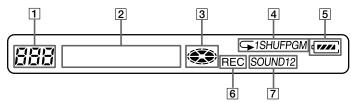
 ► ► I: play, AMS, FF

►► : play, AMS, FF

Turn or turn and hold to play, fast forward, rewind, etc.

- 8 Control (VOL +/–)
 Pull and turn to adjust the volume.
- 9 Display window
- 10 HOLD switch
- 11 (stop) button May be used as the "Enter" button, depending on the function.

The display window of the remote control



- 1 Track number display
- 2 Character information display
- 3 Disc indication

- 4 Play mode indication
- 5 Battery level indication
- 6 REC indication
- 7 SOUND indication

Getting started!

Charge the rechargeable battery before using. Even if the rechargeable battery is not charged, you can use the recorder as long as the AC power adaptor is connected.

1 Insert the rechargeable battery.



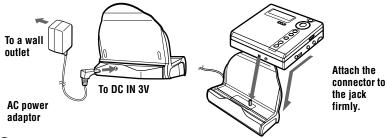
Using the dry battery

Insert one LR6 (size AA) alkaline dry battery (not supplied) instead of the rechargeable battery.

Note

Do not charge a dry battery.

2 Charging the rechargeable battery.



- 1 Connect the AC power adaptor to DC IN 3V.
- 2 Place the recorder on the battery charging stand.

"Charging" flashes, ← appears in the display, and charging starts. When charging is completed, the battery indication disappears. Full charging of a completely discharged rechargeable battery takes about 3 hours



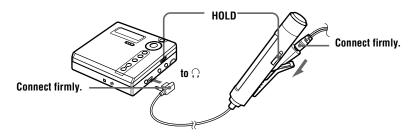
3 Remove the recorder from the battery charging stand.

Note

The "Charging" indication in the display may not flash immediately after you place the recorder on the battery charging stand in step ②. The indication will, however, begin flashing after about 3 minutes and charging will begin.

3 Make connections and unlock the control.

- 1 Connect the headphones/earphones with the remote control to ().
- Slide HOLD to the direction of the arrow (in the illustration to unlock the controls.





You can also charge the rechargeable battery by connecting the AC power adaptor directly to the recorder.

Connect the AC power adaptor to DC IN 3V on the recorder, and then press ■/CHG while the recorder is stopped.

"Charging" and

appear in the display and charging starts. Full charging takes about 3 hours. Charging is complete when

disappears. Charging time may vary depending on the battery condition.

Notes

- The supplied battery charging stand can be used only with this recorder. Any other model cannot be charged.
- Do not use the recorder to charge any other battery besides the supplied one or the one designated for it (NC-WMAA).
- Though the battery charging stand and the battery may become hot during the charging procedure, this poses no danger.
- Be sure to use the supplied AC power adaptor.
- If you are recharging the battery for the first time or after a long period of disuse, the battery may not charge up to its rated capacity. This is a normal characteristic. After you use and recharge the battery a few times, it will return to its normal charge capacity.
- When the battery life of a fully charged rechargeable battery becomes about half the normal life, replace it.
- If the recorder will not be used for a long period of time, disconnect the AC power adaptor from a wall outlet and remove the recorder from the battery charging stand.
- If during operation the recorder stops with "LOW BATT" in the display, charge the rechargeable battery. You may be able to operate the recorder for a while after "LOW BATT" has appeared. However, if you operate the recorder until the rechargeable battery is completely discharged, you may not be able to recharge it again by placing the recorder on the battery charging stand. If this happens, remove the battery from the recorder once, then reinsert it before placing the recorder on the battery charging stand.

- Please note the following points when charging the battery:
 - —If you press ■/CHG immediately after charging has completed, charging will begin again. If this happens, press ■/CHG again to stop the charging operation since the battery is already fully charged.
 - —Charging stops when you try to operate the recorder during charging.

Battery life

For details, refer to ("Battery life", page 59).

When recording

(Unit: approx.hours)

Batteries	SP Stereo	LP2 Stereo	LP4 Stereo
NC-WMAA Nickel Cadmium rechargeable battery	4	6	7.5
LR6 (SG) Sony alkaline dry battery	9	13	16

When playing

(Unit: approx.hours)

Batteries	SP Stereo	LP2 Stereo	LP4 Stereo
NC-WMAA Nickel Cadmium rechargeable battery	15	16	20
LR6 (SG) Sony alkaline dry battery	42	48	56

Recording an MD right away! (Synchro-recording)

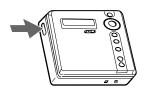
This section explains the basic procedure for making digital recordings using an optical cable connected to a CD player, Digital TV or other digital equipment. (For further information, see "System limitations" (page 63)) During synchro-recording, the recorder starts and stops recording in sync with the sound source. Track marks are added wherever they appear in the sound source. It is recommended to use the AC power adaptor when recording.

To record from an analog source such as a cassette deck or a radio → "Recording in analog (Analog Recording)" (page 25).

To record using group mode → "Recording tracks using the group function (Group Mode Recording)" (page 27).

1 Insert an MD.

1 Press OPEN to open the lid.

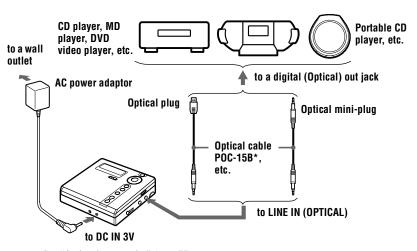


2 Insert an MD with the label side facing front, and press the lid down to close.



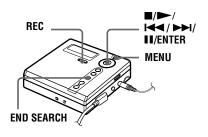
Make sure to check the record-protect tab is closed.

2 Make connections. (Insert the cables firmly and completely into the appropriate jacks)



* See "Optional accessories" (page 77).

3 Record an MD.



(1) While the recorder is stopped, press MENU.

Menu items appear in the display.

- ② Press I◄◄ or ►►I repeatedly until "SYNC REC" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- ③ Press I◄◄ or ►►I repeatedly until "SYNC ON" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- Press and slide REC to the right. The recorder pauses and stands by for recording.
- (5) Play the CD or tape you want to record.

 The recorder starts recording automatically when it receives the playing sound.

To stop recording, press ■.

After you press **t** to stop, the recorder will automatically turn off in about 10 seconds (when using the dry battery or the rechargeable battery) or about 3 minutes (when using the AC power adaptor).

To cancel synchro-recording

Press I◀◀ or ▶▶ repeatedly until "SYNC OFF" flashes in the display in step ③, and then press ENTER.

Note

If you record on a previously recorded disc, the recorder is factory set to overwrite the entire contents of the disc. If you want the recording to start after the existing contents, do the procedure "Recording without overwriting existing material" (page 29) before doing step 3, "Record an MD." (page 17).

То	Press
Record from the end of the current contents ¹⁾	If "REC-Posi" (the record-starting position setting) is set to "From Here", press END SEARCH, and then press and slide REC to the right. ¹⁾ If "REC-Posi" is set to "From End", press and slide REC to the right.
Record over partway through the previous recording ¹⁾	▶, ► , or ▶ to find the start point of recording and press to stop. Then press and slide REC to the right.
Pause	■2). Press ■ again to resume recording.
Remove the MD	■ and open the lid. ³⁾ (The lid does not open while "TOC Edit" is flashing in the display.)

¹⁾ If "REC-Posi" is set to "From End", recording operations will always start from the end of the previously recorded material without pressing the END SEARCH button (page 29).

If the recording does not start

- Make sure the recorder is not locked (page 14, 58).
- Make sure the MD is not record-protected (page 14, 61).
- · Premastered MDs cannot be recorded over.

²⁾ A track mark is added at the point where you press II again to resume recording while pausing; thus the remainder of the track will be counted as a new track.

³⁾ If you open the lid while "REC-Posi" is set to "From Here", recording will begin from the top of the disc the next time you record. Check the point to start recording on the display.

About the DSP TYPE-R for ATRAC

"TYPE-R" is a high-level Sony specification used in the Digital Signal Processor (DSP), which is heart of the MiniDisc sound. This technology gives the MiniDisc recorder twice the signal processing capability as previous MiniDisc Walkman models, producing a sound quality close to that of MiniDisc decks. This unit supports the "TYPE-R" function only during recording or playback in normal stereo (or monaural) mode. It does not support this function in MDLP mode, or during the checking out of audio data from the computer in normal stereo (or monaural) mode using OpenMG Jukebox.

- The pause function cannot be turned on or off manually during synchro-recording. Press ■ to stop recording.
- Do not change SYNC REC setting while recording. Recording may not be done properly.
- Even when there is no recorded sound on the sound source, there may be cases when recording does not pause automatically during synchro-recording due to the noise level emitted from the sound source.
- If a silent portion is encountered for approximately 2 seconds during synchrorecording from a sound source other than a CD or an MD, a new track mark is automatically added at the point where the silent portion ends.
- Synchro-recording cannot be done if the connecting cord is not an optical cable, or if the cable is connected to the MIC (PLUG IN POWER) jack.
- You cannot change the recording mode during recording.
- "Data Save" or "TOC Edit" flashes while data
 of the recording (the track's start and end
 points, etc.) is being recorded. Do not move
 the recorder or disconnect the power source
 while the indication is flashing in the display.
- The lid does not open until "TOC Edit" disappears in the display.
- If the power supply is disrupted (i.e. the battery is removed or becomes exhausted or the AC power adaptor is disconnected) during a recording or editing operation, or while "TOC Edit" appears in the display, then it will not be possible to open the lid until power is restored.

- You can make a digital recording only from an optical type output.
- When recording from a portable CD player, set the CD player to pause, and then do the recording procedure on the recorder.
- Note the following when recording from a portable CD player:
 - —Some portable CD players may not be capable of digital out when the AC power adaptor is disconnected. If this is the case, connect the AC power adaptor to the portable CD player and use it on AC power as the power source.
 - —On some portable CD players, optical output may not be possible when using an anti-skip function (e.g., ESP* or G-PROTECTION). If this is the case, turn off the anti-skip function.
 - * Electronic Shock Protection



- When there is no sound from the player for more than 3 seconds during synchrorecording, the recorder goes into the standby mode automatically. When the sound comes from the player again, the recorder resumes synchro-recording. If the recorder is kept in the standby mode for 5 minutes or longer, the recorder stops automatically.
- For longer recording, follow step 1 of "Longtime recording (MDLP)" (page 26) to select the recording mode, and then start the procedure of synchro-recording.
- LINE IN (OPTICAL) jack is for both digital and analog input. The recorder automatically recognizes the type of line cable and switches to digital or analog input.
- The recording level is adjusted automatically. To adjust the level manually, see "Adjusting the recording level manually (Manual Recording)" (page 32).
- You can monitor the sound during recording. Connect the supplied headphones/earphones with remote control to ∩ and adjust the volume by pressing VOL +/−. This does not affect the recording level.

Transferring songs from the computer to the MiniDisc (Check-out)

Install the supplied OpenMG Jukebox software onto your computer.

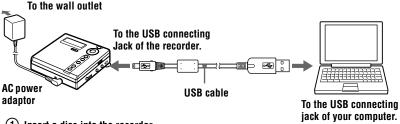
For details, refer to the OpenMG Jukebox Operating Instructions.

Note

When you connect the recorder to your computer for the first time, make sure to install the "OpenMG Jukebox software" and "Net MD driver" from the supplied CD-ROM. If OpenMG Jukebox has already been installed, you should install the driver for the Net MD before connecting the recorder to your computer. If you connect the recorder to the computer without first installing the Net MD driver, the recorder will not operate properly.

2 Make connections.

For details, refer to the OpenMG Jukebox Operating Instructions.



- 1 Insert a disc into the recorder.
- (2) Insert a charged rechargeable battery into the recorder.
- 3 Connect the AC power adaptor to the recorder.
- Open the USB connecting jack cover, and then connect the recorder to your computer with the supplied USB cable.

- Make sure to connect the AC power adaptor to the recorder and the AC power adaptor to a wall outlet.
- This recorder supports USB 2.0 Full speed (previously USB 1.1).
- Use of this recorder with a USB hub or a USB extension cable is not guaranteed. Make sure to use the USB cable for connection.
- Connect only one MD recorder to your computer. If more than one recorder is connected, normal
 operation is not guaranteed.

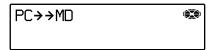


In step ③, you can also connect the recorder to the AC power adaptor by placing it on the battery charging stand.

Record audio data to the OpenMG Jukebox.

For details, refer to the OpenMG Jukebox Operating Instructions.

The display window on the recorder appears as shown below when the recorder is connected to your computer.



4 Transfer the music file to the recorder (Check-out).

For details, refer to the OpenMG Jukebox Operating Instructions.

- Only the VOL +/- buttons on the recorder and the VOL +/- control and the SOUND button
 on the remote control can be used when the recorder is connected to your computer.
- Make sure not to touch the recorder or disconnect the AC power adaptor and the USB cable
 while checking out, as this may cause the data recorded up to that point to be lost.
- While the recorder is connected to your computer, the lid will not open during editing
 operations.

Playing an MD right away!

1 Insert an MD.

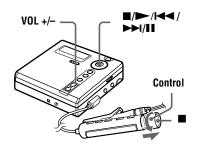
1 Press OPEN to open the lid.



2 Insert an MD with the label side facing front, and press the lid down to close.



2 Play an MD.



Press ➤ on the recorder.
 Turn the control towards ➤ ➤ on the remote control.

A short beep sounds in the headphones/ earphones.

2 Press VOL +/- on the recorder to adjust the volume.

Pull and turn the control on the remote control.

The volume will be shown in the display. After you adjust the volume, push back the control.

To stop play, press ■.

A long beep sounds in the headphones/ earphones.

After you press on the recorder or press on the remote control to stop, the recorder will automatically turn off in about 10 seconds (when using the dry battery or the rechargeable battery) or about 3 minutes (when using AC power adaptor).

Playback starts from the point you last stopped playing. To start playback from the beginning of the first track, press and hold ► for 2 seconds or more on the recorder, or turn and hold the control towards ►►I for 2 seconds or more on the remote control.

То	Operation on the recorder	Operation on the remote control
Find the beginning of the current track or a previous track ¹⁾	Press ► repeatedly until the beginning of the desired track.	Turn the control towards ◄ . Turn the control towards ◄ repeatedly until the beginning of the desired track.
Find the beginning of the next track ²⁾	Press >> once.	Turn the control towards ▶▶▶I.
Go backwards while playing	Press and hold ►.	Turn and hold the control towards ► .
Go forward while playing	Press and hold ►►I.	Turn and hold the control towards ▶▶▶I.
Pause	Press II. Press III again to resume play.	Press II. Press III again to resume play.
Remove the MD	Press ■, and open the lid. ³⁾	Press ■, and open the lid.

¹⁾ If you press ★★ twice continuously while playing the first track of the disc, the recorder goes to the beginning of the last track on the disc.

If the play does not start

Make sure the recorder is not locked (page 58).

Suppressing the skips of the sound (G-PROTECTION)

The G-PROTECTION function was developed to provide a higher level of shock resistance than that of existing players.

Note

The playback sound may skip if:

- the recorder receives stronger continuous shock.
- a dirty or scratched MiniDisc is played.



- The playback mode will switch automatically (stereo, LP2 stereo, LP4 stereo, or monaural).
- To play only the tracks in a certain group, see "Using the group function (Group Mode)" (page 35).

Note

If any of the following occurs during a recorder operation, the lid may not open until the power is next turned on:

- The battery is removed.
- The recorder is removed from the battery charging stand with the rechargeable battery uninserted.
- The AC power adaptor is disconnected.
- The battery becomes exhausted.

²⁾ If you press ►►I during the last track of the disc, the recorder goes to the beginning of the first track on the disc

³⁾ Once you open the lid, the point to start play will change to the beginning of the first track.

Various ways of recording

Note on digital and analog recording (Digital input and analog input)

The input jack of this recorder works as both digital and analog input jacks. Connect the recorder to a CD player or a cassette recorder using either digital (optical) input or analog (line) input. To record, see "Recording an MD right away! (Synchro-recording)" (page 16) to record using digital (optical) input, and "Recording in analog (Analog Recording)" (page 25) to record using analog (line) input.

Difference between digital (optical) and analog (line) inputs

Difference	Digital (optical) input	Analog (line) input
Connectable source	Equipment with an digital (optical) output jack (CD player, DVD player, etc.)	Equipment with an analog (line) output jack (Casette deck, radio, record player, etc.)
Usable cord	Optical cable (with an optical or an optical-mini plug) (page 17)	Line cable (with 2 phono plugs or a stereo-mini plug) (page 25)
Signal from the source	Digital	Analog Even when a digital source (such as a CD) is connected, the signal sent to the recorder is analog.
Track marks ¹⁾	Marked (copied) automatically • at the same positions as the source (when the sound source is a CD or an MD). • after more than 2 seconds of no sound (page 78) or low-level segment (with a sound source other than a CD or an MD). • when the recorder is paused (3 seconds of no sound is encountered while synchro-recording)	Marked automatically • after more than 2 seconds of no sound (page 78) or low-level segment. • when the recorder is paused while recording.
Recorded sound level	Same as the source. Can also be adjusted manually (Digital REC level control) ("Adjusting the recording level manually (Manual Recording)", page 32).	Adjusted automatically. Can also be adjusted manually ("Adjusting the recording level manually (Manual Recording)", page 32).

¹⁾ You can erase unnecessary marks after recording. ("Erasing a track mark", page 52).

Note

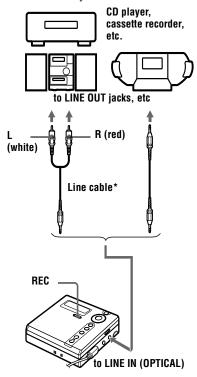
Track marks may be copied incorrectly:

- when you record from some CD players or multi disc players using digital (optical) input.
- when the source is in shuffle or program play mode while recording using digital (optical) input. In this case, play the source in normal play mode.
- when programs with audio that is digitally broadcast (e.g., digital TV) are recorded through the digital (optical) input.

Recording in analog (Analog Recording)

The sound will be input from the connected equipment as an analog signal, but recorded digitally to the disc.

To connect to a sound source, an optional line cable is required. When connecting the cable, make sure to insert the connectors firmly.



* Use the connecting cords without an attenuator. To connect to a portable CD player having a stereo minijack, use the RK-G136 connecting cord. For more information on connecting cords, see "Optional accessories" (page 77).

- 1 Press and slide REC to the right. REC indication lights up in the display and recording starts.
- 2 Play the source you want to record. For other recording operations, see "Recording an MD right away! (Synchro-recording)" (page 16).



LINE IN (OPTICAL) jack is for both digital and analog input.

The recorder automatically recognizes the type of line cable and switches to digital or analog input.

Note

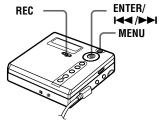
If you temporarily stop a recording operation by pressing \blacksquare , a track mark will be added at that point when you press \blacksquare again to resume recording. The recording resumes a new track.

Long-time recording (MDLP)

Select each recording mode according to the recording time that you want.

Stereo recording is possible at 2 times (LP2) or 4 times (LP4) the normal (stereo) recording time. Monaural recording at 2 times normal recording time is also possible.

MDs recorded in monaural, LP2, or LP4 mode can be played back only on MD players or recorders with monaural, LP2, or LP4 playback mode.



- **1** While the recorder is stopped, press MENU.
- Press I or I repeatedly until "REC MODE" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- 3 Press I or I repeatedly to select the desired recording mode, and then press ENTER.
 Each time you press I or III, the display changes as follows:

Recording mode ¹⁾	Display	Recording time ³⁾
SP stereo	SP	Approx. 80 min.
LP2 stereo	LP2	Approx. 160 min.
LP4 stereo	LP4	Approx. 320 min.

Recording mode ¹⁾	Display	Recording time ³⁾
Monaural ²⁾	MONO	Approx. 160 min.

For better sound quality, record in normal stereo (SP) or LP2 mode.

4 Press and slide REC to the right.

5 Play the source you want to record.

To stop recording, press ■.

The recorder keeps the setting of the recording mode when you record the next time.

When you do not want "LP:" added automatically at the beginning of a track

When "LP:" is added to the beginning of a track, "LP:" is displayed whenever an attempt is made to play or edit the disc on a unit that does not support MDLP mode. This display lets you know that playback or editing of the track is not possible on the machine being used. The recorder is factory set to add "LP:" ("Stamp ON") at the start of each track.

- **1** While the recorder is stopped, press MENU.
- Press I or I repeatedly until "OPTION" flashes in the display, and then press the ENTER.
- 3 Press I or I repeatedly until "LP Stamp" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

²⁾ If you record a stereo source in monaural, the sounds from left and right will be mixed.

³⁾ When using an 80-minute recordable MD

4 Press ← or ► repeatedly until "Stamp OFF" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

If you want "LP:" added, select "Stamp ON" in this step, and then press ENTER.

Note

"LP:" is added to tracks checked-out in LP stereo from your computer regardless of the "LP Stamp" setting. If you want to delete "LP:", do the procedure "Relabeling recordings" (page 45)



- Audio components that support the LP2 stereo or LP4 stereo modes are indicated by the MDLP or MDLP logo marks.
- If you set the recorder so that "LP:" is not added at the beginning of the track, you will be able to enter longer track names by using the full length of the text string (page 43).
- You can achieve high sound quality and rich tones when recording in SP stereo (or monaural) thanks to the newly developed DSP TYPE-R for ATRAC (Adaptive TRansform Acoustic Coding) (page 19).

Notes

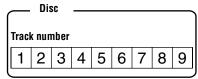
- It is recommended that you use the AC power adaptor for long recordings.
- If you try to play an MD recorded in LP2 or LP4 on MD players or recorders that do not support these modes, playback will not start and "LP:" will appear on the display.
- Sound recorded through digital (optical) input can be monitored in stereo through headphones/earphones, etc.
- When you record in LP4 mode, momentary noise may be produced on very rare occasions with certain sound sources. This is because of the special digital audio compression technology that enables a recording time 4 times longer than normal. If noise is produced, it is recommended that you record in normal stereo or LP2 mode to obtain better sound quality.

Recording tracks using the group function (Group Mode Recording)

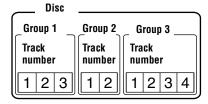
What is the group function (Group Mode)?

It is a function that allows you to separate tracks on a disc into different groups for playback, recording and editing.

When group mode is OFF.



When group mode is ON.



It is convenient for managing multiple CD albums recorded in MDLP (LP2 stereo/LP4 stereo) mode onto a single MD. You can create a maximum of 99 groups on a disc.

How is group information recorded?

When recording in group mode, the group information is written to the disc name recording area automatically.

This information consists of text strings that are written as shown in the following example.

Disc name recording area Example

0;Favorites//1-5;Rock//6-9;Pops// ① ② ③

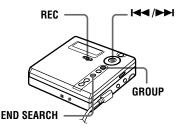
- 1 Disc name: "Favorites"
- ② Group name for tracks 1 to 5: "Rock"
- 3 Group name for tracks 6 to 9: "Pops"

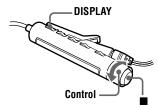
Therefore, the above character string is displayed in its entirety as the disc name if you load an MD recorded in group mode into a system that does not support group mode, or if you try to edit the contents of a disc on this recorder with the group mode turned off.

It is possible to change the character string by doing "Relabeling recordings" procedure in the "Labeling/relabeling recordings" (page 43). Note that if you rewrite this character string by mistake, you may be unable to use the group function of that MD.

Notes

- The group function setting is stored even if you eject the MD or turn off the recorder.
- In group mode, the recorder treats all tracks without group settings as belonging to the last group on the disc. The last group is indicated in the display window on the recorder as "Group --". Within a group, the tracks appear in their order on the disc, not their order within the group.





To activate group mode (Group Mode Recording)

To record tracks in group mode, you must first turn group mode on before the start of recording.

On the recorder

1 Press GROUP for 2 seconds or more. "☐" lights up and group mode turns on.

To cancel group mode, press GROUP for 2 seconds or more again.

On the remote control

- 1 Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
- 2 Turn the control until "GROUP" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.

Turn the control until "GROUP ON" flashes in the display, and then press

■ to enter.

"G" lights up in the display. To cancel group mode, select "GROUP OFF" in this step.

Recording a track into a new group

- This function can be operated on the recorder only.
- Turn group mode on.
- 1 Press END SEARCH while the recorder is stopped.
- **2** Press and slide REC to the right.
- **3** Play the source sound.

To stop recording

Press ■. The material that was recorded up until ■ was pressed is entered as a new group.

Recording a track into an existing group

- This function can be operated on the recorder only.
- Turn group mode on.
- Insert a disc with group settings.
- **1** Press GROUP.
 - " flashes in the display and you can select a group directly (Group Skip Mode) (page 36).
- **2** Within 5 seconds, press

 or

 repeatedly until the group you want the track to belong to appears.
 - " [] " flashes and after a while it lights up in the display.

- **3** Press and slide REC to the right.
- 4 Play the source sound. Newly recorded track is added after the current contents.

Notes

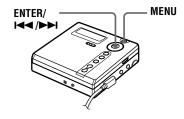
- Even if "REC-Posi" is set to "From Here", newly recorded tracks are inserted after the existing tracks in the specified group without recording over the current contents.
- Group skip mode turns off automatically in step 2 if nothing is done within 5 seconds. To continue the procedure, do step 1 again.



To add a track that is playing to a group, stop playing the track first, and then do the procedure from step 3.

Recording without overwriting existing material

If you wish to avoid overwriting the current contents of an MD, do the following procedure. All new material will then be recorded from the end of the current contents. The recorder is factory set to record over existing material



- **1** While the recorder is stopped, press MENU.
- 2 press I or I until "OPTION" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

- 3 Press I or I repeatedly until "REC-Posi" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- 4 Press I ← or ► repeatedly until "From End" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

To start recording from the current point

Select "From Here" in step 4.

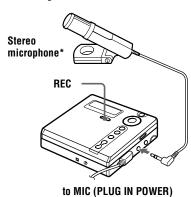


To temporarily record without recording over the current contents, press END SEARCH before the start of recording. The recording will begin after the last track, even if "REC-Posi" is set to "From Here" (factory setting). The remaining recordable time on the disc will appear in the display when you press END SEARCH.

Notes

- The setting will remain even after the power is turned off.
- If you start recording while the recorder is in play-pause mode, the recording will begin from the point at which it is paused even when the "REC-Posi" is set to "From End".

Recording from a microphone

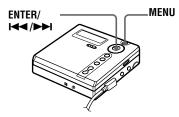


- * See "Optional accessories" (page 77).
- 1 Turn the power of the stereo microphone off, and then connect it to the MIC (PLUG IN POWER) jack.
 The recorder changes to microphone input automatically.
- **2** Turn the power of the stereo microphone on.
- **3** Press and slide REC to the right. For other operations, see "Recording an MD right away! (Synchrorecording)" (page 16).

- The recorder automatically switches input in the following order; optical input, microphone input, and analog input. You cannot record through the microphone while an optical cable is connected to the LINE IN (OPTICAL) jack.
- The microphone may pick up the operating sound of the recorder itself. Use the microphone away from the recorder in such cases. Do not use a microphone with a short connector, as this may cause the operating sound of the recorder to be picked up.
- Only left-channel sound is recorded when a monaural microphone is used.

Adding track marks automatically (Auto Time Stamp)

Use this feature to add track marks automatically at specified intervals when recording through the analog input connector or a microphone.



- **1** While the recorder is recording or in recording pause, press MENU.
- 2 Press ◄ or ► repeatedly until "TIME MARK" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- 3 Press I ← or ► repeatedly until the desired time interval flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

 Select one of the following intervals:

Display	Time
OFF	_
5 min. ON	Approx. 5 min.
10 min. ON	Approx. 10 min.
15 min. ON	Approx. 15 min.

To cancel Auto Time Stamp

Select "OFF" in step 3, and then press ENTER, or stop recording.

Using Auto Time Stamp to add track marks while recording

When the elapsed recording time exceeds the time interval for Auto Time Stamp:

The recorder adds track marks at the point you set the time interval and from that point the recorder adds a track mark whenever the time interval has elapsed.

Example: Eight minutes of recording has been completed when the Auto Time Stamp time interval is set to 5 minutes. A track mark will be added at the 8-minute point (after the start of recording) and after each 5-minute interval thereafter.

When the time interval set for Auto Time Stamp exceeds the elapsed recording time:

The recorder adds a track mark when the set Auto Time Stamp time interval has elapsed.

Example: Three minutes of recording has been completed when the Auto Time Stamp time interval is set to 5 minutes. A track mark will be added at the 5-minute point (after the start of recording) and after each 5-minute interval thereafter.

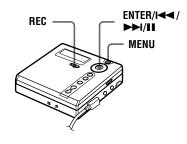


"T" appears before the track display on the recorder for track marks added by Auto Time Stamp, and "T" appears after the time display on the remote control

- Automatic track marking by Auto Time Stamp starts when you add a normal track mark to the disc (i.e., by pressing T MARK or ■1, etc.).
- The setting will be lost when the recording stopped.

Adjusting the recording level manually (Manual Recording)

When you record, the sound level is adjusted automatically. If necessary, you can set the recording level manually during both analog and digital recording. This function can be set with the recorder only.



- While holding down II, press and slide REC to the right.
 The recorder stands by for recording.
- **2** Press MENU.
- 3 Press I or ► repeatedly until "Rec Volume" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- 4 Press I or ►► repeatedly until "ManualREC" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.



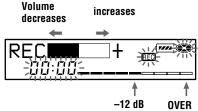
To switch back to the automatic control, Press I or ► repeatedly until "Auto REC" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

5 Play the source.

While observing the level meter in the display, adjust the recording level by pressing I◄◀ or ▶►I.

Set the level so that the meter segments light up around the fifth segment (-12 dB) (the center of the level meter) below the display window.

If the sound is too high, lower the recording level until the level meter just barely reaches the ninth segment (OVER) below the display window.



Recording does not start in this step. If your source is an externally connected component, be sure to cue the source to the beginning of the material to be recorded before you start playback.

7 Press **■** again to start recording.

To stop recording

Press . The recording level control is switched back to automatic control when you record the next time.

To switch back to automatic level control

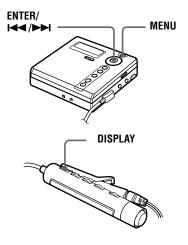
Select "Auto REC" in step 4.

Notes

- If you press during recording operation, the recorder will revert to automatic recording level adjustment mode the next time you start a recording operation.
- To set the recording level manually during synchro-recording, do the procedure below.
- 1 Select "SYNC OFF" in step 3 of "Record an MD." (page 17).
- 2 Do steps 1 to 4 of manual recording procedure. Then do steps 2 and 3, and select "SYNC ON" in the synchro-recording procedure (page 17).
 - Recording starts automatically whenever the source sound is played.
- You cannot switch from "Auto REC" to "ManualREC" (or vice-versa) during recording.

Checking the remaining recordable time

You can check the remaining time, track number, etc. when recording or during stop. Group-related items appear only when a track with group settings is played and then stopped.

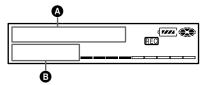


On the recorder

- 1 Press MENU.
- 2 Press ◄ or ► repeatedly until "DISPLAY" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- **3** Press **!** ✓ or **>** I repeatedly until the information you want flashes in the display.

Each time you press ►►, the display changes as follows:

Display window on the recorder



On 🙆

LapTime

The elapsed time of the current track.

RecRemain

The remaining recordable time.

GP Remain

The remaining time after the current track in a group.

AllŘemain

The remaining time after the current location.

Note

Items may not be selectable depending on group mode's on/off status or the recorder's operating status.

4 Press ENTER.

The information selected in step 3 appears in **A** and **B**.

• track number, track name, group name, or disc name.

B — the information selected in step 3.

Note

Items may appear differently depending on group mode's on/off status, the recorder's operating status, or the recorder settings.



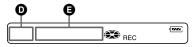
If you want to check the playing position or track name while playing, see page 41.

On the remote control

1 Press DISPLAY while recording or in stop mode.

Each time you press the button, the display changes as follows:

Display window on the remote control

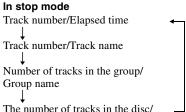


Indication **O/**

While recording

Track number/Elapsed time

Track number/Remaining time for recording



The number of tracks in the disc/ Disc name

Note

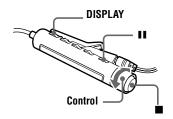
Items may appear differently or may not be selectable, depending on the group mode's on/ off status, the recorder's operating status, or the recorder settings.



- If you want to check the playing position or track name while playing, see page 41.
- The display that appears on the recorder is different from the ones on the remote control. See "On the recorder" (page 33) to check the display that appears on the recorder.

Various ways of playback

Searching for a specific track or a position quickly (Quick Search)



You can do two kinds of quick search.

- Index search (Index) Searching quickly while monitoring the track numbers or track names (factory setting).
- Time search (Time) Searching quickly while monitoring the elapsed time.

The search mode can be selected only on the remote control while the recorder is stopped, playing, or play-paused.

- **1** Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
- 2 Turn the control repeatedly until "SEARCH" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- 3 Turn the control repeatedly until "Index" (index search) or "Time" (time search) flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- 4 Press II while playing a disc. The playback will pause.
- 5 Turn and hold the control until the desired track number/track name (Index search) or the desired elapsed time (Time search) appears in the display.

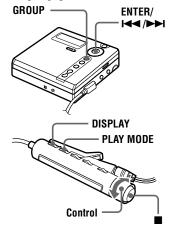
6 Press II to cancel the pause.
Playback starts from the selected track.



If you do the procedures while the recorder is shuffling the tracks, shuffle play starts from the track that you selected.

Using the group function (Group Mode)

The recorder can operate various playback with a disc which has group setting. For more information on the group mode, see "Recording tracks using the group function (Group Mode Recording)" (page 27).



Listening to tracks in a specific group (Group Mode Playback)

• Insert a disc with group settings.

On the recorder

1 Start playback.

2 Press GROUP for 2 seconds or more to turn group mode on.

Playback stops at the end of the last track in the selected group. For details on selecting another group, see "Selecting and playing groups (Group Skip Mode)" (page 36).

On the remote control

- 1 Start playback.
- 2 Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
- 3 Turn the control repeatedly until "GROUP" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- 4 Turn the control repeatedly until "GROUP ON" flashes in the display, and then press ■ to turn the group mode on.

Playback stops at the end of the last track in the selected group. For details on selecting another group, see "Selecting and playing groups (Group Skip Mode)" (page 36).



- You can also change play modes (repeat play, shuffle play, or program play) in the selected group. After the procedures here, follow the steps of "Changing play modes" (page 37).
- Pressing ►►I on the recorder or ►►►I on the remote control during the last track of the group moves playback to the first track of the group, and pressing I◄ twice continuously on the recorder or the remote control during the first track of the group moves playback to the last track of the group.
- Group number appears at the upper left of the display window.

To turn off the group function

On the recorder, press GROUP for 2 seconds or more again.

On the remote control, select "GROUP OFF" in step 4, and then press ■ to enter.

Note

In group mode, the recorder treats all tracks without group settings as belonging to the last group on the disc. The last group is indicated in the display window on the recorder as "Group --". Within a group, the tracks appear in their order on the disc, not their order within the group.

Selecting and playing groups (Group Skip Mode)

Operations are possible regardless of whether group mode is on or off. However, playback on the recorder will differ, depending on whether group mode is on or off.

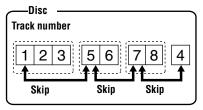
• When group mode is on:

Playback starts from the first track of the selected group and ends with the last track in the group.

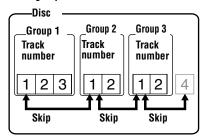
• When group mode is off:

Playback starts from the first track of the selected group and ends with the last track in the disc.

When group mode is off:



When group mode is on:



· Insert a disc with group settings.

On the recorder

- **1** Press GROUP.
 - "area in the display and groups become selectable."
- Within 5 seconds, press I◀◀ or ▶►I repeatedly to select your desired group, and then press ENTER.

 The recorder starts playing from the first track in the group.

On the remote control

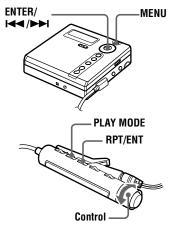
- 1 Press and hold PLAYMODE until "--" flashes in the display.
- **2** Within 5 seconds, turn the control repeatedly to select your desired group.

Note

If no operation is performed within 5 seconds after step 1, group skip mode will be canceled and you will not be able to perform step 2 thereafter. To continue with step 1 at this point, repeat from the beginning of the procedure.

Changing play modes

You can select from various play modes such as single play (1 Track), shuffle play (Shuffle), and program play (PGM). You can also select repeat play in such play mode.

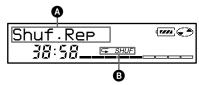


On the recorder

- **1** While the recorder is playing or stopped, press MENU.
- 2 Press I or ► repeatedly until "PLAY MODE" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER again.
- Press I or ► repeatedly to select play mode, and then press ENTER.

Display window on the recorder

When you press ►►I, ♠ changes. When you press ENTER, ♠ appears.



On **(3**/**(3**)

Normal/(none)

All the tracks are played once.

All the tracks are played repeatedly.

1 Track/1

A track is played once.

1 Repeat/ ⊂ 1

A single track is played repeatedly.

Shuffle/SHUF

After the currently selected track finishes playing, the remaining tracks are played in random order.

Shuf.Rep/ *⊆ SHUF*

After the currently selected track finishes playing, the remaining tracks are played repeatedly in random order.

PGM/PGM

Tracks are played in the order that you specified.

Tracks are played repeatedly in the order that you specified.

On the remote control

1 Press PLAY MODE while the recorder is playing.

Each press of the button changes the play mode indication as shown below and starts playback in the selected play mode.

Display window on the remote control Play mode indication



Indication (Play Mode)

1 (A single track is played.)

SHUF (After the currently selected track finishes playing, the

selected track finishes playing, the remaining tracks are played in random order)

PGM (Tracks are played in the order that you specified.) order that you specified.)

2 If you want to repeat in the selected play mode, press RPT/ENT.

Creating a program (Program Play)

You can set the program play up to 20 tracks.

On the recorder

1 Press MENU while "PGM" flashes in the display in step 3 of "Changing play modes" (page 37).

- Press I or I repeatedly to select a track and then press ENTER.

 The selected track enters.
- **3** Repeat step 2 to program more tracks.
- 4 Press ENTER for 2 seconds or more. The program is set and the playback starts from the first track.

On the remote control

- **1** While the recorder is playing, press PLAY MODE repeatedly until "PGM" flashes in the display.
- 2 Turn the control repeatedly to select a track number, and then press RPT/ENT to enter a track number.



Track Program number number

- **3** Repeat step 2 to program more tracks.
- Press RPT/ENT for 2 seconds or more.

The program is set and the playback starts from the first track.



- The program play setting will be remain in memory even after playback finished or is stopped.
- You can specify play mode for a selected group when group mode is on. To activate group mode, see "Listening to tracks in a specific group (Group Mode Playback)" (page 35).
- Play mode can also be selected when the recorder is stopped.

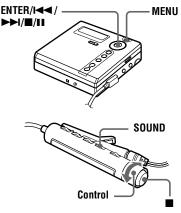
Notes

- All program settings are lost when the lid of the recorder is opened.
- If the recorder is stopped and left inactive for 5 minutes in the middle of a programming operation, the tracks selected up to that point are entered as the program.

- If you turn group mode on or off while setting a program, the program setting mode will be canceled but the program you set up to that point will remain.
- If you turn group mode on during program play, the program setting is canceled.

To adjust the sound quality (Digital Sound Preset)

You can make adjustments to the sound quality to suit your taste, and then store two sets of these adjustments.



Selecting the sound quality

Factory settings of the Digital Sound Preset

Factory settings of the Digital Sound Preset are as follows:

- "SOUND 1": bass +1, treble ±0
- "SOUND 2": bass +3, treble ± 0

To select a preset sound

On the recorder

- 1 Press MENU, press I or I repeatedly until "SOUND" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- 2 Press or ► repeatedly until "SOUND 1" or "SOUND 2" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

On the remote control

1 Press SOUND repeatedly to select "SOUND 1" or "SOUND 2" appears in the display.

Adjusting the sound quality

You can change the preset sound quality. To change the preset sound quality, select "SOUND 1" or "SOUND 2", the one you want to change, in advance.

On the recorder

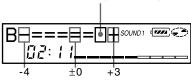
- **1** While playing and "SOUND 1" or "SOUND 2" has been selected, press MENU.
- Press I or I repeatedly until "SOUND SET" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

The display shows the currently selected "B" (bass) sound setting.

3 Press **►** or **►** repeatedly to adjust the sound level.

Pressing \blacktriangleleft or \triangleright moves the cursor left to right.

The cursor moves. (Position: +2)



The sound can be adjusted in 8 steps $(-4, -3, ...\pm 0, ...+2, +3)$.

4 Press ENTER.

"B" (bass) is set and the display changes to "T" (treble) setting mode.

Press I or ► repeatedly to adjust the sound level, and then press ENTER.

"T" (treble) is set.

The sound settings are saved and the playback display appears again.

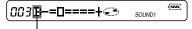
On the remote control

Press SOUND repeatedly to select "SOUND 1" or "SOUND 2".



2 During playback, press SOUND for 2 seconds or more.

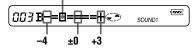
The recorder changes to B (bass) setting mode. Pressing the SOUND button for 2 seconds again changes the recorder back to T (treble) setting mode.



When you select bass-setting mode, "B" appears. When you select treblesetting mode, "T" appears. 3 Turn the control towards ► or ► P repeatedly to adjust the bass or the treble.

Example: While adjusting the bass

The cursor moves. (Position: -2)



The sound can be adjusted in 8 steps $(-4, -3, ...\pm 0, ...+2, +3)$.

To switch "B" (bass) and "T" (treble):

press SOUND for 2 seconds or more. To switch "SOUND 1" and "SOUND 2":

press SOUND for a short time.

4 Press ■ to enter.

The sound settings are saved and the playback display appears again.

To cancel the Digital Sound Preset

- On the recorder Select "SOUND OFF" in step 2 on "To select a preset sound".
- On the remote control Press SOUND repeatedly until nothing appears in the display in step 1 on "To select a preset sound".

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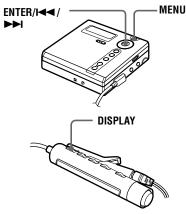
- Settings can also be changed while playback is momentarily paused (II).
- If the recorder is not operated approximately for 5 minutes, the current setting is stored and the display automatically switches to normal playback.

Notes

- When you use the Digital Sound Preset, the sound may break or become distorted depending on the settings or the track. In this case, change the settings of the sound quality.
- Changing to another Digital Sound Preset during a recording operation will not affect the quality of recorded sound.

Checking the remaining time or the playing position

You can check the track name, disc name, etc. during playback. Group-related items appear only when a track with group settings is played.



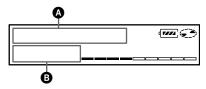
On the recorder

- **1** While the recorder is playing, press MENU.
- 2 Press ► or ► repeatedly until "DISPLAY" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

3 Press ◄ or ► repeatedly until the information you want flashes in the display.

Each time you press ►►I, the display changes as follows:

Display window on the recorder



On 🙆

LapTime

The elapsed time of the current track.

1 Remain

The remaining time of the current track.

GP Remain

The remaining time after the current location in the group.

AllRemain

The remaining time after the current location

4 Press ENTER.

The display changes as follows. The information selected in step 3 appears in **(A)** and **(B)**.

⚠ — track number, track name, group name, or disc name.

B — the information selected in step 3.

Note

Items may appear differently or may not selectable, depending on the group mode's on/ off status or the recorder's operating status.

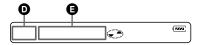


If you want to check the remaining time or the recording position while recording or in stop mode, see page 33.

On the remote control

1 Press DISPLAY while playing. Each time you press DISPLAY, the display changes as follows:

Display window on the remote control



Indication **①**/**③**

Track number/Elapsed time

Track number/Track name

The number of tracks in the group/
Group name

The number of tracks in the disc/ Disc name

Note

Items may appear differently depending on the group mode's on/off status, the recorder's operating status, or the recorder settings.



- If you want to check the remaining time or the recording position while recording or in stop mode, see page 33.
- The display that appears on the recorder is different from the ones on the remote control. See "On the recorder" (page 41) to check the display that appears on the recorder.

Editing recorded tracks

You can edit your recordings by adding/ erasing track marks or labeling tracks and MDs. Premastered MDs cannot be edited.

- You cannot edit tracks on an MD that is record-protected. Before editing tracks, close the tab on the side of the MD (page 61).
- If you perform an editing operation while playing, editing results will not be recorded until you stop the recorder and "TOC Edit" disappears in the display.
- Do not move the recorder while "TOC Edit"* is flashing in the display.
- The lid does not open until "TOC Edit" disappears in the display after editing.
- When group mode is on, editing can be performed only for the tracks registered into the selected group.
 - * TOC = Table of Contents

Labeling/relabeling recordings

You can name tracks, groups and discs using the recorder's character palette.

Available characters

- Capital and small letters of the English alphabet
- Numbers 0 to 9
- •! " # \$ % & () * .; < = > ? @ _ ` + - ' , / : _(space)

Numbers of characters you can input

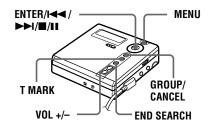
Track, group, or disc name: Approx. 200 each

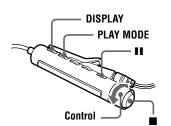
Numbers of characters you can input in a disc

Numbers/marks: Approx. 1,700

Notes

- "NAME FULL" appears when you try to enter more than 1,700 characters on a disc. Enter a shorter name for the track, group, or disc, or set the "LP Stamp" setting to "Stamp OFF" when recording in MDLP mode so that "LP:" is not be added at the beginning of the track name (page 26).
- When labeling a disc which has been recorded using the group function, make sure group mode is on in order to prevent the group management information from being overwritten by mistake.
- If you enter the symbol "//" between the characters in disc names such as "abc//def", you may be unable to use the group function.





Labeling recordings

On the recorder

 Insert a disc and do the following operations:

To label a track

Start playing or recording a track you want to label, and label the track while playing or recording operations.

To label a group

Turn group mode on (page 28) and start playing or recording a track within the group you want to label, and label the group while playing or recording operations.

To label a disc

If a disc is already recorded, follow the procedures from step 2 while the recorder is stopped. If a disc is new, start recording and label a disc while recording.

If you label a disc with group settings, turn group mode on (page 28).

- 2 Press MENU.
- **3** Press **◄** or **▶** to select "EDIT" in the display, and then press ENTER.
- **4** Press **►►** or **►►** until the following item appears in the display, and then press ENTER.

When labeling a track

" 🞜: Name"

When labeling a group

"←: Name"

When labeling a disc

" : Name"

The cursor flashes and the track, group, or disc is ready to be labeled.

5 Press **►** or **►** to select a letter and press ENTER.

> The selected letter appears and the cursor moves to the next input position.

The buttons used for character input and their functions are listed below.

Functions	Operations
To select a character	Press ► or ► .
To enter a letter	Press ENTER.
To enter a name	Press ENTER for 2 second or more.
To insert a blank space to type in a new letter	Press VOL + and END SEARCH at the same time.
To delete a letter and move back all following letters to the left	Press VOL – and END SEARCH at the same time.
To cancel labeling	Press CANCEL or T.MARK.

- **6** Repeat step 5, and then enter all characters of the label name.
- **7** Press ENTER for 2 seconds or more. The disc is labeled.

On the remote control

1 Insert a disc and do the following operations: To label a track

Start playing or recording a track you want to label, and label a track while playing or recording.

To label a group

Turn group mode on (page 28) and start playing or recording a track within the group you want to label, and label the group while playing or recording.

To label a disc

If a disc is already recorded, follow the procedures from step 2 while the recorder is stopped. If a disc is new, start recording and label a disc while recording.

If you label a disc with group settings, turn group mode on (page 28).

- 2 Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
- 3 Turn the control repeatedly until "EDIT" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- 4 Turn the control repeatedly until the following item appears in the display, and then press to enter.

When labeling a track: " : Name" When labeling a group: "GP: Name" When labeling a disc: " : Name" : Name" The cursor flashes in the display and the track, group, or disc is ready to be labeled.

The cursor flashes at the next input position.



5 Turn the control repeatedly to select a letter and press ■ to enter. The selected letter stops flashing and the cursor moves to the next input position.

Functions	Operation
To switch between capital letters, small letters, numbers/marks, and phrase	Press ■.
To move the cursor to the left or right	Pull and turn the control (VOL +/ -).
To change the letter to the one before/next one	Turn the control (I◀◀/▶▶▶I).
To insert a blank space to type in a new letter	Press DISPLAY.
To cancel labeling by (Press for 2 seconds or more)	Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
To delete a letter and move back all following letters to the left	Press PLAYMODE.

- **6** Repeat step 5 and enter all characters of the label name.
- **7** Keep pressing for 2 seconds or more. A track, group, or disc is labeled.

To cancel labeling

 On the recorder Press CANCEL in step 6.

On the remote control

Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more in step 6.

Notes

- When the recording is stopped while labeling a track, a group, or a disc during recording, or when the recording moves on to the next track while labeling a track, the input at that point is entered automatically.
- "LP:" is automatically added at the beginning of the track name for tracks recorded in MDLP mode (page 26).
- You cannot label or relabel the premastered disc or blank disc.

Relabeling recordings

On the recorder

Insert a disc and do the following operations:

To relabel a track

Start playing a track you want to relabel, and change a track name during playback operation.

To relabel a group

Turn group mode on (page 28) and start playing the track within the group you want to relabel or start recording a track to the group, and change the group name during the playback or recording operation.

To relabel a disc

If the disc is already recorded, follow the procedures from step 2 while the recorder is stopped.

If you relabel a disc with group settings, turn group mode on (page 28).

- **2** Follow steps 2 to 4 of "Labeling recordings" (page 44) to display a track, group, or disc name.
- **3** Follow steps 5 to 7 of "Labeling recordings" (page 44).
- 4 Press ENTER for 2 seconds or more.
 The disc is relabeled.

On the remote control

1 Insert a disc and do the following operations: To relabel a track

Start playing a track you want to relabel, and change a track name while playing or recording operation.

To relabel a group

Turn group mode on (page 28) and start playing the track within the group you want to relabel or start recording a track to the group, and change the group name during the playback or recording operation.

To relabel a disc

If a disc is already recorded, follow the procedures from step 2 while the recorder is stopped.

If you relabel a disc with group settings, turn group mode on (page 28).

- **2** Follow steps 2 to 4 of "On the remote control" (page 44) in "Labeling recordings" to display a track, group, or disc name.
- **3** Follow steps 5 to 7 of "On the remote control" (page 44) in "Labeling recordings".
- **4** Keep pressing ENTER for 2 seconds or more.

Notes

- You cannot relabel premastered MDs or label MDs that have not been recorded.
- The recorder is able to display, but cannot label using Japanese "Katakana" characters.
- The recorder cannot rewrite a disc or track name of more than 200 letters that was created by another device.

To cancel labeling

in step 3.

- On the recorder Press CANCEL in step 3.
- On the remote control

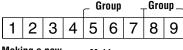
 Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more

Registering tracks or groups as a new group (Group Setting)

Do the following procedure to register tracks or groups as a new group. The tracks or groups must, however, be sequential. If the desired tracks or groups are not consecutive, you must move them to make them consecutive before you can register them ("Moving recorded tracks", page 49). The operation of this function depends on whether group mode is on or off.

- When group mode is ON: Several groups are registered as one group.
- When group mode is OFF: Several tracks are registered as one group.

The following section explains the operation when group mode is on.

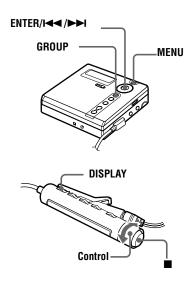


Making a new group with tracks 1 to 3.

Making a new group with 2 groups.

_ Gr	oup		1		Gr	oup		_
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

- Registration of non-consecutive tracks is not possible (for example, track 3 cannot be registered into a group with track 5 to 7).
- Tracks always appear according to their order on the disc, not their order within the group (even when group mode is on)
- Insert a disc.



On the recorder

- **1** While the recorder is stopped, press MENU.
- 2 Press ◄ or ► repeatedly until "EDIT" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- 3 Press I ← or ► repeatedly until " : Set" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

The track number of the first track ("STR") appears in the display.



4 Press ← or ► repeatedly until the number of the desired first track flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

This selects the first track of the new group.

Even when group mode is on, track numbers appear according to their order on the disc, not their order within the group.

Press I or ► repeatedly until the number of the desired last track flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

The track number of the last track in the group ("END") appears in the display.

This selects the last track of the new group.

6 Follow steps 5 to 7 of "Labeling recordings" (page 44) to label a group.

Notes

- In step 4, the first track must be either the first track of an existing group or a track that does not belong to a group.
- When selecting the last track in step 5, make sure the track comes after the one selected in step 4. The last track must be either the last track of an existing group or a track that does not belong to a group.

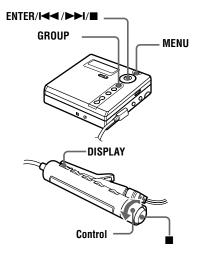
On the remote control

- 1 Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
- 2 Turn the control repeatedly until "GROUP" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- 3 Turn the control repeatedly until "GROUP ON" appears in the display and then press to turn group mode on.
- 4 Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
- 5 Turn the control repeatedly until "GP:Set" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- 6 Turn the control repeatedly until the number of the desired first track flashes in the display, and then press to enter.

- **7** Turn the control repeatedly until the number of the desired last track flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- **8** If you continue labeling operation, do steps 5 to 7 of "On the remote control" in "Labeling recordings" (page 44).

To release a group setting

• Insert a disc with group settings.



On the recorder

- Press GROUP for 2 seconds or more to turn on group mode.
- 2 Select a group that you want to release and check the contents (see "Selecting and playing groups (Group Skip Mode)" (page 36)).
- **3** Press ■.
- 4 Press MENU.

- **5** Press **►►** or **►►** repeatedly until "EDIT" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- Press ► or ► repeatedly until
 ": Release" flashes in the display,
 and press ENTER.
 "Release?" and "PushENTER"
- **7** Press ENTER.

 The group setting of the selected group is released.

appear in the display.

On the remote control

- 1 Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
- 2 Turn the control repeatedly until "GROUP" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- 3 Turn the control repeatedly until "GROUP ON" appears in the display and then press to turn group mode on.
- 4 Select a group that you want to release and check the contents (see "Selecting and playing groups (Group Skip Mode)" (page 36)).
- 5 Press ■.
- **6** Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more while the track you want to move is playing.
- 7 Turn the control repeatedly until "EDIT" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- 8 Turn the control repeatedly until "GPRelease" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
 - "Release?" and "PushENTER" appear in the display.
- 9 Press
 to enter

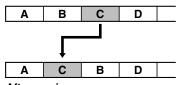
Moving recorded tracks

You can change the order of the recorded tracks.

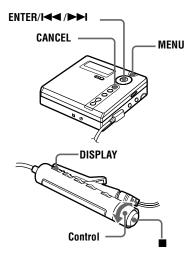
Example

Move track C from the third to the second track.

Before moving



After moving



On the recorder

1 While playing the track you want to move, press MENU.

- Press or ▶▶ repeatedly until "EDIT" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
 - " : Name" flashes in the display and the recorder plays the selected track repeatedly.
- 3 Press I or I repeatedly until "J: Move" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

For the example above, "MV $003 \rightarrow 003$ " appears in the display.

- 4 Press ◄ or ► to select the destination track number.

 For the example above, "MV 003 → 002" appears in the display.
- **5** Press ENTER.

 The track moves to the selected destination track.

On the remote control

- 1 While playing the track you want to move press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more,
- 2 Turn the control repeatedly until "EDIT" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.

The recorder plays the selected track repeatedly.

- - For the example, " $003 \rightarrow 003$ " appears in the display.
- **4** Turn the control repeatedly until the destination track number flashes in the display.

For the example, " $003 \rightarrow 002$ " appears in the display.

5 Press ■ to enter.

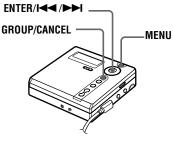
The selected track moves just before the destination track.

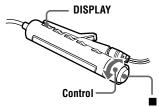
To cancel moving

- On the recorder
 - Press CANCEL in step 4.
- On the remote control
 Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more
 in step 4.

Moving a track to a different group

Insert a disc with group settings.





- Press GROUP for 2 seconds or more.
 " " lights up in the display group mode turns on.
- **2** While playing the track you want to move, press MENU.
- 3 Press ► or ► repeatedly until "EDIT" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

The recorder plays the selected track repeatedly.

- 4 Press I or ► repeatedly until " J: Move" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- Press ◄ or ► repeatedly until the destination group flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

6 Press ► or ► repeatedly until the number of the destination track within the group flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

On the remote control

- 1 Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
- 2 Turn the control repeatedly until "GROUP" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- 3 Turn the control repeatedly until "GROUP ON" appears in the display and then press to turn the group mode on.
- **4** While playing the track you want to move press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
- 5 Turn the control repeatedly until "EDIT" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.

The recorder plays the selected track repeatedly.

- 6 Turn the control repeatedly until

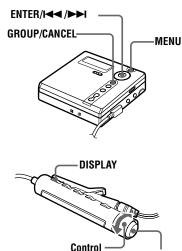
 "Ja:Move" flashes in the display, and then
 press to enter.
- 7 Turn the control repeatedly until the destination group flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- 8 Turn the control repeatedly until the number of the destination track within the group flashes in the display, and then press to enter.

To cancel moving

- On the recorder Press CANCEL in step 5.
- On the remote control Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more in step 7.

Changing the order of a group on a disc (Group Move)

• Insert a disc with group settings.



On the recorder

- 1 Press GROUP for 2 seconds or more.

 " " lights up in the display and the group mode turns on.
- **2** While playing a track within a group whose order you want to change, press MENU.
- Press ► or ► repeatedly until "EDIT" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- 4 Press I or ▶ repeatedly until
 " : Move" flashes in the display,
 and then press ENTER.

You can now move the selected group.

5 Press ► or ► repeatedly to select the destination point on the disc, and then press ENTER.

On the remote control

- 1 Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
- 2 Turn the control repeatedly until "GROUP" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- 3 Turn the control repeatedly until "GROUP ON" appears in the display and then press to turn group mode on.
- 4 While playing a track within a group whose order you want to change, press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
- 5 Turn the control repeatedly until "EDIT" flashes in the display, and then press to enter
- 6 Turn the control repeatedly until "GP:
 Move" flashes in the display and then press

 to enter.
- 7 Turn the control repeatedly to select a destination point on the disc, and then pressto enter.

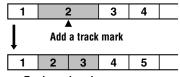
To cancel moving

- On the recorder Press CANCEL in step 5.
- On the remote control Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more in step 6.

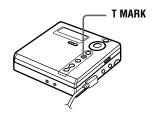
Adding a track mark

You can add track marks so that the part after the new track mark is counted as a new track. The track numbers will increase as follows.

You cannot add a track mark on a track that has been checked-out from your computer.



Track numbers increase



1 While playing or pausing an MD, press T MARK on the recorder at the point you want to mark.

"MARK ON" appears in the display, and a track mark is added. The track number will increase by one.



The quick search function quickly searches for specific track or position at which you wish to add track mark. You can search the track or position while monitoring either the track number or name, or elapsed time (page 35).

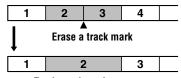
To add track marks while recording (except while synchro-recording)

Press T MARK on the recorder at the point you want to add a track mark. You can use Auto Time Stamp to add track marks automatically at specified intervals (except while digital recording) (page 31).

Erasing a track mark

When you record with analog (line) input, unnecessary track marks may be recorded where recording level is low. You can erase a track mark to combine the tracks before and after the track mark. The track numbers will change as follows.

You cannot erase a track mark on a track that has been checked-out from your computer.



Track numbers decrease



While playing the track with the track mark you want to erase, press

to pause. **2** Find the track mark by pressing **►** slightly.

For example, to erase the third track mark, find the beginning of the third track. "00:00" appears in the display. "MARK" appears in the display for 2 seconds.

3 Press T MARK to erase the mark. "MARK OFF" appears in the display. The track mark is erased and the two tracks are combined.



When you erase a track mark, name assigned to the mark is also erased.

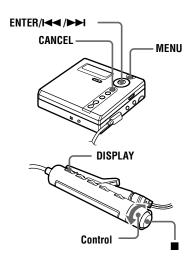
Notes

- When you erase a track mark between the two consecutive tracks that are registered into different groups while group mode is off, the second track is re-registered into the group containing the first track. In addition, if you combine a track that is registered to a group with a track that is not registered to a group (two consecutive tracks), the second track takes the same registration setting as the first track. However, when group mode is on, you can only combine tracks within the selected group.
- You cannot erase track marks according to the system limitations. For details, see "System limitations" (page 63).

Erasing tracks

Note

You can not erase tracks that have been checked out from your computer. You can not erase a group or an entire disc if it contains a checked-out track. In this case, check in the track or tracks to OpenMG Jukebox.



To erase a track

Note that once a recording has been erased, you cannot retrieve it. Make sure of the track you are erasing.

On the recorder

- **1** While playing the track you want to erase, press MENU.
- 2 Press ◄ or ► repeatedly until "EDIT" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER again.
 - "J: Name" flashes in the display, and the recorder plays the selected track repeatedly.

3 Press I or ▶ repeatedly until "☐: Erase" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
"Erase OK?" and "PushENTER"

appear alternately in the display.

4 Press ENTER again.

The track is erased and the next track starts to play. All the tracks after the one erased are automatically renumbered.

On the remote control

- **1** While playing the track you want to erase, press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
- 2 Turn the control repeatedly until "EDIT" flashes in the display, and then press to enter
- 4 Press to enter.

To erase a part of a track

Add track marks at the beginning and the end of the part you want to erase, then erase the part (page 52).

To cancel erasing

- On the recorder Press CANCEL in step 3.
- On the remote control Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more in step 3.

To erase the whole disc

You can quickly erase all the tracks and data of the MD at the same time.

Note that once a recording has been erased, you cannot retrieve it.

Be sure to check the contents of the disc before you erase it.

 This function can be operated on the recorder only.

- 1 Play the disc you want to erase to check the contents.
- **2** Press to stop.
- **3** While the recorder is stopped, press MENU
- 4 Press ◄ or ► repeatedly until "EDIT" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
 - " : Name" flashes in the display.
- **5** Press

 or

 repeatedly until

 "

 : Erase" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
 - "All Erase?" and "PushENTER" appear alternately in the display. To cancel erasing, press CANCEL.
- Press ENTER. "TOC Edit" flashes in the display, and all the tracks will be erased.

When erasing is complete, "BLANKDISC" appears in the display.

To cancel erasing

Press CANCEL in step 5.

To erase a group

You can erase tracks in a selected group. Note that once a recording has been erased, you cannot retrieve it. Be sure to check the contents of the group before you erase it.

- This function can be operated on the recorder only.
- Insert a disc with group settings.
- Press GROUP for 2 seconds or more.
 "

 " lights up in the display and the group mode turns on.
- 2 Select a group you want to erase ("Selecting and playing groups (Group Skip Mode)", page 36) to check the contents.

- **3** Press to stop.
- **4** While the recorder is stopped, press MENU.
- **5** Press **►►** or **►►** repeatedly until "EDIT" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- 6 Press I or I repeatedly until
 "☐: Erase" flashes in the display,
 and then press ENTER.
 The group name and "GP Erase?"
 appear and "PushENTER" flashes in
 the display.
- **7** Press ENTER. The group is erased.

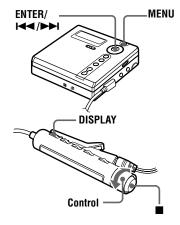
To cancel erasing

Press CANCEL in step 6.

Other operations

Protecting your hearing (AVLS)

The AVLS (Automatic Volume Limiter System) function keeps down the maximum volume to protect your ears.



On the recorder

- **1** Press MENU.
- 2 Press ► or ► repeatedly until "OPTION" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- 3 Press ◄ or ► repeatedly until "AVLS" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- 4 Press ◄ or ► repeatedly until "AVLS ON" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

When you try to turn the volume too high, "AVLS" flashes in the display. The volume is kept to a moderate level.

On the remote control

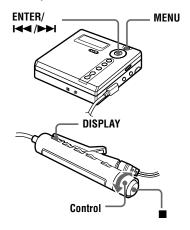
- 1 Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
- 2 Turn the control repeatedly until "OPTION" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- 3 Turn the control repeatedly until "AVLS" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- 4 Turn the control repeatedly until "AVLS ON" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.

To cancel the AVLS

- On the recorder Select "AVLS OFF" in step 4, and then press ENTER.
- On the remote control Select "AVLS OFF" in step 4, and then press ■.

Turning off the beep sound

You can turn off the beep sound on both the recorder and the remote control. On the recorder, you can turn off the beep sound both of the recorder and the remote control. On the remote control, you can turn off the beep sound of the remote control only.



On the recorder

- 1 Press MENU.
- Press I or I repeatedly until "OPTION" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.
- 3 Press ► or ► repeatedly until "BEEP" flashes in the display and then press ENTER.

4 Press ► or ► repeatedly until "MAIN UNIT" or "REMOTE" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

MAIN UNIT: when turning off the beep sound on the recorder. **REMOTE:** when turning off the beep

REMOTE: when turning off the beep sound on the remote control.

Press I◄◄ or ➤►I repeatedly until "BEEP OFF" flashes in the display, and then press ENTER.

On the remote control

- 1 Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more.
- 2 Turn the control repeatedly until "OPTION" flashes in the display, and then press

 to enter.
- Turn the control repeatedly until "BEEP" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.
- **4** Turn the control repeatedly until "BEEP OFF" flashes in the display, and then press to enter.

To turn on the beep sound

- On the recorder Select "BEEP ON" in step 5, and then press ENTER.
- On the remote control
 Select "BEEP ON" in step 4, and then
 press to enter.

Locking the controls (HOLD)

To prevent the buttons from being accidentally operated when you carry the recorder, use this function.



1 Slide HOLD in the direction of the

On the recorder, slide HOLD to lock the controls of the recorder. On the remote control, slide HOLD to lock the controls of the remote control.

To unlock the controls

Slide HOLD in the opposite direction of the arrow

Power sources

You can use the recorder on house current or as follows.

In the recorder ...

- a Nickel Cadmium rechargeable battery NC-WMAA (supplied)
- an LR6 (size AA) alkaline dry battery (not supplied)

It is preferable to use the recorder on house current when recording for a long time.

Battery life1)

When recording²⁾

(Unit: approx.hours)(JEITA³⁾)

Batteries	SP Stereo	LP2 Stereo	LP4 Stereo
NC-WMAA Nickel Cadmium rechargeable battery ⁴⁾	4	6	7.5
LR6 (SG) Sony alkaline dry battery ⁵⁾	9	13	16

¹⁾ The battery life may be shorter due to operating conditions, the temperature of the location, and varieties of batteries.

When playing

(Unit: approx.hours)(JEITA1))

Batteries	SP Stereo	LP2 Stereo	LP4 Stereo
NC-WMAA Nickel Cadmium rechargeable battery ²⁾	15	16	20
LR6 (SG) Sony alkaline dry battery ³⁾	42	48	56

Measured in accordance with the JEITA (Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association) standard.

When to replace the battery

When the dry battery or rechargeable battery is weak, flashing ←, "LOW BATT", etc. appears in the display. Replace the dry battery or charge the rechargeable battery.

Note that the battery level indicated by the battery indication is only approximate and varies with the recorder condition.

Note

Stop the recorder before replacing battery.

²⁾ When you record, use a fully charged rechargeable battery. Recording time may differ according to the alkaline batteries.

³⁾ Measured in accordance with the JEITA (Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association) standard.

⁴⁾ When using a 100% fully charged rechargeable battery.

⁵⁾ When using a Sony LR6 (SG) "STAMINA" alkaline dry battery (produced in Japan).

²⁾ When using a 100% fully charged rechargeable battery.

³⁾ When using a Sony LR6 (SG) "STAMINA" alkaline dry battery (produced in Japan).

Precautions

On safety

- Do not put any foreign objects in the DC IN 3V jack.
- Keep the terminals on the recorder away from metallic objects or surfaces. Such contact may short-circuit the terminals and cause dangerous heat generation.

On power sources

- Use house current, Nickel Cadmium rechargeable battery, LR6 (SG) battery, or car battery.
- For use in your house: Use the AC power adaptor supplied with this recorder. Do not use any other AC power adaptor since it may cause the recorder to malfunction.



- Make sure to connect the AC power adaptor to a wall outlet that is within easy reach, and disconnect it quickly if an unusual condition arises.
- The recorder is not disconnected from the AC power source (mains) as long as it is connected to the wall outlet, even if the recorder itself has been turned off.
- If you are not going to use this recorder for a long time, be sure to disconnect the power supply (AC power adaptor, dry battery, rechargeable battery, or car battery cord). To remove the AC power adaptor from the wall outlet, grasp the adaptor plug itself; never pull the cord.

On heat build-up

Heat may build up in the recorder if it is used for an extended period of time. This, however, is not a malfunction.

On installation

- Never use the recorder where it will be subjected to extremes of light, temperature, moisture or vibration.
- Never wrap the recorder in anything when it is being used with the AC power adaptor. Heat build-up in the recorder may cause malfunction or damage.

On the headphones/earphones Road safety

Do not use headphones/earphones while driving, cycling, or operating any motorized vehicle. It may create a traffic hazard and is illegal in many areas. It can also be potentially dangerous to play your recorder at high volume while walking, especially at pedestrian crossings. You should exercise extreme caution or discontinue use in potentially hazardous situations.

Preventing hearing damage

Avoid using headphones/earphones at high volume. Hearing experts advise against continuous, loud and extended play. If you experience a ringing in your ears, reduce the volume or discontinue use.

Caring for others

Keep the volume at a moderate level. This will allow you to hear outside sounds and to be considerate of the people around you.

On the MiniDisc cartridge

- When carrying or storing the MiniDisc, keep it in its case.
- Do not break open the shutter.
- Do not place the cartridge where it will be subject to light, extreme temperatures, moisture or dust.
- Attach the supplied MD label only in the space designated for it on the disc. Do not stick it on any other disc surface.

On cleaning

- Clean the recorder casing with a soft cloth slightly moistened with water or a mild detergent solution. Do not use any type of abrasive pad, scouring powder or solvent such as alcohol or benzene as it may mar the finish of the casing.
- Wipe the disc cartridge with a dry cloth to remove dirt.
- Dust on the lens may prevent the unit from operating properly. Be sure to close the disc compartment lid after inserting or ejecting an MD.
- To obtain the best sound quality, use a dry cloth to wipe the plugs of the headphones/ earphones or the remote control. Dirty plugs may cause sound distortion or intermittent breaks in the sound.

Notes on batteries

Incorrect battery usage may lead to leakage of battery fluid or bursting batteries. To prevent such accidents, observe the following precautions:

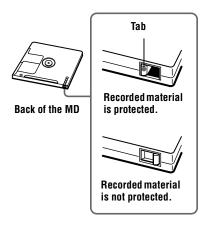
- Install the + and poles of the batteries correctly.
- Do not try to recharge dry battery.
- When the recorder is not to be used for a long time, be sure to remove the batteries.
- When carrying the rechargeable battery, keep it in the battery carrying case. It is dangerous to carry the battery out of the case in your pocket or a bag together with metallic objects such as key rings, as this may cause a short circuit.
- Do not carry or store the dry battery with metallic objects such as coins, key rings, or necklaces. This may cause a short-circuit and the generation of heat.
- If a battery leak should develop, carefully and thoroughly wipe away battery fluid from the battery compartment before inserting new ones.

Note on mechanical noise

The recorder gives off mechanical noise while operating, which is caused by the power-saving system of the recorder and it is not a problem.

To protect a recorded MD

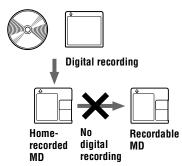
To record-protect an MD, slide open the tab at the side of the MD. In this position, the MD cannot be recorded or edited. To record again, slide the tab back so the tab is visible.



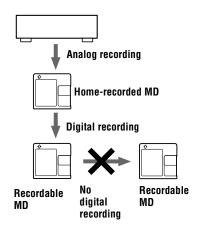
Note on digital recording

This recorder uses the Serial Copy Management System, which allows only firstgeneration digital copies to be made from premastered software. You can only make copies from a home-recorded MD by using the analog connections.

Premastered software such as CDs or MDs.



Microphone, record player, tuner, etc. (with analog output jacks).



If you have any questions or problems concerning your recorder, please consult your nearest Sony dealer. (If a trouble occurred when the disc was in the recorder, we recommend that the disc be left in the recorder when you consult your Sony dealer so that the cause of trouble may be better understood.)

Note on maintenance

Clean the terminals periodically with a cotton swab or a soft cloth as illustrated.



System limitations

The recording system in your MiniDisc recorder is radically different from those used in cassette and DAT decks and is characterized by the limitations described below. Note, however, that these limitations are due to the inherent nature of the MD recording system itself and not to mechanical causes.

Symptom	Cause
"TR FULL" appears even before the disc has reached the maximum recording time (60, 74, or 80 minutes).	When 254 tracks have been recorded on the disc, "TR FULL" appears regardless of the total recorded time. More than 254 tracks cannot be recorded on the disc. To continue recording, erase unnecessary tracks.
"TR FULL" appears even before the disc has reached the maximum track number or recording time.	Repeated recording and erasing may cause fragmentation and scattering of data. Although those scattered data can be read, each fragment is counted as a track. In this case, the number of tracks may reach 254 and further recording is not possible. To continue recording, erase unnecessary tracks.
Track marks cannot be erased. The remaining recording time does not increase even after erasing numerous short tracks.	When the data of a track is fragmented, the track mark of a fragment under 12 seconds long (recorded in stereo), 24 seconds long (recorded in monaural or LP2 mode), or 48 seconds long (recorded in LP4 mode) cannot be erased. You cannot combine a track recorded in different recording mode, e.g., a track recorded in stereo and a track recorded in monaural; nor can you combine a track recorded with digital connection and a track recorded with analog connection. Tracks of under 12 seconds, 24 seconds, or 48 seconds in length are not counted and so erasing them may not lead to an increase in the recording time.
The total recorded time and the remaining time on the disc may not total the maximum recording time (60, 74, or 80 minutes).	Normally, recording is done in minimum units of approximately 2 seconds (in stereo), 4 seconds (in monaural or LP2 mode), or 8 seconds (in LP4 mode). When recording is stopped, the last unit of recording always uses this unit of 2 seconds, 4 seconds, or 8 seconds even if the actual recording is shorter. Likewise, when recording is restarted after the stop, the recorder will automatically insert a blank space amounting to 2 seconds, 4 seconds, or 8 seconds before the next recording. (This is to prevent accidental erasing of a previous track whenever a new recording is started). Therefore, the actual recording time will decrease whenever a recording is stopped by a maximum of 6 seconds, 12 seconds, or 24 seconds.
The edited tracks may exhibit sound dropout during search operations.	The fragmentation of data may cause sound dropout while searching because the tracks are played in higher speed than normal playback.

Symptom	Cause
The playing time of a checked-out track is different from the time that appears on your computer monitor.	This is due to a calculation discrepancy between the recorder and the computer.
You cannot check out tracks that will fill up the remaining recording time on the disc. (For example, you cannot check-out tracks that total 160 minutes to an 80-minute disc in LP2 stereo mode.	The minimum recordable time on the disc is normally 2 seconds in stereo, 4 seconds in LP2 stereo mode, and 8 seconds in LP4 stereo mode. When you check-out a track from your computer the recorder needs 2 seconds (4 or 8 seconds)-space for one track even though the track is under 2 seconds (4 or 8 seconds) length. Also the recorder inserts 2 seconds (4 or 8 seconds)-space between tracks when checking out in order not to erase the previously recorded track or not to be erased by recorded over. For this reason, the recorder needs 6 seconds (12 or 24 seconds) longer time for a track so that as a result, the recordable time of the disc become 6 seconds (12 or 24 seconds) shorter than the maximum recordable time of the disc when checking out.
You cannot erase a track checked out from your computer.	To erase a track that has been checked out from your computer, check it back in first, and then erase it using the OpenMG Jukebox software.
When using with the AC power adaptor, the display window of the recorder will remain faintly lit for some time even after the recorder is stopped.	The recorder turns off 3 minutes after the recorder has stopped in order to allow the charging time on the battery charging stand to be calculated.

Troubleshooting

Should any problem persist after you have made these checks, consult your nearest Sony dealer. Refer to "Messages" (page 75) as well

Symptom	Cause/Solution
Symptom The recorder does not work or works poorly.	 Audio sources may not be securely connected. → Disconnect the audio sources once and connect them again (pages 17, 25). The HOLD function is turned on ("HOLD" appears in the display when you press an operation button on the recorder). → On the recorder, disable HOLD by sliding the HOLD switch to the opposite direction of the arrow (pages 14, 58). The lid is not firmly closed. → Close the lid until it clicks. Then press OPEN to open the lid. Moisture has condensed inside the recorder. → Take the MD out and leave the recorder in a warm place for several hours until the moisture evaporates. The rechargeable battery or dry battery is weak ("LOW BATT" flashes or nothing appears). → Charge the rechargeable battery or replace the dry battery with the new one (page 13), or connect the supplied AC power adaptor to the recorder. The rechargeable battery or dry battery have been inserted incorrectly. → Insert the battery correctly (page 13). You pressed a button while the disc indication was rotating quickly. → Wait until the indication rotates slowly. When recording digitally from a portable CD player, you did not use the AC power adaptor or did not disable the anti-skip function such as ESP (page 19). The analog recording was made using a connecting cord with an attenuator. → Use a connecting cord without an attenuator (page 25).
	 Wait until the indication rotates slowly. When recording digitally from a portable CD player, you did not use the AC power adaptor or did not disable the anti-skip function such as ESP (page 19). The analog recording was made using a connecting cord with an attenuator.
	power outage occurred. • While operating, the recorder received a mechanical shock, too much static, abnormal power voltage caused by lightning, etc. → Restart the operation as follows. 1 Disconnect all the power sources. 2 Leave the recorder for about 30 seconds. 3 Connect the power source. • The disc is damaged or does not contain proper recording or editing data. → Reinsert the disc. Rerecord the disc. If the error message still appears, replace it with another disc.

Symptom	Cause/Solution
The recorder does not work or works poorly.	 The disc is record-protected ("PROTECTED" appears). → Slide the tab (page 61). Recording level is too small to record (when recording manually). → Pause the recorder and adjust the recording level. A Premastered MD is inserted ("P/B ONLY" appears) when recording. → Insert a recordable MD The recorder is operated when it is on a battery charging stand. → Remove the recorder from the battery charging stand. You tried to turn group mode on while setting the program. → Turn group mode on before setting the program.
The recorder overwrites existing materials when record.	• The record starting-position setting ("REC-Posi") is set to "From Here". → Set "REC-Posi" setting to "From End".
The recorder does not work while connected to the computer.	The computer does not recognize the recorder. Verify that the recorder is correctly connected. Place the recorder correctly on the battery charging stand. Install the driver correctly into your computer. Install the OpenMG software into your computer first, and then connect the recorder.
"NO SIGNAL" appears in the display when recording from a portable CD player.	There is no digital signal from the portable CD player. When recording digitally from a portable CD player, use the AC power adaptor and disable the anti-skip function (such as ESP) on the CD player (page 19).
There is no recording on the MD after a recording operation.	The AC power adaptor was unplugged or a power outage occurred during recording.
The lid does not open.	 The power sources have been disconnected during recording or editing, or the battery have been exhausted. → Set the power sources again, or replace the exhausted battery with new ones. The lid is not firmly closed. → Close the lid until it clicks. Then press OPEN to open the lid.
No sound comes through the headphones/ earphones.	 The headphones/earphones plug is not firmly connected. → Plug in the plug of the headphones/earphones firmly to the remote control. Plug in the plug of the remote control firmly to

Symptom	Cause/Solution
Volume cannot be turned up.	• AVLS is on. → Set AVLS to "AVLS OFF" (page 56).
An MD is not played normally.	 Play mode is changed. → Change to the normal play.
An MD is not played from the first track.	 Disc playing stopped before it came to the last track. → Press ➤ for 2 seconds or more to start playing, or press the control towards I◄ repeatedly on the remote control. Group mode is turned on. → Turn group mode off and play from the first track (press ► for 2 seconds or more to start playing, or press the control towards I◄ repeatedly on the remote control).
Playback sound skips.	 The recorder is placed where it receives continuous vibration. → Put the recorder on a stable place. A very short track may cause sound to skip. → Try not to create a track under one second long.
Sound has a lot of static.	Strong magnetism from a television or such device is interfering with operation. → Move the recorder away from the source of strong magnetism.
Cannot find the track marks.	 You pressed ■ after pressing ◄ or ► . Press ■ before pressing ► or ► .
The rechargeable battery does not start charging. The rechargeable battery cannot be fully charged.	 The rechargeable battery has been inserted incorrectly or the AC power adaptor has been connected incorrectly. Insert the battery correctly or connect the AC power adaptor correctly. The terminals of the battery charging stand is dirty. Clean the terminals with a dry cloth (page 60).
The disc cannot edit on other component.	 The component does not support LP2 stereo or LP4 stereo. → Edit on other component that support LP2 stereo or LP4 stereo.
Momentary noise is heard.	Due to the special digital audio compression technology used in LP4 stereo mode, momentary noise may occur on very rare occasions with certain sound sources. → Record in normal stereo or LP2 stereo mode.
The group function (group mode/group skip mode) does not operate.	When selecting program play, an attempt was made to turn group mode on. Turn group mode on, before selecting program play.
The display window is not normal.	 The recorder was disconnected from the power source. Let the recorder sit for a while, or disconnect the power source, reconnect it, and then press any of the operation buttons.

List of menus

Menu functions

Press ► or ► on the recorder or press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more on the remote control to enter a menu.

Menu on the recorder ¹⁾	Menu on the remote control ¹⁾	Functions
EDIT	EDIT	Selecting editing operations (labeling, erasing tracks, discs, or groups, etc.) (page 44 to 51 and 53 to 54.).
DISPLAY	_	Displaying elapsed playing time, remaining playing time, etc. (page 34 and 41).
PLAY MODE	_	Selecting play mode (repeat play, shuffle play, etc.) (page 37).
RecVolume	_	Selecting the automatic or manual recording level adjustment (page 32).
REC MODE	_	Selecting recording mode (SP stereo, LP2 stereo, LP4 stereo, or monaural) (page 26).
SOUND	_	Selecting "SOUND 1" or "SOUND 2" (Digital Sound Preset) (page 40).
_	GROUP	Turning the group function on and off (page 28).
SYNC REC	_	Selecting "SYNC ON" or "SYNC OFF" of synchro recording (page 17).
TIME MARK	_	Selecting the Auto Time Stamp setting (page 31).
_	SEARCH	Selecting Index search (searching while monitoring track numbers or track names) or Time search (searching while monitoring the elapsed time) (page 35).
OPTION	OPTION	AVLS (Automatic Volume Limiter System) — Selecting "AVLS ON" or "AVLS OFF" (page 56). BEEP — Selecting "BEEP ON" or "BEEP OFF" on both "MAIN UNIT" or "REMOTE" on the recorder. Selecting "BEEP ON" or "BEEP OFF" on the remote control (page 57).
	_	REC-Posi — Selecting the start point when recording (page 30). LP Stamp — Selecting "Stamp ON" ("LP:" will be added at the beginning of the track name) or "Stamp OFF" (page 26).

1) The menu items that can be selected vary according to the on/off status of group mode or the operating status of the recorder.

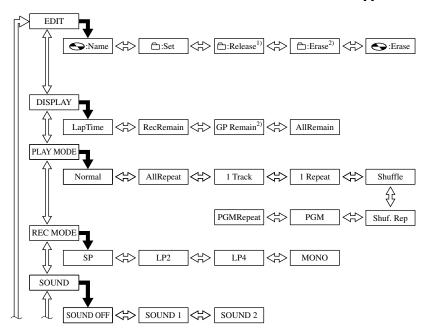


For the DISPLAY (pages 34 and 42), PLAYMODE (page 37), RPT (repeat) (page 37) and SOUND (page 40) menu functions on the remote control, use the respective buttons.

Tables of Menus on the recorder

The menus provided on the recorder for each operating status are shown on this and the following pages. Each chart shows the various menus and the menu items that can be selected at each menu level. See "List of menus" (page 68) for details on menu operations. Menus and menu items toggle in the display.

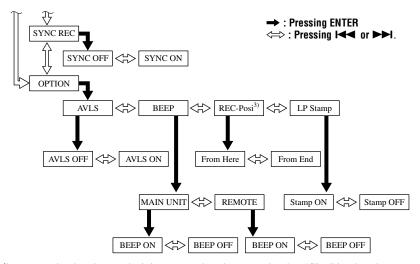
Menus and menu items selected while the recorder is stopped



Pressing ENTER
 Pressing I◀◀ or ▶►I.

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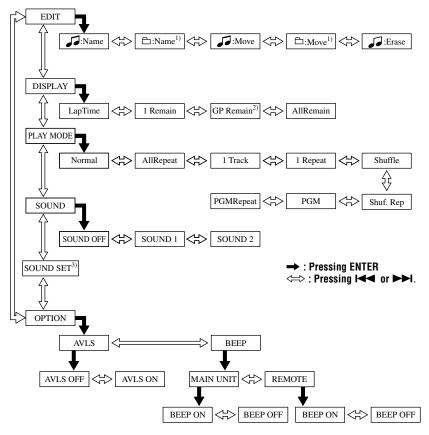
 $^{^{1)}}$ Appears only when the recorder is in group mode and a group other than "GP --" is selected.

Press CANCEL on the recorder to cancel a menu operation.

²⁾ Appears only when the recorder is in group mode.

³⁾ Selectable only when group mode is turned off.

Menus and menu items selected while the recorder is playing



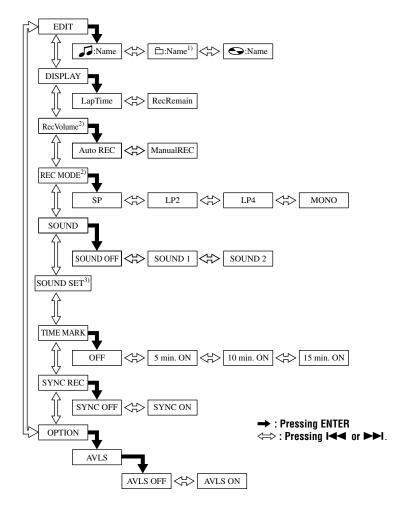
¹⁾ Appears only when the recorder is in group mode and a group other than "GP --" is selected.

Press CANCEL on the recorder to cancel a menu operation.

²⁾ Appears only when the recorder is in group mode.

³⁾ Appears only when "SOUND 1" or "SOUND 2" is selected.

Menus and menu items selected while the recorder is recording



¹⁾ Appears only when the recorder is in group mode and a group other than "GP --" is selected.

Press CANCEL on the recorder to cancel a menu operation.

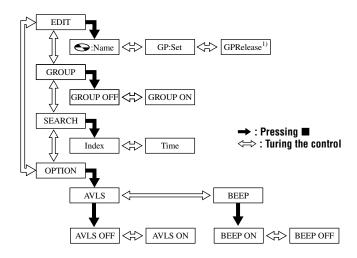
²⁾ Appears only when the recorder is in standby mode.

³⁾ Appears only when "SOUND 1" or "SOUND 2" is selected.

Tables of menus on the remote control

The menus provided on the remote control for each operating status are shown on this and the following pages. Each chart shows the various menus and the menu items that can be selected at each menu level. See "Menu functions" (page 68) for details on menu operations. Menus and menu items toggle in the display.

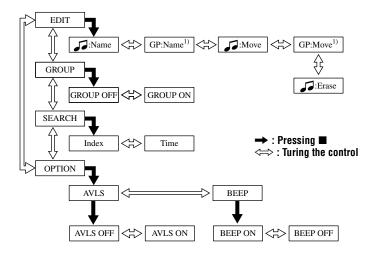
Menus and menu items selected while the recorder is stopped



¹⁾ Appears only when the recorder is in group mode and a group other than "GP --" is selected.

Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more on the remote control to cancel a menu operation.

Menus and menu items selected while the recorder is playing



¹⁾ Appears only when the recorder is in group mode and a group other than "GP --" is selected.

Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more on the remote control to cancel a menu operation.

Menus and menu items selected while the recorder is recording



¹⁾ Appears only when the recorder is in group mode.

Press DISPLAY for 2 seconds or more on the remote control to cancel a menu operation.

Messages

If the following messages flash in the display window, check the messages below.

Error message	Meaning/Remedy
BLANKDISC	An MD with no recording on it is inserted.
BUSY	You tried to operate the recorder while it was accessing the recorded data. Wait until the message goes out (in rare cases, it may take a few minutes).
Data Save	The MD player is recording information (sounds) from the memory to the disc. Wait until this process is completed. Do not expose the player to any physical shock, nor disrupt power supply.
DISC FULL	• The remaining recording time on the disc is 12 seconds (stereo), 24 seconds (LP2 stereo or monaural), 36 seconds (LP4 stereo), or less. → Replace the disc.
Hi DC in	Voltage of the power supply is too high (The supplied AC power adaptor or the recommended car battery cord is not used). Use the supplied AC power adaptor or the recommended car battery cord.
HOLD	• The recorder is locked. → Slide HOLD against the arrow to unlock the recorder (page 58).
LOW BATT	Battery is weak. Charge the rechargeable battery or replace the dry battery (page 13).
MEM OVER	You tried to record with the recorder placed where it receives continuous vibration. → Put the recorder on a stable place, and start recording again.
MENU	You pressed a key on the remote control while selecting a menu on the recorder. You pressed a key on the recorder while selecting a menu on the remote control.
NAME FULL	You tried to enter more than 200 letters to label a single track or disc. You tried to enter a total of more than 1700 letters for track or disc names. ■ Enter a shorter name for the track, group, or disc (page 45), or set the "LP Stamp" setting to "Stamp OFF" so that "LP:" is not added at the beginning of the track name (page 26).
NO BATT	• The rechargeable battery is not inserted. → Insert a rechargeable battery.
NO COPY	You tried to make a copy from a disc that is protected by the Serial Copy Management System. You cannot make copies from a digitally connected source which was itself recorded using digital connection. Use analog connection instead (page 25).

Error message	Meaning/Remedy	
NO DISC	 You tried to play or record with no disc in the recorder. → Insert an MD. 	
NO SIGNAL	 The recorder could not detect digital input signals. → Make sure that the source is connected firmly (page 17). 	
P/B ONLY	 You tried to record or edit on a pre mastered MD (P/B stands for "playback"). → Insert a recordable MD. 	
PROTECTED	 You tried to record or edit on a MD with the tab in the record-protect position. → Slide the tab back (page 61). 	
REC ERR	 Recording was not correctly done. → Place the recorder at a place with no vibrations and record again. The disc is soiled with an oil film or finger prints, is scratched, or is not a standard disc. → Try recording again with another disc. 	
READ ERR	 The recorder cannot read the disc information correctly. → Reinsert the disc. 	
SORRY	 You tried to erase the track mark at the beginning of the first track. You tried to erase a track mark to combine tracks the recorder cannot combine (a track recorded in stereo and in mono, for example). You tried to overwrite a track marks. You tried to press ■ or T MARK during synchro-recording. You tried to turn on group function while programming. Turn the group function on before programming. 	
TEMP OVER	 Heat has built up in the recorder. → Let the recorder cool down. 	
TOC Edit	The MD player is recording information (track start and end position) from the memory to the disk. Wait until this process is completed. Do not expose the player to physical shock, nor disrupt power supply.	
TOC ERR	 The recorder cannot read the disc information correctly. → Insert another disc. → If it is no problem to erase all the contents of the disc, erase all (page 53). 	
TR FULL	 Track number 254 has been reached. → Erase unnecessary tracks (page 53). 	
TrPROTECT	 You tried to record or edit on a track that is protected from erasing. → Record or edit on other tracks. You tried to edit a track that has been checked out from a computer. → Check the track back in to the computer and then edit. 	

Specifications

MD Recorder

Audio playing system

MiniDisc digital audio system

Laser diode properties

Material: GaAlAs MQW Wavelength: $\lambda = 790$ nm Emission duration: continuous

Laser output: less than $44.6\,\mu W$ (This output is the value measured at a distance

(This output is the value measured at a distance of 200 mm from the lens surface on the optical pick-up block with 7 mm aperture.)

Recording and playback time

When using MDW-80

Maximum 160 min. in monaural Maximum 320 min. in stereo

Revolutions

Approx. 380 rpm to 2,700 rpm (CLV)

Error correction

ACIRC (Advanced Cross Interleave Reed Solomon Code)

Sampling frequency

44.1 kHz

Sampling rate converter

Input: 32 kHz/44.1 kHz/48 kHz

Codina

ATRAC (Adaptive TRansform Acoustic Coding)

ATRAC3 — LP2 ATRAC3 — LP4

Modulation system

EFM (Eight to Fourteen Modulation)

Number of channels

2 stereo channels

1 monaural channel

Frequency response

 $20 \text{ to } 20,000 \text{ Hz} \pm 3 \text{ dB}$

Wow and Flutter

Below measurable limit

Inputs

Microphone: stereo mini-jack, minimum input level 0.35 mV

Line in: stereo mini-jack, minimum input level

Optical (Digital) in: optical (digital) mini-jack **Output**

∴: stereo mini-jack, maximum output level 5mW+5mW, load impedance 16 ohm

General

Power requirements

Sony AC Power Adaptor connected at the DC IN 3 V jack (country model in parentheses):

120 V AC, 60 Hz (USA, Canada and Taiwan)

230 V AC, 50/60 Hz (Continental Europe, Singapore and Thailand)

240 V AC, 50 Hz (Australia)

220 V AC, 50 Hz (China)

230 - $240\ V$ AC, $50\ Hz$ (U.K. and Hong

Kong)

220 V AC, 50 Hz (Argentine)

110/220 V AC, 60 Hz (Korea)

100 - 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz (Other countries)

Nickel Cadmium rechargeable battery NC-WMAA (supplied)

LR6 (size AA) alkaline battery (not supplied)

Battery operation time³

See "Battery life" (page 59)

Dimensions

Approx. $81 \times 74.4 \times 27.7$ mm (w/h/d) ($3^{1}/4 \times 3 \times 1^{1}/8$ in.) without projections.

Mass

Approx. 116 g (4.1 oz) the recorder only

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Optional accessories

Optical Cable

POC-15B, POC-15AB, POC-DA12SP Line Cable RK-G129, RK-G136

Stereo Microphones ECM-717, ECM-MS907, ECM-MS957

Stereo Headphones* MDR-EX70LP, MDR-G72LP, MDR-A34LP

Active Speakers SRS-Z500

Recordable MDs MDW-series

Your dealer may not handle some of the above listed accessories. Please ask the dealer for detailed information about the accessories in your country.

* Whether you should plug the headphones/ earphones directly to ∩ jack on the main unit or to a remote control, use only headphones/earphones with stereo mini plugs. You cannot use headphones/ earphones with micro plugs.

Explanations

What is "Net MD"?

Net MD is a format of that allows the highspeed transfer of audio data from a computer to a MiniDisc device over a USB (Universal Serial Bus) cable using the highly sophisticated OpenMG and MagicGate copyright protection technology. Since this format entails no change in the MiniDisc recording system, it supports the use of existing MiniDiscs and the playback of transferred (checked-out) audio data on existing MiniDisc devices.* This format also allows the use of the OpenMG Jukebox software for easy editing or input of characters on your personal computer.

* Audio data transferred in LP mode must be played on MiniDisc devices that support MDLP mode.

How the MiniDisc got so small

The 2.5-inch MiniDisc, encased in a plastic cartridge that looks like a 3.5-inch diskette, uses a new digital audio compression technology called ATRAC (Adaptive TRansform Acoustic Coding). To store more sound in less space, ATRAC extracts and encodes only those frequency components actually audible to the human ear.

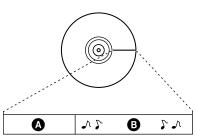
The meaning of "no sound"

"No sound" describes a recorder condition in which the input level is about 4.8 mV during analog input or less than –89 dB during optical (digital) input (with 0 dB as full bit (the maximum recordable level for a MiniDisc)).

Quick Random Access

Like CDs, MDs offer instantaneous random access to the beginning of any music track. Premastered MDs are recorded with location addresses corresponding to each music selection.

Recordable MDs are manufactured with a "User TOC Area" to contain the order of the music. The TOC (Table of Contents) system is similar to the "directory management system" of floppy disks. In other words, starting and ending addresses for all music tracks recorded on the disc are stored in this area. This lets you randomly access the beginning of any track as soon as you enter the track number (AMS), as well as label the location with a track name as you would a file on a diskette.



- User TOC area
 Contains the order and start/end points of the music.
- B Music Data

Restrictions on the editing of tracks checked out from your computer

This unit was designed so that editing functions (i.e., erasing tracks, adding track marks, and erasing track marks) do not function for tracks that have been checked out from your computer. This is to prevent the loss of check-in authorization by the checked-out tracks. To edit these tracks, first check them back into the computer, and then edit them on the computer.

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