1. Insert a Mini DV tape. (See “Inserting a Mini DV Cassette.”)

2. Open the LCD screen.

3. Set the power switch to “Play (VCR)”

4. Open the lid to use the Play, Rewind, and Fast Forward buttons on the top of the camera.

5. Buttons to adjust volume and LCD brightness are located directly next to the LCD screen.

Advanced Tips & Tricks

1. Zoom is controlled by the lever on the top and side of camera.

2. The “FOCUS” switch on the left of the camera can be set to allow manual control of the focus ring.

3. Mini DV tapes can be locked so that you do not accidentally record over them. This feature can be enabled by setting a switch on the back of the tape.

A Mini DV tape is not supplied with the camcorder.

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Recording Basics

Inserting a Mini DV Cassette
1. Use the power switch on the left side of the camera to turn the camera on.
2. Slide the “OPEN/EJECT” lever and release the cassette compartment cover. The cassette compartment automatically opens. Do not force open!
3. Insert a cassette with the window side facing out.
4. Gently close the metal door by pressing the “P” mark. Do not force closed!
5. Click the cover back into place, once the cassette compartment has lowered.

Start Recording
1. Insert a Mini DV tape.
2. Slide the power switch to “CAMERA.”
3. Remove the lens cap!
4. Press red button to begin recording and press again to stop.

Changing the Tape Speed
1. Press the “MENU” button located on the left of the camera.
2. Turn the dial to scroll and press the scroll wheel in to select. Use the control dial on the back of the camera to maneuver to the menu. Go to VCR Set up > Rec. Mode and choose either SP or LP.
3. LP mode allows you to record 1.5 times longer than in SP mode. (60 min SP = 90 min LP)

Charging the Battery Pack
1. Place the battery onto the charger.
2. Plug cord into the charger.
3. Plug the other side of the cord into the wall.
4. One blink means the battery is less than 50% charged, two blinks means 50%-75% charged, 3 blinks means 75% charged, and a solid green light means 100% charged.

Using the AC Power Adaptor
1. Connect the power cord as you would to charge the battery.
2. Connect DC Coupler to adapter and to the camcorder as you would a battery.